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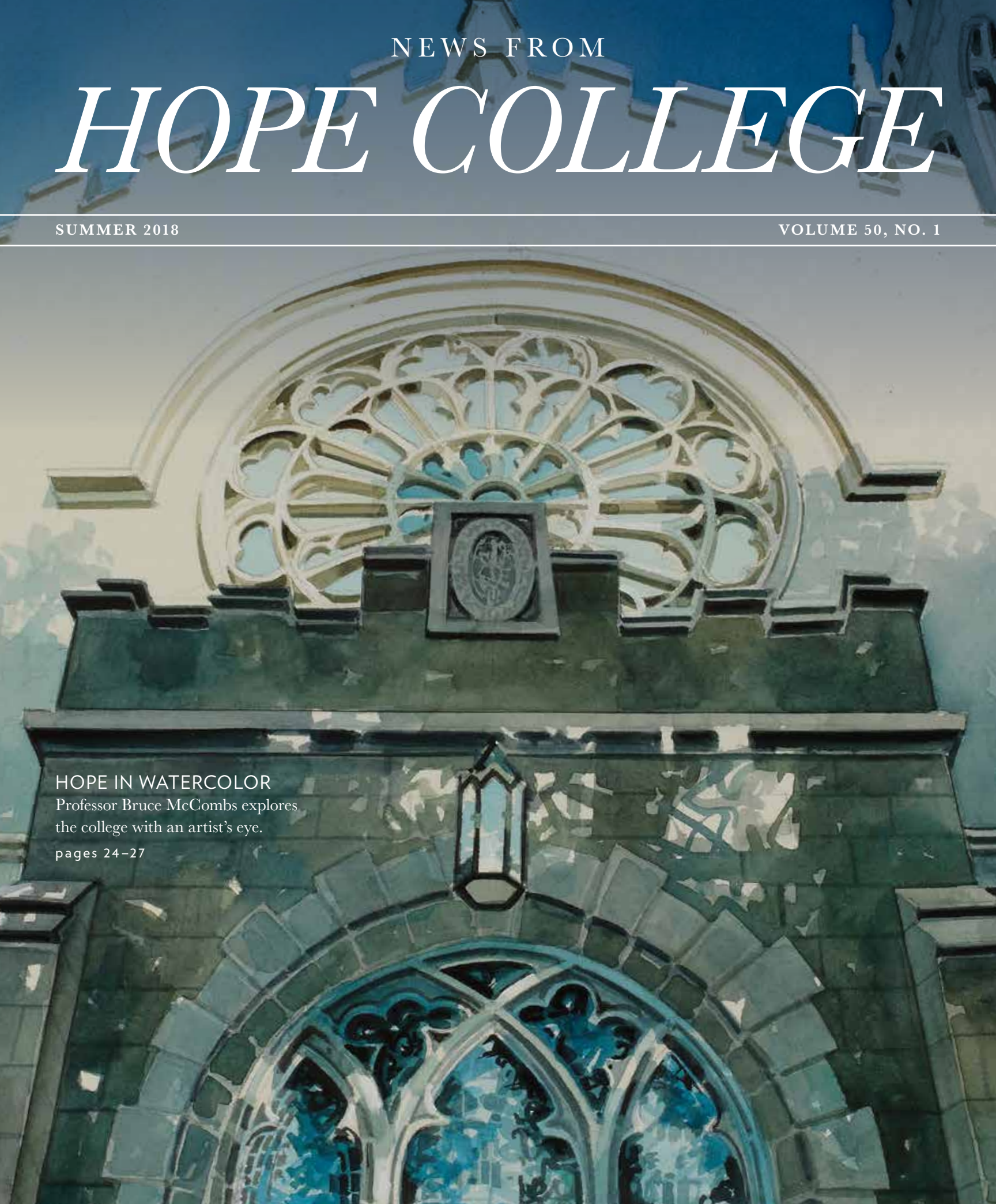
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Professor Bruce McCombs explores
the college with an artist's eye.

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TEAMWORK

Build a car from the ground up, adhere to a manual filled with exacting technical specifications, put the vehicle through a series of grueling road tests and present a business plan for putting the car into production (hypothetically). The international Formula SAE Lincoln 2018 competition in Nebraska hosted 80 entries from throughout the United States, as well as from Brazil, Canada, India, Japan and Mexico, predominantly from technical schools and large universities. The multidisciplinary team from Hope was the only one from a liberal arts college, one of only 23 to finish all of the events and placed 11th overall. "This is like sending one of our athletic teams to a Division I finals," said adviser Carl Heideman '88.

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ON THE COVER

*The Rose Window is bathed in afternoon sunlight in Bruce McCombs' study of Dimment Memorial Chapel, one of several paintings that will be featured in an exhibition of his work in the De Pree Art Center and Gallery this fall. He is entering his 50th year on the faculty, a milestone to which **News from Hope College** can relate: With this issue, the magazine begins its 50th year as well.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy Anniversary to *News from Hope College*! With this issue, we celebrate the publication's 50th year of connecting Hope friends, parents, families and alumni to the college.



Fifty years! Just think about what was happening in 1968, when we first printed the magazine (then known as *The Hope Imprint*): the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. Those times were marked by upheaval and uncertainty, as society posed critical questions about our values, morals and culture. Often, chaos seemed the norm and civility seemed a thing of the past. As a seminary student and a recent college graduate at the time, how well I remember the cultural dissonance.

Five decades ago, Hope College sent its graduates into a turbulent world, prepared to bridge divides throughout their communities. Isn't it heartening to know that our graduates are doing the same work today, in a world that needs it more than ever? Inspired by their Hope education, they are sharing their gifts in ways that bring hope to others, with the confidence that we all can do better and be better.

The design, fonts and format of *News from Hope College* have changed through the years — most recently in 2016, when we rolled out a new look for the magazine. But many things have stayed the same, including the stories of how we serve our students and how our alumni serve the world. The stories in this issue — of actors and directors, athletes and mentors, counselors and soldiers, dancers and artists (one of whom, like the magazine, is beginning his 50th year at the college) — reflect a rich tapestry of talents, a strong commitment to excellence, a can-do attitude and an unyielding spirit of encouragement.

As the campus community enters into the 2018-19 academic year, we do so with great optimism... but also a bit of nervousness (it is, after all, another first day of school!). I am reminded of Paul's words to the Corinthians: "*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Indeed, our work is never in vain.

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.

As she delivered her Commencement address to the graduating Class of 2018 on May 6, Dr. Temple Smith, assistant professor of sociology, explained that she had considered a variety of approaches for framing her remarks.

Front-running possibilities had included exploring *The Game of Life* board game, the words of Oprah Winfrey and the collected wisdom of her academic discipline. However, she said, in the end none of them were quite right, and she looked back several centuries for her address “Chosen: So This is Hope” and started with 1 Peter 2:9. Just as the passage references a people chosen by God, she observed that the graduates, too, were chosen — each for a path his or her own.

“Remember that you have been chosen for a unique purpose. It is our hope that you pursue that purpose and wholly fulfill it,” Smith said. “There are lives that you are meant to touch, positions that only you can fill, answers which only you have and barriers only you can break.”

She noted that following calling won’t always be easy. For the difficult times, she encouraged the graduates to remember the inspiration for their *alma mater’s* name and its origin in Scripture.

“Hope is a desire for some future good,” she said. “This is not merely looking on the bright side or being a perpetual optimist. The theological virtue of hope is a form of confidence in God. It sets aside empty fears and a dread of failure and encourages fresh efforts.

“Hold fast to hope when fiery trials of life threaten to extinguish your light,” Smith said. “Know that if God brought you to it, He will bring you through it. Remember all that you have learned here, in and out of the classroom.

“The writer of Lamentations 3:21 puts it this way: These things I remember, therefore I have HOPE,” Smith continued.

“Colloquially speaking, you got this!”

The Commencement ceremony was preceded by the college’s Baccalaureate services, which featured the sermon “(You’ll) Never Be Lost,” by Dr. Gerald Griffin, assistant professor of psychology and biology.

Griffin reflected on the morning’s scriptural passage, Romans 1:25: “They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen.” He called on the graduates to be mindful of the message in their own lives.

“When we start switching THE (singular) truth for OUR ‘truths’ — when we start regarding ourselves and other created things as the source of universal truth, THE source of love, it is at this moment that we start getting lost,” he said.

He encouraged the graduates instead to remove the focus from self and draw on the lessons of faith learned at Hope to navigate life’s journey purposefully, treating “never be lost” as an imperative. “See the skills, habits and competencies you’ve gained were not without root,” Griffin said. “With Hope, there is direction with the tools.”

“A primary motive of your education here at Hope has been this, and I quote: ‘How to think from multiple perspectives about what it means to be human — what it is to be embodied creatures living in a physical world, social creatures in a world of cultural diversity, seekers of knowledge and meaning, creative makers of technology and art, human beings who experience suffering and joy, and spiritual creatures made for relationship with God,’” he said.

The relationship, Griffin noted, will always buoy the graduates.

“If we stand on the promises of God and know that we serve a shepherd that will leave the 99 for one — for you, even when we go astray — then you’ll never be lost,” he said.

 hope.edu/commencement2018



NEW TRUSTEES NAMED

The Hope College Board of Trustees appointed two new members during its May meeting.

Newly elected to serve four-year terms on the board are Dr. Virginia Beard of Holland, Michigan, and the Rev. Grace Olson '10 Claus of Lake Forest Park, Washington.

Trustees concluding service on the board are: Daniel Gordon of Ada, Michigan; Dr. Brent Krueger of Holland; Douglas C. Ruch '81 of Holland; Beth A. Snyder '94 of Holland; and the Rev. Dr. Jill Ver Steeg of Johnston, Iowa.

Karl Droppers '82 of Holland, who was re-elected to a second four-year term on the board, is continuing to serve as chair; Timothy VandeBunte '83 of Holland is continuing to serve as vice-chair; and Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt of Cincinnati, Ohio, is continuing to serve as secretary.

 hope.edu/trustees2018

A FIFTH YEAR, A BIGGER READ

Thousands of people across the region will read and discuss a single novel for a fifth consecutive year through an award to Hope for the NEA Big Read Lakeshore.

NEA Big Read is a national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. The NEA awarded Hope \$15,000 for the local events.

This year's area program, running across the last week of October and the first three weeks of November, will feature the book *Station Eleven*, by Emily St. John Mandel, as well as a Little Read for younger readers with *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and *Blackout* by John Rocco. Activities will include a keynote address by St. John Mandel, a themed dinner and multiple book-discussion groups.

Across the local program's four years, more than 25,000 have participated, including 1,445 area elementary, middle school and high school students.

 hope.edu/bigread



PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Three months into the presidential search, and all's well.

"There is strong interest in the position," said Suzanne Shier, who is a member of the Board of Trustees and chairing the 14-member search committee. "We are pleased with the quality of candidates who have indicated their interest in our search thus far and are confident we will be successful when the process is complete."

The nationwide search was launched on May 10. Applications for full consideration are being taken through September 1, and members of the Hope community are encouraged to continue to recommend those they believe will match well with Hope.


As reported in the spring issue, Hope is working with AGB Search to develop the best possible pool, with the effort also including focused advertising and targeted outreach. A key resource for both the search and the candidates is the position profile developed with extensive input from Hope alumni, current parents, trustees, emeriti trustees, students, employees and retirees (the presidential-search website includes a summary of the results of an online survey that was part of the process).

In addition to offering an overview of Hope, the profile outlines institutional priorities for the next president, including providing leadership for Hope as a Christian college of the liberal arts, focusing on academic excellence, shaping an engaged and inclusive Hope, advancing the strategic plan, maintaining financial strength and building the endowment, and addressing demographic changes.

The college's next president, the profile continues, "will be a committed Christian driven by a steadfast dedication to the college's mission, values and traditions. The individual called to this role will be one who finds joy in the pursuit of learning and the charge of guiding the entire Hope community to realize its full potential. An accomplished professional with a proven record of achievement and service, the president will be fully prepared to engage and lead Hope College in addressing the opportunities and challenges facing the college. This leadership position requires a deep understanding of the liberal arts, along with a capacity to effectively articulate the strengths of a faith-based liberal arts education."

The pool of candidates will be narrowed to a smaller group in September, with in-person interviews following across the fall. Depending on the results, the Board of Trustees could elect the new president in early December.

For more information, including how to nominate candidates, please visit the presidential-search website.

 hope.edu/presidentialsearch

CAMPUS SCENE



FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

"We have been members for nine years and I can't think of a better organization to stimulate one's life, reprioritize it, meet interesting people who care about our community and desire to keep learning, and who contribute in so many ways."

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals is a peer-led institute that provides lifelong learning and service opportunities for retirees. Writing for HASP's blog, former HASP president Terri Holden shared how she and her husband, Bill, came to know Holland and Hope, and then HASP, and the program's impact on their lives. A retired nurse formerly with Loyola University Medical Center, Terri also volunteers with the college's Department of Nursing, mentoring sophomores in the nursing skills laboratory and lecturing on health care finance to the seniors.

The HASP blog is one of three dozen on the college's vibrant blog network, which shares accounts written by students, faculty and staff (Editor's Note: and sometimes guest authors as above!) highlighting scholarship, off-campus study, individual academic and co-curricular programs, alumni activities and achievements — and more.

 blogs.hope.edu/hasp



HOPE IN PICTURES

Please visit Hope online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of the college. The gallery chronicling this year's Commencement ceremony, held at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium on Sunday, May 6, includes not only a potpourri of images but also a video of the entire event.

 hope.edu/photos



ORIENTATION AND CONVOCATION TO OPEN SCHOOL YEAR

The college's 157th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. The public is invited.

Admission is free. The featured speaker will be Dr. Fred Johnson III, associate professor of history.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 27. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 26, at noon. Fall semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 8 a.m.

 hope.edu/convocation2018



SELECTIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD

Senior Brandon Derstine has received a highly selective DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service to study and conduct

research in Freiburg, Germany.

Only approximately 30 of the scholarships are awarded annually to students from across the United States and Canada for up to 10 months of study in Germany during their third or fourth year in college. The value of the award is approximately \$6,000, and includes a travel allowance.

Derstine, who is majoring in both chemistry and German, is conducting chemistry research at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg and will be attending IES Abroad's Freiburg – Language and Area Studies program. He has been working full time in the laboratory of Professor Dr. Ingo Krossing this summer, and will continue to work in the laboratory part time during the fall semester while attending the IES Abroad courses, which are taught in German.

 hope.edu/brandon-derstine



DIRECTOR SELECTED FOR BOERIGTER CENTER

Hope has named the first executive director of its new Boerigter Center for Calling and Career. Shonn Colbrunn '94, who began work at the center in June, brings more than 23 years of experience in administrative leadership to the college-wide initiative that seeks to inspire

students to engage in lifelong practices of career development by emphasizing discernment, preparation and pursuit.

Colbrunn has worked in visionary capacities for a wide variety of businesses — from start-ups to global leaders — in industries such as health care, automotive and technology. He was most recently a senior director of human resources for Spectrum Health.

The college has developed the Boerigter Center, which will launch this fall and be housed in the former Collegiate Lounge on the main floor of the DeWitt Center, through campus-wide conversations led by Dr. Karen Nordell Pearson, the center's interim director, over the previous 18 months. Its programming will enable all Hope students, beginning in their first semester, to understand their strengths, engage in experiences that directly connect to career preparation, discern vocational and life goals, and ascertain clear next steps toward their future.

The Boerigter Center for Calling and Career was made possible by a major gift from SoundOff Signal in 2016 in honor of founder and chairman George Boerigter '61 and his wife, Sibilla. Based in Hudsonville, Michigan, SoundOff Signal provides high-tech safety lighting solutions across the globe.

 hope.edu/boerigter



SPRING SPORTS REPORT

An action-packed spring saw Hope College junior Josh Gibson being named the NCAA Division III Men's Golfer of the Year and receive a trophy (as pictured above left) from golfing legend and award namesake Jack Nicklaus. Gibson also helped men's golf match its highest finish at the NCAA Championships at sixth place. Softball set a school record with a 34-win season that included advancing to the NCAA Division III Super Regional. Men's lacrosse, women's tennis, and women's outdoor track & field (long-jumper Mitchel Achien'g is shown) each claimed MIAA Championships during the spring, giving Hope eight titles for the school year. In the MIAA Commissioner's Cup race, Hope finished runner-up and just two points behind Calvin. Seniors Landon Brower (baseball) and Hayley Reitsma (softball) were named College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-Americans.

 athletics.hope.edu

“PATHWAYS TO CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE”

Hope is among seven colleges and universities partnering with the Grand Rapids African American Health Institute to create “Pathways to Careers in Healthcare” for area students of color.

The initiative is funded by a \$400,000 planning grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek. Hope, Aquinas College, Calvin College, Davenport University, Ferris State University, Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University will each participate in the study to develop college-specific plans of action to engage students of color and reduce barriers to pursuing study in health care professions.

“The W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant funds a collaborative approach with our local colleges to study how we can reduce barriers limiting students of color from gaining employment in health care,” said Shannon Wilson, GRAAHT's executive director. “We applaud the engagement of our seven area colleges and universities. No other community in the country is undertaking such a partnership with colleges and universities to create new pathways to careers in health care for students of color.”

 hope.edu/pathways-healthcare

THE NATION'S BEST

By Greg Olgers '87

Being named the best in the nation? That's a great day on its own.

Receiving multiple honors that affirm a distinctive quality of the college's Department of Theatre and celebrate the efforts of students and alumni together? It doesn't get any better.

Every theatre production is a team effort, but *The Line Between* was doubly so, since it was not only presented by a Hope cast and crew, but written by students and two of the department's graduates as a devised-theatre learning experience.

Recipient of best-in-region honors in January, the play was recognized as the 2018 "Outstanding Production of a Devised or Company-Generated Work" during the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in April in Washington, D.C. The production was also among the national runners-up in two other categories, "Distinguished Performance and Production Ensemble," and "Distinguished Director of a New Work."

"It is especially significant to receive national recognition for devised work, as the department has intentionally made this type of theatre-making a hallmark our program," said Michelle Bombe, who is a professor of theatre and director of theatre at Hope. "We believe that creating devised works offers the students the skill sets to become entrepreneurial artists and encourages them to create their own work after they graduate from Hope."

The department's tradition of engaging students in devised work began with the nationally recognized production of *Rose and the Rime*, which was invited to the January 2008 regional festival and then to be presented as a full production at the Kennedy Center in April 2008. The national festival adopted its current method of recognizing productions, instead of inviting them to be performed, in 2012.



The students developed *The Line Between* collaboratively with Daniel Kwiatkowski '04 and Erik Saxvik '04, who are theatre professionals in New York City, during the 2016-17 school year, and the play premiered at the college in April 2017. Kwiatkowski and Saxvik co-directed and share the national directing recognition.

Individual students also received recognition through the national festival, with four who garnered regional honors themselves among only 125 students from across the country invited to attend. Akia Nyrie Smith '18 won the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre Summer Intensive Scholarship, for a residential program which ran June 25 through July 13, while participating in the national Irene Ryan Scholarship auditions with her scene partner, Sam Hill '18; senior Rachel Dion participated in the Aspire Arts Leadership

Fellows Program; and junior Emmie Sandstedt participated in the stage management program.

The Line Between follows the hero's journey through two worlds: a clean and crisp community, and a band of wild, expressive nomads. With a clear boundary between them, the play discovers what it means to see the world from someone else's point of view. With a bond of sisters, family and friendship, *The Line Between* explores the hope of humanity and the power of forgiveness.

Editor's Note: For more about The Line Between, Daniel Kwiatkowski's and Erik Saxvik's participation in the production, and Akia Nyrie Smith's award, please visit the college online. hope.edu/the-line-between





GENIUS BORN OF NECESSITY

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

Creative thinking and collaboration were the answers to an unfortunate overlap in scheduling between this year's Dance 44 concert and the American College Dance Association's East-Central regional conference. The conflicting circumstance caused senior dancers Emily Mejicano-Gormley and Nia Stringfellow to combine their previously performed solo works, "Memory" by Mejicano-Gormley and "The Will" by Stringfellow, into a duet. The result was breathtaking and award-winning.

Relying on their imagination to meld individual pieces that deal with similar themes of pain and resolve, Mejicano-Gormley and Stringfellow put their works together and aptly named the result "The Will/Memory." With some coaching and choreography help from Professors Matt Farmer '04 and Linda Graham, the two practiced the new original for three months this spring. They debuted it at a place and time both were available to perform together: at the University of Illinois for the ACDA Central regional conference in mid-March, after Dance 44 was complete.

"Since Dance 44 was at the same time as our regional ACDA conference [Hope is a member of the East-Central region], we had to go outside of our region to enter works for adjudication by the ACDA," explained Graham, the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professor of Dance. "We had hoped to get both solos in the Central conference but when schools go outside their region, they have to see what is left over after in-region schools take their slots. Consequently, by the time registration opened for the Central region, all but one adjudication slot had been taken by in-region schools. So I literally filled out the form and sat there, at my computer, watching the clock, and the moment the outside registration opened, I hit 'enter.' I had to snag it fast."

With only one slot available and two worthy solos to offer, a decision had to be made. Mejicano-Gormley and Stringfellow were asked to work together. "Personally, I thought the solos would work incredibly well juxtaposed with some crafty fusion," Graham said.

Work well together they did. "The Will/Memory" was chosen as one of 11 pieces (out of 44) to be performed during the ACDA Central region's Gala Concert. The piece was also named an alternate for June's national ACDA National College Dance Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Each region selects two finalists and two alternates for the national festival.

What makes each unconventional step toward ACDA acclaim even more impressive is that Mejicano-Gormley and Stringfellow represented one of only two private liberal arts colleges at the conference. The other 25 schools present were all universities with professional choreographers.

"To have these students' works accepted to both the gala concert and as an alternate to the national performance at the Kennedy Center is a true testament to both the training in the dance department and the students' artistic talent and hard work," said Farmer, associate professor of dance and chair of the department. "To have a dance piece created by two students placed on the same level as works of professional choreographers is both outstanding and an honor."

Editor's Note: Photographs and a video of "The Will/Memory," along with an enhanced version of this story, are available on the college's Stories of Hope blog: hope.edu/will-and-memory





In a quiet corner of the brightly adorned lobby of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at Hope College stands a tall black metal carousel, not unlike one that would hold greeting cards at a Holland gift shop. However, the “greetings” on the informational pamphlets here are anything but cheerful.

Understanding and Treating Depression, one cover reads. *Suicide Prevention*, another offers. *Understanding and Treating Anxiety*. *Maybe I Have a Friend With an Eating Disorder*. The titles merely hint at the dizzying variety of mental and emotional conditions that beset students at colleges and universities nationwide — including Hope, where more than 2,400 individual counseling sessions were conducted at CAPS during the 2017-18 academic year.

And, just as across the country, the need at Hope is increasing.

“I think a bigger portion of the student body is struggling with depression and anxiety,” observes Dr. Kristen Gray, who is Hope’s associate dean for health and counseling, and has directed CAPS since 1998. “In my full 20-plus years here we’ve always seen students who had depression that was debilitating, anxiety that was debilitating, pronounced eating disorders, self injury. But it seems to be so much more the norm now. It’s just very, very different.”

What’s different? For one thing, anxiety — historically viewed as the quiet roommate of depression and therefore less serious — has skyrocketed in numbers, and significance. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, anxiety is now the most common mental health disorder in the U.S., affecting nearly one-third of all adolescents as well as adults.

National Need, Local Impact: HELPING iGEN NAVIGATE ROUGH WATERS

by Jim McFarlin '74

Over the past decade, it has overtaken depression as the No. 1 reason college students seek counseling services.

“Our students are anxious, and they’re anxious about everything,” notes Gray. “They’re anxious about academics and they’re anxious about relationships. They’re anxious about their future, how they look, how they’re perceived. And not just a little stressed. It used to be, ‘Oooh, students are really stressed out over finals week.’ No, this is a regular, middle-of-the-semester, can’t-identify-what’s-driving-it, just anxious as all get-out.”

For another, the DNA of the modern college student has changed suddenly and dramatically in the past half-dozen years — so much so that a new book by Dr. Jean Twenge, the San Diego State University psychology professor and author who has been chronicling generational shifts for nearly 25 years, has become something of a student handbook for adults on Hope’s campus in attempting to understand existing and incoming classes. *iGen: Why Today’s Super-Connected Kids are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant,*

Less Happy—and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood—and What That Means for the Rest of Us holds a prominent place on Gray’s desk in the Bultman Student Center, was recommended reading for the college’s Administrative Council and was referenced heavily by the Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil in the Hope president’s spring “Presidential Perspective” newsletter (hope.edu/presidentialperspective).

Among Twenge’s many sobering findings, “iGen,” the name she coined for those born in 1995 and later, “is distinct from every previous generation in how its members spend their time, how they behave, and their attitudes toward religion, sexuality and politics,” she writes. They practically were born with smartphones in their hands and don’t remember a time before the Internet. And in large measure due to the isolation bred by endlessly staring into their electronic device screens, Twenge concludes, “It’s not an exaggeration to describe iGen as being on the brink of the worst mental health crisis in decades. Much of this deterioration can be traced to their phones.”

What’s more, according to a recent study of college students published in the *Psychological Bulletin*, their self-imposed obsession for perfection, fueled by social media and comparisons to friends and influencers online, far exceeds any pressure parents or professors could ever apply. No small challenges for Gray, winner of the 2017 national President’s Award from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors, and her staff of five full-time counselors.

“Certainly we can feel overwhelmed at times,” she says, “and at the same time Hope has supported us beautifully. I am so grateful when I talk to directors at other schools that every time I have gone forward with a request, I have found support.”

Gray says CAPS takes some counterintuitive steps to connect with iGen arrivals. For instance, incoming freshmen who come to their offices are encouraged to consider group counseling. Why? Because after undergoing Hope’s unique first-week experiences — joining an orientation group and a First-Year Seminar group, on top of meeting their

residence hall classmates for the first time — these previously insular young people may need a group to talk about groups.

“We don’t force anybody,” Gray says, “but it’s interesting to me that we have five or six groups running each semester, and students who are in group in the fall all want group in the spring. They are all ‘screen people,’ and once they have this sense of, ‘Oh, this is what it’s like to open up to someone and not be judged, but to have people really support and challenge me,’ they want more.”

“There’s going to be challenge in a group! But it’s challenge, not judgment, and with a therapist present to help them process and move through it if they get to a sticking point. It’s kind of magic.”

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, anxiety is now the most common mental health disorder in the U.S., affecting nearly one-third of all adolescents as well as adults. Over the past decade, it has overtaken depression as the No. 1 reason college students seek counseling services.

A new initiative being launched this fall will offer additional counseling hours for students while also doing what Hope does best: provide outstanding educational opportunities. CAPS is beginning a professional field experience for doctoral-level students in counseling psychology. Successful candidates for these year-long positions will have experience providing counseling in other settings and will gain experience with college-aged students. CAPS will offer both clinical supervision and educational experience in addition to counseling in both individual and group settings.

Hope students also benefit from what Gray calls the “circle of care” that interconnects support organizations on campus. It’s a team that includes not only CAPS but Campus Ministries, Campus Safety, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Health Center, Residential Life, Student Life, athletic coaches, and the new Boerigter Center for Calling and Career — along with many other faculty and staff — all working to identify and support every at-risk student. “One of the things I tell people at Hope is, I don’t care where somebody comes into the circle of care,” says Gray. “We just need to get them in there.”





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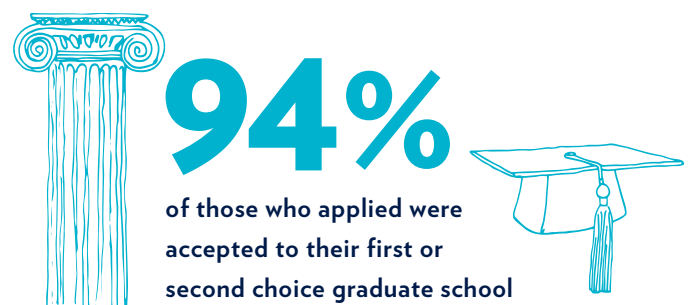
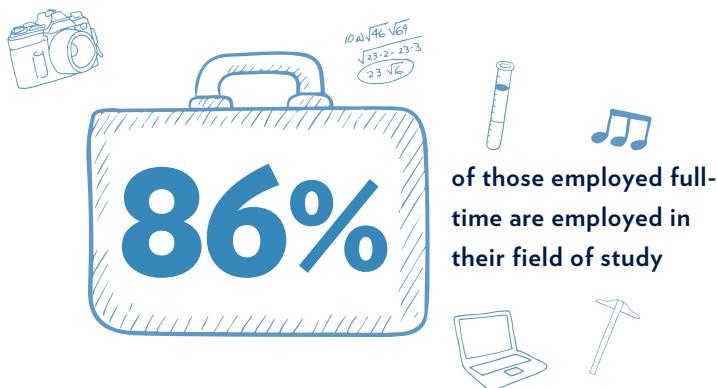
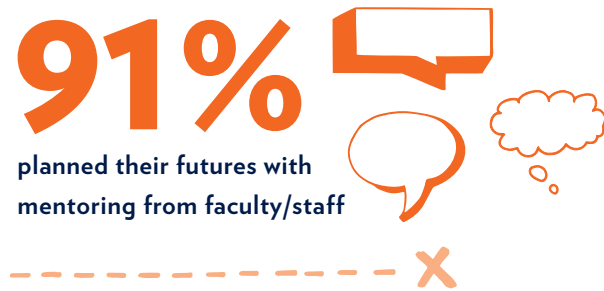
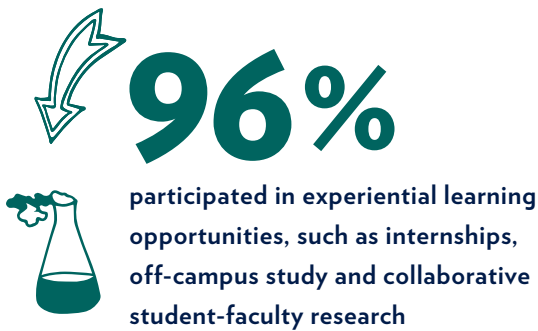
– *Dr. Kristin Gray, Director of CAPS*

GRADUATE SURVEY

CLASS OF 2017

Hope graduates are educated to think about important issues with clarity, wisdom and an awareness of the Christian faith. They make an impact at organizations, companies and graduate schools around the country and abroad.

THIS SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL GRADUATE SURVEY GIVES A SIX-MONTH SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2017.



Students and alumni can browse thousands of job and internship postings on Hope's online job board, Handshake. Start searching at hope.edu/handshake.

Visit hope.edu/gradsurvey to see the detailed graduate survey information.

CLASS OVERVIEW

94%

entered the workforce
or graduate school
within six months



71%
EMPLOYED



19%
GRADUATE SCHOOL



4%
VOLUNTARY SERVICE

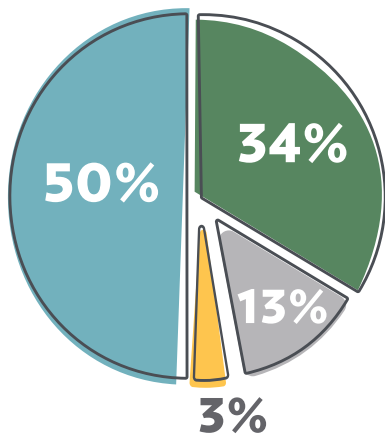


6%
NOT EMPLOYED, SEEKING

TOP TEN MAJORS (by number of graduates)

- 1 Management
- 2 Education
- 3 Psychology
- 4 Communication
- 5 Biology
- 6 Nursing
- 7 Exercise Science
- 8 English
- 9 Engineering
- 10 Accounting

EMPLOYMENT (6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION)



84% are satisfied or very satisfied
with their employment



■ Very Satisfied
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Neither
 ■ Dissatisfied

RECENT EMPLOYERS

Abbott Laboratories
 American Airlines
 BMO Harris Bank
 Center For Women in Transition
 Commonwealth/McCann
 Consumers Energy
 Dow Chemical Company
 Ernst & Young

Gentex
 GMB Architecture + Engineering
 Haworth
 Helen DeVos Children's Hospital
 Herman Miller
 Holland Hospital
 Hudsonville Public Schools
 Mayo Clinic

Pfizer
 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
 PricewaterhouseCoopers
 Spectrum Health
 Steelcase
 Teach for America
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Walt Disney Company



CHAMPIONS ON ICE

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

If you want to know all about the Hope College hockey program's past history, current state or future hopes, you really only have to talk to one person. Just one conversation with one guy is all you need to find out the team's passage from its humble, eclectically skilled beginnings in 1996 to winning the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division III national championship in 2018. Over the span of 22 years, Chris Van Timmeren '97 has skated through practically every inch of the Hope hockey's journey — first as a two-year player, then as a one-year assistant coach and now as its 18-year head coach. It has been a longtime association carried forward by a deep passion for both the sport and his *alma mater*. In the athletic world, that combination is often a winning one.

But sometimes, college coaches and players have to wait for it, wait for it. Building successful programs that reach the pinnacle of athletic achievement is not for those motivated by instant gratification. The work is long; recruiting and culture-setting is an ongoing challenge. Competitive people hunger for constant improvement, though — not just in wins but in personal growth, too.

That has been Van Timmeren's mindset for close to two decades. He has patiently, arduously built a respected hockey program rife with athletically and academically talented young men. Accolades and achievements have piled up, even if a national championship, heretofore, had been elusive. Here are the impressive stats that bear out the team and coach's single-minded persistence:

- 17 consecutive winning seasons starting in 2001;
- 15 consecutive trips to the ACHA national playoffs (from 2001 to 2015);
- Two ACHA National Players of the Year, 18 ACHA All-Americans and 77 ACHA Academic All-Americans, and 50 all-conference players in the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC);
- Six MCHC league titles and five MCHC tournament trophies;
- Five MCHC and three ACHA Coach of the Year honors for Van Timmeren; and,
- Along with this year's national championship, four previous trips to the ACHA title game in which the Flying Dutchmen finished runner-up (in 2003, 2010, 2011 and 2014).

For all of that unmitigated success, it is those four Buffalo-Billesque, championship close calls that most vexed VT — as the head coach is summarily known. At the threshold of hoisting a huge silver trophy so many times, finishing second, though commendable, was heartbreaking.



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2010-11 SEASON



2015-16 SEASON

A third of the way through the 2017-18 season with a middling 6-5-2 record, it didn't appear that lifting high a national championship trophy, especially after a previous two-year absence from the tournament, was probable. Then again, anything in sports is possible given enough time and an attitude adjustment. Turns out the Flying Dutchmen had enough of both.

"After we lost so badly to Michigan State (9-1) on a Friday night in November — and they were the best team in the country at that time — we called a team skate on Saturday morning and a team meeting afterwards," recalls senior captain Peter Stewart, a biology major from East Grand Rapids, Michigan. "We just talked things out for a while and basically said, 'Let's just make sure everyone's on the same page from now on moving forward.' We ended up beating MSU, 6-3, that night [in the second game of the series], and from then on, we went 19-3 for the rest of the season."

Focus and intensity renewed, the Flying Dutchmen moved into and through the national championship "with a calm confidence," Stewart says. Van Timmeren chalks up his players' resurgence to a solid sense of belief in themselves and each other.

During the Flying Dutchmen's tournament run of three games in pool play, then the semis and finals, Hope netted 33 goals in five contests, or 6.6 goals per game. By hockey standards, that's a veritable scoring deluge. As they skated toward the final buzzer of the championship game, a 7-5 victory over Oakland University contested in Columbus, Ohio, glove-throwing, stick-tossing and dog-piling pandemonium ensued. And VT — known for his intense and business-like demeanor — stayed on the bench and watched, overwhelmed by an immediate rush of relief and then the full flow of tears. "I didn't really get excited about [the championship] until I got to hold the trophy up," he confesses. "Besides getting married [to wife, Gina] and having a baby [now 20-month-old daughter, River], that was the best moment of my life."

"I think a lot of people thought, 'This isn't the team' [to win a championship]," adds assistant coach Caleb Digison '14, a former four-year starter in the program. "So to have a real underdog story, to be those guys and to do our own version of 'Miracle on Ice,' that was greatly satisfying as a coach." So was finishing the season 25-8-2. The milestone victory made Van Timmeren's career record 420-232-20, a healthy 77-percent winning margin.

Championship moments always encompass more than a current team. Titles are touch points of celebration for a community, too. Van Timmeren's phone lit up and buzzed for hours after the championship win. Calls and text messages from former players, Hope staff, hockey parents and friends of the program rolled in as if a blinking, beeping video game was playing on his phone. Those expressions of heartfelt congratulations often were accompanied by additional reminiscing of where the team had started and how far it had come. "Alumni, no matter their years, still feel like this is their team," Van Timmeren states.

"In the mid-90s, these guys who had played hockey at a variety of levels — some high school level, some club, some travel hockey — came together with a wide set of skills to form a team," recalls Dr. Richard Frost, vice president for student development and dean of students, whose office oversees hockey as a club sport. "Some were extremely skilled and others were kind of learning how to really skate well. But it was this wonderful experience of them banding together for the love of the game to form this club. They didn't have a rink nearby and had to travel quite a ways [to Southside Ice Arena in Byron Center] to practice at odd hours. They'd show up to games, and the only apparel they had in common was their jerseys. They had different color helmets or different color socks. But they all always proudly had 'Hope' on their chests."

Today, at the home of Hope hockey, Griff's Ice House West in Holland (formerly known as The Edge), the history of the program is proudly displayed via archival photos and 22 years' worth of signed jerseys and sticks neatly tacked up on the facility's walls. Appreciating the program's past includes celebrating the talent and passion of former players who helped move the team into the future. Players like George Dickinson '05, Jeff Guy '07, Dave Nowicki '12, Chris Kunnen '13 and Drew O'Brien '16, and close to 175 more, have been essential to maintaining a winning tradition and "a hockey family feel that has transcended years and class," adds Frost. "It's really incredible that these high-caliber hockey players and high-caliber students and people came together at Hope to play the sport they loved so much. The relationships around the team, including unending support of the players' families, have been extraordinary."

VT couldn't agree more. For a guy with a bachelor's degree in geology who planned to become a national park ranger until he caught the coaching bug, he is grateful for the years of torch-carrying by dedicated players who chose Hope for its academics first. "Most of the guys we recruit could have gone on to play junior hockey, but they wanted to start their education instead," says the coach whose off-season profession is in commercial construction. "These are guys we want at Hope, the ones who want to be doctors and lawyers and businessmen and they just happen to play hockey."

Digison, a mechanical engineer for a Holland-area company, was one of those guys. As a former player — and one of the program's career leaders in assists — who now works alongside his former coach, he sees more clearly both sides of the team bench now.

"VT holds a very high standard and I think that as a player that was what kept driving me because I felt like I had to keep proving myself to that guy," says Digison. "Honestly, playing for him was stressful at times, but I felt like I grew up a lot. By the time I graduated, I looked at him and I was like, 'That guy changed my life, for sure.'"

Solid relationships. Passionate play. Teeming talent. High standards. It was only a matter of time before those recurrent ingredients created one rare thing. They brewed together long enough to make Hope hockey what it always hoped to be: national champions on ice.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH HOPE

It could be the way that the light plays across a glass façade or an unexpected perspective on a staircase, but it is distinctly Bruce McCombs' style and subject matter.

Mesmerizing movement of light, reflections and shadows created on surfaces continue to capture his imagination. Cities, small or large, and diverse architectural elements within have revealed various possibilities for his paintings over the years.

Bruce acknowledges that it can be challenging to find new perspectives, particularly in familiar places, but walking has been his method to see more, continually providing fresh opportunities. Knowing from stories shared that many people have wonderful memories of specific places on campus, he tries to see and help others visit them from a new angle.

Coinciding with his 50th year on the faculty, an exhibition of his watercolors in the De Pree Art Center and Gallery this fall will reveal the discoveries that have resulted from his daily journeys through Hope.

When Bruce is asked how long "it takes to do a painting," the truth is that his whole process begins with the walking, then seeing and photographing. After this part of the process he will spend days and maybe weeks sketching the underlying drawing before he is ready to paint, which may take three to seven days more.

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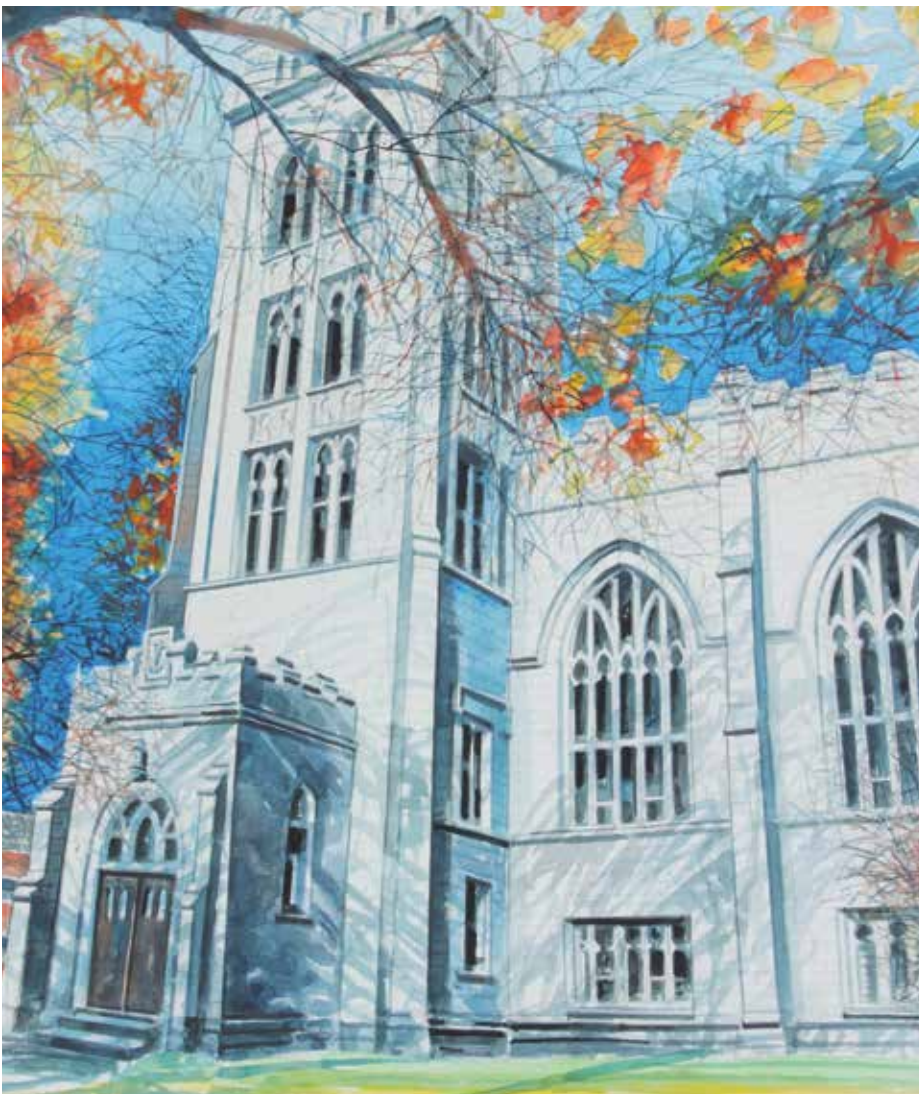
Before he seriously took up watercolors during a sabbatical period about 25 years ago, Bruce worked on etchings for the first 20-plus years of his career. Each etching plate could take months of working-over to develop depth and transparency to create one of his many award-winning prints.

Once he put down the ink and dry point, he transferred the method to watercolor painting, in a technique called glazing. He thins the pigment and repeatedly paints over an area to produce a transparency which cannot be achieved in one swath of opaque painting.

Hope's ever-changing campus has provided intriguing subject matter for his work. He has never ceased to find something new for a painting, whether it's 10 degrees and snowing or a sweltering summer day. Some of those past works were displayed in solo exhibitions in the De Pree Art Center and Gallery in 2002 and 2011, and have also been featured on Hope College calendars and can be seen on the office walls of many of Hope's buildings.

Bruce will be showing his recent work in the forthcoming exhibition, which will run October 12 through November 9. Because it will be his final exhibition — since, having taught at Hope since 1969 he anticipates that he will retire before there can be another — he has chosen to add a few favorites that he has never shown.

*Editor's Note: Bruce McCombs will deliver an artist's talk at the gallery, with a reception following, on Friday, Oct. 19, at 4:30 p.m., during the college's Homecoming and Family Weekend extravaganza. For more about him and his work, please see the feature story in the August 2011 issue of **News from Hope College**.*



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GENERATION SPARK

By Josh Bishop



TO REALLY WRAP YOUR MIND AROUND THE WORK OF GENERATION SPARK, YOU FIRST NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THE NONES AND THE DONES.

Let's start with **THE "NONES,"** a term used in the media as a shorthand way to talk about those who identify themselves on surveys and polls as having no religious affiliation. In other words, they check the box that says "none." Many of these nones are young people (age 16–24) who grew up in the church but didn't stick around.

THE "DONES" is a term that's far less common. Dones are people age 45 and older who, in the words of Virgil Gulker, director of Generation Spark and a lecturer for Hope College's Center for Leadership, "have been in most cases pillars of the church, but they've grown weary of the institution." They're done.

The nones and the dones. Two vastly different age groups that present the same problem: After spending years in the church, people are leaving.

GENERATION SPARK AIMS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Supported by a 2017 grant of \$458,502 to the college from the Lilly Endowment Inc., this intergenerational mentoring program with a twist is currently being piloted in five churches in the Christian Reformed Church in North America and the Reformed Church in America denominations. (Additional denominations have already expressed interest in using the model.)

One year into the grant period and several months into the pilot program, five participating churches have brought church members from the nones generation and the dones generation into formal mentoring relationships, with each pair supported by a prayer partner.

The research-based idea behind this mentoring model is that by giving young people meaningful relationships with older adults — and giving older adults an opportunity to share their life experiences and influence the younger generation — each group could be an antidote to the other's declining participation in church life.

That's one of the reasons VictoryPoint Ministries in Holland, Michigan, got involved. "We were intrigued by the idea of the cross-generation relationship and how much these pairs could speak into each other's lives for personal growth and for bridging gaps within our church community, leaving both feeling valued and cared for," said Wendi Kapenga, director of the church's Generation Spark program.

"Intergenerational mentoring is very popular right now," Gulker said, "but the problem is that when you take a 60-year-old and put them with a 16-year-old, it's just flat-out weird. They have nothing in common."

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To help ease the potential awkwardness that comes with intergenerational relationships, the Generation Spark team took inspiration from a consultation model that the Center for Leadership has been successfully practicing for years, in which students are paired with an adult mentor to solve a problem in a local organization.

It's here, in the combination of a mentoring relationship with a problem-solving purpose, that Generation Spark really shines.

The youth-and-mentor pairs in the pilot group have spent 12 weeks addressing practical issues in their own churches. Generation Spark has provided a list of project ideas, but each group instead developed its own ideas to pursue.

At VictoryPoint Ministries, 18-year-old Drew Deur was previously involved in weekly worship at Benjamin's Hope, an intentional community in Holland, Michigan, that serves adults with autism and other developmental and intellectual differences. Together with his mentor, Tom Buursma, he worked to bring awareness about autism to VictoryPoint.

"Most of the church has a general understanding of what autism is, but they don't know everything about the condition and the programs that exist to help the people it affects," Deur explained. Together, Deur and Buursma researched and presented ways to connect their church with the ministry of Benjamin's Hope, with the long-term aim of establishing a missional community to serve those with autism.

Casey Shannon is a 23-year-old at VictoryPoint who works full time as a machine operator and attends school part time.

He and his mentor worked to create an online tool to build relationships among church members who, like Shannon, have schedules that don't allow them to connect with the church's regular Bible study sessions.

Faith Church in Zeeland, Michigan, became involved with Generation Spark when church leaders were approached by Matt VanDyken, a Hope College junior and member at Faith who was involved in launching the Generation Spark pilot program.

"It just fits with who we are as a congregation and with what we believe is absolutely necessary," said Pastor Jonathan Elgersma.

One project at Faith Church has taken the youth leadership question head-on. With help and encouragement from his mentor, a student attended a recent consistory meeting to present an idea about forming a youth leadership team that has a crossover conversation with the church's governance.

"They didn't say 'We want to lead the church,' but, 'We want to learn with you about what it means to lead the church,'" Elgersma recalled. "Here we have a junior in high school doing the whole presentation in front of the consistory, and a great response from one of our elders was, 'You had me at hello.'"

Other projects from the pilot group include exploring the feasibility of a church-based food bank and a community-based garden, promoting random acts of kindness within the church body, addressing the issues of suicide and self-harm among high school students in the community, and developing a structure for small groups based on special interests.

"It's important to remember that problem-solving is merely the glue for the relationship," Gulker said. "The primary purpose is to create relationships where youth and older members come together and begin to explore life issues."

The measure of success, then, is not whether a team or a church implements a lasting solution for, say, housing pregnant teens (although that would be great). Rather, the measure of success is whether a church has developed thriving intergenerational relationships.

At VictoryPoint, each team has completed its project, but Kapenga is quick to point out that the projects "became secondary to the relationships that grew out of their consistent weekly meeting time."

In a focus group, Gulker and his students asked young participants why they were part of Generation Spark. None of them said they were involved to solve the problem; instead, they showed up for the relationship.

"When we start thinking intentionally about the next generation, we're thinking about ministry the way God thinks about ministry," Elgersma noted, pointing to several biblical examples: Moses and Joshua, David and Solomon, Elijah and Elisha, Paul and Timothy, Jesus and the disciples, Elizabeth and Mary.

"Ultimately, we want this to be part of our culture here at Faith," Elgersma said. "We're not just talking about this as a program, we're talking about this becoming part of our DNA."

That's about as perfect an outcome as Gulker could imagine. "I just hope God uses us to be one small step in that direction," he said.

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BREADTH OF EXCELLENCE

Hope faculty and staff continue to earn recognition for their scholarship, teaching, service and impact.

Just since the spring issue...



Dr. Llana Durante '00 Chavis, assistant professor of social work, received the Grand Valley State University School of Social Work's MSW Distinguished Alumni Award for 2017-18. She completed her MSW at GVSU in 2002.



Nicole Flinn '97, associate professor of dance, won the 2018 Touchstone Award for Dance Teacher of the Year from the Michigan Dance Council.



Dr. Stacy Jackson, who is the Kenneth J. Weller '48 Professor of Management and chairs the Department of Economics and Business, received the 54th "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" Award from the Class of 2018 during Commencement on May 6.



Nancy Scholten '82 Kamstra, associate professor of kinesiology and **Liz Kubias**, residential life coordinator for Cook Hall, received the college's 19th annual "Vanderbush-Weller Awards" for strong, positive impact on students.



Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis, who is provost emeritus and professor emeritus of classics and directs the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, has been honored with a book celebrating his career, character and impact: *Jack: A Compassionate Compendium; A Tribute to Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis* — *Scholar, Servant, Leader*.



Dr. Kendra Parker, assistant professor of English, received the David Bottoms Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of West Georgia's Department of English and Philosophy. She earned her bachelor's degree from the university, with a major in English, in 2008.



Abby Madison '86 Reeg, who advises the college's club sailing team, received the 2017-18 Outstanding Service – Volunteer Award from the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association. She is a regional development director at Hope.



Dr. Brian Rider, who is an assistant professor of kinesiology and director of Health Dynamics, won the college's annual "Social Sciences Young Investigators Award" for a study of a commercially available, wrist-worn, heart-rate monitor's accuracy.



Dr. Joanne Stewart, who is the Elmer E. Hartgerink Professor of Chemistry, has received one of two 2018 Janet Andersen Lecture Awards from the Midstates Consortium for Math and Science.



U.S. AIR FORCE
Grissom Air Reserve Base

A CALL TO DUTY



By Eva Dean Folkert '83

“Where were you, what were you doing on 9/11?”

That question, now asked annually every September since 2001, leads to an answer that has two-sided significance: It reminds us of our nation’s history and makes us recall our own. “Where exactly were you, what exactly were you doing when planes crashed in New York City, Washington, D.C. and in a farmer’s field in Pennsylvania and our country’s trajectory took a dramatic turn?” “Where exactly were you, what exactly were you doing when the World Trade Center fell down in flames, smoke and ash?”

Like every American old enough to remember, Matthew Garvelink '96 recalls exactly where he was and what he was doing on that tragic day. It is what he did next, though, that is the reason for the rest of this story.

“That morning I was working at the (Holland) Municipal Stadium because there had been a weekend football game,” remembers Garvelink, a Holland, Michigan, native who majored in biology, with a secondary teaching certificate, at Hope. “I was between jobs and no longer teaching because I had gone back to school and had just finished a second degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley (State University). So the work at the stadium was temporary because I had decided I wanted to pursue becoming a Michigan State Police Officer.

“Anyway, I remember we had the radio on at work that day, and all of a sudden what we were listening to was interrupted with news about the attacks. We went straight to the nearest TV. Of course, I didn’t realize we were under attack until the real stories came to light.”

When those real stories revealed the United States’ new reality across the following days, weeks and months, Garvelink knew what he had to do. And he was full-circle back at the Municipal Stadium several weeks later when he had to do it.

“I called the Air Force recruiter to ask about officer training school from the telephone in the press box of the stadium,” he recalls. “All I knew is that I wanted to be a part of the solution moving forward. I wasn’t going to sit on the sidelines. I wanted to be engaged, to be on the starting team so to speak.”

Unlike the mass enlistments that occurred after the Pearl Harbor attack that marked the U.S.’s involvement in World War II in 1941, the armed forces saw only a very slight increase in new military men and women after September 11, 2001. Garvelink was not only one of the few to enlist after that national watershed event, he is rarer still in making military service his career ever since. Sixteen years after graduating from Officer Training School in June of 2002, Garvelink has been deployed to Iraq five times since 2004, trained with the Royal Air Force (RAF) Regiment in the U.S. and U.K., worked contingency response ops out of Germany, and served in or with every country in NATO.

And, according to the college’s records, of the approximately 125 Hope alums (out of 32,000+) who are actively serving in one of the four branches of the U.S. military, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Garvelink is among the highest ranking.

Since 2015, Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru, Indiana, has been home for Garvelink, a straightforward, down-to-earth, quintessential military man. There he serves as commander of the 434th Security Forces Squadron, which means he directs the base’s defense unit, which consists of approximately 150 full-time and reservist airmen. His three years stationed at Grissom are the longest continuous period of time he’s been stateside since his commissioning. In fact, during one particular four-year period of his military tenure, Garvelink was on U.S. soil for only 13 out of 48 months. Whenever he is home, though, the officer, and yes, gentleman, makes time for three things — family, fishing and Hope.



Tallil Air Base, Iraq. 2004



Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. 2005



Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Promoted to Captain. 2006



“Hope definitely didn’t teach me to look at life through a soda straw. I think more broadly because of Hope, and I still find myself using things I learned in my philosophy class and my education classes and my music appreciation class and my biology classes to this day.

My education from Hope makes me stop and say, ‘Hey, what are we really doing here? Let’s think critically about this and not just plow through without considering all angles.’”

– Lieutenant Colonel Matt Garvelink ’96

“My mom and dad and brothers are all still in the Holland-area, so being closer to them has been a blessing and a privilege,” says Garvelink, who is single. “I like chasing largemouth and smallmouth bass around the state and country whenever I get the chance, too. And connecting with Coach Fritz and Hope baseball again has also been great.”

Back in his Hope days, Garvelink served as the student manager for the baseball team for his last two years at the college, which were also head coach Stu Fritz’s first two with the Flying Dutchmen. Their resulting friendship has been forged from mutual respect for more than two decades. Both will admit that communication between them is sometimes hit-or-miss, especially when Garvelink is deployed, but one way the coach continues to see his friend is on base. For the past two years, Garvelink has invited Fritz and the Hope baseball team to visit his work environment as they made their way to play a nearby opponent in Indiana. As the Hope bus pulls into the military complex, past the fence barrier and checkpoint, life lessons immediately begin to unfold. The Hope-to-Grissom stopover is a chance for students, who grew up in the long-cast shadow of 9/11, to see how a national team practices tenacity, commitment, accountability, trust, loyalty and leadership, all for the sake of others.

“For our guys to go onto that base and see men and women who serve for our benefit, it’s just important,” Fritz says. “And our team doesn’t take any of it for granted. When Matt explains about the red line around the tarmac, the line that marks the threshold for intolerance of intent to harm, that kind of stuff really hits home for our guys. They take it all very seriously. It’s just good for them to know what people are doing to protect them and the privileges they have.”

Ever humble and equally matter-of-fact, Garvelink simply says his time with the team is just a way to give back and inform. Others see it as something more; they see it as something that comes naturally to him.

“Lieutenant Colonel Garvelink is someone who is very hands-on and leads by example,” says Colonel Scott Russell, the mission support group commander and Garvelink’s boss at Grissom. “He is very dedicated to his job and puts his work first above himself. I’ve never seen him put himself above anything else.”

“When you look at his record, too, it is pretty amazing,” Russell continues. “The number of times he’s deployed, some of the stuff he’s done like working closely with the Army in some pretty austere environments — and I can’t get into any details about that — it shows he takes his job very seriously and takes his people very seriously as well.”

While those accolades are attributable to Matt Garvelink being Matt Garvelink, the longtime serviceman actually believes Hope gave him a unique advantage as a military leader. The best part about his liberal arts education, he says, is that it didn’t necessarily teach him what to think but it did teach him how to think.

“Hope definitely didn’t teach me to look at life through a soda straw,” he colorfully explains. “I think more broadly because of Hope, and I still find myself using things I learned in my philosophy class and my education classes and my music appreciation class and my biology classes to this day. My education from Hope makes me stop and say, ‘Hey, what are we really doing here? Let’s think critically about this and not just plow through without considering all angles.’”

That type of wide-reaching, cerebral outlook is completely and absolutely foundational to success in the complex and sometimes ultra-violent world of leading troops in the field. It’s also an imperative part of his peacekeeping missions as well. Whether it’s helping Iraqi farmers secure plastic field covering so they can grow tomato plants in an inhospitable climate rife with wartime chaos, or looking into the faces of village children who needed his help, Garvelink is always moved by the resiliency of humanity and, unfortunately, the atrocities of inhumanity, too. Like most soldiers who have seen war, he’d much rather talk about the former than the latter.

In early 2019, Garvelink will deploy again to the Middle East. He can’t say exactly where he’s going, or what he’ll be doing, though he does know. What he can say is that unlike his previous deployments, air conditioning will be abundant and coffee easily attainable. And like his previous deployments, he’ll get to work alongside those who, like him, feel a similar, sacrificial call to duty.

“I like this job because of the people,” Garvelink concludes. “I don’t want to sound crass, but if we were in charge of cleaning outhouses and I got to do it with the people I work with in the Air Force, I know it would be the best job ever done in service to this country. The people I get to work with are amazing, from every walk of life, from every part of this country. When we come together, we can do anything we put our minds to. When I think about my country, I think about the people on my team who represent it. They are my country.”



Airborne training operation, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. 2009



Matt Garvelink and Stu Fritz at Hope College Boeve Baseball Stadium. 2018

WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY



BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Home is not only a place to live but of belonging. For the past 38 years, Delta Phi Cottage at 118 E. 12th St. provided space for both, not only for the sorority actives in residence but the entire sisterhood. Its tenure has now ended, the building razed this summer to make way for the college's new Campus Ministries center, which is itself being constructed in the central campus location with community in mind. Even as the house exists now only in memory, the 107-year-old sorority will begin a new era later this month, in a cottage on 13th Street located among other Greek houses.





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60s

George Bitner '60 has retired after 49 years and 88 combined seasons of coaching the Spring Lake High School boys' and girls' golf teams. He has been inducted into MIGCA, MSHAA, AHSA, NHSCA and the MAAHF Halls of Fame.

Carl Vermeulen '61 and his students at Paul D. Camp Community College in Virginia presented their peer-reviewed work at the annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, of the American Society for Microbiology, showing that nodes in all categories of vascular plants are instrumental in inhibiting the upward spread of bacterial diseases. This is a small part of a program in which the vascular systems of plants are being revisited with modern methods with an eye toward preparation for agriculture on Mars.

Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson published her 16th book, which like its predecessors, is available on her website. She and her husband, Everett, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They parented two Hope graduates, **Paul Jackson '02** and **Nancy Jackson '04**, both orchestra teachers and members of the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra in Florida.

Allen Hoffman '65 a recently retired Vail, Colorado, estate and business planning attorney, has relocated to Denver, Colorado, and with his wife, Darlene, has established Transformative Cognitions LLC, a life- and business-coaching company.

Philip Harmelink '66 had an article published in *The American Organist* (the national magazine of the Guild of Organists) titled "Detail and Discipline in Music and Accounting." The article describes his dual careers as accounting professor (more than 38 years) and chair of the department of accounting (28 years) at the

University of New Orleans and as organist at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie (38 years). The magazine has a section on organists who have dual careers and regularly features such organists. Although Philip was a business major, he studied organ for his four years at Hope.

John Killmaster '67 has published a book about his career as an artist, including time spent majoring in art at Hope and doing a number of paintings in the area. He went on to become a college art professor and continues to offer workshops through the country.

Randall Miller '67 co-authored, with Paul Cimbala, *The Northern Home Front During the Civil War*. He continues as professor of history at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Larry Van De Hoef '67 and **Carol Bultman '68 Van De Hoef** have been busy the past six months relocating and expanding their toy store, Snickelfritz Toys, from a mall location to a store front location across the street. Their daughter, **Heather Van De Hoef '95 Edwards**, is the store manager.

William Hoogstra '68 retired four years ago after a career in the Air Force and then another career with the State of Texas. He has three children and six grandchildren. He and his wife of 37 years, Margaret, just returned from a trip to Israel, which he notes was way beyond expectation. He has been very involved with the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, Meals on Wheels of Abilene and ramp-building for the handicapped.

James Sutherland '68 reports that due to excellent health and enjoying the work, he continues to direct Reconciliation Ministries Network, which he began in 1999. Currently the focus is upon inner-city ministry in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and upon ministry in Juba and Malakal, South Sudan.



Dick Kanode '54 and **Nancy Guldenschuh '62 Zimmer** are pictured in front of Lake Louise in Canada. They met up by chance on a bus tour that started in Calgary.

Linda Star Schreiber '68 Tobin of Naperville, Illinois, reports that after a fulfilling career guiding and nurturing young gifted students, she is now teaching her young granddaughter French in preparation for their trip to France. Genealogy research has taken her there several times in the past, as well as to England, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland, where she motorcycled through the Alps with her dad. While in the United States, she winters in Arizona and summers in the 3Ms: Michigan, Minnesota and Maine.

Pamela Reynolds '68 VanderWeele was a VIP, Volunteer in Parks, at Petrified Forest National Park from August to November last year. She will be a VIP at Pecos National Historical Park this August through October.

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downfall of the University of Michigan's "Fab Five," arguably the most famous starting unit in college basketball history.

Terry Muilenberg '74 reports that he was laid off from Plains All America Pipeline and is now "retired." He is devoting full time to his business, Fred's Custom Leather, making custom leather products. He does not miss the three-to-four-hour commute to downtown Houston, Texas, and now walks about 50 yards from his house to his shop.

P.J. Coldren '75 was the Fan Guest of Honor at the Malice Domestic 31 in Bethesda, Maryland, from Thursday, May 3, through Saturday, May 5. Malice Domestic™ is an annual fan convention in the metropolitan DC area that celebrates the traditional mystery, books best typified by the works of Agatha Christie.

Jeff Stewart '75 recently received the Jim Crowley Award from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. He has been coaching high school football 42 years and is currently the Big Rapids football assistant coach.

Don Wickstra '75 is running for Michigan State Senate, 26th district. He has been a dentist in Hamilton, Michigan, for more than 40 years.

Lisa Burger '77 retired from Central Maine Healthcare and is looking forward to settling into her new home on Brandy Pond in Maine, where she reports she can enjoy boating and playing golf on a more regular basis.

Jon Post '77 and his wife, Diane, are in Kathmandu, Nepal, pursuing research on dietary interventions for chronic diseases, and especially for diabetes mellitus Type 2. Diane was diagnosed with diabetes nine years ago and has been off all medications for that, high blood pressure and high cholesterol for more than four years. They are seeking to establish a Nepali evidence base for low carbohydrate and intermittent fasting intervention in a land using pharmaceuticals to try to counteract a rice-based diet. They love being in Nepal and helping in a local church.

Scott Bradley '78 retired from teaching in Kansas and moved to Brooklyn, New York, where his wife teaches at Long Island University. He teaches band and violin at Catholic schools and other private schools, and performs extensively on trombone and tuba throughout New York City.

Todd Harburn '78 continues to serve as co-team physician for the Hope College football

The alumni H-Club at Hope presented its Hope for Humanity Award to Dr. **Vern L. Sterk '64** of Holland, Michigan, during the college's annual HOPEYs celebration of Hope athletics and senior student-athletes, held on April 18 at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. A former cross country runner for the Flying Dutchmen, he is a retired Reformed Church in America missionary who served in Chiapas, Mexico, for 41 years with his wife Carla VandeBunte '65 Sterk. He also taught at Western Theological Seminary for 12 years before retiring. Carla and Vern received Distinguished Alumni Awards from Hope in 1995.

 hope.edu/sterk-athletics-award

70s

Hendrika Vande Kemp '71 had her first display of iris folded art, featuring recycled paper, at The Scrap Exchange Creative Re-Use Center in Durham, North Carolina, from March 16 through April 14, 2017. She was one of two artists in an exhibit titled "The Found Object Collection."

Kathryn Scholes '73 Bolt reports that even though she retired from Sparta Area Schools in 2014 she manages to get called back every year to fill in as a school psychologist. She is an 11-year survivor of ovarian cancer and enjoys being outdoors whether it's birding, walking, cycling, kayaking or cross country skiing, pastimes that she notes have taken her on some great trips around the country and the world. She shares that she and her husband, Ed, have managed to stay married for 36 years in spite of his having attended Calvin and Michigan.

John De Meester '73 reports that he has been married for 43 years this August and has one granddaughter.

Sally Plagenhoef '73 Morris returned to Holland, Michigan, after working for 35 years in the Palm Beach County School system as a German/Spanish teacher and high school counselor.

Claudia Tebben '73 Sterne reports that every year she has a reunion with five other "cluster mates" who all met and became friends their freshman year at Hope in 1969: **Leslie Carry '73 Kruegel, Becky Eisenbise '74 Hostetler, Anne Walvoord '73 VanderByl**, Lillian Bertalan and Ellen Swain Roberts (the latter two transferred to other colleges).

Jim McFarlin '74 has published his latest book project, as ghostwriter of the nonfiction work *The Booster*. It is the never-before-told story of the late Ed Martin, the Detroit autoworker whose extravagant gifts to such players as Chris Webber and Jalen Rose ultimately led to the



DO YOU KNOW THIS CAR?

This stunning and historic 1956X Buick Century convertible (the “X” means that there were custom modifications by General Motors, and its early life included being driven at Road America in Wisconsin by GM’s head designer) was restored recently by a group of men from West Michigan. They’re tracking down the vehicle’s history, which based on a pre-restoration parking permit included some time at Hope. Unfortunately, the records associated with the permits no longer exist. If this one-of-a-kind automobile was yours, you know to whom it belonged or you simply remember seeing it on or near campus, please write to hopenews@hope.edu and we’ll pass along the information. (No further description might be necessary, but distinctive features include a tachometer in the instrument panel; wire wheels with spinners; and a fiberglass, three-piece “parade boot.”)

team. He is chief of surgery at Mackinac Straits Health System, an outpatient surgery center at the Straits of Mackinac in Northern Michigan. He has an arthroscopic surgery orthopedic practice. He reports that he enjoys writing in his “free time” as his most recent book, *A Surgeon With Custer at the Little Big Horn: James DeWolf’s Diary and Letters, 1876* was published in May 2017.

Janet Turner ’78 reports that she has eight grandchildren.

Nancy MacKinnon ’78 Van Ark and her husband, Robert, report that they are enjoying retirement by watching their grandson and traveling when they can.

Marianne Walck ’78 retired from Sandia National Laboratories in 2017 after a 33-year career, spending the last two years as vice president for Sandia’s facility in Livermore, California, and directing the energy and climate programs for the laboratory.

80s

Brion Brooks ’80 became the executive director of the Village of Progress, a nonprofit agency in rural northwest Illinois, serving individuals with developmental disabilities, in 2014. In the spring of 2017 the agency opened

The Village Bakery, a retail bakery and café in Oregon, Illinois. The Village Bakery provides competitive wages to men and women with disabilities in an integrated environment. With the tagline “Baking a Difference,” The Village Bakery strives to help the community see people with disabilities for what they can do. The bakery also provides special-education internships for local school districts.

Carol Springsteen ’80 took an early retirement in 2017 after working many years in the life insurance and annuity industry. She reports that while she decides on her “next act” she is happy training her dogs in both agility and rally, visiting her children, friends and relatives, and continuing in her quest to hike all 46 high peaks in the Adirondacks.

Betty Buikema ’82 Birner published her sixth book on linguistics, titled *Language and Meaning*. She is a professor of linguistics and cognitive science in the department of English at Northern Illinois University, where she has taught since 2000.

Dan Gundersen ’82 is the senior vice president and principal at Camoin Associates, a national economic development consulting company based in Saratoga Springs, New York, that has opened an office in Richmond.

Ingrid Anderson ’83 Baird has retired after 32 years of teaching high school French. In 2015

she was awarded the Kent County Education Association High School Teacher of the Year award. She currently volunteers through Bethany Christian Services teaching English to refugees and continues to tutor an inner-city school child through the Kid’s Hope program. She also organizes small-group, adult tours to Europe.

Robert Baird ’83 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, reports that 35 years after college graduation, his accomplishments include retaining a full head of hair, albeit gray. He is the president of HRA Psychological Services in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where his private practice involves forensic work (capacity to parent), disability determination, and general mental health and marriage counseling.

Todd Holstege ’83 teaches K-5 physical education at Emmons Lake Elementary School in the Caledonia school system. He is finishing his 34th year of teaching, and in February was inducted into the Grand Rapids Christian High School Athletic Hall of Fame as an athlete. He was one of only 11 athletes to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame at this time. He recently retired from coaching after 37 years having coached various sports, 74 teams, one state championship and multiple league, district and regional championships. He reports that he and his wife, Kimberly, keep busy following their three youngest as they play high school sports and look forward to cheering on their son Spencer, currently a student at South Christian, as he plays football for Miami University of Ohio.

Thomas Knoebber ’83 is the director of labor performance improvement at the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).

Linda Miller ’83 became a grandmother to Adeline Grace on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2017.

Melissa Stoll ’85 Cole received a doctorate of nursing practice with distinction from the Nurse Executive Organizational Leadership Program within the University of New Mexico College of Nursing. Her scholarly project was “How Nurse Leaders Assess Their Ethical Leadership Practice Before and After Ethical Leadership Training.”

Peggy Hallacy ’86 Gorno was given the Salute to Women honor for personal and professional excellence as a role model and mentor to other women at Grand Rapids Community College. She has held several positions at GRCC: assistant director of financial aid, campus

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Bernace Brunsting '68 De Young of Aventura, Florida, is a Grand Life Master, the highest rank in the American Contract Bridge League. In August 2017, she represented the United States at the World Championships in Lyon, France. Bernace is pictured sitting in the front.

information system coordinator, IT manager of academic applications and director of the enrollment center.

Todd Garth '87 was appointed chief program officer of GoodWeave International in September 2017. GoodWeave is one of the first and only organizations working to end child labor by connecting all the dots between New Delhi and New York, between a back alley factory and a boutique shop, between an artisan and the end consumer. Its holistic approach aims to heal and educate those children who have been exploited, while changing the underlying circumstances and values in their home, their village and the international business community that ultimately led them away from the school desk and onto a work bench.

Jacque Schaendorf '87 is the president and CEO of The Insurance House Inc., which is based in Atlanta, Georgia. She is also serving as the 2018-19 president of the Wholesale and Specialty Insurance Association, which is a national association of surplus lines brokers and managing general agents, and is writing an article for the WSIA's publication.

Jon McKeeby '88 and **Susan Milanowski '88 McKeeby** recently moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Jon is the chief information officer for the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center. Sue is a behavior consultant for children with autism for Centria Healthcare.

Kimberly Platte '88 Orcutt is the Andrew W. Mellon curator of American Art at the Brooklyn

Museum. She is the former Mellon curator at large for American Art at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Brenda Conant '88 Wierenga-Huysen reports that her first husband, Dean Wierenga '88, passed away in July 2011 after 23 years of marriage and shortly after graduating from seminary in May 2011, and that it has been a tough grief journey. She shares that God brought her a new husband, Dave Huysen, in June 2017 and they are starting a new life in Byron Center, Michigan. She left Spectrum Health after 30 years and is now at Metro Health and loving it.

90s

Kathy Baird '90 Luther is the chief of staff at the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Todd Adams '91 was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in fall 2017. AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society.

Laura Holloway '91 received her master's in mathematics from Villanova University in May 2017. She is now teaching mathematics classes at Bucks County Community College in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

David Zomer '91 was installed as senior minister of Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Sunday, March 18, by the Southwest Michigan Classis. He previously served as minister of Powell River Reformed Church of Powell River, British Columbia, and as an RCA missionary in Hungary and Italy. He was baptized at Bethany and has returned to his home church (fourth generation) after being away for almost three decades.

Bill Boerman '94 received the educator excellence award from the Air Zoo in Portage, Michigan, during its fifth annual West Michigan Science Innovation Hall of Fame Awards on Saturday, April 21. He teaches in Holland Public's STEM/STEAM program, which launched in the 2016-17 school year.

Sandy Federico '96 reports that she has started an exciting mid-career change adventure. After many years of teaching dance in private studios and public schools, most recently at the Academy for Academics & Arts in Huntsville, Alabama, she has moved to Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, to pursue a degree in physical therapy at Chatham University.

Daniel Cwik '97 of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, worked for six months as a material handler at Insight in 2017-18 and in March started a job as a temporary mail clerk for Ricoh in Northbrook, Illinois. He is also considering a computer support certification and updating skills in HTML.

Glyn Williams '98 is the vice president of the west region of Rapport Worldwide, a media planning and buying agency that is part of the Interpublic Group. Since helping found the Los Angeles, California, office of Rapport in 2013, he has led the office to double its staffing and more than triple the billings with award-winning work for clients such as Amazon, Netflix, Sony Pictures, Hulu, GoPro, California Lottery, Open Road Films, Patron, Western Union and others. He reports that he wakes up every day feeling like the luckiest guy in the world to do a job he loves surrounded by great people underneath California sunsets.

Megan Masta '99 Stiverson is a family court referee, juvenile court administrator and youth home administrator with the 1st Circuit Court-Family Division in Hillsdale County. She was the assistant and chief assistant prosecuting attorney for the past 13 years. She now presides primarily over child abuse/neglect cases and juvenile delinquency and is a team member on the family treatment court. She resides in Allen, Michigan, with her husband, Jason, and four children.

00s

Kelly Kiewiet '01 Cochrane and **David Cochrane '02** announce the birth of Charles Bruce on Feb. 11, 2018.

Kathryn Visser '01 Haverdink and Brant Haverdink announce the birth of Brooks Bradley on March 3, 2017.

Jeffrey Howard '01 earned a Master of Science degree with distinction in transport planning and management in November 2017 at the University of Westminster in London, England. His dissertation, titled *Zoned Out: Implementing a Flat Fare Structure on the London Underground*, was awarded the dissertation prize by the Chartered Institute of Highways & Transport Foundation. He is pursuing a doctorate in transport at the University of Westminster, researching the use

of social media in transport planning for British train-operating companies.

Josiah Dykstra '02 is the senior warden, senior lay leader at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, Maryland. He reports that St. Anne's has Hope graduates at three levels of leadership, with **Timothy Mulder '76** becoming the interim rector at the church on Feb. 14, and **Eugene Sutton '76** serving as the Episcopal Bishop of Maryland. St. Anne's celebrated its 325th anniversary last year.

Kathleen Whitfield '02 Hemingway was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the 8th District Court in Kalamazoo County.

Katie Budris '04 is a full-time lecturer in the department of writing arts at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. She teaches courses in first-year writing as well as creative writing for undergraduate and graduate students. She also serves as editor-in-chief of *Glassworks*, the literary magazine housed in Rowan's Master of Arts in Writing program.

Cory McCall '04 Cooper and **Matthew Cooper '04** announce the birth of their second son, David Robert on March 26, 2018.

Elizabeth Horstman '05 Morehouse and **Craig Morehouse** announce the birth of Avery Maren on April 15, 2018.

Lindsay David '05 Zuska and **Matthew Zuska '05** announce the birth of Elizabeth Hope on Jan. 25, 2018. She joins Luke (6), Andrew (4) and Madelyn (3). They reside in Rochester Hills, Minnesota.

Shirley Smith '06 Lopez has published many books and is now retired and opened a bookstore, Shirley's Bookshelf, in Lansing, Michigan. She also teaches others how to become writers, helping young authors get published, students to earn income while in college, stay-at-home moms and retirees like herself. She notes that she is hoping to repay the many who helped her along the way, and reports that she learned many of her techniques in writing while a student at Hope, when she earned an income as a freelance writer.

Jess Schmidt '06 in November became the custom content manager at Great America Publishing, which publishes 12 trade publications in horticulture, agriculture, retail and sports. She is a project manager and writes content for all 12.

Charlie Banyai '07 is the treasurer/chief

FOUR JOIN ALUMNI BOARD

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

The board's new members are: **Chandler Alberda**, a junior from Austin, Texas; **Lindsay Allward-Theimer '11** of Atlanta, Georgia; **Suzanne Marceny '82 Caltrider** of Mason, Michigan; and **Phillip Torrence '96** of Portage, Michigan.

Newly elected as vice president is Jonathan Liepe '91 of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and as secretary is Katie Bauman '03 Schubert of Frankfort, Illinois. Schubert was previously vice president, and as secretary succeeds Leslie Schoon '93 Monday of Kirkland, Washington, whose term on the board has ended. Bradley Norden '04 of Holland, Michigan, continues to serve as president.

Victoria Chapman '18 of Canton, Michigan, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Alec Nelson of Bon Air, Virginia, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

In addition to Leslie Schoon '93 Monday, the board members who have concluded their service are: Josh Augustine '17 of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Victoria Brunn '84 of Santa Monica, California; Dave Stavenger '65 of Holland; and Maxine Gray '04 of Dallas, Texas.

financial officer of Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Tyler Boonstra '07 received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy in August 2017. As part of his degree he finished a year-long APA-accredited internship at the Hampton VA Medical Center in Virginia, and he is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Kristin Olson '07 Brace had her first book, a chapbook of poetry called *Fence, Patio Blessed Virgin*, published on July 13. The chapbook weaves together memories of Brace's grandmother with narrative from the last two years of her life. Her second chapbook, *Each Darkness Inside*, will be published later in 2018.

Luke Wendt '07 received his Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering control theory and robotics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As a member of the Language Acquisition and Robotics Group/Beckman Institute/ECE, he researched embodied cognition on the iCub, a humanoid robotics platform from the Italian Institute of Technology/Genoa. He is employed at Petronics, a robotics startup at the tech incubator in Research Park, Urbana, Illinois. He is working with a robotic research team on the MOUSR, a product which recently won two awards at an expo in Orlando, Florida, and another award in

Illinois at EOH in March 2018: first place, most innovative design/Texas Instruments.

Tyler Racey '08 returned to the Ludington, Michigan, office of Western Land Services Inc. in December 2017. He runs and also performs in-office review on abstracts of title for clients' projects and has worked closely with his supervisors in training new hires.

Katherine Simons '08 received a Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business in March 2018.

Sarah Lokers '08 Wixson is a corporate and real estate attorney with a background in civil litigation with Varnum's Litigation Practice Team in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Tim Carter '09 is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Jonathan Hatfield '09 and **IJ Hatfield** announce the birth of Eleanor Bliss on Oct. 8, 2017. They relocated back to Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Chicago, Illinois, in February 2018 and are excited to be closer to family and Hope. Jonathan continues his role as a vice president at J.P. Morgan's Private Bank.

Justine Post '09 and **Andrew Hammon** announce the birth of Dorothy Ann on April 21, 2018. They reside in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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Sufjan Stevens '98 performed his song "Mystery of Love" during the internationally televised 90th Academy Awards ceremony on March 4. Nominated for Best Original Song, "Mystery of Love" is one of three songs that he has in the film *Call Me by Your Name*.

 hope.edu/sufjan

10s

Dan Claus '10 and **Grace Olson '10 Claus** announce the birth of Greta Marie on March 11, 2018. Dan accepted a call as pastor of Shoreline Christian Reformed Church in Shoreline, Washington and Grace works remotely as managing editor of *RCA Today*.

Jeffrey Meyers '10 received a Ph.D. in theology from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Jessica Clouse '10 Myers and James Myers announce the birth of Daniel Joseph on April 4, 2018. He joins big brother James Michael, born on Dec. 21, 2014.

Amanda Goodyke '11 Damon has started as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. She is working in the hematology and oncology department focusing on pediatric anticoagulation. She spent four years working as a nurse practitioner in primary care at Streeterville Pediatrics in Chicago, Illinois, before making the transition in her career.

Katharine Matejka '11 Kroondyk and Jeff Kroondyk announce the birth of Elizabeth Wilma on July 8, 2017.

Sara DeWeerd '11 Mulder and Jake Mulder announce the birth of Isaak Henry on April 2, 2018.

Karly Murphy '11 received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Seattle Pacific University in June. She is completing her predoctoral clinical internship at the University of Florida and will soon begin a postdoctoral fellowship funded by a National Research Service Award at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, focusing research on technology-based biopsychosocial interventions in cancer survivorship.

Katlyn Prince '11 Sommers and **Clayton Sommers '11** announce the birth of their second son, William Ford, on April 16, 2018.

Jay Everett Vanden Brink '11 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, received a master's degree in project management from the University of Barcelona in June 2017. He is a program manager of Latin America for Aqua Clara International of Holland, Michigan.

Nickolas Davros II '12 is pursuing his Ph.D. degree with his thesis project on the effect of habitat modification on species richness of birds and dragonflies on a high school campus. He is an AP biology teacher at South Mecklenburg High School.

Scott DeClaire Jr. '12 and Kathryn DeClaire announce the birth of their third child and their first girl. They had a home birth and the midwife didn't arrive in time, so Scott delivered his very first baby. Annalynn Faith was born on April 26, 2018. Her big brothers Trey and Malakai love her very much.

Nathan Erber '12 is a geologist in the hazardous-waste section of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing, Michigan.

Sarah Van Hamersveld '12 is a medical social worker with Oak Street Health in Chicago, Illinois.

David Winters '12 and Brogan Sprout were married on Nov. 19, 2017, in Sarasota, Florida.

Alex Yared '12 presented at the FBI's 2018 Great Lakes InfraGard Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he spoke about emergency management in the private sector. He is currently a corporate security specialist and emergency management coordinator for the Perrigo Company. He was also recently appointed to the board for the Perrigo Professional Network, which is a co-curricular professional development organization within the company.

Jessica Breslin '13 is the executive pastor of The Table Church in Washington, D.C.

Meredith Rice '13 received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine in May. She has accepted an internship position at BluePearl Veterinary partners in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kelsi Briegel '14 and Jonathan Stricker were married on Feb. 17, 2018. Kelsi is a hospice social worker and Jonathan is a software developer. They reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Meredith Busman '14 graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine on June 5 and has matched into the emergency medicine residency program at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she will be continuing her training for the next three years.

George "Bill" Getschman '14 and **Jamie**



Sarah Gonzales '04 Triplett of East Lansing, Michigan, received the 2018 Alene Valkanas State Arts Advocacy Award from Americans for the Arts on June 16 during the organization's convention in Denver, Colorado. The award honors an individual at the state level whose arts advocacy efforts have dramatically affected the political landscape. Sarah is the director of public policy and advocacy for Creative Many Michigan, a statewide organization with a mission to develop creative people, creative places and the creative economy for a competitive Michigan.

Sloan '14 were married on May 12, 2018, in Detroit, Michigan. They reside in Portland, Michigan.

Brooke Dippel '15 and **Stephen Gerger '15** were married on April 21, 2018, in Lansing, Michigan.

Elyse Maley '15 and **Jake Boles '15** were married on Sept. 30, 2017, in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Marie Schrampfier '15 completed her Master of Arts degree in theological studies at Saint Louis University and beginning this fall will be pursuing a Ph.D. in systematic theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Mark Stukel '16 is pursuing a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology at the University of Connecticut.

Harrison Blackledge '17 received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. The NCAA awards up to 174 of the scholarships annually to student-athletes who are in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition or graduates, recognizing academic and athletic excellence. A standout basketball player while at Hope, he is

graduating from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, this month with a Master of Business Administration degree and has accepted a job offer from a public relations firm in Manhattan.

Elizabeth "Gracie" Lewellyn '17 is pursuing her Doctor of Optometry degree at Indiana University School of Optometry. She and Dustin Ramlow were married on July 14, 2018, in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Olivia Meiste '17 is a patient-access specialist at Holland Hospital.

Samantha Moffat '17 and **Andrew Sicard '17** and were married on April 27, 2018, in Holland, Michigan.

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Alyssa Adams '18 is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Butterworth in the bone-marrow transplant unit.

Kristin Anderson '18 is an owner of a dance studio in La Porte, Indiana, and will be applying for graduate school in a physical therapy program.

Alyssa Arens '18 is a behavior technician at the Hope Network Center for Autism in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jonathan Bading '18 and **Madison Buckner '18** were married on July 28, 2018. He will be serving as director of sacred music at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Katie Baldwin '18 is an orchestra teacher in Davis School District in Clearfield, Utah.

Kelsey Barnes '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Melissa Bazany '18 is an associate web developer with Full Circle Marketing and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jordan Betten '18 is a project and accounts manager at Blom Studio in Holland, Michigan.

Keegan Brown '18 is in account management and business development at Howies Hockey Tape.

Madison Buckner '18 and **Jonathan Bading '18** were married on July 28, 2018. Madison is a zoo guide at John Ball Zoo.

Joseph Bustamante '18 is a software developer for Atomic Object, a software consultancy based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also a member of their accelerator program.

Meghan Campbell '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Emma Conley '18 is a financial advisor at Edward Jones.

Kyle Cushman '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of North Carolina.

Joanie Davis '18 is a junior software developer at Atomic Object in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Kylie DeKryger '18 and **Quinten Bader** were married on June 9, 2018. Kylie is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree in the advanced standing program at Western Michigan University.

Sydney Dippel '18 is a registered nurse in the mother-baby complex at CarolinaEast Medical Center in New Bern, North Carolina.

Martin Dykstra '18 is a sales associate for Holland RV Centers in San Diego, California.

Monica Elliott '18 is interning with Eighth Day Farm in Holland, Michigan, for the summer and then will be in Tajikistan as an agriculture

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Mike Brusko '09 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is part of a unique team. He and Austin Nelson (whose wife is Emily Weber '13) have partnered with Trey Burton, Jordan Hicks and Chris Maragos of the Superbowl-champion Philadelphia Eagles in forming TopTier Wealth Management, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The roster isn't coincidental: NFL players are a particular focus. "They have a heart for making sure their fellow players are taken care of by trustworthy financial advisors," Mike writes. "The stories of players getting taken advantage of are devastating. We have the chance to really make a huge impact in not only their lives, but also future generations."

(Mike is pictured at left with Trey Burton, Austin Nelson, Jordan Hicks and Chris Maragos)

intern with One Collective, a missionary organization, for two years.

Anne Elzinga '18 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary.

Samuel Eshuis '18 and **Sarah Krisch '18** were married on July 20, 2018. He will be pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Grand Valley State University.

Rosemarie Falsetta '18 is a junior account manager at Grand Rapids Chair Company.

Kathleen Finn '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Haley Fischman '18 is pursuing a master's degree in genetic counseling at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Jenna Fort '18 is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Grand Valley State University.

Andrew Fortier '18 is the managing partner with Next Door Photos in Denver, Colorado.

Emily Fowler '18 is working with Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. She is committed to spending six months in Haiti.

Kevin Franz '18 is pursuing a DMD degree at

the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Nathan Gingrich '18 is a software engineer for Blue Medora, a software company in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Connor Grimes '18 is a sales trainee with Universal Forest Products in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Elise Haan '18 is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the neuro/spine unit.

Sophia Hackett '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree in organizational leadership and policy practice at the University of Denver.

Austin Handrich '18 will be attending flight school in Hesston, Kansas, to pursue a career as a commercial pilot.

Mariah Heady '18 is an options engineer at Herman Miller.

Olivia Hoppen '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Bryanna Howard '18 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in sports medicine at the University

of Utah. She will also be working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for Utah Utes Athletics.

Grace Hulderman '18 is a marketing coordinator and designer for Submittable in Missoula, Montana.

Quinn Humphrey '18 is a sales engineer at Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Emily Kain '18 is pursuing an M.D. degree at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Megan Klintworth '18 is a hardware engineer for Lockheed Martin in the space and satellite systems team in Boulder, Colorado.

Alexandra Knorp '18 is pursuing a specialist degree in school psychology at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Sarah Krisch '18 and **Samuel Eshuis '18** were married on July 20, 2018. Sarah is on the product line management seating team at Haworth Inc.

Emily Krueger '18 and **Daniel Kuiper '16** were married on May 26, 2018.

Courtney Kuemin '18 is pursuing a master's degree in political communication at Johns Hopkins University and will be working at Banyon & Fette Law Firm.

Victoria Lindemulder '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Grand Valley State University. She is also working at The Day Center of Evergreen as a program assistant.

Morgan Locker '18 accepted a graduate-nurse position at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She will be transitioning into a registered nurse when she passes the boards.

Caitlin Maas '18 and Arick Crecelius were married on June 16, 2018.

Matiana Medrano '18 is a kindergarten Spanish immersion teacher at the Holland Language Academy, part of Holland Public Schools.

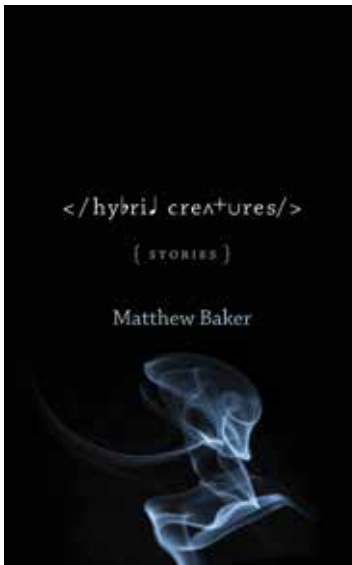
Angelina Morelli '18 is a transformation consultant for IBM.

Haley Muller '18 is a marketing and communications specialist at USA Financial in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She will also pursue a visual communications degree at Liberty University.

Elijah Nykamp '18 is teaching kindergarten for Sekolah Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Anne O'Donnell '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

Blake Parmer '18 is the VP, COO and CDO of



Matthew Baker '08 of New York City has had three short stories optioned for film: “The Transition” (Amazon), “The Appearance” (Makeready) and “Life Sentence” (Netflix). February saw the publication of his debut collection, *Hybrid Creatures* (LSU Press), a unique book composed of four stories that are each narrated partly in an artificial language: HTML, music dynamics, mathematics notations and formal logic. He has had work in numerous journals and anthologies, and his publications also include the children’s novel *If You Find This*. He holds an MFA from Vanderbilt University, where he was the founding editor of *Nashville Review*, and teaches at New York University.



Kyle Reason '18 is pursuing a master’s degree in clinical exercise physiology at Eastern Illinois University. He will also be working as a graduate assistant.

Matthew Reitsma '18 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in cardiovascular perfusion at Rush University.

Ashley Rice '18 is pursuing a doctor of naturopathic and chiropractic medicine degree from the National University of Health Sciences.

Jerry Richardson '18 is pursuing a master’s degree in the social science field.

Tom Ritzman '18 is an adventure counselor for Timber-Lee Youth Camp this summer and a mechanical/controls engineer for Koops Inc. in Holland, Michigan.

Noa Robson '18 is pursuing a Doctor of Optometry degree at the Indiana University School of Optometry.

James Rogers '18 is the director of programming for the John James U.S. Senate campaign.

Erica Sarvis '18 is the corporate trainer with Hiossen Dental Implants.

Heidi Schaeztl '18 is a mathematics teacher at Princes Risborough Secondary School in Princes Risborough, United Kingdom.

Karyn Schmidt '18 is pursuing an M.D. degree at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

the consulting company Safe Response, LLC. Over the past three years, he has had the opportunity and privilege to manage, operate and develop a safety consulting company which specializes in providing online awareness level training and certification for both private and public-sector emergency first responders. He reports that, through the enormous and selfless assistance of the Hope business department and faculty, the Hope Entrepreneurship Institute and Mary Ellen Kettelhut, and attending Yale’s Entrepreneurship Institute this past year, he was able to successfully execute and accomplish his

end goal, which was to pursue this occupation full time after college.

Ivy Peterson '18 took her CPA exams this summer and is a tax associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Detroit office.

Alyssa Pinkham '18 is an estimator with Vander Meulen Builders in Holland, Michigan.

Amy Podgorica '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree with a certificate in evidence-based trauma treatment.

Anna Porte '18 is teaching third grade at DaVinci Academy in Ogden, Utah.

10 UNDER 10 AWARDS

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

All are welcome to join the recipients as they are honored at the 10 Under 10 Soiree during One Big Weekend on October 19, 2018, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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SARAH FABIAN '08 Assistant Professor of Theatre

QUINN NYSTROM '08 Speaker, Author and Diabetes Awareness Advocate

KATHERINE SIMONS '08 Senior Manager of Strategy Management

MAGGIE MOHR '09 Postdoctoral Fellow in Neurobiology

CHAZ SHELTON '09 Founder and CEO of Hydroponic Food Company

TRAVIS RIETH '10 Photographer, Writer & Consultant

IZZY RHODES '11 Local Missional Program Specialist and Crisis Chaplain

CARL SCHOLTEN '11 School Principal

XANDER KRIEG '12 Founder and CTO of AI software company

JONAS LAWSON '13 Political Advertising Account Executive

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Courtney Kust '13 of Holland, Michigan, who is an assistant coach for the Hope College women's basketball team, was named a member of the 2018 Women's Basketball Coaches Association "Thirty Under 30" Class in March. Sponsored by Marriott Rewards® program, the initiative recognizes 30 up-and-coming women's basketball coaches age 30 and under at all levels of the game. Honorees exemplify the best of the next generation of women's coaches by their involvement in community service, mentorship and impact on others, professional manner, attitude and professional association involvement. This past season was Courtney's fourth coaching at Hope. She also works as a manager for the college's Events and Conference Office.



Jacquelyn Schwark '18 is a seventh-grade mathematics teacher at Hamilton Middle School.

Brooke Seville '18 is pursuing a master's degree in workforce development and leadership at Western Michigan University.

Megan Sterba '18 is a product specialist at

Herman Miller.

Sarah Swartz '18 is pursuing a DDS degree at the University of Michigan Dental School.

Caleb Sword '18 is in a Ph.D. program for high-energy physics at Wayne State University.

Mary-Kate Szuma '18 is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree in nutritional sciences at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Kaelyn Tarsa '18 is an associate consultant with MercuryGate International.

Zach Telfor '18 is a financial analyst at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors.

Julia Toren '18 is a corporate strategy analyst at Steelcase in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anne Trapani '18 is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jamelah Travis '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Emily Ureste '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Denver.

Blair Vanderkin '18 is a clinical nurse at Esperanza Health Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Betsy VerHage '18 will be a first-grade teacher in the fall at Allendale Christian School in Allendale, Michigan.

Philip Versluis '18 is pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular and cell biology at Cornell University.

Rachael Webb '18 is attending Grand Valley State University for a physical therapy degree.

Gabrielle Werner '18 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree in community development, social policy and evaluation at the University of Michigan. She will be participating in the Global Activities Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. She and Collin Wassilak were married on July 14, 2018.

Joseph Williams '18 is enrolling in IDRÆTSHØJSKOLEN ÅRHUS Handball Academy in Aarhus, Denmark. He plans to use the experience to help him take a step toward competing in the Olympics for Team USA Handball.

Camelia Witt '18 is a domestic violence and sexual assault advocate for the Center for Women in Transition.

Leigh Wynveen '18 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in international affairs at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

Kaeli Zeeryp '18 is a tax associate for BDO USA, LLP.

December and May graduates received a variety of national honors for scholarship and service as the school year concluded.

Connor Gentry '18 of Bloomington, Illinois, received a 2018 Miracle Network Dance Marathon Distinguished Leadership Award. He was active in Hope's Dance Marathon throughout his time at the college, including as a member of the "Dream Team" for three years and as one of four executive directors this past year.

Joshua Nkonge '18 of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded a highly competitive Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation. He will pursue a doctorate in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan and a career conducting research that will help advance medical devices for underrepresented populations.

Five graduates received recognition through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. **Alexandra DeJongh '18** of Holland, Michigan, received an English teaching assistantship. She will serve at a high school in Brussels, Belgium, for 10 months beginning in September. **Joshua Chun Wah Kam '18** of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, received a research fellowship. He will be in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, at Gadjah Mada University for 10 months beginning in September, researching the ways that Javanese communities have imagined and revered Ratu Kidul, a local sea goddess. He will also seek to explore the ways that historical and contemporary Indonesians have employed local ritual and mythology to combat colonialism in the 21st century. **Joshua Briggs '17** of Holland, was an alternate for a research fellowship to study biology/ecology in Trinidad and Tobago; **Anna Van Deelan '18** of Duluth, Minnesota, was a semifinalist for a research fellowship to study public health in Germany; and **Natalie Vela '18** of Clarkston, Michigan, was a semifinalist for a research fellowship to study public health in Mexico.



IN MEMORIAM

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

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Dorothy Curtis '42 Dykema of St. Charles, Michigan, died on Friday, March 16, 2018. She was 97. She taught second grade at Lindberg Elementary School in Dearborn, Michigan, for six years. Survivors include her children, Nancy (Rik) Danburg, Brian Dykema and Mark Dykema; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Berniece Dykema and Fran (Wesley) Vryhof.

Ruth Williams '42 Vrieling of Edmond, Oklahoma, died on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018. She was 96. She was a teacher at Holland High School and E.E. Fell Junior High, retiring in 1982. Survivors include her children, Robert (Coral) Vrieling, John (Robin) Vrieling, Vicki (Thomas) Coury and Jim (Kate) Vrieling; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Heasley '43 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. He was 96. He served in the U.S. Army. He was the chemical production manager at the Upjohn Company. Survivors include Rob (Karen) Heasley and Charles (Lorraine) Heasley; three grandsons; and three great-granddaughters.

Dorothy DeValois '44 Wynia of Story City, Iowa, died on Thursday, May 17, 2018. She was 95. She taught in the Rock Valley Community School District. Survivors include her sister, Merry (Hal) Wissink; children, JoAnn Slater, Tom (Mary) Wynia, Jean (Craig) Stoermer and Karen (Joe) Hamilton; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Cross '45 Braat of Groton, Massachusetts, died on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. She was 94. She was a docent at Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Massachusetts, for many years. Survivors include her daughters, Wendy and Anne; sons, Doug '72, Colin '76 (Argen Dykstra '76), Will '83 (Gina) and Steve; eight

grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Edith Wolbrink '46 McMullin of Allendale, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. She was 93. She served for 18 years as a librarian in the Grand Haven Public Schools. Survivors include her children, Charles (Janice Wolf '70) McMullin '69, Laura McMullin '76 (Robert '76) Ambrose and Marla McMullin '78 (Richard Walters '77) Walters; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Wolbrink '50 (Robert '50) Koop; and sister-in-law, Peggy McMullin.

Marian Reus '47 Jacobson of Grand Junction, Colorado, died on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. She was 92. She was a child psychologist for the State of Colorado and was the abused-children/youth-offender psychologist for the Mesa County Courts. Survivors include her children, Eric Jacobson, Jana Jacobson and Kirsten Lerner; and 10 grandchildren.

Barbara Bilkert '47 Mulder and **Donald Mulder '48** of Pacific Palisades, California, died on Sunday, April 15, 2018 and Wednesday, April 4, 2018, respectively. Barbara was 92 and Donald was 94. Barbara worked as a social worker. Donald served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was later on staff at UCLA Medical Center as the chief of the division of thoracic surgery and acting chair of the department of surgery, and subsequently as the vice chair of surgery until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the Board of Trustees at Hope, and received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the college in 1971 and honorary degree of science in 1978. He and Barbara were married 70 years. Survivors include their children, Scott (Laura Sherwood '88) Mulder '85, Michelle (Jack), and Bruce Mulder; two grandchildren; and Donald's sister Eleanor "Pinks" Mulder '46 Dudley.

Lois Austin '48 Horne of Leesburg, Florida, died on Saturday, April 28, 2018. She was 91. She taught in several elementary schools in Broward County, Florida. Survivors include her children, Merrilee (Greg) Beliveau and Kenneth Horne; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Ronald Korver '48 of Green Bay, Wisconsin, died on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. He was 92. He was a teacher at Meiji Gakuin University, high school and middle school and a career missionary with the Reformed Church in America in Japan. Survivors include his wife Ruby Korver; children, Kathy Korver '75 (Takamasa) Takahashi, Michael, Mark and Kristy; 11 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; one sister; and five brothers.

Olga Kilian '49 DeKok of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, May 25, 2018. She was 90. She worked briefly at Butterworth Hospital. Survivors include her children, David (Lisa Brittingham) DeKok '75, Gretchen (Patricia Williams) DeKok, Mary (Jeff) Blowers and Daniel (Nancy) DeKok; six grandchildren; sister, Eleanor Schippers; brother, John (Shirley) Kilian; and brother-in-law, Bill Heydorn.

Anna Tallman '49 Miedema of St. Anne, Illinois, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018. She was 90. She was a registered nurse. Survivors include her daughters, Sue (Jeff) Smith and Jane (Steve) Smith; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Neal (Corinne) Tallman; and in-laws, Ken (Shirley) Miedema, Beryl (Pam) Knisley and Robert (Jill) Knisley.

James Patterson '50 of Manhattan, Illinois, died on Sunday, April 29, 2018. He was 92. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was later an industrial specialist supervisor for A.P.S.A. Survivors include his children,

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Craig (Cheri) Patterson, Kathy (Lionie) McCollum and Karen Boseo; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Joan TenHoeve '50 Paul of Chipley, Florida, died on Friday, Nov. 17, 2018. She was 87. She taught every grade from kindergarten to six at Holland and West Ottawa Public Schools. She also taught classes at Hope. Survivors include her sons, James Paul '83, John (Jill) Paul '81 and Peter Paul '89; two grandchildren; and brother, Tom (Sue Underwood '57) TenHoeve '56.

Elaine Brower '51 Bouman of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. She was 89. Survivors include her children, Steven Bouman '76, Robert (Jean Van Grouw) Bouman and Barbara Jo (Paul) DeJonge; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Charlotte (Lloyd) Schaap.

Jane Ver Meulen '51 Buter of St. Louis, Missouri, died on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. She was 88. She was a teacher in the Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Public School systems. Survivors include her children, Deborah Wadsworth and John Timmons; three grandchildren; stepson, Harold "Jon" Buter; and sisters, Ruth Ver Meulen '53 Campbell and Mary Ver Meulen '55 Ross.

Ruth Kroes '51 De Young Cupery of Waupun, Wisconsin, died on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. She was 88. She worked in the University of Michigan records office. Survivors include her children, Beth De Young '72 (Jeff) Hahn, Paula (Larry) Alsum, Amy (Carl) Boersma and Brad (Martha) De Young; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; sister, Annette Vogelzang; sister-in-law, Betty De Young; and brother-in-law, Jim Smedema.

Elaine Bolthouse '52 of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. She was 87. She was a music teacher at Mary White School.

Owen Christensen '52 of Westminster, Massachusetts, died on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. He was 90. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces. He worked at Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital for more than 50 years and during that time was the medical director for the cardiac rehab program for more than 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Carole Christensen; children, Matthew (Sue) Christensen, Julie (Gary) Bruce, Amy Christensen and Andrew (Laurie) Christensen; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; stepdaughter, Erica Smith; and stepson, Joshua Waxlax.

Word has been received of the death of **O. Betty Cross '52** of Gaylord, Michigan, who died on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018. She was 90.

Randy Vande Water '52 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, June 22, 2018. He was 88. He served in the U.S. Army. He was retired from *The Holland Sentinel*, where he had worked for four decades, serving as sports editor, city editor, editorial page editor and managing editor, and was active in the Holland community. He had written 15 books on area history, including *100 Years of Hope Basketball*, published in 2004. Hope presented him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986. Survivors include his wife, Mary Stam '72 Vande Water; children, Nancy Vande Water '81 (Eric) Sivertson, Kathryn Stam (John) Speeter and Kenneth (Mitzi Diller) Stam; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

M. Patricia Moran '53 Schwarz of West Milford, New Jersey, died on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. She was 86. Survivors include her brother, John Moran; children, Brenda McCarvill, Robert (Liz) Conklin and Diana Conklin; step-daughter, Kathy MacConnell; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Harris Verkaik '55 of Hudsonville, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 5, 2018. He was 85. He pastored six churches in Michigan and Illinois. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jane Bosman '59 Verkaik; children, David (Caroline) Verkaik, Deborah (Tom) DeVrou and Katherine (Daniel) Hunt; son-in-law, Levi Cichy; 20 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, William (Carole) Verkaik.

Sammie Pas '56 Birdsall of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. She was 83. She taught at Garfield School in West Harvey, Illinois, and substitute taught special education in the Holland area. Survivors include her children, Tim Birdsall, Sara (Steve) Greenway and Martha Carlough; two grandchildren; sister, Mary Elin Schneider; and in-laws, David Birdsall, Jaimie Birdsall, Lois Oswald and Mary (Ray) Decker.

John Winter '57 of Portage, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 15, 2018. He was 86. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was a member of the Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society for 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Emelyn Mae Winter; children, Charles (Julia) Winter and Ellen Winter; and two grandchildren.

William Noorlag III '59 of Loves Park, Illinois, died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. He was 79. He served in the U.S. Army and had a long career in the transportation industry. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Huizenga '59 Noorlag; sister, Karen (John) VanderWagen; children, Cyndi Noorlag '84 (Tim '88) Wolffis, Tami Noorlag '86 (Trace) Hendrickson and William Noorlag IV; and four grandchildren.

Marcia Baldwin '60 De Jong of Brooklyn, Iowa, died on Friday, March 30, 2018. She was 80. She was an elementary school teacher, and a faculty member at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Michigan, and Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Richard Hoskey; sister, Jeannie Baldwin '62 (Charles '58) Vanden Berg; children, David (Denise) De Jong and Peter (Susan) De Jong; four grandchildren; and extended family, Jay (Vicki) Hoskey, Jeremy (Deborah) Hoskey and Stacy (Debbie) Hoskey, and their children and grandchildren.

Peter Huizenga '60 of Oak Brook, Illinois, died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. He was 79. He had been a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was a part of the family's garbage business which became Waste Management, a Fortune 500 company. He was an emeritus member of the Hope College Board of Trustees, and had been a national co-chair of the college's *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* comprehensive campaign, which concluded in 2005 having raised more than \$161 million from more than 3,300 donors. He and his mother, Elizabeth, provided a major endowment gift to establish the college's Van Raalte Institute, which opened in 1994, and he remained active in supporting the institute's work. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Heidi Huizenga; children, Betsy (Dave) Bradley, Greta Huizenga '93, Peter Jr. (Abby Nienhuis '98) Huizenga '98 and Tim Huizenga '00; 10 grandchildren; and siblings, Sue Huizenga '59 (Herman) Kanis, Virginia "Ginger" '64 (James '63) Jurries, and J.C. (Tammy Born) Huizenga '73.

Nancy Long '60 Huntley of Belchertown, Massachusetts, died on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. She was 79. She worked in mortgage banking.

Frank Love '61 of Cheney, Washington, died on Friday, April 27, 2018. He was 84. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He was a pastor, a counselor, executive director of numerous American Indian Centers and wrote two books. Survivors include his children, Rebecca Love, James (Misty) Love, Mary Love, David Love, Elizabeth Love and Ramona

(Virgil) Lucero; 35 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Doris McCrea '61 Schember of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. She was 100. She taught high school English and journalism. Survivors include children, Jane Schember Robertson, Steven (Linda) Schember and Daniel (Susan) Schember; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a step-daughter, Barbara (John) Ruark; and three step-grandchildren.

Dianna Deems '62 Smith of Bath, Maine, died on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018. She was 76. Survivors include her husband, Mark Smith; and daughters, Jennifer Drugge and Christina (Jeremy) Lockhorn.

David Wyma '62 of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018. He was 77. He was an elementary principal within the Jenison Public Schools and an educational missionary for the RCA and Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Survivors include his children, Gregory (Erin) Wyma and Jill Wyma '95 (Don) Van Single; and five grandchildren.

Kurt Van Genderen '63 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 15, 2018. He was 76. He worked with Hope College in the development office and Camp Geneva, and owned an investment firm, Branch Capital Management. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Beverly Joeckel '62 Van Genderen; children, Gail Van Genderen '88 (Bryan) Harries, Mark (Laura) Van Genderen '90; Joanne Van Genderen '95 (Jack) Joliat; eight grandchildren; brothers, Larry, Warren and Scott; sister, Sue Watson; and sister-in-law, Anita Joeckel.

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.

Peggy Buteyn '65 of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, died on Sunday, March 4, 2018. She was 92. She worked as a social worker for the State of Michigan.

George Hubbard '65 of Rochester, New York, died on Saturday, April 7, 2018. He was 74. He owned Eldergard Services.

David Lane '65 of Plymouth, Massachusetts, died on Friday, March 9, 2018. He was 74. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was the director at the library of Columbia's New York State Psychiatric Institute. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Jeanne Lane; daughter, Jennifer Lane; son-in-law, Naoki Fujita; one grandson; and brothers, Richard (Maura) Lane '69 and Robert (Deborah) Lane.

Donald Battjes Jr. '67 of Pasadena, California, died on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. He was 73. He was the chief of operations at Los Angeles County Museum of Art. He provided leadership guidance for advance programming planning for the college's Kruizenga Art Museum, which opened in the fall of 2015. Survivors include his daughter, Katherine Battjes; brothers, Douglas (Marina) and David (Peg) Battjes; former wife, Sigrid Battjes Thomas; and step-daughter, Alexa Masters.

James Poppink '67 of Raleigh, North Carolina, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. He was 73. He owned his own business. Survivors include his sisters, Grace Poppink '63 Hodgson and Sue Poppink '75.

Richard Formsma '68 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018. He was 72. He was president of the Upper Silver Lake Improvement Association for many years. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Pamela Formsma; children, Brad (Laura) Formsma, Todd (Alisa) Wilde, Ryan (Stephanie) Formsma, Scott (Alicia) Formsma and Steve (Emily) Formsma; 16 grandchildren; and brother, Ken (Jan DeWitt '72) Formsma.

John White '73 of McLean, Virginia, died on Sunday, April 22, 2018. He was 66. He owned his own human-resource consulting company. Survivors include his wife, Deborah White; sisters, Diane Lasher and Carol Carpluk; brothers Bob (Carol) White and David (Jeanne) White; step-daughter, Karma Loberg; and grandson, Paul.

David Kieffer '76 of Broomfield, Colorado, died on Saturday, March 17, 2018. He was 63. He had his own psychological services practice. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Kim Kieffer; children, Jessica (Daniel) Guzman, Cameron (Alesia) Kieffer, Cole Kieffer and Sean (AnneMarie) Kieffer; one grandchild; and in-laws, Joe (Inez) Galagher.

Dale Quackenbush '79 of Warwick, New York, died on Friday, March 16, 2018. He was

62. He was employed by *The Grand Rapids Press* for more than 20 years. Survivors include his sister, Diane Gallondorn.

Kristine Barnes '85 Bradfield of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. She was 55. She was formerly employed by Jo-Ann Fabrics, as a teacher's aide at Holland Public Schools, at Sheldon Cleaners and at Macatawa Bank. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Albert Bradfield; sons, Timothy and Sean; mother, Theresa DeVries '59 Barnes Allen; step-sister, Judy (Randy) Hall; and step-brother, Vilas Allen Jr.

Sonya Hamm '92 Brown of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 17, 2018. She was 50. She was the director of sales and purchasing at Wiseman Inc. for more than 20 years. Survivors include her husband of 21 years, Richard Brown; children, Sophia Brown, Adele Brown and Jordon Brown; mother, Helga Hamm; and brother, Jim Hamm.

Sympathy to

The family of **Jack DeWitt** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Friday, June 22, 2018, at age 75. He served as vice president of Bil-Mar Foods until it was sold to Sara Lee in 1987. He then started Request Foods. Survivors include his wife Mary DeWitt; children, Laurie DeWitt '89 (Chris) Wierda, Steven (Melissa Moroz '94) DeWitt '94, Linda DeWitt '96 (Ryan '96) Berghorst, Jacqueline (Kyle) Curtiss and James (Lynae) DeWitt; 18 grandchildren; six siblings, Gary (Joyce) DeWitt, Marilyn DeWitt '63 (Tom) Norman, Don (Minnie) DeWitt, Nancy (Bob) Haveman, Merle (Sheri) DeWitt and Keith (Mary) DeWitt.

The family of **Roger Prince** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Friday, May 4, 2018, at age 79. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked in the physical plant at Hope after retiring from the Ottawa County Road Commission. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Sandy Prince; daughters, Roxanne (Jeffrey) DeNeff and Cindy (Jon) Looman; one grandson; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Howard (Joan) Prince, Jerry (Linda) Prince, Ed (Wilma) Prince, Bob Prince, Will (Ann) Prince, Rick (Deb) Prince and Louise (Paul) Scholten.



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IN MEMORY

The late Billy Mayer of the art and art history faculty was a passionate advocate for the creation of the Kruizenga Art Museum, so what could be more appropriate than for the museum to host a retrospective of his work? The mixed-media piece shown here, "Wall of Sound," will travel to another venue and reach an additional audience in the near future. Billy had intended to enter it in this year's Art Prize in Grand Rapids, and since the competition doesn't include entries posthumously the Grand Rapids Art Museum will be exhibiting it independently during the event.

CLOSING LOOK



"In Memory: The Art of Billy Mayer" opened in the Kruizenga Art Museum on May 29 and is continuing through September 8. Art Prize will run September 19 through October 7.



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