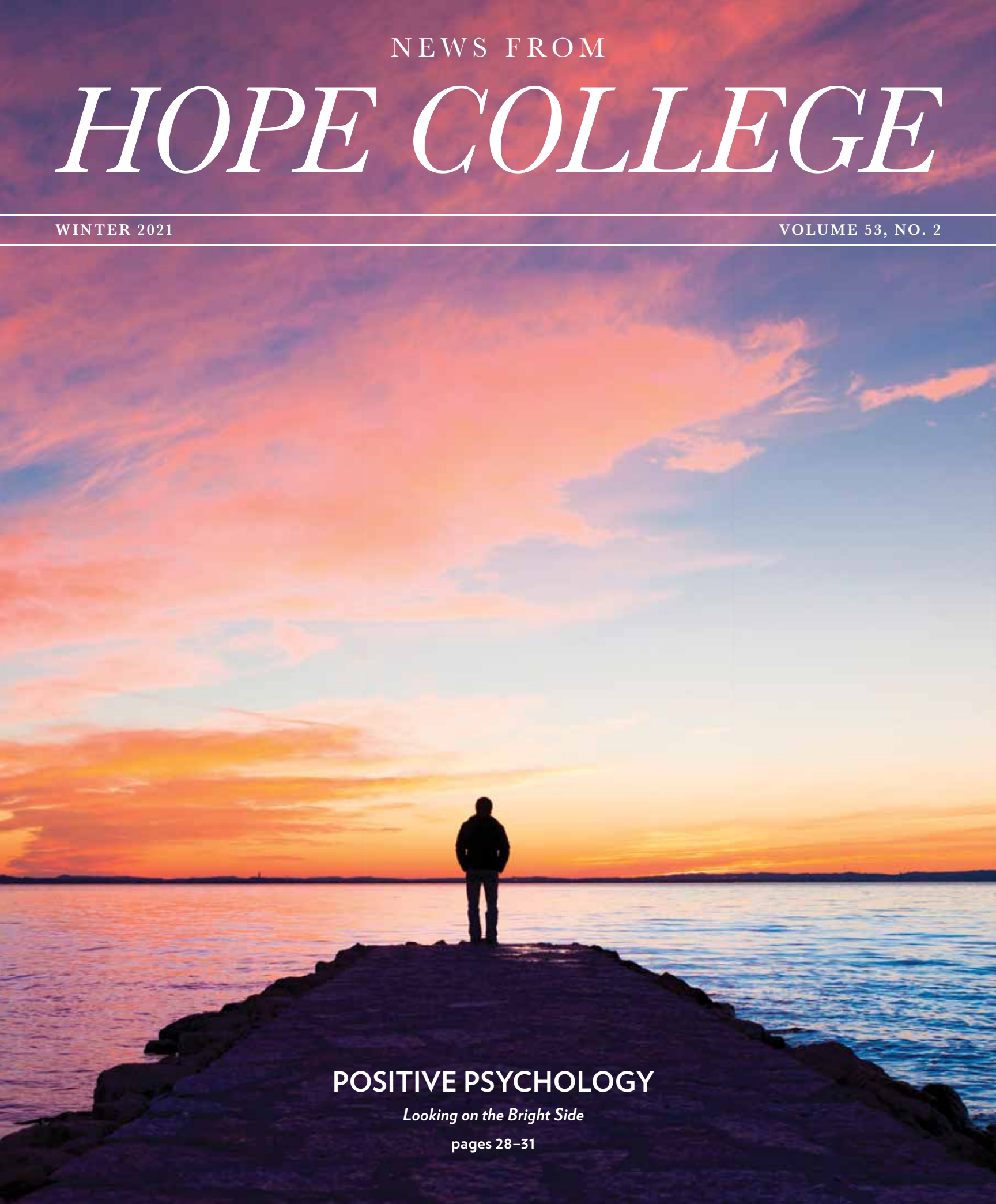


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## HOPE'S WINNING WAYS

As the season began in November, the Hope women's basketball team held a one-of-a-kind national record: the longest active winning streak of any collegiate or university basketball program, men's or women's, at the Division I, II or III level. The tally began at 45, a run originating with the 2019-20 season, and as of this writing (through Nov. 24) stands at 50. In the annals of Hope athletics, it's tied for the longest winning streak in school history (the women's swim/dive team clocked a league-dual run of 50 during 1993-2001).



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*At a time when there is much focus on storm and stress, psychologists and other researchers at Hope are taking a different view. Through a subfield known as positive psychology, they are studying how to enrich well-being and strengthen positive character traits.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Family of Hope College,

As I write this message, we are completing the final weeks of our semester, Christmas Vespers will soon be here, and we are looking ahead to final exams and forward to Christmas Break. Wherever you are in the rhythm of your life during this Advent season, we hope that you are well and able to be with family and friends as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. If your family includes one or more of our students, we especially hope that you are enjoying your time with them.



Speaking of our students, we began the semester with only two empty beds and a waitlist; from an enrollment perspective, we are full. We're grateful for such strong interest in Hope.

As you peruse this issue, you will see two important results of the *Hope Forward* initiative, as generous gifts have enabled us to endow part of the Campus Ministries program and a new Global Health Program. These gifts benefit today's students and are also a step forward towards transforming the lives of future students, endowing programs that make us less dependent on tuition dollars. Even though our freshman class is full, we want to make Hope College more affordable and more accessible. This is the heart of *Hope Forward*.

In my eyes, the main question on the table in our country right now is this: Will we be a land of opportunity for all, or a land of privilege for a few? The answer to that question isn't just being decided by politicians; it's playing out in the admissions and financial aid processes on college campuses. A college education provides opportunity. And yet, every year, students choose not to attend (or graduate with crippling debt) because of the high cost. *Hope Forward* will change that.

Thank you for your support, your gifts, and your prayers. They are not only making a difference to today's students, but providing hope — and Hope — for the students of tomorrow.

*Spera in Deo!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt A. Scogin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew A. Scogin '02  
President



# QUOTE UNQUOTE

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



The members of the incoming Class of 2025 were encouraged to “Listen to the Empty” during the college’s Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

“Put simply, I am asserting that there is much more power and potential in the unknown compared to the known. The empty, if you will, is the space where you will more fully develop — recognizing what you do not know, embracing what you do not know, and collaborating with your peers, faculty and staff as you sit in the empty,” said speaker Dr. Gerald Griffin, who is interim provost and an associate professor in the departments of biology and psychology.

“Our newest Hope family members, you are entering a time when conflict, derision and division are quite high — in fact, I’d say they’ve been celebrated. Simultaneously, harmony and empathy feels quite low and is often scorned as weak or noncommittal,” he said. “Commit to listening to the empty — commit to seeking God’s understanding and not leaning on your own — commit to learning about as much of God’s world and God’s people as you can.”

The Opening Convocation is the formal beginning of the academic year, this year the 160th at Hope, and takes place during the college’s New Student Orientation. With the students in the midst of their multi-day introduction to college life and the imminent arrival of the first day of classes, Griffin acknowledged that “empty” might seem an unlikely concept. “After days of moving in, meeting new people during orientation and preparing

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for advising tomorrow... and as you begin also to prepare for the start of classes on Tuesday — life probably feels anything but empty,” he said.

The trend, he said, will only continue as the students’ time at the college progresses with more than 1,000 classes from which to choose each semester, nearly 300 instructors, approximately 80 co-curricular activities, off-campus study opportunities and numerous community organizations about which to learn.

The empty, Griffin told the students, will help them make the most of what the myriad experiences have to offer. He considered the importance of the silences around which musicians build music, or the power of a pause to create energy and passion in writing or oratory. More fundamentally, he reflected on the creation story in Genesis, in which God brings all into being from the void.

“Knowing that God’s majesty is perfected in the empty, I’d like to give you a serious piece of advice: and that is each day to carve out just a little time, if you will, to be with God in the quiet. Have time when you can be still and come to God empty — no agenda, no requests; just come to Him empty. Wait for Him to fill you as perfectly, uniquely, divinely as only He can,” Griffin said.

As the college’s chief academic officer, Griffin brought attention in particular to the students’ forthcoming coursework and the potential to be found in facing challenges.

“One way you may encounter the empty is even through your courses. Your instructors will craft and give you assignments in which you may not know all the answers,” he said. “Too often, we run away from things that make us uncomfortable; we flee from subjects we deem we ‘aren’t good at.’ Have a growth mindset — recognize those subjects or disciplines that we feel are our weakest, can be sources of strengths — canvases waiting for God’s powerful, majestic artwork.”

*Please visit the college online for a photo gallery from Orientation Weekend as well as the full text of the address.*

 [hope.edu/convocation21](https://hope.edu/convocation21)

## JEVON WILLIS NAMED DIRECTOR OF CDI



Jevon Willis has been named director of the college’s Center for Diversity and Inclusion, selected following a national search for the position that he had held on an interim basis for the past year.

Willis joined the Hope staff as CDI’s assistant director in 2018 having had several years’ experience teaching and developing programs and events in higher education and with non-profit organizations.

“Our search drew excellent applicants from across the country, and confirmed that we already had the best candidate on our staff,” said Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, who is vice president for culture and excellence and a member of the psychology faculty. “Jevon came to Hope three years ago with outstanding experience as an educator and administrator and a heart for students, and in his time with us has provided exceptional, caring leadership in helping the college to live more fully into its vision of being a place in which every member of the community is — and feels — equally valued and respected.”

Willis succeeds Vanessa Greene, who left the college in November 2020 to become chief executive officer of the Grand Rapids African American Health Institute (GRAAHI) after serving as CDI’s director, and later also as an associate dean, since 2003.

 [hope.edu/jevon-willis](https://hope.edu/jevon-willis)

## NAMED AN “UP AND COMER”



Dr. Brooke Odle, assistant professor of engineering, has received an “Up and Comer” Award from the American Society of Biomechanics (ASB).

The award is intended to foster mentoring and networking of early-career faculty and post-doctoral trainees with ASB Fellows of similar research interests. The one-year award includes travel funds to meet with a mentor who is an ASB Fellow and develop a plan to move the award recipient’s research agenda forward, as well as free registration to the society’s Aug. 10-13 Virtual 45th Annual Meeting.

Odle, who is a biomedical engineer, joined the Hope faculty in 2020 after a year at the college as a faculty fellow. Her research focuses on biomechanics and assistive technology for people with disabilities.

 [hope.edu/brooke-odle](https://hope.edu/brooke-odle)

## GUIDING HOPE

Hope continues to earn recognition in multiple college guides.



The accolades include being named 24th in the country — out of the nation’s hundreds of colleges and universities — in the *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* guide for providing outstanding undergraduate research/creative project opportunities. Hope is among universities like Yale, Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Princeton and the University of Michigan. The guide also includes Hope on several other lists, among them Best Undergraduate Teaching (48), undergraduate engineering (75) and Best Value Schools (97), in addition to ranking the college 111th among the nation’s top 223 liberal arts colleges.

Niche.com has named Hope Michigan’s Best Liberal Arts College, Best Christian College, Top Private College and Best Small College; *Princeton Review* includes Hope among the Best in the Midwest; and *Washington Monthly* ranks Hope 55th out of only 215 best liberal arts colleges based on contributions to social mobility, research and providing opportunities for public service. Hope is again included as one of the nation’s “best and most interesting” schools in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, which quotes a student as noting: “Hope is a place where students are challenged to become better students... but, more important, better people.”

 [hope.edu/rankings](https://hope.edu/rankings)

## STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM



Senior Mary Kamara-Hagemeyer of Holland, Michigan, was among a select number of students who attended this year’s Athens Democracy Forum, an international event whose participants included multiple current and former senior government officials from around the world, NGO (non-governmental organization) and business executives, and leading journalists with the *New York Times*.

The forum ran Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, in Athens, Greece. Kamara-Hagemeyer was one of 24 students from more than a dozen countries chosen to participate through the Global Liberal Arts Alliance, which is an educational partner in the event with Deree-The American College of Greece. The forum is organized by the Democracy and Culture Foundation in association with the *New York Times*, and this year focused on the theme “Resilience and Renewal.”

 [hope.edu/athens](https://hope.edu/athens)



## NEW PRACTICE ORGAN THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

The new practice organ installed at Hope this fall is the first of its kind. One of six organs at the college and one of two intended specifically for practice, it can be two different kinds of organs.

It was crafted for the college by Casavant Frères (Casavant Brothers) of Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec, Canada, and is located in the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts. It came onto Hope's radar through conversation in 2015, when Casavant Frères was installing the organ they'd custom-built for the center's Concert Hall.

"They had designed a prototype practice instrument, which this is, in which you can vary the weight of the keys," said Dr. Huw Lewis, who is a professor of music and chair of the department. "So the instrument, which is small, can feel like you're playing a small instrument or the mechanism can be adjusted so that it feels as if you're playing a much larger instrument."

The new organ was contributed by Dr. David Van Dyke '60 in memory of his wife, Janet Koopman '62 Van Dyke. Janet, who died on Dec. 23, 2020, was an accomplished organist herself, and had served in that role at Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church and many other churches.

 [hope.edu/practice-organ](https://hope.edu/practice-organ)

## ENROLLMENT STRONG

Hope's enrollment has increased for the second year in a row.

The college enrolled 3,133 students this fall, surpassing last year's headcount of 3,060 and the Fall 2019 total of 3,057. The total includes 848 students in college for the first time, tied for the second-highest number in the college's history (there were also 848 in the fall of 2011, and 904 in the fall of 2012). Hope's students hail from 42 states and territories, and 28 nations.

 [hope.edu/student-achievements](https://hope.edu/student-achievements)

## ACCREDITOR APPROVAL



The Hope-Western Prison Education Program operated by the college and Western Theological Seminary to provide a Christian liberal arts education to incarcerated men at Muskegon Correctional Facility has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission.

The commission, which is Hope's accreditor, has provided formal approval of MCF as an "additional location" to the Hope campus and to include incarcerated students among the student body. Participants can now pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hope while taking classes at the prison.

The program, featured in the Summer 2021 issue of *News from Hope College*, began as a pilot in 2019. The first 20 students started distance education coursework for credit this fall.

 [hope.edu/prison-approval](https://hope.edu/prison-approval)



## FALL SPORTS REPORT

An eighth-place at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country National championships and MIAA regular-season titles in women's golf, volleyball, football and women's cross country were among the fall highlights for Hope Athletics. Led by All-American Ana Tucker, the Flying Dutch posted their second-highest cross country finish at nationals. In volleyball, All-Americans Tracy Westra and McKenna Otto also led the Flying Dutch to the NCAA regional finals. Westra and women's golfer Grace VanDellen earned MIAA MVP honors. The women's soccer team won the MIAA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Division III Championships. The football team earned a share of the league title and finished 8-2.

 [athletics.hope.edu](https://athletics.hope.edu)





# HOPE FORWARD TO TRAVEL SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

By Greg Olgers '87

President Matthew A. Scogin '02 and the *Hope Forward* initiative will take the national stage this spring during the South by Southwest (SXSW) EDU Conference & Festival in Austin, Texas.

Only 180 presentations were chosen out of more than 800 applications for this year's event, which will run Monday-Thursday, March 7-10. Scogin will present "*Hope Forward: College Without Tuition*" on the Business and Investment track in the event's Future20 format on Wednesday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. CST.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to participate in South by Southwest EDU and share our *Hope Forward* model and the vision it represents," Scogin said. "We've launched *Hope Forward* to make a Hope education more accessible to students by removing tuition as a barrier, but the high cost of a college education is a national crisis. We hope to inspire discussion and out-of-the-box thinking about innovative ways to address it."

Announced in July, *Hope Forward* is a distinctive model for fully funding tuition so that students can pursue impact instead of incurring debt and needing to chase income. Rather than require students to pay for their own degrees, the approach will ask them to contribute to the college voluntarily after they graduate to support those who follow.

"College will never be free. It will always be expensive. The question we need to ask is: Who should pay for it, and when?" Scogin said. "The current model — used throughout higher ed — forces students to pay a lot at the poorest point in their lives, burdening them with debt for decades. *Hope Forward* flips the current model on its head."

Scogin will speak for 20 minutes, with a question-and-answer period following. He will reflect on the broken nature of the current business model of higher education and how *Hope Forward* emphasizes gift-giving rather than bill-paying; how fully-funded tuition addresses social justice, since college equalizes earning potential for students from diverse economic backgrounds; and how the *Hope Forward* model transforms the college/student relationship, enhancing lifelong learning and connection with graduates.

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

Hope estimates that its endowment will need to increase by an additional \$1.1 billion (from its current level of \$308 million) for *Hope Forward* to support the entire student body of 3,000 students. The fundraising effort is anticipated to require at least 10 years. In the meantime, a gift from an anonymous donor has enabled Hope to enroll an inaugural cohort of 22 students this fall and to support a second cohort starting in the fall of 2022, with funding continuing through graduation for each of the two groups.

*Please visit [hope.edu/forward](http://hope.edu/forward) for more about **Hope Forward** and [sxswedu.com](http://sxswedu.com) for more about South by Southwest EDU.*



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Hope has received a transformational gift to endow half of its Campus Ministries program and honor a long-time member of the staff for his dedicated service as a pastor, mentor and colleague.

The anonymous contribution will underwrite a significant portion of the staffing and current activities and support additional programming. By providing budget relief for operations, the gift supports the college's *Hope Forward* initiative that seeks to fully fund tuition for all students.

In addition, the programming of Campus Ministries supported through the endowment is being named, at the donor's request, in honor of the Rev. Paul Boersma '82, who has been a chaplain at the college since 1994 and will retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year as the longest-serving chaplain in Hope's history.

"This is a transformational gift for Hope and the Campus Ministries program that will both sustain our current program and enable us to continue meeting students' need and interest," said the Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson, who is the Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope. "It's an incredibly generous and humbling vote of support for our work and the college's mission."

"Campus Ministries is built to work alongside the students, faculty and staff in order to serve the entire campus community," he said. "This gift will help Hope do the work of campus ministry for generations to come. Our responsibility is to steward this gift in a way that blesses the entire college and our students."

Johnson also appreciates the recognition that Boersma is receiving through the gift, having had an opportunity to see his focus on students from two different perspectives, first while Johnson was an intern with Campus Ministries from 1996 to 1998 while pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary, and since 2005 as dean of the chapel.

"We're grateful that the donor has asked that the programming be named for Paul," Johnson said. "There's not a finer chaplain in the country than Paul Boersma that I know of. His commitment to Christ, his family, Hope College and the students has been one of the distinctives that have marked our ministry."

President Matthew A. Scogin '02 noted that the gift is an ideal example of how affinity-based contributions to the

endowment will help make the *Hope Forward* vision for fully funding tuition a reality.

"Our annual operating budget can be pictured as a pie sliced into many pieces representing all areas of the college, from individual academic departments and collaborative faculty-student research, to faith formation, to co-curricular activities," he said.

"This gift will support Campus Ministries' transformational impact on our students in perpetuity," Scogin said. "By underwriting an aspect of our program that they especially love, the donors have also made a lasting difference by reducing the need for tuition income to support that portion of the budget. As other donors give to areas that they are passionate about, or to provide support wherever it is needed, they'll do the same and together will ultimately meet the need completely."

The Campus Ministries team supports the college's emphasis on helping students engage with Christian faith and understand how it can inform their studies, pursuit of vocation, and life in community with others in a diverse and interconnected world. Including seven full- and part-time chaplains, the staff provides programming for students in worship, discipleship and mission. Activities include weekday and Sunday-evening worship services, small-group Bible studies, and a variety of leadership and service opportunities for students.

Campus Ministries is based in the central campus in the van Andel Huys der Hope, which opened in August 2019 and includes small and large gathering spaces, a commons area, a library that can also be used for meetings, a prayer alcove and office space for staff. Additional worship space on campus includes historic Dimnent Memorial Chapel and chapels in the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center and Graves Hall.

Boersma joined the staff during the summer of 1994. His main responsibilities include supervising the Campus Ministries team, providing pastoral care, preaching and encouraging others in what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

He was appointed to the college's Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Chaplaincy in 2001, and delivered the college's Commencement address in 2005. Prior to coming to Hope, he was pastor of youth and education at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan, where he had been employed since 1983.

Boersma holds a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Melody Meyer '83 Boersma, have three grown children, all of whom are Hope graduates as well: Aaron '10, Joel '12 and Emily '13. His parents, the late Max '46 and Connie Hinga '49 Boersma, established the Hinga-Boersma chapel deanship in 1993.



# World View

Hope Establishes Global Health Program through \$2.5 Million Gift;  
Ongoing Connections Emphasize Learning While Helping

*By Greg Olgers '87*





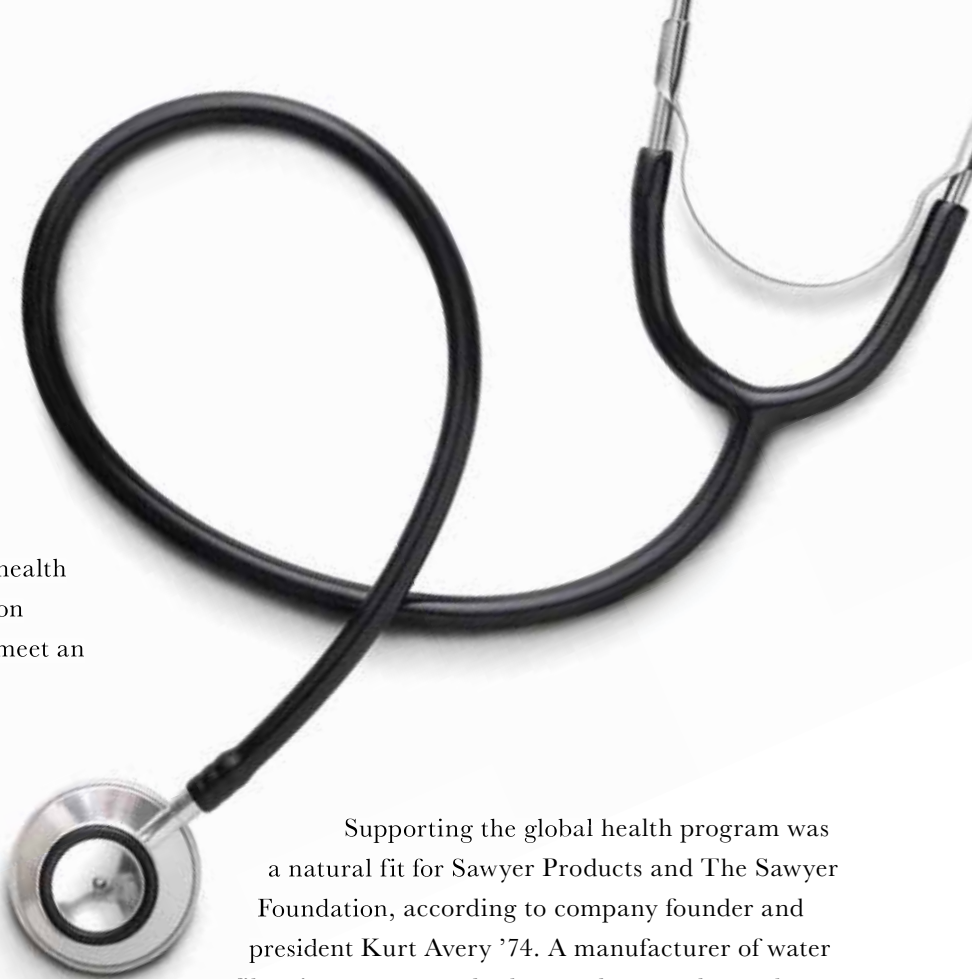
A new multidisciplinary global health program at Hope is building on extensive experience to help students prepare to meet an enduring and universal need.

The program, which started this fall, involves 12 academic departments in the natural and applied sciences, humanities and social sciences, and emphasizes applied learning and impact through classroom instruction and collaborative faculty-student research. Connections beyond campus will benefit local benefit local and global community health.

The external relationships have already started with Sawyer Products and the company's The Sawyer Foundation, which for several years have worked with Hope faculty and students to address water-quality issues around the world. The new program has been initiated through a recent \$2.5 million gift from the foundation, which along with Sawyer Products is also committed to continued partnership with the college.

"With this gift, Hope students will not only prepare to become leaders in global health, but will actively contribute to life-changing research," explained President Matthew A. Scogin '02. "Before they have even graduated from Hope, they will have transformed the lives of others through their work inside and outside the classroom. We are so grateful to The Sawyer Foundation for their support."

The award from The Sawyer Foundation also complements the recently launched *Hope Forward* initiative through which the college is seeking to fully fund tuition for every student while continuing to offer outstanding programming. The gift is enabling the college to enhance its academic program without drawing on existing resources to do so.




Supporting the global health program was a natural fit for Sawyer Products and The Sawyer Foundation, according to company founder and president Kurt Avery '74. A manufacturer of water filtration systems and other outdoor products, the company makes a priority not only of donating its filters, in the tens of thousands, to communities with need but funding research and — as through the college's new program — training new generations to make a difference as well.

"At Sawyer, we are more than an outdoor company," Avery said. "Our commitment includes creating disease-free water for life in communities throughout the world. We know that this kind of change cannot wait. And, what makes this new program so exciting is the immediate relevance of the students' work. Their efforts will strengthen communities where health concerns are most pressing."

The relationship between Hope and The Sawyer Foundation and Sawyer Products began about five years ago. Since then, the company and foundation have engaged faculty-student research teams in testing the effectiveness of its filters in developing nations. They have underwritten the college's SEED (Sport Evangelism to Equip Disciples) program, through which students train communities in other nations on how to use Sawyer water filters while simultaneously spreading the Gospel. They have also hosted students through internships.





Correspondingly, Avery said, Sawyer's commitment goes well beyond the foundation's gift.

"We're in it for the long haul," he said. "For example, we'll be connecting students with NGOs that we work with for opportunities to serve abroad."

Among other emphases, the college's global health program includes a missional focus and strategic coordination among students, faculty, staff, campus programs, and communities near and far. The \$2.5 million gift is funding the development of academic programming, experiential-learning capstone courses, and project-based learning by interdisciplinary teams that engage in fieldwork, research or humanitarian entrepreneurship. Important goals of the program are to enable students to partner with organizations and programs that have enduring relationships with communities they serve and to engage students in experiential learning aligned with their level of training.

The program, which includes a new interdisciplinary and cross-divisional academic major and minor, builds some of its natural science components on direct experience of the past work with Sawyer and other water quality research conducted at Hope across the past two decades. One prominent and acclaimed example of that expertise is the wastewater testing program that the college established last year to monitor the campus for the presence of COVID-19, with Hope having received grants through the State of Michigan to serve multiple other communities as well.

"Our research team, having extensive experience in projects with water, was able to quickly establish an effective wastewater monitoring program for COVID-19 at the college. This is currently expanding to monitor residents in much of Southwest Michigan," said Dr. Aaron Best, who is the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Professor of Genetics and chairs


the Department of Biology, and is one of the faculty leading the wastewater testing initiative. "The pandemic put our team's international projects that partnered with communities to obtain clean water on pause. The gift from Sawyer will help us to renew those projects in the coming months and provides resources to give students excellent experiential learning opportunities as the global health program expands."

The global health program draws not only on such work, but on breadth and depth of expertise in departments including biology, communication, geological and environmental science, history, kinesiology, mathematics and statistics, nursing, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology and social work, and religion, as well as study-away programs. Hope will also be hiring a global health director to coordinate existing activities, and to foster expansion and develop new external partnerships.

"Hope College is just fantastically positioned to do this," said Dr. Jonathan Peterson '84, who is interim dean for the natural and applied sciences — and as a member of the geological and environmental science faculty conducts research on water quality. "We have such strength in our natural sciences. We have such strength in our health professions. We offer many international opportunities. And it fits into our mission."

That mission — as expressed formally through the college's mission statement — "is to educate students for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith." The new program is designed to do that, and is also an instance of the college teaching by example.

"If ever there has been a need for global health awareness and global health education, it's right now,"



**“If ever there has been a need for global health awareness and global health education, it’s right now. ‘Global Health’ is the title, but the program will include people internationally and people who need access to health care in our own town.”**

– Dr. Jonathan Peterson ’84, interim dean for the natural and applied sciences; member, geological and environmental sciences faculty

Peterson said. “‘Global Health’ is the title, but the program will include people internationally and people who need access to health care in our own town.”

Avery noted that he is excited by the possibilities in the program model, especially as all of the participating academic departments and their students become increasingly involved and apply additional skills and perspectives.

For example, he said, “Most of the charities we partner with are sharing the Gospel at the same time. What is that bringing to those communities? Those are interesting questions to study.”

The people in the communities served, he said, aren’t the only ones whose lives he is looking forward to seeing transformed.

“You can’t see the amount of need in some communities and not be affected,” he said. “We hope to help students figure out how to serve.”

“We want one of three things to happen for the students,” he said. “One, they go there and say, ‘This is where I need to be long-term.’ Two, they say, ‘I’d like to be back once in a while’ — like a teacher who might be available during the summer. Or three, they say, ‘Even though my training takes me someplace else, here’s how I can still do something about it.’”



# TOGETHER AGAIN

Hope's three most prominent fall student traditions were able to return this year after spending 2020 either canceled or online. First up, the Pull tug-of-war, followed on the next two spreads by the Nykerk Cup competition and Images: A Reflection of Cultures.

## NECESSITY - VIRTUE

For those familiar with the long-running freshman-sophomore Pull tug-of-war, the smaller headline probably sounds like it could be a Puller-Moraler nickname pairing. (Perhaps it has been.) But making a virtue of necessity is also an apt way to understand this year's contest, held on Saturday, Oct. 2.

As in 2019, the Even-Year/Odd-Year contest took place along 11th Street between Lincoln and Fairbanks avenues instead of across the Black River. While not the traditional venue, it was better than how 2020 played out, when the pandemic prompted the first cancelation since 1957.

And although the historic, forested, riverine site was missed, it happens that there are advantages to the prominent campus location. The greater accessibility meant that many more people could attend — students, yes, but also a broad array of community members. They dropped in throughout, including after the home football game nearby, with about 1,000 watching at any one time.

Add in bleachers and a food truck (both Pull firsts), and the contest took on the air of a festival.

What didn't change was the intensity. At 13 apiece, the teams were short of the full complement of 18 on the rope (there were 12 per side in 2019), and for the first time in more than 70 years the sophomores didn't have the advantage of previous experience. But... the sophomore Class of '24 and the freshman Class of '25 did the 124-year tradition proud. Each team locked in and heaved on the rope as a unit, individuals who learned to work together to give their all for a shared goal. The Moralers shouted themselves hoarse. They battled for the full three hours, so closely matched that both sides gained by stretching the rope. And when the horn blew, the outcome wasn't certain until the judges brought out their tape measures: the sophomores won with a gain of 83 feet, 3 inches.

*Please visit the college online for a gallery of photos from this year's Pull.*

[hope.edu/pull21](http://hope.edu/pull21)









# NYKERK CUP

## THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION

As its name makes clear, the annual freshman-sophomore Nykerk Cup competition is a contest, and invariably one of the two classes emerges the victor. This fall, it was the Odd-Year, freshman Class of '25.

The spirit of Nykerk, though, is more in the journey than the destination, a sentiment echoed by one of the characters in the sophomore Class of '24 play (“Hope College and the Curious Case of the Stolen Symbols”), who said, “We’re all in this together.” The participants in each class, and their junior and senior coaches, spend weeks devising and perfecting their presentations of Oration, Play and Song, developing friendships and teamwork along the way, and creating an evening of entertainment that transcends notions of who’s winning or losing.

This year’s installment, the 87th, held on Saturday, Oct. 30, also included two returns for the traditional event.

It was, first of all, a return to live in-person presentation. Because of the pandemic, last year’s contest was exclusively virtual and pre-recorded. There had been no on-site audience nor even gathered-as-a-group performance in 2020, with the participants instead filmed individually and presented together through editing.

It was also a return to a former venue. Because the college’s Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse, Nykerk’s home since 2014, wasn’t available this year, the competition relocated to Holland’s Civic Center, which had previously hosted the event every year but one since 1956. (At the same time, the Civic Center was much changed following extensive remodeling between 2016 and 2018.)

*Please visit the college online for a gallery of photos from this year’s Nykerk Cup competition.*

**[hope.edu/nykerk21](https://hope.edu/nykerk21)**









# IMAGES

## THE WORLD STAGE

Hope's first international students (in the 1870s) were from Japan, making the high-energy presentation by "Team Japan" an especially fitting way to open the return of Images: A Reflection of Cultures.

That being said, Images is a celebration not of the past but the present, highlighting the rich global breadth of the student body of today. It's also a labor of love, organized and presented by the college's international and third-culture students along with peers conversant in the traditions being featured.

This year's event, held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Knickerbocker Theatre, featured more than 60 students from a score of nations, bringing the world to Hope through an array of skits, dance, song and other clips of culture and language.

*Please visit the college online for a gallery of photos from this year's Images: A Reflection of Cultures.*

**[hope.edu/images21](http://hope.edu/images21)**







# A STORY OF MULTITUDES

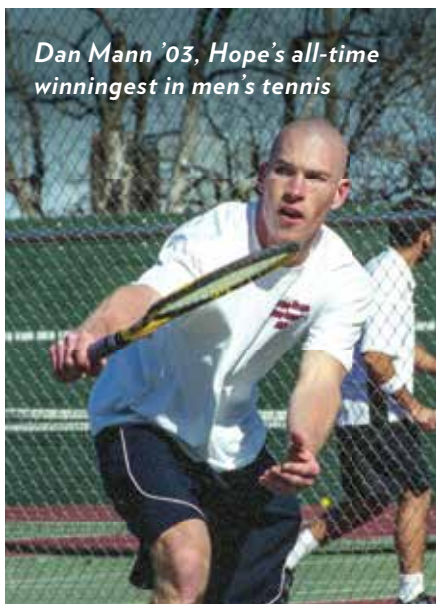
The forthcoming history *In Pursuit of Excellence* by Tom Renner '67 provides a comprehensive, carefully researched chronicle of Hope College sport from 1970 to 2020, a story built by hundreds of student-athletes and coaches across generations.

By Jim McFarlin '74

**Sheri McCormack '14**, cross country All-American and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient



**Dan Mann '03**, Hope's all-time winningest in men's tennis



**Brandon Graham '98**, Michigan's 1997 Division III player of the year





Archery was an intercollegiate sport from 1952 to 1986; photo circa 1976



Logan Neil '12, back-to-back MIAA MVP, 2010 and 2011



How do you plan to spend your retirement years? Relaxing in a hammock between two giant shade trees? Traveling across the country or seeing the world? Brushing up on your golf or tennis skills?

Well, that may come later for former Hope College associate vice president for public and community relations Tom Renner '67. (Probably not.) Before he retired with that florid title in 2013, Renner was best known for generations as Hope's campus photographer, sports information director, and face of the college to the public and the media.

And for his first eight years of retirement, Renner has labored mightily to finally complete a project he began four years before turning in his papers: the massive, extraordinary two-volume anthology, *In Pursuit of Excellence: Be Strong – Be True: A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, 1970-2020*.

Perhaps he was motivated by the fact that, while he credits more than 120 colleagues, stat keepers, photographers and others in the books' acknowledgments, virtually no other living person could have compiled this all-encompassing history of sports at Hope. For 47 years — even before then, when he was an undergraduate at Hope known as “Telephoto Tom” — whenever there was an event of any significance on campus it seemed Renner and his camera were there, especially when it came to athletics.

On the sidelines. Near the huddle. At the finish line. For the winning score. And now Hope's living legend has sifted through nearly 600,000 images and selected the best photos to accompany his comprehensive two-volume set, to be published simultaneously.

MIAA women's swimming and diving champions, 1994







*Coach Karla Hoesch '73 Wolters with two-time All American Carrie Scott '01*

*In Pursuit of Excellence* is expected to be released by Van Raalte Press in mid-March. Consider placing an IOU under your Hope alum's tree. For anyone who attended the college between 1970 and 2020, especially those who played one or more sports, these books are a holy grail.

They include the Top 100 (actually 107) Moments in Hope Athletics over the half-century, the development of women's athletics before and after Title IX, the Hope-Calvin rivalry in all sports, the national champions, a listing of all coaches, a year-by-year chronology of every sport, photo galleries and much more. Renner says his personal favorite section may be "Beyond the Game," featuring anecdotal stories that wouldn't fit anywhere else, like the origin of the tiger cape worn by a women's volleyball player or volunteer manager every match.

And while finishing these books has been an intense 12-year journey, one could make the argument that Tom Renner has been working on this project since joining the Hope staff in 1967.

"Sports information has always been my passion," Renner admits, having just taken the annual all-athletes "GO HOPE!" group photo inside DeVos Fieldhouse this fall. (Are we certain he's retired?) He established Hope's sports information program in 1967 and served as league publicist for the MIAA from 1967-2008. "I carried the load right up until Alan Babbitt was hired full-time in 2013. But it didn't really feel like a load. I loved doing it, and had administrations and an athletic department that always supported me."

That support became especially priceless around 2011 when the college allowed Renner the technology and student workers to digitally scan the images he had collected and meticulously cataloged over the decades. Of the hundreds of thousands of photos from which he could choose, more than 1,000 made it into the books, so the editing process was immense.



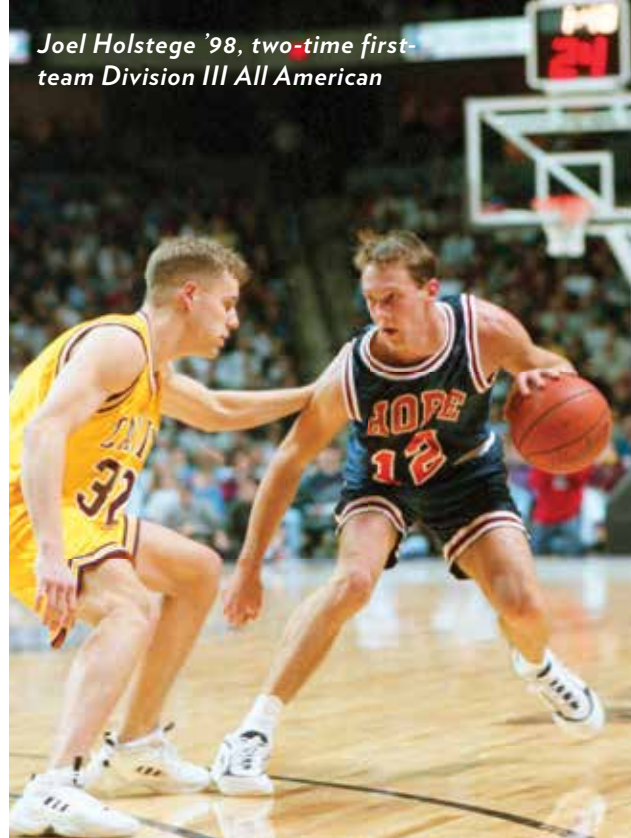
*Now a varsity sport, lacrosse began in 1974 as a club team with borrowed uniforms*



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**-TOM RENNER '67**

*Joel Holstege '98, two-time first-  
team Division III All American*



*Paula Smith '86, four-time  
MIAA champion in long jump*



*Josh Gibson '19, two-time  
Division III player of the year  
and 2016-17 national champion*



NCAA Division III national volleyball  
champions, 2014



“When the college originally gave me permission to do this project it was only going to go up to 2017,” Renner says. “But then around 2015 it became apparent that I couldn’t get it done by then. It’s incredibly detailed. It just evolved into a much, much bigger challenge, and the biggest aspect of it was the photo collection. So we pushed it out to 2020.”

Say hello to Lynne Powe '86, photography and digital asset manager, and Renner’s colleague for 21 of her 29 years at the college, Powe took on the monumental task of assisting him with image selection for the books and then cleaning up the photos that had been scanned from Renner’s negatives.

“When you’re scanning negatives, dust and little fibers can get on there, and you’re scanning them at a higher resolution. We wanted the photos to be the best quality, so some needed some work,” Powe says. “This project coincided with COVID and stay-at-home orders, so the timing was perfect. Since I didn’t have as many on-campus projects we had time to work on this. Tom has an amazing memory and organized his negatives from the beginning by academic year, so that made it relatively easy.”

In a sense, *In Pursuit of Excellence* is a tribute to another Hope College legend: the late Gordon Brewer '48, track coach for 32 seasons and former director of athletics. Renner’s works pick up where the two books Brewer produced left off, tracing the history of sports at Hope from the beginning: ...*But How You Played the Game! A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, 1862-1955*, published in 1992, and its 2002 companion *Journey of Hope: Names and Games Remembered: A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, 1955-1970*.

“I collaborated with Gord Brewer on those two volumes,” Renner says. “He was the editor and did all the writing, and I did the photo



Coach (and 1999-2013 Hope President)  
Jim Bultman '63 with Tom Jeltres '73



selection and layouts. Gord stimulated my interest in doing this, and getting it right. When we did track meets and he was coach, he would tell me, 'Be sure to get the first names on the result sheets, not just the last, so people will know for certain who competed.' He shaped my thinking."

Dr. Donald Luidens '69, retired Hope College sociology professor and director of the Van Raalte Institute, and Eva Dean Folkert '83, interim director of public affairs and marketing and former co-director of athletics, each contribute a chapter to "Pioneer Players: A HerStory of Hope's Women Athletics," saluting such trailblazers as Anne Irwin, Sandra Parker and Cynthia Bean. The evolution of athletic training is highlighted in a chapter by Dr. R. Richard Ray, professor of kinesiology and former provost and dean. *Detroit Free Press* sports columnist Jeff Seidel, who has no connection to Hope beyond once covering its teams for his previous employer *The Grand Rapids Press*, wrote the foreword. "I miss Hope," Seidel writes. "Everything about Hope."

With the book now at the printer, "My sleepless nights are down to only losing an hour or two," Renner says, laughing. "This will mean so much to so many alumni, and the thing you dread is making an error or omission. And I woke up many, many nights until I made that 2020 decision. I was agonizing over it until finally I said, 'No one else is going to care if it stops at 2017 or 2020.'

"I honestly don't remember why I picked 2017 to start with," he concedes. "Fifty years makes so much more sense than 47. This will make it easier for the next writer who can pick it up from 2020."

However, Renner acknowledges, "The saddest thing for me in waiting till now is that people who I would have loved to give personal copies to are gone. Gord, of course. And Russ DeVette. Karen Page, Ek (Ekdal) Buys, Gordon Van Wylene. People I grew to dearly love. So this just needs to be in their memory."

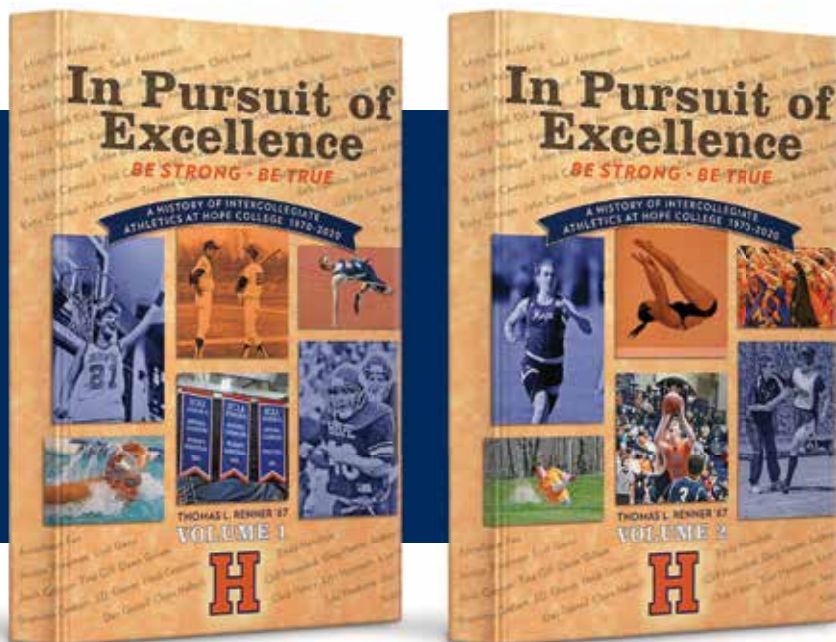


*Dina Disney '91 celebrates 1990 women's basketball national championship*

***In Pursuit of Excellence: Be Strong – Be True: A History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Hope College, 1970-2020.*** is available through the Hope College bookstore for \$50. Reserve your copy today.

*In addition, a limited number of sets of the two books by Gord Brewer '48 chronicling Hope athletics from 1862 up to 1970 may be purchased from the bookstore for \$25.*

[bookstore.hope.edu](http://bookstore.hope.edu)





# LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

At this place called Hope, multiple faculty in the social sciences focus not on pathology but identifying, documenting and cultivating that which enhances human life and encourages flourishing.

*By Ann Sierks Smith*





That life's pace is ever-increasing has been a regular refrain for years, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced a lot of us into the slow lane. With that came time to consider ways we might recast our lives. Perhaps in this unusual moment, you've asked yourself: *What makes me happy? Are there relationships I should strengthen? What have I learned about myself, good and bad — and what do I want to change?*

At Hope College, psychologists and others have been asking that kind of question for quite some time.

They specialize in fields including clinical, experimental and social psychology, but integrate into their research another subfield known as *positive psychology*. Its premise is that it's possible to enrich the well-being of relatively untroubled people as well as those who live with psychological disorders.

Research in psychology often focuses on pathology — what is wrong — and how to repair it. Positive psychology research has a different goal: to identify, document and cultivate “things that enhance human life and encourage flourishing,” as Dr. Daryl Van Tongeren puts it.

“We are looking for what's beneficial — buffering,” says Dr. Alyssa Cheadle.

What can strengthen an individual's positive character traits? How can someone become more able to feel empathy, forgive others, be resilient and have a healthy self-image? Whatever a person's emotional profile, what can help that person flourish *even more*?

More than half of the Department of Psychology's 15 faculty engage in research with that orientation. “Our department is unique relative to other colleges and universities in the number of scholars that focus on these topics,” says Van Tongeren, who this fall was honored by the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality for his innovative research.

Over five years, this group of professionals who know that strong social networks help people prosper built one of their own, known today as the General Psychology Research Group. Initially, positive psychology was the group's sole focus, but this fall the scope was broadened to include all aspects of psychology. Four professors in other departments were invited to participate, too, because psychology overlaps with what they study, such as connections between mental disorder and faith, or how peer relationships influence an athlete's commitment to sport. (See sidebar on page 31.)

Distinct from research groups in which Hope professors and students work in labs or in the field, this gathering about every two weeks is a setting for faculty to share with colleagues about current projects and seek feedback. Students sometimes sit in or help with presentations, which gives them a window onto how faculty sharpen one another's ideas.



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—Dr. Alyssa Cheadle, assistant professor of psychology

In September, when Dr. Mary Inman described her ongoing data analysis in a project on body image, her fellow professors inquired about the relevance of age, gender, body mass index, churches’ culture around food and even the healthiness (or un-) of typical regional diets. In November, Dr. Ben Meagher sketched for colleagues his ideas about ways to measure hospitality, and management professor Dr. Marcus Fila discussed his multinational study of teachers’ behavior under stress.

Van Tongeren, who valued his graduate school experience of “the power and importance of what it was like to come together around research,” organized the group in 2016. In it, he has “workshopped” ideas for a grant proposal and data he was preparing for publication.

“I really appreciate ideas for different ways of setting up studies,” Cheadle says, “or studies to add, questions to add, different ways to analyze the data — questions that didn’t occur to me that could be answered by a study I’ve done.”

The group has been a catalyst for collaborative research, each participant bringing their particular strength. Cheadle and Dr. Andrew Gall teamed up to look for links between sleep and forgiveness. He’d never done a study on humans; he works with rats. Cheadle works with people and knew how to set up a daily diary study. With Meagher, a human cognitive psychologist who investigates the impact of environment but is not an expert on health outcomes, she recently published an article about how people’s home space during the COVID lockdown related to their mental health.

“As a health psychologist,” Cheadle says, “my whole field is based on examining the phenomenon

that negative psychological experiences like stress have negative effects on health. But how can we understand the more positive aspects of our psychology? We find surprising things, things that aren’t in the common wisdom.” For example, “the idea that a positive experience could have the same physiological impact that a stressor, a trauma, could have — I think that’s somewhat radical.”

Since COVID came on the scene in early 2020, the timeliness of these scholars’ work has caught the attention of national media. In coverage of the pandemic’s emotional fallout, the Associated Press has quoted Dr. Lindsey Root Luna ’03 about visible versus invisible threats and Van Tongeren about how rituals, symbols and milestones lend meaning to life. (He suggested that people will emerge from the pandemic with a new set of values and intentional resetting of priorities.) In podcast interviews, Dr. Charlotte vanOyen-Witvliet has detailed her research on humility and the benefits of forgiveness for body and mind. A ThriveGlobal column this summer by Arianna Huffington about coping in a stressful world referred broadly to vanOyen-Witvliet’s studies with Root Luna about the physiological impact of forgiveness, research in which they monitor variation in heart rate as a measure of emotional response.

If you don’t happen to be one of the 6.5 million people who’ve streamed Dr. Martin Seligman’s 2004 TED talk about positive psychology, this all may seem like a brand-new thing.

Actually, the phrase was coined in the 1950s. In 2000, the professional journal *American Psychologist* devoted an issue to 15 positive psychology articles. One was by Hope’s Dr. David Myers; analyzing other researchers’

extensive data, he concluded that supportive relationships, faith, purpose and hope are better predictors of a person's happiness than age, gender or income (once people have enough to afford necessities).

"Interest in positive psychology has mushroomed since 2000," Myers says. He attributes it in part to "massive" research funding by institutions such as the Templeton Foundation, of which Myers was a trustee for most of the past two decades. The nearly \$1.3 million in Templeton grants that Hope psychology professors have received over the past 10 years are largely for work around positive psychology and religious meaning.

The department offers a course in positive psychology and one in psychological science and religion, rare at other undergraduate institutions, and faculty sometimes introduce their classes to practices that help people stay centered and resilient. Cheadle sometimes has a class do a few minutes of mindfulness meditation, and this summer she prompted a group of student researchers to share with one another about the last time they experienced awe.

"Students have so much going on. I graduated less than 15 years ago, but it feels like our students' lives are even more fragmented and spread even more thin," Cheadle says. Hope students whose classes or research touch on positive psychology "have opportunities to apply that to their own lives and connect that to their faith," she adds. "The point is for it to be put into action in people's lives."

## WHAT'S ON THEIR MINDS

Hope College psychology faculty engaged in positive psychology research

**Charlotte vanOyen-Witvliet, Ph.D.** – Emotional and physiological side effects of forgiveness, and strategies that facilitate accountability and granting forgiveness

**Daryl Van Tongeren, Ph.D.** – Humility, the search for meaning, and the social cognitive functions of religion

**Lauren Sparks, Ph.D.** – Hope development in early childhood and its contributions to resilience in adversity

**Lindsey Root Luna, Ph.D.** – The dynamic between physiological function and the expression of virtues

**David Myers, Ph.D.** – Happiness, psychological science and faith, and communicating psychology through writing

**Benjamin Meagher, Ph.D.** – What attracts people to certain physical settings, and how people use these places to regulate their thoughts and emotions

**Mary Inman, Ph.D.** – Body image's impact on psychological well-being and sense of self-worth

**Andrew Gall, Ph.D.** – Neuroscience, circadian rhythms, sleep, and forgiveness

**Alyssa Cheadle, Ph.D.** – How religious/spiritual factors influence health

*... and in other Hope College departments, work that intersects with positive psychology*

**Femi Oleyudun, Ph.D.** (kinesiology) – How peer relationships play a role in an athlete's commitment to sport

**Marcus Fila, Ph.D.** (economics and business) – How to promote workplace well-being, commitment, performance and retention, and dissuade strain and unnecessary turnover

**Kate Finley, Ph.D.** (philosophy) – Connections and interactions between mental disorder and religious faith

**Angela Carpenter, Ph.D.** (religion) – Moral formation, including how a lack of social belonging shapes human action



*Pictured from left to right are: Samantha Poon '14, Toni Gordon '09, Tiffany Labon '05, Rachael Kabagabu '15, Courtney E. Brewster '04 and Kendall Collins-Riley '19.*



**ALUMNI OF COLOR  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
HOPE COLLEGE

## HELPING HOPE BE THE CHANGE

*By Greg Olgers '87*

If the fractious, en-factioned world is the pond, then Hope seeks to be the pebble dropped in the middle to send out waves of change.

If the college is to play that role, it must first be the change.

The Alumni of Color Advisory Council wants to help Hope make the journey. Consisting of 15 members spanning the classes of 2004 through 2019, the council formed after an online town hall meeting in June of 2020 during which alumni of color spoke about their experiences as students. The group is a resource and voice for current and previous generations of students, and provides counsel to enable the college to know better and do better in providing an environment in which all members of the Hope family can flourish.

“Though that was a very intense meeting, we were able to bring the Alumni of Color Advisory Council from that

meeting as a way to enhance the experiences of our BIPOC [Black, Indigenous, People of Color] students, as well as start a network of our BIPOC alumni, along with allies who support the work that we’re doing here at Hope College,” said Courtney E. Brewster '04, who with Tiffany Labon '05 co-chairs the council’s leadership team.

Their active engagement is a crucial part of the college’s institution-wide “Inclusive Excellence” initiative based on a framework developed by the Association of American Colleges & Universities. The framework’s components include focusing on students’ social as well as intellectual development, attending to the cultural differences that learners bring that enhance the educational experience, and providing a welcoming community that engages all of its diversity in enriching learning.

“You can’t heal what you’re not willing to reveal. One of the opportunities that I think our alumni in this council are able to offer are experiences that are important to recognize,” said Jevon Willis, director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), which along with the Office of Alumni and Family Engagement works in collaboration with the council. “And so I think the kinds of things that we can learn from their experiences, the history that’s connected to trauma, the history that’s connected to some kinds of experiences that don’t always make Hope as favorable as it can be, are important to acknowledge in ways that inform future strategies for greater inclusion efforts and opportunities.”

After meeting online since last year because of the pandemic, the group held its first-ever in-person gathering during the college’s One Big Weekend: Homecoming and Family Weekend celebration in October. Their time together at the college included meeting with students and members of the administration both to learn and share. Several of the members also participated in filming a video that will be posted online to help inform the Hope family about the council, its goals and how others can help.

“We have been able to meet with President Scogin as well as a number of campus stakeholders,” Labon said. “To basically say, ‘Hey, this is what’s going on at Hope. This was my experience. This is what the current students are experiencing and this is how we can come together in order to impact the changes that need to be had.’ AC Squared, as we are affectionately called, we definitely believe that Hope can be and will be a better place by implementing the changes that we are coming forth with in terms of programming and mentorship to essentially effect institutional change.”

The council is especially hoping to encourage alumni of color to serve as

mentors for students. As visiting speakers, through lunch-and-learns or through the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career, they can change lives as advisers and inspirations who can trace the through-line from the students’ current experiences to the lives that they will lead after graduation.

“I think that’s huge just for students to have older people to look up to. And just to know that, ‘Hey, there is somebody out there in the world who looks like me that’s doing x, y, z,’” said Rachael Kabagabu ’15. “Just thinking back to my experiences as a student, I really liked hearing from alumni, hearing the different pathways that they took and the ways that their life turned out. And just thinking, ‘OK. This is one way that my life might look or this is something I might be able to do.’”

The students, noted council member Samantha Poon ’14, make it easy to care and be involved.

“It’s inspiring to see the students, and especially the seniors who are about to graduate and maybe join our council or maybe go on to do really, really awesome things,” she said. “And that’s so worth all of the pushing for change, advocating for change, working with campus partners like the president or CDI or the Racial Equity Steering Committee, CAPS [Counseling and Psychological Services], and continuing to work alongside our campus partners in order to make Hope a better place for students of color and ultimately a better place for everyone.”

*Please visit Hope online for more about the Alumni of Color Advisory Council, including the video discussed in the story. The address below also has links to other resources and sites that support and outline the college’s ongoing commitment to enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion, along with opportunities to provide input and get involved.*

**hope.edu/alumni of color**

## THE ALUMNI OF COLOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Samantha Poon ’14,  
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STUDENT. HYPHEN. ATHLETE.



A BETTER-THAN-PAR-FOR-THE-COURSE DEFINITION *By Eva Dean Folkert '83*



**T**his is a sports story mainly of the mental kind. It is an exercise in appreciating a small piece of punctuation with a big effect. It is a workout in looking closer at something that seems to separate but actually unites.

Because this is a story of how one young woman with a bright mind and abundant athletic talent takes the noun “student-athlete” and flexes and upholds its definition with brilliance and strength.

Before you go any further, stop for a moment and consider that small but fierce hyphen between student and athlete. Of course, it is there for grammatical necessity. It shows that the two words are joined to each other to indicate that they have a combined meaning.

But that hyphen — it does more than that. That hyphen acts as a steel girder that bridges the two words’ meanings and holds them upright. It is the balance beam that 513 Hope College student-athletes walk on a daily basis, between classrooms and courts, between study groups and team meetings, between exams and competition. Back and forth they go between the two words, between the two worlds, and the hyphen is the path that guides them.

So, how’s that going? How well do Hope student-athletes traverse the hyphen in-between?

In 2020-21, the pandemic year that saw uncertainty, stress, AND achievement in all of Hope academia, 270 Flying Dutch and Flying Dutchmen were named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Honor Roll by having a 3.50 GPA or higher. That total led the league in honorees by school.

“Our student-athletes are amazing and a gift to all of us who interact with them,” says Tim Schoonveld ’96, director of athletics. “Athletics at Hope is about so much more than contests, wins or individual achievements. It is about transforming our student-athletes with a Hope education and their athletic experiences here. Sport is a tool to grow student-athletes into women and men who are strong, confident, love the Lord and are prepared to change the world wherever they go.”

Like Grace VanDellen. The junior mechanical engineering major from Oxford, Michigan, is an award-winning golfer, a biomedical researcher and a 4.0-GPA student who appears to travel the student-athlete hyphenation highway with the ease and calm of a country drive. As with her fellow student-athletes, though, the four-year academic and athletic trip is fueled by hard work and sacrifice. A good deal of joy powers the process, too.

When VanDellen earned the MIAA’s Most Valuable Golfer Award this fall, she did so by lopping five strokes off her average score from the spring before. That kind of improvement in six months in the golf world — from an 83.20 stroke average in spring 2021, to 78.17 in fall 2021 — is like shaving a massive 10 minutes off a marathon time over the same length of training. As she walked up to accept her most-valuable award after the season-ending round played at Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Michigan, VanDellen quickly gathered in her trophy and then immediately tried to return to be with her teammates who were applauding with gusto far beyond the polite golfer’s clap. Told she needed to wait a minute for a photo op, VanDellen complied, but looked obviously uncomfortable.

“I mean I was proud of myself, but it felt a little awkward,” VanDellen remembers, a slight smile betraying her continued humility.



“That’s Grace,” says head coach Greg Stafford. “She has no airs about her. She’s just an outstanding person. I can’t say enough about her as a student, as a Christian, as a golfer. She’s right up there at the top of anybody I’ve ever known, and I’ve been coaching for a few years.”

Stafford, who actually has been a high school and college coach across four decades, has had the best view of VanDellen’s blossoming game both physically and mentally. Standing just 5-feet-five-inches tall, she hits drives averaging 220 yards. But it is the six inches between her ears that affects her play most of all. Her cerebral attack of a golf course is one reason Stafford terms her style of play as “very, very calculated.”

“Plus, the thing Grace does very well is she just keeps playing hard even when she may have a reason to be frustrated,” observes Stafford, whose teams have won four MIAA championships during his 13-year tenure, including this fall’s title. “In competitive golf, it’s what you do after you have a bad shot that makes or breaks you. And that’s where she’s brilliant because she never has two in a row.”

“If I hit a bad shot, I just say to myself, ‘Well, let’s go see what you can make out of that,’” VanDellen calmly says, confirming her coach’s observation. “Coach Stafford always says that it’s us against the course, that we are not necessarily playing against another person. That helps. And I’ve worked a lot on my confidence. . . I fight until the very last putt. Every shot is a fresh start.”



There is a connection, of course, between the modes of operation of Grace the Golfer and Grace the Scholar. For the young woman who has loved math, science and golf since she was a an eight-year-old girl, identifying a problem, concocting a theorem and then finding an answer play out on the links as ball trajectory and wind speed and green slope, and in engineering as forces, torques and deflections. When she conducted full-time research for 10 weeks last summer in Dr. Katie Polasek’s biomedical engineering laboratory that investigates ways to engineer therapies for amputees who experience phantom limb pain, VanDellen encountered a whole new course of troubleshooting.

“Grace likes to know exactly what needs to be done, then she does it well and goes forward. But doing research, it doesn’t always line up that way,” says Polasek, associate professor of engineering, of the trial-and-error, error-and-trial nature of research work. “So, when I talked to Grace after several weeks of research, and she admitted that she’d been really nervous about it in the beginning, I didn’t know. I couldn’t tell. She did a good job of asking the questions that needed to be asked and then moving forward and doing the next thing that needed to be done in order to try to solve the problems we were having.”

Sometimes that even required extra trips to the hardware store and late-evening sessions in the lab.

“With research, I view it as more like real-world, problem-solving engineering that can help others,” VanDellen explains. “My classes are preparing me to know how to problem solve, to know how to think critically, and they’re giving me that foundation of the formulas. But this research has shown me the ways to problem solve and use those formulas that can eventually make a difference in someone’s life.”

When asked if she could, would she like to be a professional golfer, VanDellen — practical, unpretentious, with a sports hero (NFL quarterback Trevor Lawrence) who doesn’t even play the game she plays — takes a hard pass. She loves golf, but to make it her livelihood could ruin her joy of the sport that she knows she’ll play the rest of her life. She may be frightened by golf-course geese (and if you’ve ever encountered them, you can’t blame her), but she is not afraid to go after what she wants to accomplish. And what she would like to do post-graduation is work for a golf-club maker like Titleist or Calloway to test and analyze equipment. She doesn’t want to design clubs, mind you. That showy stuff she’ll leave to others. Instead, VanDellen would prefer to engineer the ways that grip, shaft and clubhead come together as a whole to make a player better. Finding combinations for success is her jam.

“When I think of the last two years, I think I’m most proud of how I’ve grown,” the down-to-earth MVP confides. “I have found a balance between maintaining grades, building relationships and playing a sport. I have found the importance of being present in all circumstances.”

That last statement, spoken by someone who lives it every day, is essentially the crux of a student-athlete’s existence. And it is essential to Grace VanDellen’s well-played, well-educated, well-hyphenated, student-athlete story.

## HOPE'S 2021 MVP TEAM

An impressive number of Flying Dutch and Flying Dutchmen were named the MIAA's most valuable athletes in calendar year 2021. Along with Grace VanDellen, eleven others were top performers in the league, the most of any MIAA school in that time period. As a whole, this MVP squad had an average GPA of 3.64.

**Emma Schaefer** (Women's Swimming), exercise science major

**Kameron Wilcox** (Men's Diving), physics and math double major

**Kenedy Schoonveld** (Women's Basketball), social work major

**Ana Tucker** (Women's Indoor Track), exercise science major

**Nick Hoffman** (Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track), public accounting major

**Sydney Jackson** (Women's Tennis), biomedical/bioelectrical engineering major

**Jacob Burkett** (Men's Tennis), business major

**Jack Radzville** (Men's Lacrosse), electrical engineering major

**Ty Dalton** (Men's Soccer)\*, communication major

**Grace Behrens** (Women's Outdoor Track), environmental science major

**Grace VanDellen** (Women's Golf), mechanical engineering major

**Tracy Westra** (Volleyball), environmental engineering major

*\*Spring 2021 season*



# UNDER 10

*Uncommonly significant impact is a common quality of the lives led by Hope alumni, as is aptly reflected by this year's recipients of the Alumni Association's annual 10 Under 10 Awards, presented during One Big Weekend: Homecoming and Family Weekend in October. On the pages that follow, they reflect in turn on the impact that Hope had on them. For Q&A interviews that share more about each and why they do what they do, please visit the college online.*

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## **ANYSIE ISHIMWE**

***Rwanda Country Manager, Genesis Energy Holdings***

*“Beyond specific skills, I believe the liberal arts education instilled in me the curiosity to learn about the world and to critically think through various issues, and to adapt that thinking to new problems every day.*

*“My time at Hope also bolstered my faith in God and instilled in me the values of shining the light of Christ wherever I find myself on the globe. Seeing godly values exemplified in different leaders at Hope has shaped how I lead daily.”*



## **DIVYA DHALIWAL**

***Marketing and Strategy Partner, Growth Specialist***

*“The academic rigor and the Christian value pillars demonstrated by the faculty, staff and student body were critical in showing me that through each career move, each interaction, we have the opportunity to show up as wholesome beings. Not only have the values that were reinforced throughout my college experience made me more successful at differentiating myself and advancing my career, but they have (more importantly) taught me the importance of humility, servant leadership, and compassion.”*



## **JIM DELBENE**

***Scientific Support Analyst***

*“Courses outside of my major...were essential for me to learn how to process new information on various topics and confront complex issues. Practicing these skills throughout my Hope education strengthened my understanding of the ‘big picture’ and made me more aware of diverse perspectives that can often conflict with each other.*

*“Beyond the classroom, my Hope education introduced me to a small, interconnected community that valued and supported the strengths of individuals. Hope has shaped me as an individual capable of working towards a larger cause.”*





## KARLY M. MURPHY, PH.D.

*Postdoctoral Fellow at Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center*

*“In my current role I conduct research focused on developing and implementing interventions to improve quality of life in cancer patients and survivors. Though my career is secular in nature, my faith is an important driving factor in the meaningful work I do, and I seek to be an ‘agent of hope’ in each of my interactions with coworkers and patients.”*



## NATALIE BROWN

*Writer and Speaker*

*“Hope challenged me to think critically, but more than that, it taught me how to do so with grace. Because of this, I now aim to enter every situation (both personal and professional) with a mindset that is open, honest, and optimistic. With this perspective fueling my writing and creative endeavors, I have been able to tell stories that challenge narratives and inspire greater hope.”*



## PALMER D’ORAZIO

*UX Designer and Researcher*

*“Hope never forced me to choose a single discipline, and I was constantly challenged to bring the liberal arts into each class. So how could I choose a single job? I finally realized that I wanted this freedom in my career, and Hope gave me the tools to make it possible. The sheer breadth of my experience at Hope, made possible by understanding faculty and an encouraging environment, prepared me to succeed.”*



## LARISSA FALL

*Operations Coordinator for the Grand Rapids Symphony*

*“My education at Hope, rooted in the Christian faith, gave me the tools and strength to move forward as a musician and leader. With a high level of one-on-one instruction with my violin professor and a liberal arts education, I believe I gained valuable skills for the workplace. I learned the importance of seeking advice, hard work, planning ahead, patience, endurance, and courage.”*



## **BRANDON SIAKEL**

***Strength and Conditioning Coach for the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee***

*“I consider Hope College as having one of the best exercise science departments in the world. It was not merely the curriculum. It was and is the passionate people/professors who are teaching the curriculum in a way that best resonates with the students. Teaching in a way that allows for struggle and challenge to occur all while having an open door policy. Teaching in a way that treats students with respect and most importantly shows that they are cared for.”*



## **EMERY MAX**

***Research and Development / Partner at Paragon Fitwear***

*“My experience at Hope impacted my life profoundly by stimulating my curiosity and providing the tools to satisfy it, and then by influencing the two biggest education and career moves I’ve made.*

*“Hope challenged me academically and intellectually – I had good classes with great professors who pushed me to push myself, and encouraged me to push others. It was an environment that nurtured my brain, stimulating me to think critically about the world around me and how I fit in it. I became more and more curious, and fell in love with research and the process of discovery.”*



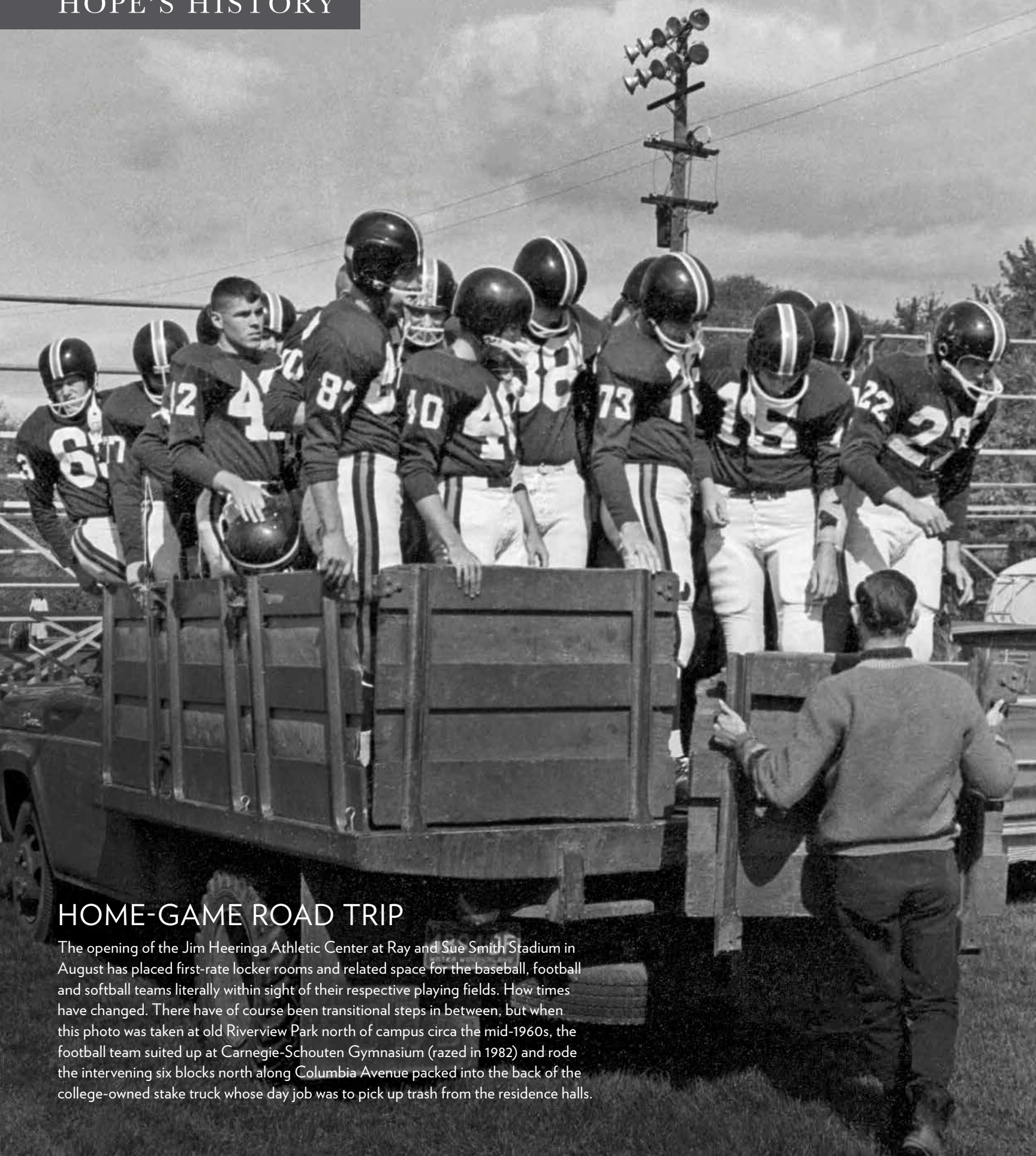
## **MOLLY GREENFIELD SKAWSKI**

***Foster Care Program Supervisor, Children’s Home & Aid***

*“It was the pouring in from faculty, staff, chaplains, and coaches that I received at Hope College that prepared me to go into the world and pour out. The love and belonging that I experienced at Hope is what I have the opportunity to extend to children and families in a broken foster care system. My Hope experience connected me with my ‘why’, and because of that ‘why’, I can stave off burnout in a field ripe with burnout, and use my position and my writing to advocate for, and work towards, a more just foster care system – one which can and must achieve better outcomes for the children and families caught inside of it. Hope has taught me how to ask ‘how can we do this better for those that we serve?’ and to then get to work in a spirit of faith and gratitude.”*



## WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY



### HOME-GAME ROAD TRIP

The opening of the Jim Heeringa Athletic Center at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium in August has placed first-rate locker rooms and related space for the baseball, football and softball teams literally within sight of their respective playing fields. How times have changed. There have of course been transitional steps in between, but when this photo was taken at old Riverview Park north of campus circa the mid-1960s, the football team suited up at Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium (razed in 1982) and rode the intervening six blocks north along Columbia Avenue packed into the back of the college-owned stake truck whose day job was to pick up trash from the residence halls.



# CLASSNOTES!

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*Submissions for the Spring 2022 issue are due by February 1, 2022.*

## 50s

**L. James Harvey '52** has updated and republished one of his earlier books titled, *Does God Laugh?* The book was released in September. This is his 12th book in the field of Christian living.

**Darrel Staat '64** edited a book titled *Virtual Reality in Higher Education: Instruction for the Digital Age*, which was co-published by Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group and the American Association of Community Colleges. The chapters were researched and written by graduate students in the Higher Education Executive Leadership Program. This is his sixth published book.

**Alan Jones '69** had a new book, *Living up to Your School Mission Statement: Reforming Schools from the Inside Out*, released in November. The book is the last in a series on school reform and instructional leadership (*Becoming a Strong Instructional Leader*, Teachers College Press; *Teaching Matters Most*, Corwin Press; and *The First 100 Days in the Main Office*, Information Age Publishing).

## 60s

**Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson** recently self-published her 27th book available on her website since her retirement from her 40-year secondary school teaching career. She and her sisters, **Ellen Whitaker '65 Conrad** and Dorothy Whitaker, have recently been inducted into the DAR, tracing their Scudder family roots back to the Revolutionary War period. She won First Prize in the LifeRich/Reader's Digest Memoir Writing Contest in 2014 and has published her work in 13 anthologies. She is a former member of the Alumni Board and her two children are graduates of Hope College; **Paul '02** and **Nancy '04**.

**Jack Siebers '63** was listed in *Best Lawyers in America 2022* edition. He is involved with corporate and real estate law with Foster Swift law firm.

**Joseph Mayne '64** retired last summer from the department of mathematics and statistics at Loyola University Chicago. He was a Loyola faculty member for 48 years and served two terms as chair of the department. He conducted the Loyola Chamber Orchestra for 27 years and presented 92 orchestra concerts at Loyola. In retirement he and his wife, Victoria, plan to travel and play chamber music with family and friends.

**Joan DeJager '66 Flikkema** was featured in the summer 2021 issue of *Forum*, the Calvin Theological Seminary magazine, in the article "Looking Back & Looking Ahead, Commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Women's Ordination in the CRC." She was a founding member of the Committee for Women in the Christian Reformed Church and helped establish the Women in Ministry Scholarship Program which supports women in various Reformed seminaries.

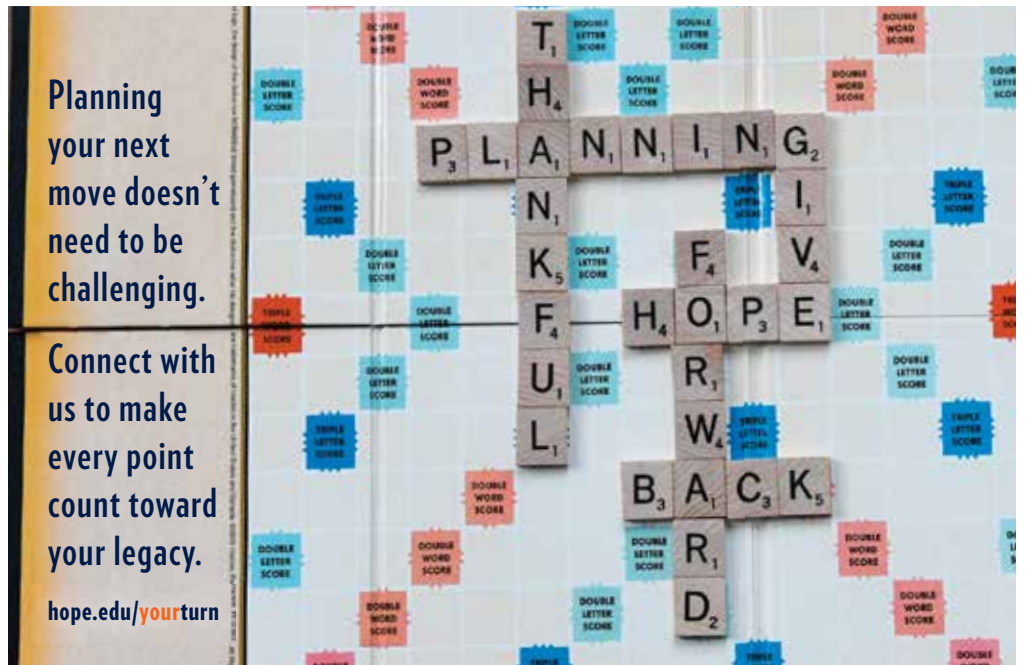
## 70s

**Nancy Forest-Flier '71** continues to work as a freelance Dutch-English literary translator. Her most recent projects include *A Philosophy of Madness: The Experience of Psychotic Thinking*, by Wouter Kusters, published in 2020. The Dutch original, *Filosofie van de waanzin*, won the Socrates prize for best book on philosophy in

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the Netherlands in 2015. Also *The Burgundians: A Vanished Empire*, by Bart Van Loo, was released in October. The original, *De Bourgondiërs*, has been a bestseller in Flanders and the Netherlands. She is currently working on a children's book, the third in the *Popcorn Bob* series, by Maranke Rinck and Martijn van der Linden.

**Nancy Milne '74 Gus** has retired after more than 35 years as business manager with the natural resource ecology lab and department of ecosystem science and sustainability at Colorado State University.

**Scott Lenheiser '74** reports that he is still practicing law in the Greater Detroit/Oakland and Wayne counties primarily in business-business planning and estate planning areas. His Ford Taurus station wagon has reached 136,000 miles and is going strong. He attended the North American Society of Pipe Collectors show in Columbus, Ohio, in August and caught up with pipe carvers from the U.S., estate pipe dealers, pipe tobacco manufacturers and distributors. Although his carver friends from England, Denmark and Italy couldn't attend due to the pandemic, last year's event didn't happen at all.

**Conley Zomermaand '77** began his 13th interim ministry assignment in August, serving as interim pastor/head of staff at the First Presbyterian Church in Aiken, South Carolina. He reports that he was pleased to find that other Hope College and Holland personalities made it to Aiken before he did. It's been a banner year for his family. His oldest daughter gave him his second grandson. His middle daughter graduated with her MD/Ph.D. from the University of Illinois and is a neurology resident at UCLA. His youngest daughter received her master's degree in nursing and will soon begin her nursing career in Tucson. His son, a 2020 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, relocated to Tucson and is putting together an exciting life plan.

**Scott Dwyer '78** was named by Best Lawyers as Grand Rapids 2022 Litigation – Labor and Employment Law Lawyer of the Year. He is a lawyer with Mika Meyers.

**Amy Henrickson '78** and Wallace Michael were married on June 6, 2021. They live in Michigan and Virginia.

**Martha Norden '78** and Walter Harvey were married on June 5, 2021, in Holland, Michigan.

## 80s

**Greg Shand '80** reports that it's been three years since he and his wife, Kim, retired from their company, Vega Consulting Solutions Inc., following their sale of Vega to the employees. They now reside in Naples, Florida. Greg spends some of his spare time traveling to racetracks across the country, teaching high performance driving, as a Porsche Club of America National Instructor. If he's not on a racetrack driving at 130+ mph, he can be found driving at a more leisurely pace on the golf course at Tiburon Golf Club.

**Thomas Van Heest '85** published his fourth book in the Juddville Jaguars football series, *Light*, a football novel.

**Darlene Hiemstra '86 Shotmeyer** has been elected the New Jersey Bergen County Republican State Committeewoman serving for her third term. She was recently elected as the vice-chair of the New Jersey Republican State Party for the the entire state of New Jersey.



**Mark DeWitt '87** received a Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business executive certificate in non-profit leadership and management in September 2021.

## 90s

**Kirsten Allen '90 Bartels** and her husband Bart have returned to Holland, Michigan, and are now living in the historical district mere blocks from campus. She is the chief academic officer for Akad/Asia.

**Thomas TerMaat '90** was listed in *Best Lawyers in America 2022* edition. He is involved with insurance law with Foster Swift law firm.

**Jason Elmore '93** is the 28th circuit court judge for Wexford and Missaukee counties. He also published his first book, *The Field*. He and his wife, **Alicia Mendenhall '94 Elmore**, celebrated their 28th anniversary on May 22.

**Kuria Van Wieren '98** is living in Bonita Springs, Florida, and is working as a travel nurse healthcare recruiter. She is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.



**Shea Tuttle '06** of Henrico, Virginia, and **Kristin Olson '07 Brace** of Ada, Michigan, were the authors featured on the annual Tom Andrews '84 Memorial Reading of the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series at Hope on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Shea is the author of *Exactly Who You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers* and co-editor of *Can I Get a Witness? Thirteen Peacemakers, Community Builders, and Agitators for Faith and Justice*, and her essays have appeared in *Greater Good Magazine*, *The Toast* and other publications. Kristin is a poet and author of two chapbooks and a full-length collection; her work draws inspiration from nature, visual art, family history, dreams, and memory.

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Eight friends from Hope College, many of whom lived together in Denver, Colorado, reunited to run the 2021 Ragnar Trail Relay near Grayling, Michigan. **Alex Behm '08**, **David Boersma '06**, **Paul Carollo '08**, **Tommy Gordon '08**, **Joel Evenhouse '08**, **Andrew Hickock '08**, **Matt McCabe '08** and **Christian Piers '07** finished the course with a time of 21 hours, 3 minutes and 21 seconds to place 4th overall out of 122 finishing teams (and 2nd overall in the men's division)!

**Rebecca de Velder '99 Fein** created a television show for Amazon Fire, Roku and Apple TV called *Everyday Science*. The show communicates science to the curious and encourages everyone to embrace the scientist within. The show covers topics related to the pandemic, but also science topics in general.

**Mary MacDermaid '99 Williams** is a functional safety engineer at Nexteer Automotive in Saginaw, Michigan.

## 00s

**Kelly Kiewiet '01 Cochrane** and **David Cochrane '02** announce the birth of MacKenzie Hope on Sept. 7, 2021.

**Melissa Roop '02 Cordes** is a counselor at New Futures High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. New Futures is a school for pregnant and parenting students.

**Laurie Karsten '02 Pryor** and **Andy Pryor** announce the birth of Josiah James on June 9, 2021.

**Jennifer Folkert '02 Yoder** received a master's degree in nursing education in August 2021 and started a new position as the professional development educator for the school nursing

department of Holland Hospital.

**Lisa Cortez '03 Hendricks** is pursuing a Ph.D. in language and literacy through the curriculum instruction teacher education program at Michigan State University.

**Katie Budris '04** was promoted to the rank of senior lecturer in writing arts at Rowan University in South Jersey. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate level creative writing courses and serves as editor in chief of the MA literary magazine, *Glassworks*.

**Tiffany Zylstra '04** and Jason Monholland were married on Jan. 10, 2020.

**Rebekah Stewart '05** and Patrick Lennon announce the birth of Lewis Teddy on June 13, 2021. Rebekah lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a nurse practitioner and epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Mark Johnson '06** was named to the 40 Under 40 class of 2021 by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.

**Shuchen Deborah Li '07** is the internal communications manager, emerging markets at Xylem. She is building strong culture and internal cross-communications for colleagues across 37 countries.

**Sarah Mignin '07 McCabe** and **Matt McCabe '08** announce the birth of twin boys,

Macklen and Rooney, born in May 2021.

**Richard Newman '07** is the director of music ministries at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Michigan. He is responsible for all instrumental and choral programming and serves as church organist. He was the director of music and organist at Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia, for the past seven years.

**Christian Piers '07** has become a partner in his orthodontic practice, Small and Piers Orthodontics, with locations in Hickory and Morganton, North Carolina. He lives with his wife, **Rachael Sauerman '07 Piers**, and children, Kai and Koa, in Asheville.

**Jessica Krassow '08 Villa** and Matthew Villa announce the birth of Reagan MacKenzie on March 20, 2021. She joins older brother Nolan Henry (3).

**Ryan Johnson '09** was promoted to associate professor of mathematics as well as the director of general education at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. He reports that he more fully appreciates the essay he had to write about the Christian liberal arts when he was a freshman at Hope.

**Stephanie Machiela '09 Meiste** and Darrin Meiste announce the birth of Arlo Aidan and Benjamin Jacob on Sept. 1, 2021.

**Zach White '09** and **Katherine Kirby '12 White** announce the birth of Margaret Loeta on Sept. 6, 2020.

## 10s

**Kayla Borgman '10 Fik** and Josh Fik announce the birth of their second daughter, Anneke Grace, on July 27, 2021.

**Jeri Frederickson '10** has released the book *You Are Not Lost*, a collection of poetry about growing into adulthood.

**Emily Sicard '10 Nickerson** has been promoted to senior copywriter at Whirlpool Corporation. Her work on the KitchenAid brand "Dishwashers Made for Makers" launch was recently recognized by the Association of National Advertisers with a Gold Reggie Award in the New Product or Service Launch category and In-House Excellence Awards in the Integrated Campaign and Significant Results categories.

**Sam Pettigrew '10** and Jennifer Pettigrew



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announce the birth of Maeve Amelia on Aug. 6, 2021. She joins a big brother, Clarke (5) and sister, Jane (3).

**Tim Dyer '11** was selected for Moody on the Market's 40 Under 40 for 2021 list. He has worked for United Federal Credit Union since May 2021 as the commercial lending group manager.

**Anna Leach '12 Hartge** is a special assistant in the Office of the Secretary at the U. S. Department of Education in the Biden-Harris administration.

**Caleb Nykamp '12** received a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in May 2021 and was ordained in August as the youth and families pastor at Hopkins Community Reformed Church in Hopkins, Michigan.

**Alexander Yared '12** is an emergency management coordinator for Perrigo Company.

**Andrew Dolehanty '14** and **Kaitlyn Sabourin '14 Dolehanty** announce the birth of Callum in March 2021.

**Larissa Fall '14** is the new office manager for the dance department and the Dow Center at Hope College.

**Emily Hayes '14** is the new head coach for women's volleyball at Bates College. She will be the 13th coach in the history of varsity women's volleyball at Bates.

**Annalise Klein '14** is the ARCTIC Fellow at the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. She is developing an education-research framework for energy innovation hubs in rural Alaskan communities.

**Marvin Solberg '15** received his Ph.D. in nursing from Wayne State University and is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Alexander Belica '16** and **Kirsten Monson '16** were married on June 26, 2021, in Detroit, Michigan.

**Courtney Lohman '16 Bradley** and **Paul Bradley '16** announce the birth of William Scott on Aug. 18, 2021.

**Erin Schregardus '16** received a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and is working in Minneapolis for WSB Engineering.

**Destini Pulido '16** and **Jonathon Tilden '17** were married in 2019.

**Jamie Bulthuis '16 VerDuin** and **Will VerDuin '16** announce the birth of Brooks Robert on Sept. 15, 2021.

**Josh Augustine '17** and **Ariana Bratt '19** were married in August 2021.

**Andrew Villanueva '17** received his J.D. degree from Indiana University in May 2020 and is an associate attorney for Keller & Almassian, PLC.

**Joseph Bustamante '18** and **Lindsay Kooy '19** were married on Friday, Aug. 6, in Holland, Michigan. They currently live in Durham, North Carolina, where Joe is pursuing an M.Div. degree at Duke Divinity School.

**Laura Davenport '19** and **Nathan Schloff '19** were married on Aug. 14, 2021, at Hope in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

**Mark Powers '19** spoke at Hope on Thursday, Sept. 30, through the Computer Science Seminar series, presenting "Cloud Computing with Chameleon." He completed a master's degree in computer science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison earlier this year and is a software developer working on the Chameleon Cloud project through the University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory.

## 20s

**Jacob Mazur-Batistoni '20** professed simple vows in the Dominican Order, Province of St. Albert the Great and began his second year of formation for becoming a Dominican Catholic Priest.

**Haley Balkema '21** is a research assistant in the department of neurology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

**Jamie Breyfogle '21** completed the Navy Officer Candidate School and will be commissioned into the Navy as an ensign.

**Reed Hanson '21** and **Janae Nutter '21** were married on Sept. 26, 2021.

**Logan Housenga '21** is on staff at Plante Moran certified public accounting firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Abby Scutch '21** is an associate marketing manager at Gap Inc./Banana Republic.

**Samantha Trausch '21** is teaching at Art of Movement Dance Studio.

**Emma Wabel '21** is pursuing a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology at Michigan State University.

**Julia Wilson '21** is a psychiatric technician with WellSpan Philhave and is planning on pursuing a degree in clinical psychology.



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# IN MEMORIAM

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

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## 40s

**Eunice Potter '45 Coffman** of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 13, 2021. She was 98. Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

**Sylvio Scorza '45** of Orange City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021. He was 98. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Van Setters '53 Scorza; children, Chris (Mike) Salzman, Phil (Kim) Scorza and John (Lisa) Scorza; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two sisters, Ann Plas and Edna Brooks.

**Phyllis Voss '47 Bruggers** of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021. She was 96. She and her husband, Glenn '48, who preceded her in death, received Distinguished Alumni Awards from Hope in 2000. Survivors include her children, David (Denise) Bruggers '73, Stephen Bruggers '76, Joan (James Sullivan) Bruggers and Carolyn Bruggers '81; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

**Betty VandeWege '49 VanDenBerg** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. She was 93. Survivors include her sons, Tom (Dalane Myaard '89) VanDenBerg '83, John VanDenBerg and Jerry VanDenBerg; and two grandchildren.

## 50s

**Warren De Witt '50** of Norton Shores, Michigan, died on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021. He was 92. Survivors include his children, Mark (Donna) De Witt '77, Gail De Witt '78 (Jon '76) Soderstrom; Craig (Susan) De Witt and Scott (Nancy Dirkse '81) De Witt '81; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. His wife, Helen,

died on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

**Herbert Maatman '50** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, July 9, 2021. He was 95. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Lorraine Maatman; children, Barb (Ron) Wayner, Bill (Lu) Maatman and Brenda (Kevin) McKenna; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandsons.

**Barbara Modders '50 Murray** of Cedarville, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. She was 93. Survivors include her children, Margaret Murray '72 (Richard '71) Patmos and Michael (Deborah) Murray '78; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

**Donald Van Ry '50** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, July 30, 2021. He was 93. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Marian Eastman '52 Van Ry; children, Sue (Mike) Huey, James Van Ry and Laura Van Ry; step-grandson; three step-great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Donna Dreyer, Betty (Robert) Oisten, Michael Eastman and Lois Mitchell.

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

**Carolyn Robinson '52 Ward** of Anchorage, Alaska, died on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021. She was 92. Survivors include her husband, Fred Ward; children, Jeff (Jennifer) Ward, Andrea Ward, Jenny (Brady) Gay and Katie (Howard) Potton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Daniel De Graaf '53** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, June 14, 2021. He was 89. Survivors include his sister, Ruth De Graaf '50 Dirkse; children, Jana De Graaf '85 (Tom '84) Cathey, Tom (Bethany Faber '98) De Graaf '88 and Tad (Andrea) De Graaf '92; and six grandchildren.

**Jean Harmelink '53 Muyskens** of Homewood, Illinois, died on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021. She was 90. Survivors include her children, Karen (Tom) Ryan, Paul (Holly) Muyskens '78, Ruth (Philip) Postlewaite and JoAnne Muyskens; and three grandchildren.

**Jane VanderVelde '54 Smith** of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. She was 89. Survivors include her sons, AJ (Kristin) Smith and Chris (Jill Burgess '92) Smith; and three grandchildren.

**John Bos '55** of Palm Desert, California, died on Friday, June 11, 2021. He was 87. Survivors include his children, John (Eddie) Bos, James (Karen Becker '86) Bos '85 and Tiffany Bos; step-son, William (Alysha) Halczyn; brother, Howard (Marilyn) Bos; sister, Julie (Bill) Charlton; first wife, Dolores Visch Bos; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**Donald Bussies '55** of Jenison, Michigan, died on Monday, July 5, 2021. He was 87. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jocelyn Fryling '58 Bussies; children, Glenn (Lisa Bock '83) Bussies '81, Heidi Bussies '86 (Andrew) Mann and Sarah Bussies '93 (Don) Vander Kolk; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Norma Melaven.

**John Schrier '55** of Muskegon, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021. He was 88. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Wierenga '58 Schrier; children, John (Deborah) Schrier '78, Mark Schrier '82 and Lieschen Schrier '85 (Sanford) Pastroff; seven grandchildren; and sister, Mary Schrier '53 (Marlowe) Erickson.

**F. Phillip Van Eyl '55** of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, August 13, 2021. He was 93. His leadership created the scientific foundation of Hope's Department of Psychology across more than 30 years on the faculty (from 1959



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until retiring in 1993), and he was also the college's first men's soccer coach (1963-67). In honor of his service to Hope, the college's Alumni Association presented him with one of its two inaugural Meritorious Service Awards in May 1993. Survivors include his children and stepchildren, Lyn '80 (Gary) Newton, Christina '82 (William '81) Van Eyl-Godin, Sonia '84 (Philip '80) Taylor, Paul '87 (Nitikheth Slabluek), Janice Sokol and James (Julia) Lamb; 21 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Donna Hoogerhyde '56 Hakken** of Wayland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. She was 88. Survivors include her children, Ruth Hakken '78 (Douglas) Roosien, John (Susan Zobl '84) Hakken '80, Daniel (Lynda Wesseldyke '95) Hakken '78, Timothy (Kellie) Hakken '85, Matthew (Amy) Hakken, Mary (Seishi) Okamoto and Andrew (Cara Aprea '90) Hakken '90; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Charmaine VanderMyde '56 Stegenga** of Newport News, Virginia, died on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021. She was 86. Survivors include her husband, Henry Stegenga '56; children, Karl (Priscilla) Stegenga '80, Lynn (Bear) Watkins, Matt (Kristin) Stegenga '86 and Kurt (Judy) Stegenga '91; sister, Cynthia VanderMyde '60 (Robert) Warn; grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Arthur Hielkema '57** of Orange City, Iowa, died on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021. He was 88. Survivors include his children, Stephen (Susan) Hielkema, Timothy Hielkema and Sarah (Brian) Wiese; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Harvey Hielkema and Allan Hielkema; and brother-in-law, Edward Winters.

**Phyllis Bursma '58** of Brewster, Massachusetts, died on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021. She was 85. Survivors include sister, Marty (Dave) Erb, sister-in-law, Patty Brink; children, Jane Bursma '84 (Michael) McDonald and Jim (Amy Dice '89) Bursma '87; and four grandchildren.

**James Clark '58** of Portage, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Survivors include his wife, Katherine Clark; and sister, Susan Landwehr.

**Alton Kooyers '58** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 29, 2021. He was 85. Survivors include his wife, Alice Brink '58 Kooyers; children, Duane (Karmen) Kooyers, Karen (Bob) Vandervaart, Warren (Lori)

Kooyers '83 and Mark (Michelle) Kooyers; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and siblings, Lloyd Kooyers, Mary Kooyers '50 Adams and Lorraine Kooyers.

**Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink '58** of Holland Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 6, 2021. He was 84. He coached tennis for a total of 52 years finishing his career with Hope College women's tennis teams from 1994 to 2003, and was the manager of the college's DeWitt Tennis Center for six years. He continued as a volunteer assistant coach until 2009. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Teusink; children, Derk (Andrea) Teusink and Michele Teusink '88 (Todd '87) Kuiper; and five grandchildren.

**Allen Grube '59** of DeMotte, Indiana, died on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021. He was 84. Survivors include his wife, Arlene Grube; daughter, Julie (Christopher) Shea; daughter-in-law, Carol Grube; four granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

**Victor Heasley '59** of San Diego, California, died on Monday, July 26, 2021. He was 84. Survivors include his wife, Carol Heasley; and brother, Gene (Donna) Heasley '55.

**Mary Oosting '59 Hoffman** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. She was 83. Survivors include her children, Janet Hoffman '84 (James) Kragt, Timothy (Jennifer Schakel '89) Hoffman '86 and Peter Hoffman; siblings, J. Thomas (Carole) Oosting '63 and Elizabeth Oosting '67 (Fred '67) Van Lente; sister-in-law, Gayle Oosting; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Paul Vander Maat '59** of Datil, New Mexico, died on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Vander Maat; children, Tatia and Kevin; and 17 grandchildren.

## 60s

**Suzanne Evans '60 Neckers** of Perrysburg, Ohio, died on Thursday, June 17, 2021. She was 82. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Neckers '60; children, Pamela Neckers and Andrew (Courtney) Neckers; brother, John Evans; and two granddaughters.

**Daryl Siedentop '60** of Westerville, Ohio, died on Thursday, July 15, 2021. He was 82. His career as an educator and scholar included 10 years at Hope, where he coached basketball

and baseball and taught physical education. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Hope in 1990, and he and his brother, Sir Larry Siedentop, were presented honorary degrees by the college in 2011. Survivors include his wife, Bobbie; brother, Sir Larry Siedentop '57; and Martha (Jim Kline) Holloway, Tim (Cathy Kane-Holloway) Holloway and Ron Hutchison.

**James Larsen '60** of Boyne City, Michigan, died on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. He was 83. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary Jean Larsen; daughters, Jeanine Larsen and Karen (Bill Burgher) Larsen; daughter-in-law, Haley; and one grandson.

**Janet Rietveld '62 Fishbain** of Madison, Wisconsin, died on Saturday, June 26, 2021. She was 80. Survivors include her husband, Jerome; children, Jason Fishbain, Sarah (Chris) Leonard and Rachael (Dan) Hagen; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

**Kristin Blank '63 Lucas** of Hillsdale, Michigan, died on Monday, July 12, 2021. She was 79. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Paul Lucas '63; daughters, Karin Lucas, Anne (Eric Palmer) Lucas '96 and Mary (Joe Aardema '00) Lucas '98; six grandchildren; and brother, Graydon (Lora) Blank '68.

**Arlen Tenpas '63** of Waupun, Wisconsin, died on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. He was 79. Survivors include his wife, Jean Tenpas; sons, Dean (Candace) Tenpas, Brad (Alison) Tenpas, Eric (Candy) Tenpas and Zach Tenpas; daughters, Melissa Tenpas and Kierra (Chris) Braaksm; 14 grandchildren; brother, Ron Tenpas; and sister-in-law, Pat Tenpas.

**Sharon Dykema '64 Habben** of Morrison, Illinois, died on Sunday, June 27, 2021. She was 79. Survivors include her husband, Duane Habben; sons, Christopher (Amy Henrickson '87) Habben '88 and Corey Habben; two grandchildren; sisters, Marla Dykema '67 Irion and Amy Bush; and sister-in-law, Nancy (Everett) Pannier.

**Leslie Van Beveren '64** of Chicago, Illinois, died on Friday, July 30, 2021. He was 90. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Carol Van Beveren; children, Lynn Helene, Teri (John) Dyke and Lee (Doreen); siblings, Glen (Joyce) Van Beveren and Cherie (John) Stevens; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Christian Van Lonkhuyzen '64** of Spring Arbor, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 31, 2021. He was 79. Survivors include his wife,

Lucy Van Lonkhuyzen; daughter, Melissa (Chris) Lantinga; three grandchildren; and siblings, Adrian Van Lonkhuyzen, Fenneke (Ted) Englebrecht and Harry (Carla) Van Lonkhuyzen.

**John Elliott '65** of Oro Valley, Arizona, died on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. He was 80. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Kaper '65 Elliott; children, Elizabeth and John; and three grandchildren.

**Patricia Helder '67 Nordstrom** of Port Orange, Florida, died on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021. She was 76. Survivors include her husband, Peter Nordstrom '66; children, Michael (Kathryn), Amanda (Jon) and Lisa (Abed); and five grandchildren.

**Carol Bultman '68 Van De Hoef** of Libertyville, Illinois, died on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021. She was 74. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Larry Van De Hoef '67; children, Scott (LeNae) Van De Hoef '91 and Heather Van De Hoef '95 (Rodney) Edwards; and four grandchildren.

**William Van Eck '68** of Rockford, Michigan, died on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. He was 74. Survivors include his wife, Janice Van Eck; children, W. Todd (Jenifer) Van Eck, Kim (Erik) Holt, Tenille Van Eck '01 (David) Schlachter and Jennifer (Mike) Chojnowski; 13 grandchildren; and brother, John Van Eck.

**Charles Felix '69** of Spring Lake, Michigan, died on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021. He was 74. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; brother, Thom; sister-in-law, Lynn; children, Christopher (Karen) Todd and Kathryn (Glenn); and seven grandchildren.

## 70s

**James DeHorn '70** of Hudsonville, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. He was 73. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Karen DeHorn; children, Kyle (Mellissa Surian '00) DeHorn '97, Kristyn DeHorn, and Kurtis (Stephanie Poll '07) DeHorn '07; sister, Patricia (Roger) Newell; sisters-in-law, Diane (Dick) Wynsma and Carla (Dennis) Radford; brothers-in-law, Gary (Mary) Brouwer, Ronald (Nancy) Brouwer and Harlan (Michele) Brower; and eight grandchildren.

**Susan Steiner '71 Bolhouse** of Flint, Michigan, died on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. She was 72.

Survivors include her children, Matthew (Jessica) and Nick (Cyndi); five grandchildren; and former husband, Roger (Kristian) Bolhouse '71.

**Robert Garmirian '71** of Amherst, Massachusetts, died on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. He was 72. Survivors include his wife Patricia Packard '72 Garmirian; daughters, Jennifer (Brendan Childs) and Lindsay (Scotty Kniaz); two grandchildren; and brothers, Paul (Camille) and James (Barbara).

**Craig Neckers '71** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021. He was 71. Survivors include his wife, Joan Hendricks '74 Neckers; children, Joel (Kimberly) Neckers '01, Todd (Kate) Neckers '04 and Scott Neckers '07; five grandchildren; and brothers, Bruce (Susan Sonneveldt '67) Neckers and Douglas Neckers '60.

**Dolores Schaefer '71 Smith** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 22, 2021. She was 91. Survivors include her children, Jeff (Susan) Smith, Chris (Cindy) Smith and Dory Smith '85 (Tom '83) Sligh; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Phyllis DeVries '72 Everett** of DeMotte, Indiana, died on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. She was 70. Survivors include her husband, Neil Everett; children, Kenny Peake, Jen (Russell) Bohacek and Clint Everett; three grandchildren; father, Kenneth DeVries; and siblings, Christine (Dave) de St. Jean, Gloria (Mick) Sullivan, Donna (Vernon) Jonkman, Brenda DeVries and Robert (Karen) DeVries.

**Maryl Hage '72 Ritsema** of Norton Shores, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. She was 71. Survivors include her husband, David Ritsema; children, Patrick (Jacklyn) Ritsema, Ben (Sarah) Ritsema and Lorelee (Keith) Oppenhuizen; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and sister, Judith Fusko.

**Philip Slagboom '72** of Ada, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021. He was 76. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Linda Slagboom; siblings, Theo (Tonny) Slagboom and Clara Slagboom; sister-in-law, Renny Slagboom; and brother-in-law, Walt Dronkers.

**Jon Burg '73** of Benton Harbor, Michigan, died on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. He was 70. Survivors include his son, Kevin Burg; brother, Gerald (Pam) Burg; and ex-wife, Kim (Shaun) Jackson.

**Robin Pearce '73 Ramey** of East Brunswick, New Jersey, died on Monday, June 14, 2021. She was 69. Survivors include her husband, David Carotenuto; children, Jessica (Steve)

Nahay, Daniel (Amanda) Ramey and Liz (Tory) Ramey; four grandchildren; and brother, Edgar (Diana) Pearce.

**Sheila Cerny '73 Sila** of South Haven, Michigan, died on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. She was 70. Survivors include her husband, John Sila; children, Meghan Sila and Daniel (Bridgett) Sila; two grandchildren; and siblings, Dale (Ann) Cerny, Linda Wadsworth, Teresa (Richard) Bodfish, Janet Casselman, Robert (Sara) Cerny, Steve (Nancy) Cerny and Kathy (Ken) Maxwell.

**Janet Boger '74 Mignano** of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 27, 2021. She was 69. Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Jim Mignano; children, Sarah and Michael (Jaime); two grandchildren; and sisters, Karen (Rich) Fischer and Ron (Linda) Boger.

**Barbara Basnett '74 Inman** of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. She was 68. Survivors include her daughter, Lindsey (Adam) Sims, two grandchildren; step-sons, Matt (Stephanie) Inman and Troy (Jill) Inman; six step-grandchildren; and sister, Janet Basnett.

**Willa Lemken '74** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 22, 2021. She was 70. Survivors include her siblings, Alison (Allan) Grossman, Hilary (Mike) Spezzaferro and Russ (Helen) Lemken.

**L. James Lemmen Jr. '76** of Fruitport, Michigan, died on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. He was 66. Survivors include his wife, Darlene DeHudy; and siblings, Kathee (Neil Lewinski) Lemmen '74, Mimi (Roger) Brink, Lauri Lemmen '85 (Denny) Atkinson, Jim (Gail) DeHudy and Tom (Denise) DeHudy.

**John Stoppels '77** of Skokie, Illinois, died on Saturday, July 10, 2021. He was 67. Survivors include his mother, Sara Webb Stoppels; and sisters, Jillon (Andy) Dupree and Beth (Steve) Girko.

**Gary Oster '78** of Chesapeake, Virginia, died on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. He was 64. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Priscilla Bartels '78 Oster; children, George Oster and Geneva (John) Grant; two grandchildren; and brother, Daniel (Donna) Oster.

**Andrew Begley '78** of Traverse City, Michigan, died on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021. He was 66. Survivors include his children, Madeline and Jack Begley; one granddaughter; and siblings, Mary, Gary (Beth), Ben (Kate), Adam '84 (Melissa) and Lauren.



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**Jill Clegg '79** of Livonia, Michigan, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021. She was 64. Survivors include her parents, Duane (Donna) Clegg; and brothers, Chris (Catherine) Clegg, Scott (Kotomi) Clegg and Todd (Andrea) Clegg.

## 80s

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**Imelda Martinez '80 Ramirez** of Jenison, Michigan, died on Friday, July 9, 2021. She was 64. Survivors include her husband, Nick Ramirez; step-children, Samuel and Sofia Ramirez; and siblings, Pedro (Silvia) Martinez, Maria Isabel Osborn, Maria de Jesus (Joe) Garcia, Maria Estela Davison and Eva Narcissa Martinez.

**Stephen Attanasio '81** of West Islip, New York, died on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

**James Pratt '81** of Zeeland Michigan, died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. He was 61. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Paula Koops '84 Pratt; daughter, Hannah Pratt '14 (Tim) Schroll and Cameron (Allison) Pratt '16; one granddaughter; parents, James (Betty) Pratt, Sr.; parents-in-law, Ed (Sharon) Koops; siblings, Greg (Denise) Pratt, Debbie Trudell, Linda Pratt and Steve (Ronda) Pratt; and in-laws, Chris (Paul) DeVisser, Kurt (Kelly) Koops and Karla (Paul) Fikse.

**Lawrence Nyboer '82** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 8, 2021. He was 61. Survivors include daughters, Kirsten Nyboer and Sarah Nyboer; one grandson; father, Wayne Nyboer '58; and sisters, Pam (Dale) Senogles and Sheri (Rod) Van Loo.

**Deborah Brookstra '82 Orendorff** of Bettendorf, Iowa, died on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021. She was 61. Survivors include her husband, Larry Orendorff; children, Michele Orendorff and Thomas Orendorff; one granddaughter; and sister, Sonya Kavanaugh.

**Brenda Grevel '83 Griswold** of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021. She was 60. Survivors include her husband, Rodney Griswold '79; parents, Allan (Marilyn) Grevel; and brother, Randy (Nancy) Grevel.

**Martha LaMaire VanLonkhuyzen '83 Hules** of Spokane, Washington, died on Wednesday, July 23, 2021. She was 71. Survivors include her husband, Frank; children Carrie, Kristen and John; step-children, Frank, Gina, Michael and Christopher; brother, Paul; and numerous grandchildren.

**David Bast '88** of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 8, 2021. He was 55. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Diana Weisiger '89 Bast; children, Katherine (Matt), Daniel (Julia) and William; mother, Janet Wessels '59 (Paul '59) Elzinga; siblings, Robert (Sarah Norden '81) Bast '81, Cathleen Bast '82 (Taylor '80) Holbrook, Michael (Cheryl Barbati '84) Bast '84 and Carol (Phillip) Tyler '88; mother-in-law, Janet Baird '58 Weisiger; and in-laws, Glenn (Stephanie) Weisiger '84, Carin Weisiger '88 (Kurt '88) Arvidson and Beth Weisiger '86 (Bruce) Lomnitzer.

## 90s

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**Matthew Erickson '94** of Palm Harbor, Florida, died on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021. He was 49. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Vanden Brink '93; children, Travis (Ezra), Levi and Jessica; mother, Margaret Erickson; and siblings, David, Roger, Roberta, Dawn and Shannon.

**Joshua Watkin '94** of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. He was 50. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Amy Watkin; children, Joshua (Tiffany), Anna, Alexa, Micah, Elizabeth and Isaac; two grandchildren; parents, Mary Louise Flikkema '65 (Keith) Watkin; and sisters, Sarah, Christiana and Leah.

**Susan Veldhof '95** of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021. She was 48. Survivors include her parents, Roger (Carol) Veldhof; and siblings, Gary (Michelle) Veldhof '97, Jill (Greg Anderson) Veldhof '00 and Ross (Amy Green) Veldhof.

## 20s

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**Matthew Zandstra '21** of Holland, Michigan, died of injuries sustained following an automobile accident on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021. He was 23. Survivors include his parents, Chuck (Linda) Zandstra; siblings, Michelle (Steven) Hoefflich and Jonathan Zandstra; and grandmothers, Arlene Zandstra and Carolyn Clousing.

## Sympathy to

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The family of **Robert Gentenaar**, who died on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. He was 82. He retired from Hope as an associate professor

of economics emeritus after 23 years (1977-2000) at the college, where he taught courses in macroeconomics, international economics, money and banking, principles of economics, corporate finance and econometrics. In 1984, the graduating class presented him with the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award. He is survived by his wife, Linda Gentenaar, of Green Valley, Arizona.

The family of **Karen Barber-Gibson** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021. She was 77. She worked as the office manager for the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Hope College for more than 25 years. Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Terry Gibson; daughter, Kate Elenbaas '92 (Jeffrey) Voetberg, two granddaughters; sister, Candy Barber '65 Speet; and sister-in-law, Karen (Robert) Yonker.

The family of **Eldon D. Greij** who died on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021. He was 84. He was a retired member of the biology faculty and ornithologist who was founding editor and publisher of *Birder's World* magazine. Greij, who joined the Hope faculty in 1962, was named the inaugural recipient of the college's Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Endowed Professorship in 1982. He remained active in the life of the college in retirement, leading trips abroad focused on birding and other wildlife for alumni and friends of the college. Survivors include his wife, Maxine; children, Steven (Cherilynn) Greij '83; Paul (Patricia) Greij '86; and Laura (Kirk '90) Greij '91 Slater; and grandchildren.

The family of **Tony Muiderman** of Eugene, Oregon, who died on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. He was 94. A veteran of World War II, he joined the Hope faculty in 1977 and retired in 2000 as professor emeritus of business administration. Among other service to the college, he led development of the George F. Baker Scholars Program, advising the group for more than three decades, and co-led May Terms on Management in the British Economy. The Class of 1986 presented him with the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award. He was preceded in death by a son, Jeff '83, in 2018. Survivors include his wife, Elly; three children, Kevin '85 and Amy Herrington '86 Muiderman, Julie Muiderman '88 and Cacy Cerver, and Erik '92; a daughter-in-law, Geriann; and two grandchildren.



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