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*NCAA Women's Basketball and ACHA Ice Hockey  
both win national titles for a third time.*

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## GIVING HEARTS FIND A WAY

Dance Marathon is, at its core, a reflection of community and commitment to others. Annually since 2000, hundreds of Hope students working together have raised funds and awareness on behalf of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids—even during the global COVID-19 pandemic. The March 2020 marathon ran before the region-wide shutdowns began, but no one would have blamed the student organizers for taking a year off in 2021 or even this spring. Considering, though, that the event is held to help children experiencing adversity, taking a pass because times were tough wasn't an option for the students. They conducted the March 2021 installment remotely, with some 600 participants hoofing it alone or in small groups and connecting via the Internet. This past month, with mitigation requirements eased a bit, they returned to the traditional Dow Center home: 750 strong, albeit in shifts and masked. Along the way, they raised the fourth- and second-highest totals in the marathon's history, more than \$643,000 combined.



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## ON THE COVERS!

*Two national championships — the third in each program's history — within five days. We're celebrating the women's basketball team's NCAA Division III national championship and the hockey club's ACHA national championship on the covers. Please see the coverage beginning on page 20.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Family of Hope College,

With so much to celebrate, it's difficult to know where to begin. Following the lead of this issue's front and back covers, I'll start with our athletic teams, which enjoyed an extraordinary winter season. In addition to third national championships for both women's basketball and club men's hockey, our men's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, and indoor track and field teams all went on to post-season competition. (I was so excited that I jumped into the pool fully clothed to celebrate with the swimming and diving teams after they won the MIAA Championships!)



Our faculty are not only outstanding teachers but world-class scholars, and that's why we're excited about our new Global Water Research Institute. You've read in these pages through the years about Hope's involvement in projects like the study of the local Macatawa Watershed and more recently our wastewater-testing program, and there's been much more, in the area as well as abroad. The institute will build on that expertise to address needs related to an essential, life-sustaining resource, and while the emphasis is on the research itself, students will — as always — learn and contribute as crucial members of the research teams.

We're grateful for the enthusiasm and support that we are receiving for the *Hope Forward* initiative to one day fully fund tuition for every student through generosity. It now includes the "Anchored Tuition Pledge" — our promise that from now on, every student's tuition will remain where it was when they first enrolled.

We're also grateful that the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided enough for us to ease our masking and physical-distancing protocols, enabling the Hope community to gather normally. As one example, the change provided the welcome opportunity for the Hope family to fill the DeVos Fieldhouse for the initial rounds of the NCAA Division III championship tournament in women's basketball. And we're overjoyed that it is also allowing us to return to the traditional, in-person format for Alumni Weekend as well as Baccalaureate and Commencement.

You never need a reason to visit Hope, but if you're looking for one, I invite you to spend some time with this issue's feature showcasing some of the trees of the central campus — and then come experience them in person. Hope is beautiful any time of year, which is a credit to the care and stewardship of many across generations, and to our grounds keeping and physical plant staffs of the present, but the spring and summer shouldn't be missed. You're always invited, and we look forward to seeing you!

*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.



Dialogue was both the format and the theme of this year's Green Lecture on Faith, Race and Community, "An Exercise in Hope: A Conversation with Esau McCaulley and President Scogin," held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

McCaulley is an assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College whose publications include the award-winning book *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*, published by IVP Academic in September 2020. Among other topics, the evening explored the idea that cultural experience not only influences understanding of Scripture, but in conversation with other traditions enhances it for all. McCaulley noted that he has hoped through his book to highlight the distinctive perspective of Blacks in the U.S. and what that perspective can contribute.

The excerpt that follows from the event's question-and-answer segment illuminates a related point: that conversation is not only helpful, but essential.

**Matt Scogin '02:** "I want to ask this question, which is also a great question. It's from a student. It says, 'How do we determine if our motivational mindset is helping or hindering our interpretation of Scripture? How do we avoid cherry picking to justify our thoughts or actions?'"

**McCaulley:** "We can't. That's why we need the whole communion of faith across time and culture. And the problem is, when you have one voice that does it, then there's inevitably cherry picking and it's not challenged."

"So, the African American biblical tradition is not infallible. We're just better in certain places. So, these are historical facts. So you go back to the abolitionist debate and you, say, listen to what the Black Christians said and what the white Christians said, the Black Christians win: We all agree that the abolitionists are correct. But it doesn't mean that every single thing from that that the Black person said is going to be true."

"One of the reasons that I'm assuming that your professors tell you to read old books is because [the authors] live in a world that allows them to see things that we might not see."

"Let me make sure I clarify this point. It doesn't mean that we can't understand to trust Jesus. I think that anybody who reads the Bible can see that you ought to put your faith in Jesus; the Resurrection is important. I'm not saying that particular cultures can't say anything true about the Bible. I'm saying that no culture can say everything that is true about the Bible by itself. And the historical record has shown that."

"And right now, we're all limited in a certain way that is not clear to us. It will be clear 100 years from now when people look back on Christianity in our day. And they'll say, 'How did these Christians (if the Lord should tarry) in the 2020s not see this key thing?' in the same way we look back on the 1920s with a certain clarity and objectivity."

"So I don't think that we can. I think that we need each other across time and culture to together discern the mind of Christ."

**Scogin:** "What you're saying is that we're all motivated readers of it and we have to acknowledge that. And then we come together, different people with different motivations, the whole body of Christ coming together..."

**McCaulley:** "...and acknowledging that we're trying to do the same thing. Right. I think that what keeps it from being chaotic is that at bottom we're saying, 'I'm still trying to interpret this book and live by its precepts.'"

"When [instead] my culture determines truth fully, then my cultural experiences become the dominant experience. And it does make dialogue very difficult. And what you're left with is actually the will to power."

## NEW PROVOST NAMED

Hope has named Dr. Gerald Griffin, an accomplished scholar in neurology and psychology with a proven record of administrative leadership, as its provost.

The appointment follows a national search for the position of Hope's chief academic officer. A neuroscientist and virologist who has been a member of the biology and psychology faculty since 2015, Griffin has been interim provost since January 2021. He had previously served as associate provost for academic affairs since 2019.



"I could not be more excited about Dr. Gerald Griffin as Hope's next provost," said President Matthew A. Scogin '02. "Gerald is an accomplished scholar who deeply loves Hope College and leads with his Christian faith at the center of everything he does. I look forward to working with him as he sets a vision for taking our academic programs to new heights. Gerald shares my passion for making Hope College the best Christian liberal arts college in the country. Not a great institution, but the best."

Griffin has many peer-reviewed publications that represent his dedication to neuroscience research and education. He has mentored and published with more than 30 undergraduate and graduate students, and has been active in numerous science-education opportunities, including serving in leadership roles on the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience. In 2019, he was named an Emerging Scholar by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.

 [hope.edu/provost-griffin](https://hope.edu/provost-griffin)

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONOR

Staff member Dr. Kristen Gray has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD).



Each year, AUCCCD recognizes member achievements that exemplify excellence in the promotion of campus mental health. As described by the AUCCCD, the award honors Gray for having provided "outstanding service to AUCCCD and exemplary leadership in the field of University and College Counseling Centers at the highest national levels."

Gray transitioned in January 2021 to a new role as Hope's off-campus study advisor, but for the preceding 23 years was associate dean for health and counseling and director of the Counseling and Psychological Services office. Throughout her time as associate dean and director, she was also actively involved in the AUCCCD.

 [hope.edu/gray-lifetime-achievement](https://hope.edu/gray-lifetime-achievement)

## CAREER ACCLAIM

Dr. Daryl Van Tongeren, who is interim associate provost and an associate professor of psychology, has been named the recipient of three international honors.



In October, he was selected as a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science. Fellow status is awarded to APS members who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the science of psychology in the areas of research, teaching, service and/or application.

Also in October, he received a "10 Under 10" alumni award for 2021 from Virginia Commonwealth University, from which he received his doctorate in 2011. In August, he will be receiving the Margaret Gorman Early Career Award for 2022 from the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, which is a division of the American Psychological Association. He was selected for both awards as an outstanding scholar who earned his Ph.D. within the past 10 years.

 [hope.edu/van-tongeren-intl-honors](https://hope.edu/van-tongeren-intl-honors)



## SUMMER THEATRE GRANT

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre's forthcoming 50th anniversary season is being supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The \$21,000 award will support an eight-production, four-venue season that will include *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *The Color Purple*, *Every Brilliant Thing*, *Hold These Truths*, *A Night with Alex Thompson: 50 Years of HSRT Through Song*, *Figaro*, and *Lulu and the Long Walk*, a musical commissioned through GENext, HSRT's program to present new work by a BIPOC artist every season and based on the children's book of the same title by Dan Haseltine and Joel Schoon-Tanis '89.

This year's season will run May 19-August 4.

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

# CAMPUS SCENE

## SERIES COMPLETED

The recent release of the final two films in the four-part documentary series *A.J. Muste: Radical for Peace* completes the comprehensive study of the 1905 Hope graduate's life. All are available for public viewing at no cost at [radicalforpeace.org](http://radicalforpeace.org).

A.J. (Abraham Johannes) Muste (1885-1967) was one of the most well-known and influential peace activists in the United States. He was also a prominent labor leader across much of his career, and active in the civil rights movement, meeting with leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The series has been developed by Dr. David Schock, a former member of the Hope communication and English faculty whose roles include serving as producer, director, videographer and editor; and Dr. Kathleen Verduin '65, a professor of English who served as associate producer. Both conducted interviews of people who knew Muste and scholars of his life.

 [hope.edu/muste-series](http://hope.edu/muste-series)

## BOOK RECEIVES TRANSLATION AWARD

Faculty members Dr. Anne R. Larsen '70 and Dr. Steve Maiullo have received the Scholarly Edition in Translation Award from the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender for their book *Anna Maria van Schurman: Letters and Poems to and from Her Mentor and Other Members of Her Circle*.

Anna Maria van Schurman (1607-78) was acclaimed during her lifetime both as the most learned woman of her era, and as a controversial figure who, in her last decade, renounced the argumentative culture of Dutch Reformed scholasticism, denounced the lax standards of the official Reformed Church, and moved from Utrecht, in the Netherlands, to Amsterdam to join the controversial "Christian household" led by Jean de Labadie, a French former Jesuit and convert to Calvinism.

Larsen (the Lavern '39 and Betty DePree '41 Van Kley Professor Emerita of French) and Maiullo (associate professor of Classics and chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures) translate and give cultural context for her letters and poems in Latin and French from 1631 to 1669 — the year that she joined the "Labadists."

 [hope.edu/translation-award](http://hope.edu/translation-award)

## GRADUATION '22

Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of '22 are scheduled for Sunday, May 8. Commencement will take place at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium, and Baccalaureate at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Marcus Fila, associate professor of management. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Rev. Paul Boersma '82, who is the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Endowed Senior Chaplain.

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

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



## SUMMER CHILDREN'S CAMPS ACCREDITED

The college's popular ExploreHope Summer Camps for children have achieved accreditation from the American Camp Association (ACA), providing external recognition of the engaging hands-on science experiences that area K-12 students have enjoyed for a quarter century.

The ACA is the only nationwide organization that accredits all types of organized camps. While accreditation isn't required for summer camps for children, the Hope program's forthcoming 25th anniversary was deemed the perfect time to complete the association's voluntary review process.

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



# “ANCHORED TUITION PLEDGE”

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WILL HOLD COSTS STEADY

Hope’s long-term commitment to remove cost as a barrier for students seeking to achieve their dreams through higher education includes a new promise: no one enrolled at the college will ever face a tuition increase.

Hope has announced the “Anchored Tuition Pledge,” committing to hold tuition at the starting rate for each incoming class beginning with the fall 2022 semester — and to keep it at the present level for all current students.

“‘Anchored Tuition’ means that the tuition rate you start with is the tuition rate you end with,” said President Matthew A. Scogin ’02. “This will give students and their families financial peace of mind and confidence in setting their personal budgets for the years ahead.”

“It is yet another ‘new thing’ we are doing at Hope to begin to correct the broken business model of higher education,” he said. “For decades, the rate of college tuition has risen at double the rate of inflation. With ‘Anchored Tuition,’ we are saying, ‘No more.’”

Through the “Anchored Tuition Pledge,” the present annual, full-time tuition rate of \$36,300 that has been in place since the fall of 2020 will remain constant for all current students for the duration of their time at the college. For freshmen and transfer students who enroll beginning next fall, full-time tuition will be \$37,990 and will stay there through the duration of their time at Hope.

The “Anchored Tuition Pledge” is a component of the college’s *Hope Forward* initiative, announced in July, to one day fund a Hope education for all students through gifts rather than tuition. In a *Hope Forward* model, students’ education would be fully funded up front and students would then commit to give to Hope after graduation. Achieving that goal is a long-term ambition estimated to require increasing the college’s endowment by about \$1.1 billion.

In the meantime, an anonymous gift is enabling Hope to pilot the *Hope Forward* paradigm for two groups of about 20 students enrolling this past fall and this coming fall. In addition, Hope held the 2021-22 tuition rate at the 2020-21 level for all students.

“‘Anchored Tuition’ is a next step in *Hope Forward*,” Scogin said. “Even as we are bringing in cohorts of students to pilot our *Hope Forward* model and plan to continue to do so, we are committed to making a Hope education more affordable and accessible to all students. As fundraising for *Hope Forward* continues, we hope we can eventually eliminate tuition increases that affect even the incoming class and ultimately begin to lower it until every student’s tuition is fully funded.”

The “Anchored Tuition Pledge” and *Hope Forward* models don’t apply to room, board and annual fees, whose cost could vary with inflation. For students in 2022-23, those costs will total \$11,470.

The new program’s use of the word “anchored” connects more deeply to the college than simply the common definition of an anchor holding something steady. The anchor is the symbol of Hope, inspired by founder Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, who described the Pioneer School from which the college grew as his “anchor of Hope for this people in the future.” The symbolism follows the Epistle to the Hebrews 6:19, “We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...”

“Reverend Van Raalte and Holland’s pioneers established the Pioneer School and ultimately Hope College because they recognized the importance of education,” Scogin said. “They were initially seeking to make a transformational Christian education accessible to the young people of the community, an ambition that quickly grew to encompass the nation and the world. ‘Anchored Tuition’ and *Hope Forward* are ways that we are carrying that vision ahead for new generations.”

# ***THE RIGHT TEAM***

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# ***RIGHT PLACE***

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# ***RIGHT TIME***

The new Global Water Research Institute at Hope draws on a wellspring of expertise as it seeks to address deep need—from as close as home, to around the world.

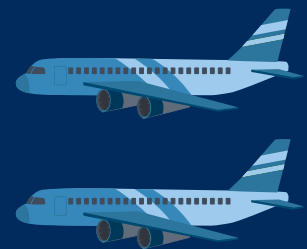
*By Greg Olgers '87*



*An estimated 2.2 billion people worldwide are living without access to safe water.*



*One child dies every 90 seconds – under the age of five.*



*That's equivalent to two 747s full of children crashing every day.*

One way to understand the motivation behind the new Global Water Research Institute launched at Hope College on United Nations World Water Day (March 22) is to consider this statistic from the U.N.: An estimated 2.2 billion people worldwide are living without access to safe water.

Faculty member Dr. Aaron Best, one of the two professors at the college who led development of the new program, considers another figure. He zeroes in on how children under five are affected.

“One child dies every 90 seconds,” said Best, who is the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Professor of Genetics and department chair at Hope and co-leading the creation of the institute with colleague Dr. Brent Krueger. “That’s equivalent to two 747s full of children crashing every day.”

Water quality, Best noted, is also an issue close to home, ranging from the presence of *E. coli* and agricultural nutrients such as phosphorous in the Macatawa Watershed, to the contamination of drinking water in communities including Benton Harbor and Flint.

“So the problem is acute and needs to be addressed, and we believe that Hope can move into this area and have an impact,” he said.

The Global Water Research Institute (GWRI) is supporting research at Hope concerned with water locally, regionally and globally. “Our vision is to positively impact communities through improved understanding of water and equip them to make data-driven decisions about use of their water,” Best said.

The GWRI is building on experience honed at Hope across decades. Faculty from multiple departments — working collaboratively, as always, with Hope students — have been conducting research on water quality and related issues since the latter 1990s, not only locally (examples including the Macatawa Watershed, and microplastics in Lake Michigan), but abroad in nations including the Dominican Republic, Fiji and Kenya.

The institute is beginning with a share of a \$2.5 million gift to Hope this past fall from Sawyer Products and the Sawyer Foundation. The funding is also supporting the college’s academic global health program that began in August.

“We’re grateful for Sawyer’s continued partnership,” Best said. “They’re enhancing our ability not only to provide meaningful learning opportunities for our students, including hands-on through research, but to make a lasting difference to the quality of life for people from as nearby as our hometown of Holland to the other side of the world.”

The award also supports the *Hope Forward* initiative announced in July, 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.

Based on the sort of water research currently pursued at Hope, the GWRI is starting with three areas of emphasis: access to safe water; environmental health and sustainability (which overlap with water quality); and expanding on the wastewater testing that Hope has been conducting since August 2020 to detect the presence of COVID-19 on campus and in other communities.

“You can also monitor other organisms — so, influenza or Epstein-Barr or HIV; any number of types of viruses that could impact public health,” Best said.

According to Best and Krueger, bringing the research together under the umbrella of the institute serves multiple goals, not the least of which is providing a structured way for those involved in the work to connect and brainstorm.



“The GWRI will be a home for faculty with similar research interests so that we can get together, talk about those interests, and look for areas where we might collaborate that we maybe wouldn’t have noticed before that will make each of our projects stronger,” said Krueger, a professor of chemistry and Schaap Research Fellow.

Best and Krueger see the GWRI complementing the global health program, which involves 12 departments across campus. Featuring an academic major and minor, the global health program emphasizes applied learning and impact through classroom instruction and collaborative faculty-student research and connections to be established beyond campus to benefit local and global community health. Water quality is among the relevant areas of study, and students in the global health program will be among those working with GWRI faculty researchers.

At the same time, the GWRI isn’t an academic program. The research itself will be the primary purpose of the institute, which will be operating independent of any specific department. The focus places the GWRI among a handful of such initiatives at Hope, including the Frost Center for Data and Research, which is a social science research center established in 1990, the Joint Archives of Holland (1988) and the A.C. Van Raalte Institute (1993).

Research has a long and storied history at Hope. More than 100 years ago, biologist Dr. Samuel O. Mast designed research laboratory space for the college’s Van Raalte Hall, which opened in 1903. The late Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl, who taught chemistry at the college from 1923 to 1964, is widely recognized for developing research-based learning at Hope in its modern sense, beginning with a project with a Hope student in 1947. Through the years, the college has been recognized multiple times nationally for its effectiveness in using collaborative

research as a teaching tool, and Hope faculty campus-wide also receive millions of dollars in research funding annually from external agencies.

It’s Hope’s success in consistently demonstrating that faculty at an undergraduate college can conduct research at a high level that convinced Kurt Avery ’74, founder and president of Sawyer Products, to support the expansion of research focused on water and related issues. Avery makes that point because he’s an alumnus and recognizes that it could be assumed that his personal connection guided the decision. Sawyer manufactures water filtration systems and other outdoor products, and he notes that the company will be among those relying on and benefiting from the work being conducted.

“I didn’t do this because I’m an alum,” he said. “I’ve turned down research programs at universities because they weren’t up to speed.”

“Hope runs an outstanding science department with people who are top of the line in the country — where else would I want to go?”

Best and Krueger emphasize that the multi- and interdisciplinary GWRI is designed to engage faculty from beyond the natural and applied sciences as well. Academic departments represented by faculty members of the institute include biology, chemistry, geological and environmental science, mathematics, political science and religion.

“It’s important to us that this be campus-wide,” Krueger said. “So, for instance, Virginia Beard of the political science faculty worked with us recently on an international project, and when we think of water as a global issue, past, present and future, there’s an opportunity for other faculty in the social sciences and humanities — economics, political science, history...”



Beard collaborated with Best and Krueger on a project focused at the household level in a community in Kenya. Her research background includes training and work in policy and program evaluation; the creation, use and analysis of surveys and survey data; and work in East Africa — in Kenya specifically. “I helped evaluate the data collection tool/surveys, examining research question wording, question order, human subjects protocols in survey research and other such aspects of survey research,” she said. “I also helped the team think about cultural aspects of the work given my 22-plus years of experience working in Kenya and with Kenyan partners.”

“The GWRI is exactly the sort of institute that academia needs in order to make real-world impact,” she said. “I have always felt invigorated by research that does not just bring together strong data and bring enlightenment to situations, but also can be used to impact policy and work that affect people’s lives. The GWRI will bring together scholars from multiple disciplines in just the way that was always meant to happen.”

Hope, she noted, is also the right place for a center like the GWRI.

“As a liberal arts institution centered on the Christian faith with a goal of educating students for lives in a global community, Hope is the ideal place for the GWRI,” she said. “Water — access to enough and clean water — is central to the ability for people to thrive... to live the full lives that God creates each person to live. Hope can support the dignity of people around the world by bringing together colleagues from across its divisions and disciplines engaging solutions to global water issues with deeply formed training and experiences in their fields and strong foundations in Christian worldviews. The institute will allow faculty and students to work together, learning about and creating solutions to water access.”

Those qualities at Hope are also important to Sawyer, which makes a point of donating its filters, in the tens of thousands, to communities in need.

“We still have a lot of things to prove with the biology of water, but there’s also so much beyond the biology of the water that needs to be tackled,” Avery said.

“You have to look at the totality,” he said. “What changes, for example, when the young women of a community no longer have to spend hours each day walking for miles because that’s where the safe water is? You literally change cultures and communities when you change water, and we haven’t explored all of those impacts yet.”

## **BUILDING ON EXPERIENCE**

With several members of the Hope faculty already engaged in research related to water and water quality, the new Global Water Research Institute is building on a solid foundation:

*Dr. Aaron Best, the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Professor of Genetics and department chair, co-director*

*Dr. Brent Krueger, professor of chemistry and Schaap Research Fellow, co-director*

*Dr. Virginia Beard, associate professor of political science*

*Dr. Brian Bodenbender, professor of geology and environmental science and department chair*

*Dr. Stephen Bouma-Prediger '79, the Leonard and Marjorie Maas Professor of Reformed Theology*

*Dr. Kenneth Brown, professor of chemistry and Schaap Research Fellow*

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*Dr. Brian Yurk '03, associate professor of mathematics*

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—Dr. Aaron Best, the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Professor of Genetics and department chair



## GROWING TOGETHER IN THE GARDEN OF HOPE

*By Greg Olgers '87*

“Who am I?” is a fundamental and ageless question, but is particularly relevant for college students. It’s even more particularly relevant at Hope, where helping students identify and prepare for their calling is baked into the mission (nudging the inquiry to “Who do I want to be?” leavened by “How should I be?”).

The concept is both amplified and supported by *Hope Forward*. The initiative not only seeks to remove the cost of college from the equation — enabling students to choose to pursue impact rather than chase income to pay off debt — but also to enhance their exploration of purpose.

The process took a visual turn in January as the 22 members of the inaugural cohort participated in a workshop at CultureWorks Transformative Art + Design Academy in downtown Holland. The faith-inspired nonprofit provides accessible, meaningful arts programming to 6th-12th grade youth from all backgrounds with a pay-what-you-can-afford program mode, access to transportation, and classes taught by professional artists and designers. CultureWorks also fosters a number of community partnerships, like this one with Hope College. Guided by Erin Drews '14, who is the program developer at CultureWorks, the students

considered their lives and dreams and their time at Hope through the imagery of plants, drawing not only on the concept of growth but also on a variety of ways around the world that specific species have been understood metaphorically.

“It just seemed like this natural theme for what the *Hope Forward* meaning is,” Drews said. “It’s a beautiful way, too, to tell the story visually.”

The students chose plants with which they identified, and then, in addition to developing an illustration, crafted a brief written description relating self to the motif. Using linoleum blocks, the students carved individual stamps which were then run through a printing press to create a unified collage that reflects that they are making their journeys together.

“All of them came to Hope with different experiences and backgrounds,” Drews said. “The collaboration is this beautiful harvesting of growing together the next four years.”

“None of them are art students, but they did stunning, stunning work,” she said. “It was just so lovely, and it’s such a great way for *Hope Forward* to tell the story in a very personal way.”





### **Dahlia**

“Some of the describing phrases for what the dahlia represents are grace under pressure, strength in adversity, and the move toward major life changes. This resonated with me because what I hope for myself in the future is that I can move through life with strength and grace, trusting in God’s plan for me no matter what challenges are thrown my way.”



### **Willow Branch**

“Willows symbolize hope, a sense of belonging, and safety which is what I hope to give to people when they are around me now and in the future as a social worker. It also represents the ability to let go of pain and suffering, to grow strong and new, which is something I want to be able to do better as I encounter obstacles ahead. I want my future self to be full of hope and resilience.”



### **Sunflower**

“The sunflower always faces the sun. I want to face the Lord no matter what. The sunflower also has many positive meanings across the world, and I hope to live a life that reflects positivity across the world.”





### **Rose**

“The rose represents love, respect, courage, and passion. In the future, I want to learn how to love people to the best of my ability. I want the courage to make connections with those around me. I want to be better at respecting everyone, no matter what their story, and I hope for passion to pursue the goal of spreading hope relentlessly.”



### **Lily**

“I am a radical like the lily. I see what could be and I fight for better realities. My influence on humanity stems from empathy. I am healthy in mind, emotion, body, and spirit.”



### **Bamboo**

“I chose bamboo because it symbolizes strength and resilience. My future is really uncertain — I still don’t know what it looks like. However, what I am certain of is that I know that I want to be resilient and push through whatever hardships may come my way. I want to be flexible and adapt to the world around me. I need to be comfortable with things not going according to plan, and stay the course.”

# FOR THEIR MONUMENT, LOOK AROUND YOU

Hope's professors are sources of information, yes, but more so they are mentors, counselors and role models. By who they are, they help not only make Hope what it is, but Hope's graduates become who they will be.

A total of nine members of the faculty are retiring this year, two this past December and seven this spring. They have served the college for a combined 249 years. The first among them joined the faculty in 1983, when Ronald Reagan was president, Sally Ride became the first American woman in space, McDonald's introduced the McNugget, *The Return of the Jedi* hit theaters, and the Hope College men's basketball team began an undefeated regular season.

As with Hope's faculty retirees of the past several years, our stories about each are online, where they will remain, a lasting tribute available around the world. Just like the thousands of current students and alumni whose lives they helped shape.

**[hope.edu/retirees2022](https://hope.edu/retirees2022)**

*Online profiles by Ann Sierks Smith*

**ANDREW DELL'OLIO**

*Professor of Philosophy*

29 years

**CHUCK GREEN**

*Professor of Psychology*

38.5 years

**BILL MOREAU '76**

*Associate Professor of English*

38.5 years

**DAVID O'BRIEN**

*Associate Librarian – Head of  
Collections and Access*

31 years

**GEOFFREY REYNOLDS**

*Librarian – Mary Riepma Ross Director  
of the Archives*

25.5 years

**STEIN SLETTE '87**

*Assistant Professor of  
Kinesiology Instruction*

20 years

**DEBRA HARVEY '83 SWANSON**

*Professor of Sociology*

33 years

**STEVE VANDERVEEN**

*Professor of Management*

18 years

**BARBARA VINCENSI**

*Associate Professor of Nursing*

16 years



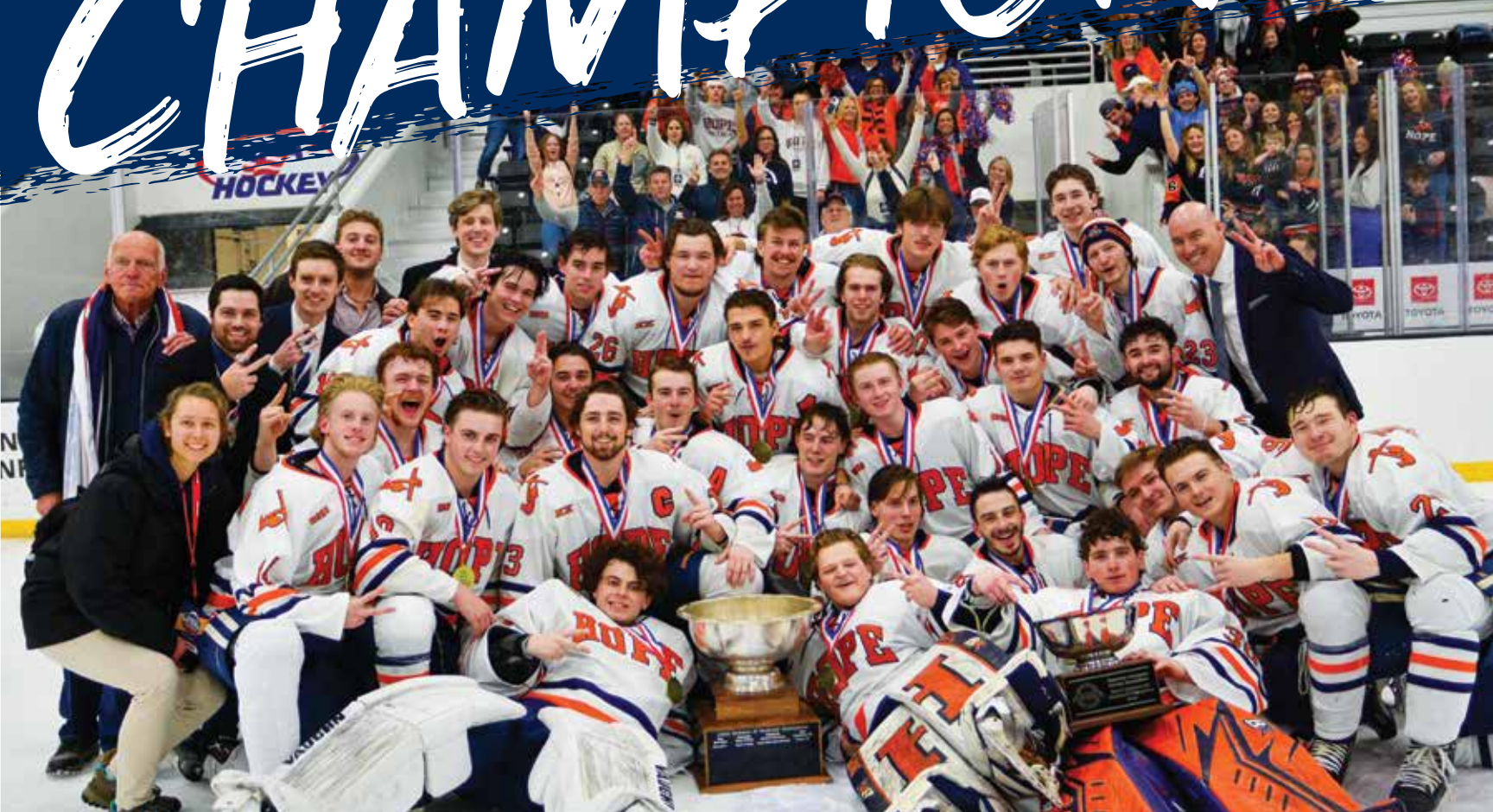


# HOME OF





# CHAMPIONS



# THRICE AS NICE!




*By Alan Babbitt*

**The Hope College women's basketball team forged a milestone in the Steel City as the third women's NCAA Division III program in history to win three national championships, following up titles in 1990 and 2006.**

The 2021-22 season provided an opportunity for a championship run that had been denied in both 2020 – when the Flying Dutch were about to host a sectional round – and 2021 because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Cheered on by large numbers of fans in the

arena and watching across the country, the 32-1 Flying Dutch capped a three-year journey by defeating the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 71-58, in the March 19 title game at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Two days earlier, Hope topped MIAA co-champion Trine University, 57-52, in the national semifinals.

Senior Sydney Muller was named the Championship's Most Outstanding Player and was joined on the all-tournament team by junior guard Ella McKinney. Senior guard Kenedy Schoonveld was selected as recipient of the Jostens Trophy for the most outstanding Division III women's basketball player and player of the year honors from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and D3hoops.com.



Please visit Hope online for additional celebration of the championship run including a photo gallery; coverage of all the games, and team and individual honors; and links to numerous media accounts.

[HOPE.EDU/WBBCHAMPS](https://HOPE.EDU/WBBCHAMPS)



# BACK 2 BACK!



*By Alan Babbitt*

It was a sweet repeat for the Hope College ice hockey team as the Flying Dutchmen skated to back-to-back American Collegiate Hockey Association national

**championships and the third ACHA title in five years and program history.**

Hope downed the University of Michigan's ACHA team, 2-1, in the championship game on March 15 in St. Louis, Missouri, at USA

Arena-Centene Community Ice Center. Junior forward Colin Stecco scored the game-winning goal in the second period. Freshman goalie Maclane Schick made 22 saves against the Wolverines.

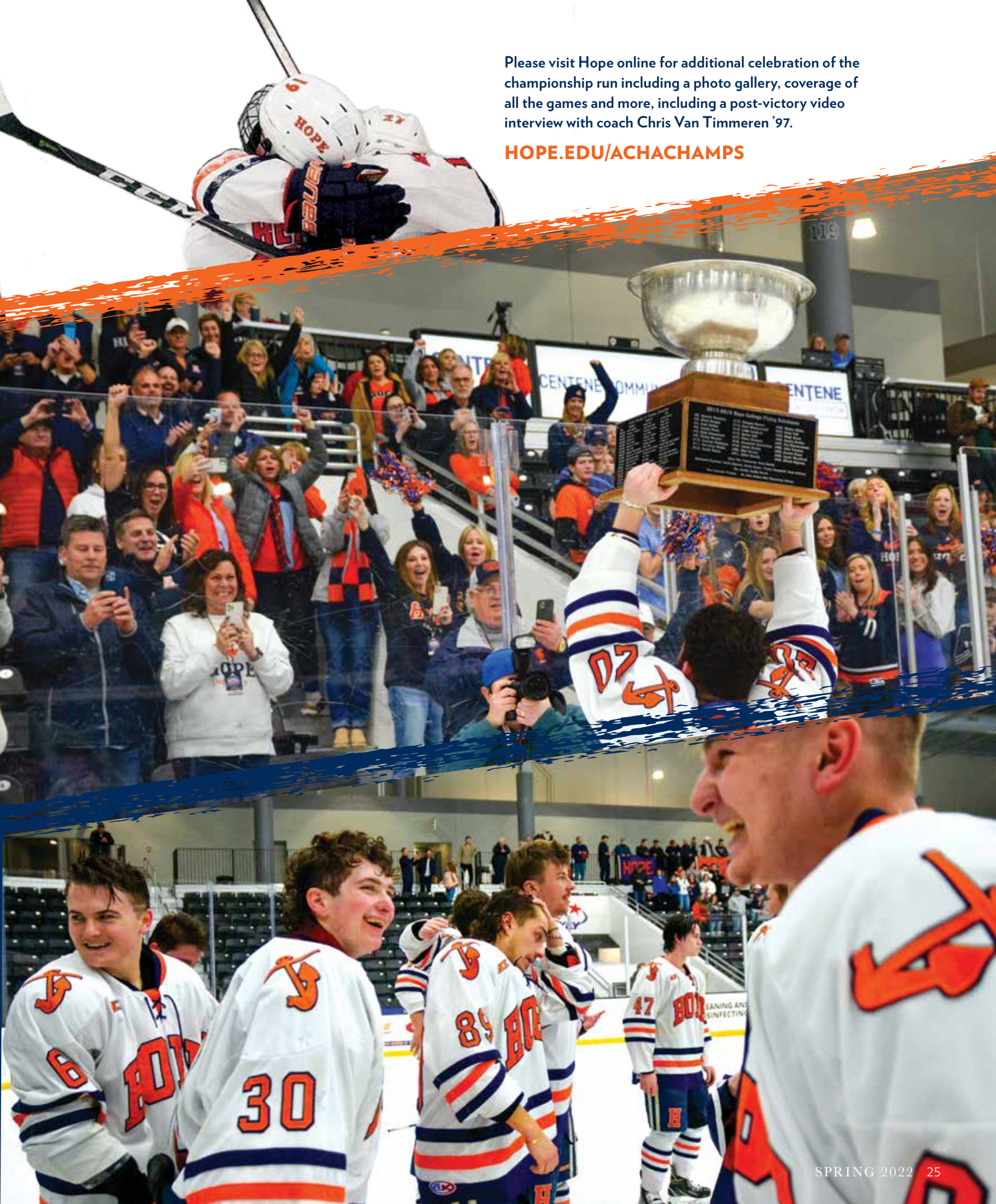
The victory capped a sterling 34-1 record for 2021-22, the most wins in a season since

Hope hockey started in 1996-97. The Flying Dutchmen won four of their five games at the ACHA National Championship by one goal, including a 3-2 victory against the University of Arkansas in the March 14 national semifinals, a rematch of the 2021 national championship that Hope won in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Please visit Hope online for additional celebration of the championship run including a photo gallery, coverage of all the games and more, including a post-victory video interview with coach Chris Van Timmeren '97.

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# WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



**SOPHIE HALL**

*runs a leg of the women's distance medley relay at the MIAA Indoor Championships at Trine University.*



**CLAYTON DYKHOUSE**

*dribbles at the top of the key against Calvin University at DeVos Fieldhouse.*



**CONNER HALBERG**

*swims at the NCAA Division III Championships in Indianapolis.*



*By Alan Babbitt*

Hope College extended its lead in the MIAA Commissioner's Cup standings with a strong performance during the winter season that included the seventh sweep of league titles in men's and women's swimming and diving, an outright crown in men's basketball, and a co-championship in women's basketball. The feat marked the second time in school history that Hope won four MIAA championships within the same winter season.

Four Hope student-athletes received Most Valuable honors in their respective sports: freshman diver Abby Koops, freshman swimmer Sara Kraus, women's basketball senior guard Kenedy Schoonveld, and men's basketball junior guard Evan Thomas. Twenty-five winter Hope student-athletes

claimed All-MIAA honors. Senior diver Kameron Wilcox was chosen as the inaugural men's recipient of the MIAA's Senior Impact Award.

Hope competed in all six possible NCAA Championships. In Indianapolis, Sara Kraus swam to two All-America honors, finishing fifth in the 200-yard backstroke and seventh in the 100-yard backstroke. In Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the men's distance medley relay placed fourth in the nation at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Freshman Connor Vachon, senior Nathan Woolum, junior Eli Meder, and senior Nick Hoffman earned All-America distinction in the relay.

The women's basketball team extended its winning streak to a third season and 61 games — tying for third all-time in NCAA Division III women's basketball history. Hope posted a 77-1 record the past three seasons combined.

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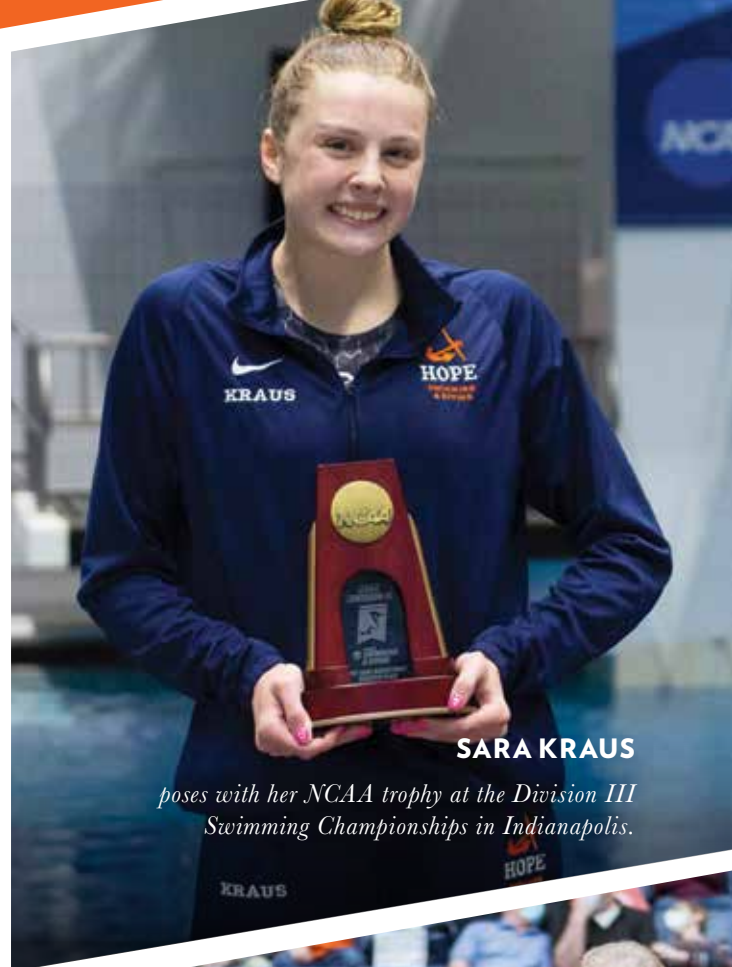
**EVAN THOMAS**

*cuts down the net at DeVos Fieldhouse after leading the men's basketball team to an MIAA Tournament title.*



**ELI MEDER**

*runs a leg of the men's distance medley relay at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C.*



**SARA KRAUS**

*poses with her NCAA trophy at the Division III Swimming Championships in Indianapolis.*



**ABBY KOOPS**

*competes in diving at the NCAA Division III Championships in Indianapolis.*



**PURPLE GAME CHECK**

*From left, Carol Girod '81 Van Andel, Joey Stark, Rylee Schultz, Jeremiah Purnell, President Matthew Scogin '02, David Van Andel '83.*



# The Wonder of Creation

*By Greg Olgers '87*

It is no surprise that the Pine Grove is the heart of campus not only literally but figuratively. For as long as Hope has been, its towering white pines and their cousins have served at once as campus crossroads and as a welcoming oasis. Endlessly patient, they can be a tranquil refuge from the demands of the to-do, provide a quiet place to study, or host gatherings of students — or of the extended Hope family — by the handful or hundreds.

They are among more than 2,000 trees, representing approximately 100 different species from around

the world, that populate Hope. The diversity is spread across some 200 acres, but it's also well represented by the very walkable central campus betwixt College and Columbia avenues, and 10th and 13th streets, which while not quite an arboretum provides perhaps the next best thing.

The pages which follow share some of the most storied, unique and familiar among the trees within those three-or-so blocks, along with directions for those who might like to visit them during the gentle days of spring and summer to come.



*Hope's trees, and the way that the college cares for them, are appreciated nationally as well. Earlier this spring, and for the fourth year in a row, Hope received Tree Campus Higher Education® recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.*

*If you wish to learn more about the college's trees, or about trees elsewhere in Holland, please visit Hope online. The sustainability section of the website has materials including a "Campus Tree Stops" pdf (the source of some of the information on these pages) as well as a link to the free, Hope-developed TreeSap app at the Apple Store that provides information about specific trees in the area.*

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



## **White Pine**

*(Pinus strobus)*

**Location:** behind the President's Home

If Hope had an official tree, it would be the white pine. Although not the only species found in multiple locations, it justly merits the distinction as the towering, iconic denizen of the beloved grove at the heart of campus that bears its name.

This particular tree, a near neighbor of the Pine Grove, acquired a swing in the summer of 2019, installed by the Physical Plant staff (who also built an outdoor wooden playhouse) in anticipation of the arrival of the Scogin family's three young children.





## Dawn Redwood

(*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)

Location: middle of Pine Grove, east of Graves Hall

It won't become as tall as the famous coast redwoods of California, but this tree still has growing to do, with the largest of its species reaching more than 150 feet in height (50-60 feet is more typical). The trees were believed to have been extinct for nearly 20 million years until found in south-central China by a conservation group in 1940.



## Kentucky Coffeetree

(*Gymnocladus dioica*)

Location: alongside southeastern sidewalk to Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Part of the legume family, the tree gets its name because early Kentucky settlers recognized the resemblance of its woody seed pods to coffee beans.





## Northern Red Oak

(*Quercus rubra*)

Location: north (10th Street) side of Lubbers Hall

The college's records include a hand-drawn map from December of 1945 that features every building and every tree, among them the then-newish Lubbers Hall (opened in 1942 as "the Science Building") and this familiar individual. An even older example of the species stands on Columbia Avenue between 12th and 13th streets across from Kollen Hall, so venerable that it likely predates not only Hope's chartering in 1866 but the arrival of Holland's Dutch settlers in the 1840s.



“He who plants a tree plants a hope.”

—Lucy Larcom



## European Beech

(*Fagus sylvatica*)

Location: Van Raalte Commons east of Dimnent Memorial Chapel

This tree was planted as a successor to a cherished European beech that died during the 1988-89 school year as a delayed response to intense heat it endured during the April 1980 burning of Van Raalte Hall, which had stood on the commons since 1903.





## Sugar Maple

(*Acer saccharum*)

Location: alongside southeastern sidewalk to Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Michigan is just about at the center of the range of this native North American species. As with all of the college's deciduous trees, when the leaves drop in autumn, they are ground in place (rather than removed) to serve as mulch to nurture the lawn and the tree itself.



Hope's campus has over **2,000 trees** representing approximately 100 different species.



## Japanese Flowering Cherry

(*Prunus serrulata*)

Location: south of Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Seen here sporting its early fall foliage, this decorative tree will add vibrant color to campus when it sprouts luscious pinkish-white blossoms later this spring.







## **American Elm**

*(Ulmus Americana)*

**Location:** at the sidewalk “X” between Dimnent Memorial Chapel and the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center

Although Dutch elm disease has killed tens of millions of elms since first reported in North America in the 1920s, the Hope campus is home to a number of surviving examples of the species.



## **Japanese Zelkova**

*(Zelkova serrata)*

**Location:** west of Voorhees Hall

The Japanese Zelkova was planted in conjunction with the 1981 renovation of historic Voorhees Hall, constructed in 1907. As its name indicates, the species is native to Asia (eastern China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan). It has found a home in the U.S. not least of all because it is resistant to Dutch elm disease, unlike the American elm to which it is related.





## Silver Maple

(*Acer saccharum*)

**Location:** southwest corner of Graves Hall, near Dimnent Memorial Chapel

One of the most common trees in the United States, silver maples are found in multiple locations on campus, nearly as ubiquitous as the squirrels that often call them home.



## Eastern Hemlock

(*Tsuga canadensis*)

**Location:** west of Van Vleck Hall/ south of Durfee Hall

Although the Pine Grove is dominated by white pines, it's home to a variety of species. In an entirely unintentional (we think) parallel to its name, this tree stands on the eastern edge of the grove's "bowl."





## Grand Fir

(*Abies grandis*)

Location: between President's Home and Voorhees Hall

Native to the northwest U.S., this classically-shaped evergreen was planted in 2013 for the annual campus Christmas tree lighting event inaugurated by Dr. John Knapp, Hope's 12th president, and his wife, Kelly.



## Honey Locust

(*Gleditsia triacanthos*)

Location: east of Van Vleck Hall

Although honey locusts *create* shade, they don't like to be *in* it, making this tree's sidewalk-encircled home outside Van Vleck's main entrance an ideal location.

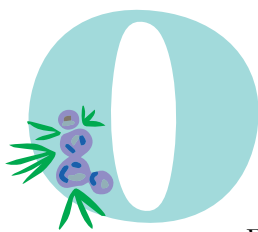




# The 'And' of God

**In a world that too often tries to keep the church out of the laboratory (and vice versa), Dr. Andrew Gall is showing his students how to say yes to both science *and* faith.**

*By Josh Bishop*



On September 12, 2021, the Rev. Ross Dieleman '04 opened a sermon series at Fellowship Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, with an interactive call-and-response: “Macaroni and —.” The congregation responded: “Cheese.”

Dieleman continued: “Lost and — . Rise and — . Forgive and — . Grace and — . Naked and — .” From the congregation: Found, shine, forget, peace, and an uncomfortably awkward silence. (The answer to the last is “unashamed,” from Genesis 2:25.)

Each of these served as introductory examples to a sermon series titled “And,” which focused on things that appear contradictory but are actually complementary. On that particular Sunday, Dieleman preached about God’s massive transcendence *and* his particular immanence: God is big *and* God is close.

As he worshiped with the congregation, Dr. Andrew Gall, associate professor of psychology and director of the neuroscience program at Hope College, immediately thought of another “and” pairing: Faith and science.

This pairing was inspired in part by a video that played during the service. It showed the beautiful cacophony of God’s creative work: the brilliance of light rising over the dark curve of Earth’s horizon, the sweep of the Milky Way turning through the night sky, schools of fish and soaring birds, elephants and sheep, a rabbit washing her face. Over it all was a reading of the creation account from Genesis 1: “And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (1:31).

“As that creation video was shown, I was struck by all of God’s creatures and the beauty of the world around us,” Gall said. “From my perspective as a scientist and as a scholar, it’s hard to ignore all the beautiful mechanisms. As a neuroscientist,

I think a lot about what’s going on in their brains, and what’s happening with the cells and the neurons, and how they communicate to produce that behavior. But that’s a very scientific, almost one-sided view without also thinking about how those organisms were created and why they were created in the first place.

“Although faith and science wasn’t explicitly brought up, it’s what kept running through my mind in the service that day,” Gall said. “Just thinking about how those creatures were created by God requires you to have faith, but to understand how they’re capable of behaving or thinking in the ways that they do, you need science.”

### **Joining faith *and* science in the classroom**

“Faith and science are two things that are often discussed separately, but, in my opinion, we should think about ways in which they complement each other more,” Gall said.

Inspired by Dieleman’s sermon and by their conversation after the service, Gall invited his pastor to visit his classroom for a discussion — about faith and science, of course, but also God and brain and other “and” pairings that the students were encouraged to come up with on their own, like confidence and humility.

“It’s very refreshing to have the opportunity to think in terms of both faith and science,” said Parker Friend, a sophomore who took Gall’s Introduction to Neuroscience course last fall. “It is very easy to be coerced into thinking that one can exist without the other, when in reality they can work off of one another. I think Dr. Gall did a wonderful job of providing views of both sides and how much they truly do overlap. He made a point that it is not a question of faith *or* science but rather a question of faith *and* science.”





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— Dr. Andrew Gall, *associate professor of psychology and director of the neuroscience program*



Senior Canaan Teague was also in the course. “I found Dr. Gall’s passion for uncovering, exploring and engaging with the intersection between faith and science at such a deep level to be incredibly inspiring and stirring,” Teague said.

Dieleman later returned for a second neuroscience class, where he and Gall both presented on the concepts of free will and determinism.

“He asked me simply to look at it from a strictly pastoral, theological standpoint, which I was grateful for, because I’m not a neuroscientist,” Dieleman said. “We dovetailed on each other, but we each stayed in our own camps, if you will.”

“Free will and determinism are pretty philosophical ideas that in some ways start to stray away from strict neuroscience, so once again, students were challenged by thinking about philosophy rather than some of the basic underlying mechanisms of the nervous system,” Gall said.

Students were challenged, yes, but, according to senior Matt Severino, that was a highlight of the class: “I think the best part about Dr. Gall’s course was how he allowed students to discuss and interact with the less scientific side of neuroscience. He fostered an environment that allowed students to think freely and open-mindedly about deep philosophical questions, relating them all back to neuroscience.”

### **“Or” is a false dichotomy**

“In science classes we talk about science, and in church we talk about God, but those two things don’t come together often,” Gall said. “Unfortunately, that leads students to believe that those two things are separate.”

Like Gall, Dieleman insists that the two shouldn’t be kept apart: “I come from the RCA, and we call it the Book of Scripture and the Book of Nature. Both reveal who God is to us, so you’re missing out if you’re skipping one of the two books,” he said.

When asked why he thought these things were so often separated, Gall pointed to two things: On the one hand, many Christians are uncomfortable with the idea of evolution, believing that creation and evolution can’t co-exist. (“I don’t believe those things are at odds,” Gall said.) And, on the other hand, many scientists are unwilling to talk about believing in something that can’t be scientifically proven.

“Believe it or not, there are many people in the church who don’t want to talk about science. And in a science class, there are many students who don’t want to talk about faith,” Gall said. “I’ve lived with the tension all of my life, because I’ve been doing neuroscience for so many years and going to church for so many years.”

“It’s an overly simplistic approach on both sides,” Dieleman said. “It’s usually easier to put things in the categories of either/or, but life is much more complicated than that.”

Gall has recently started to embrace how those two things could come together. As someone who is both a faithful Christian and a scientist-scholar, he's learning to see through the false faith-science dichotomy to an underlying unity — it's just another example of God's big "and."

### **A liberating opportunity at Hope**

When he was going through graduate school, Gall felt like he had to put on two different faces. "When I was in the lab, I was able to be a scientist, and when I went to church, I was able to be faithful, but I could never bring those ideas together until I came to Hope — and that was liberating," he said. "Now all of a sudden, I'm free to talk about how faith has formed the way that I see the world. For so long, I had to keep those two things separate."

At Hope, with its core commitments to both the Christian faith and to academic excellence, students are used to an environment in which the two things comfortably coexist.

"The more that we talk about how faith and science coexist, the more likely students will be able to understand how those two things could belong together," Gall said. "If I'm the first person they've ever encountered talking about how those two things go together, that could be pretty shocking for them."

During their discussions, Dieleman and Gall were careful to maintain an environment of respect so students who aren't Christian wouldn't be excluded.

"Yes, Hope is a school in the Christian tradition, but not everybody there is a professing Christian, so it was important to me to honor and dignify everybody there regardless of whether they have a church background or whether they think this is all hocus-pocus," Dieleman said. "I wanted to honor them, but also help people realize that you don't have to dismiss either faith or science, whichever side you're coming from. Both are enriched when they're viewed together."

Canaan Teague agreed: "Each student was given the freedom to engage the topic in their own way, get their own answers, and express their own thoughts and feelings toward the idea of science and faith, bringing each of their unique perspectives on the topic to the table, because of the classroom environment that Dr. Gall created," he said. "He wanted us to have our own experiences with the content rather than simply adopting his experience as our own."

At its best, a classroom in which both faith *and* science are presented can create an experience similar to Gall's viewing of the creation video at Fellowship Reformed: A light-bulb moment when two things that seem so different click together in the sudden, joyful unity of the "and" of God. Faith *and* science. Worship *and* understanding. Study *and* praise.



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## Research Close to Home

*By Odille Parker '14*

**S**ometimes a research topic comes from something a researcher is passionate about. Sometimes it stems from a pressing societal issue. Other times, it's a small detail in ongoing research that stands out and leads to new questions.

The latter is what led Dr. Lauren Hinkle '04 Janes of the history faculty and students Grace Pettinger, Maria Seidl and Brooke Carbaugh to embark on a summer-long project to uncover the truth about the lives of the women at Hope College in the 1930s and 1940s.

It's a project about women of Hope by women of Hope, which began when Seidl, a senior from White Lake, Michigan, was working on a project for the Joint Archives of Holland and noticed that the *Anchor*, the student newspaper, was contrastingly female-focused during the

1940s. It led her to wonder what Hope College looked like for women when men left for World War II.

She brought up the subject to Janes, associate professor of history, as an idea for summer research, and the project became possible through the generous support of the John H. Dryfhout '64 Research Grant.

"Faculty-student collaborative research at Hope takes a lot of different forms," Janes said. "This project was very much student-driven... so it was really fun and liberating for me to have them take the lead and just be there for support, and provide some editing and guidance."

The end product of their research would be dependent on what material was in the archives, so they began with a broader question: "How did World War II and the changes in student population change women's way of life at Hope?"



As they began looking through enrollment records, sorority scrapbooks, presidents' files, *Anchor* editions, meeting minutes and more, their question began to expand, driving their research to also look at how the Great Depression impacted women in the Hope community, and the contrast to the effects of WWII.

Pettinger was surprised by the way the students banded together and relied on community to get through the major economic crisis.

"We really saw the ways it affected a lot of the culture of Hope College. You saw a lot of sororities growing during the Great Depression, and women emphasizing the importance of friends, family and community," explained the senior from Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Sorority life proved to be an essential part of many women's lives at Hope, with 75-80% of women belonging to a sorority in 1937. As noted in their findings, "Hope sororities struggled financially through the Depression, however, their popularity only increased," with many of those sororities still in existence today.

Women proceeded to dominate campus during WWII, presenting an opportunity for more women to step into faculty roles and create opportunities for women at the college. However, the balance between education and family remained a controversial topic, and push back from the administration remained prevalent.

While the group was surprised to find that a good portion of women majored in STEM, Carbaugh found that most of the women faculty were not STEM members, with most of them dedicating their studies to the music and language departments. Not only that, but many women who majored in STEM went on to be missionaries.

They were excited to find Eva Van Schaack, who became the first female member of the science faculty as professor of biology.

"She kind of became our rallying cry," Seidl said. "She was just really fascinating because she clearly loved her job and her students."

Carbaugh, a junior from Orbisonia, Pennsylvania, became invested in the story of Metta Ross, who spent 34 years at Hope as an instructor in the history and English departments, but experienced push back when seeking a role as the chair of the history department for not having a Ph.D.



Eva Van Schaack



Metta Ross, 1935



Delphi Sorority Seniors, 1941

A sense of empathy and connection emerged as they embarked on the various women's stories through correspondence, scrapbooks and personal collections. They also began to see parallels between experiences then and their own.

Carbaugh recalls reading the various accounts on the day Pearl Harbor was attacked – what people felt and vividly remembered doing – and how it resonated with the world today.

“I just clearly remember when we got sent home for COVID and how everything changed,” Carbaugh said. “I felt I could relate to them. Although they were off to war and we were just sent home... it's a different situation, but a similar emotion.”

“They were going through two crises, and we're going through a crisis... It almost felt like they were guiding us as we went through all the changes that COVID brought... they got through it, and we can, too,” Seidl echoed.

Voorhees Hall, the designated residence hall for women at the time, had a Book of House Rules, and the team found themselves envisioning what it would look like to adhere to the rules, like when they could go out or how many calls they had for the week. The annotations from the residents were the best part, like when they'd highlight rules that they had not broken or playfully note the ones where they'd push the limits.

“They had just as much personality as we do,” Seidl said. “Sometimes when we think about people in the past, we think of their accomplishments or tragedies, and we forget about the little things and day-to-day interactions... what really defined them.”

It was also during this time that the dean of women position came about, which many female faculty held. They lived in Voorhees Hall and had a similar role to that of a resident director today. Janes notes that the existence of the role reflected how relatively few female students there were on campus.

While the research led to a better understanding of what Hope College and the lives of female students and faculty looked like during that time period, the team acknowledges the limitations in the scope of their research. What was captured in the publications and other anecdotes of the time does not reflect everyone's experience at Hope, especially those with marginalized identities.



"Signing Out and In", refer to the Rules Governing Residence at Voorhees Hall at right.

Geoffrey Reynolds, the Mary Riepma Ross Director of the Joint Archives of Holland, worked alongside the group and commended their work ethic and diligence in uncovering 30 years of Hope's history that had not been previously highlighted.

"Their work proved that women played a much bigger, prominent role while enduring a lot of pushback from the male-dominated administration and alumni at that point," Reynolds said.

Reflecting on the 50th Anniversary of Title IX this year and its correlation with their research, the women celebrated the opportunities it has created for women while also noting areas of improvement and how some of the struggles women saw then are still present today.

"The women within our project wouldn't even imagine some of the different opportunities that we have," Pettinger said. "Look at the amount of life paths we have an opportunity for, and the culture that we've grown up in where there isn't just one set path for you is something that Title IX was really influential in establishing."

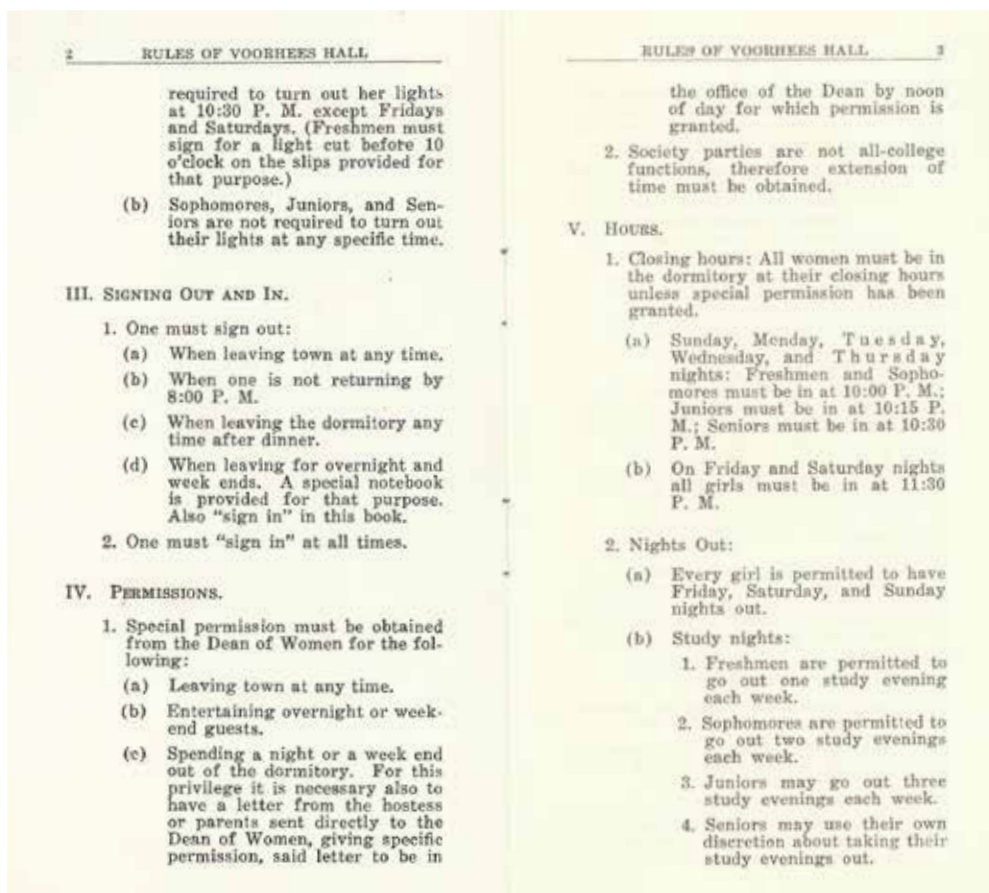
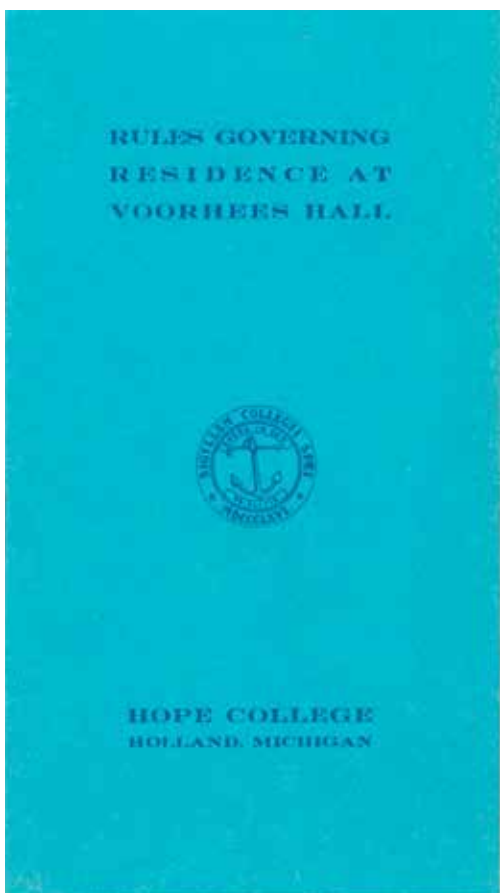
The overall progress is there, as highlighted by their work — an ode to the early women of Hope who built the foundation for women today to not only thrive, but build upon.

The team published their research and findings through an interactive website, "Women at Hope College in the 1930s and 1940s." They also presented their work at the Holland Museum as part of Women's History Month on March 10 and during the April 4-8 National Conference on Undergraduate Research.



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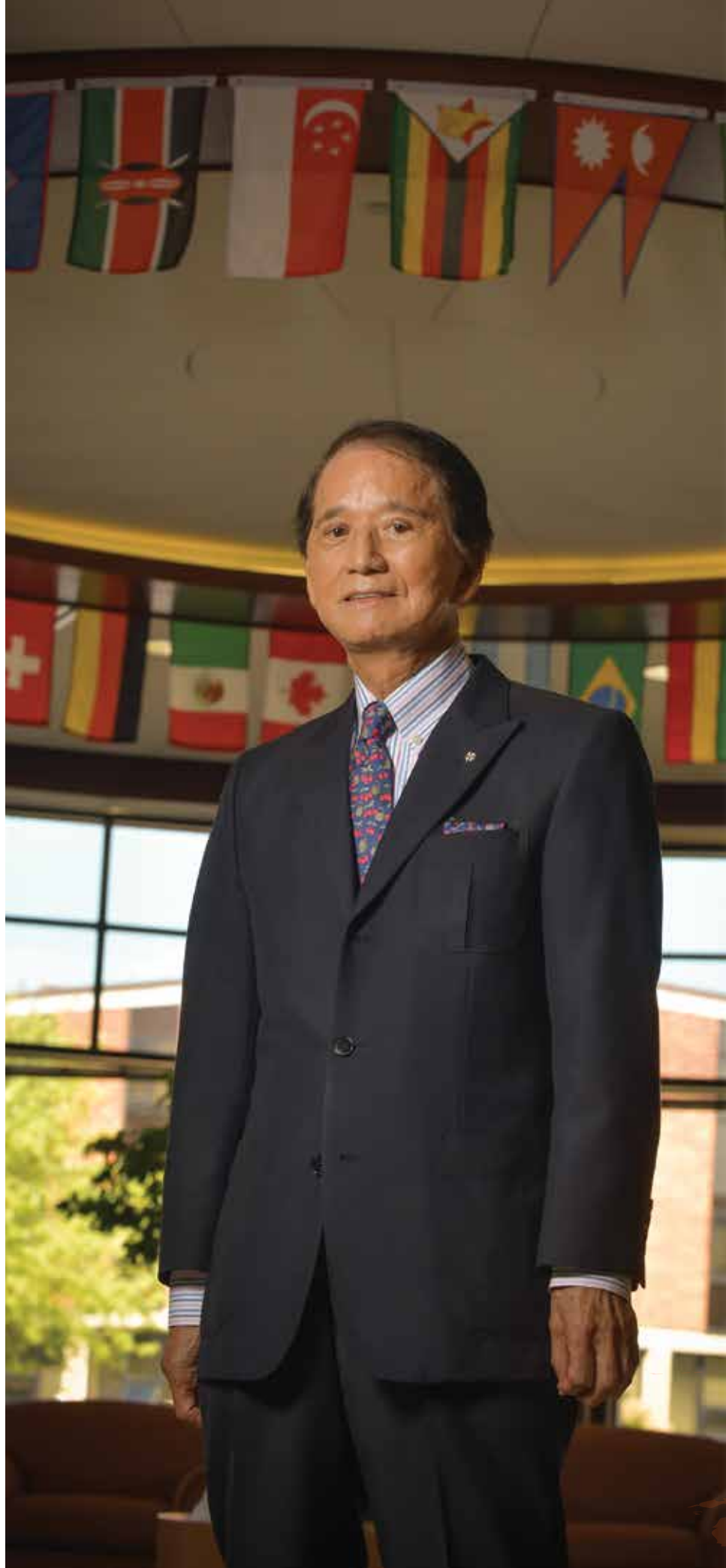
# Where Dreams Begin

By Greg Olgers '87

In post-war Japan in the 1950s, Maurice Kawashima was an orphaned teenager who took a well-deserved break from supporting himself and from his studies and went to the theatre to watch *Stagecoach*, the classic 1939 film starring Claire Trevor and John Wayne. Someday, he thought, he'd like to visit the nation that he was seeing depicted on the screen.

In the decades that followed, he not only achieved that dream but became a U.S. citizen and an internationally acclaimed, New York-based fashion designer and respected educator.

His journey left him with an abiding appreciation of the help that he received along the way, determined to do the same for others and committed to fostering international understanding. It's why he's been involved with Hope as a friend of the college for more than 30 years. He's made a lasting difference to generations of students through gifts to the college of Japanese ceramics, art books and — in the spirit of *Hope Forward* — a scholarship that enables a student from Japan to attend Hope and a student from Hope to study in Japan.



“In a way, I believe that Maurice is an example of *Hope Forward*, in that he was an international student with very little means, someone helped him, he remembers, and now he wants to help students,” said Alfredo Gonzales ’75, retired associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education, who has known Kawashima for decades.

“He experiences devastation, hunger and chaos during and after the war. The question for me is, ‘What does one do with the weight of those experiences?’” Gonzales said. “Rather than looking at what happened or feeling anger over it, he grows a passion to help, as best he can, the next generation of leaders that will bring understanding both in Japan and the United States. It’s quite remarkable, to say nothing about all the other things he was able to accomplish as a distinguished designer that at one time had lines of clothing in 75 stores in Japan.”

Kawashima was born in 1936 in Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture, Japan. At age two, he lost his father. Seven years later, his mother died. He subsequently moved in with his grandmother, who lived in Tokyo. It was World War II, when one air raid alone is estimated to have destroyed 16 square miles of the city, killed 100,000 civilians and left more than 1 million homeless.

“Toward the end of the war, I went through the bombings,” Kawashima said. “Everything I observed...”

Although Japan would rebuild, the privation didn’t end with the war.

“I was 10 years old when the war was over, and all over Japan were the poor — people were sleeping on the floor of the train station,” he recalled. “I lost my parents at an early age, so I had to work.”

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He worked in a store selling cameras, and at a take-out hamburger grille. He provided catering for the airport.

While in high school, he also attended an exhibition hosted by Christian Dior and fell in love with the beauty of fashion. He earned his bachelor's degree from Bunka College of Fashion in Tokyo, and in 1961 left for New York to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology.

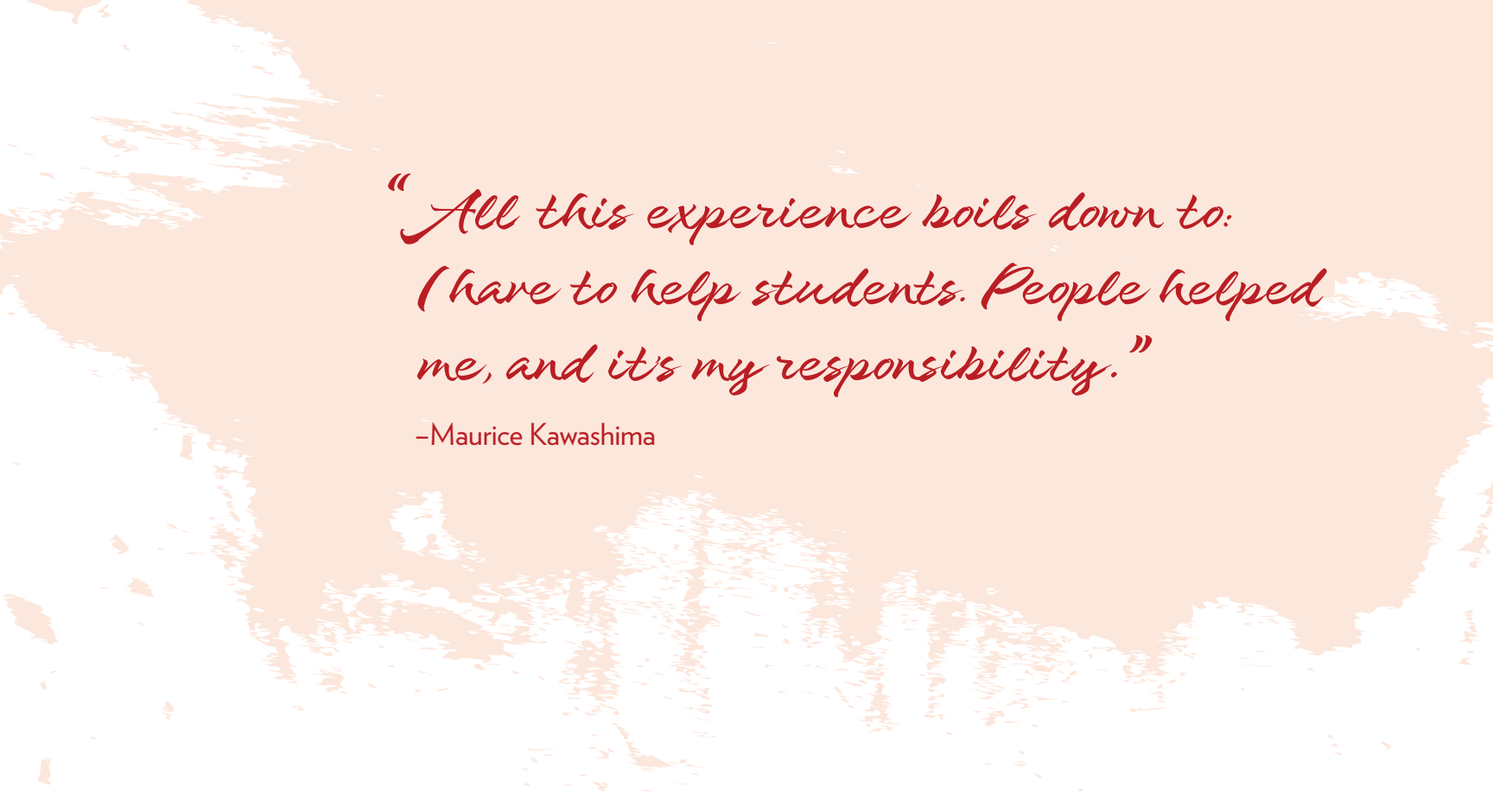
He had little money, but the vice president of the institute helped him. While he was a student there, the owner of a fashion house gave him a chance to present his designs — and purchased several, the beginning of his career. A former professor also encouraged him to pursue his interest in teaching.

“All this experience boils down to: I have to help students,” he said. “People helped me, and it’s my responsibility.”

He earned an associate degree in applied science from the Fashion Institute of Technology (part of the State University of New York/SUNY system), and a certificate from Parsons School of Design in New York. Immediately after graduation from Parsons, the Fashion Institute of Technology offered him a full-time teaching position, and across the years which followed he became the first Japanese-born person to be granted a full professorship with tenure at the institute.

Alongside his teaching, Kawashima achieved distinction as chief designer for Daimaru Inc., in Japan; as a designer for Elizabeth Arden Sales Corp., in New York; and as an assistant designer for Pauline Trigere, in New York. In Japan, he established the Safari Line for Suzaya Company and established his own fashion company, Masaaki New York. He also authored several books, including the *Fundamentals of Men's Wear Fashion Design*, *Standard Text of Pattern Design*, and *Men's Outerwear Design*—*Fundamentals of Pattern*, and holds three patents for special measuring instruments used in the fashion industry.

He became an avid art collector as well. He purchased his first two pieces — antique porcelain — while in Japan to deliver a lecture. Today he has some 23 collections, a variety that includes not only Japanese ceramics from the 8th century through the present, but English Fairyland porcelain of the 1920s, and English and American bronzes, among others. “For me, each piece is a memory — the time I bought it, where I bought it,” he said. His collections have been exhibited in venues including the San Diego Museum of Art, of which he was on the Board of Trustees for more than 20 years; the Long Beach Museum of Art; and the gallery of New York's Japan Society. His collection of porcelain by acclaimed Japanese artist and gourmet Rosanjin Kitaoji toured in Japan to an enthusiastic response. The college's De Pree Art Center and Gallery has exhibited his porcelain three times, in 1993, 2002 and 2004.



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—Maurice Kawashima

Kawashima especially treasures the relationships that all of his experiences have made possible.

“I was exposed to so many interesting people,” he said. As unlikely as it would have seemed in that Tokyo movie house in the 1950s, he eventually even met Trevor and came to count her among his circle of friends. “Claire was a wonderful lady,” he recalled.

It was another of those friends, Dr. Richard P. Wunder, who introduced him to Hope. Wunder was a prominent art scholar whose career included serving as a senior research fellow and curator with the Smithsonian Institution, and had himself learned about Hope through a friend: John Dryfhout '64, long-time superintendent of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, New Hampshire. With Dryfhout's encouragement, Wunder donated more than 15,000 books and other materials, most in art and art history, starting in 1984 and continuing through his estate following his death in August 2002. In recognition of their professional accomplishments and service to Hope, the college presented both Kawashima and Wunder with honorary degrees in 1999.

Retired since 1990 and now living in Palm Springs, California, Kawashima has received several national and international awards in recognition of his work and contributions in fashion and art. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain as a Commander brother in the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the first Japanese to receive the honor.

Visiting the Hope campus this past August, he was envisioning additional ways that he might play a role in enriching students' experiences, perhaps by sponsoring cultural presentations such as demonstrations of the Tea Ceremony, or performances of chamber music or kabuki dance theatre. Whatever form that takes, ultimately he hopes that he can help equip and inspire their journeys, just as others helped him with his.

“I think younger people should make a goal and just go: Be brave,” Kawashima said. “If you can achieve one tenth of what you dreamed, it's a success.”

# LEADING WITH THE HEART

*By Jim McFarlin '74*

A member of the Hope College Board of Trustees invited Dr. Richard Frost, retiring dean of students and vice president for student development, to lunch. He wanted to get Frost's view on how the student body was faring, particularly as they weather the pandemic, and perhaps gain some insights to the qualities needed for the successor to the position he's held since 1989.

Rather than go off campus, the trustee suggested they eat in Phelps Dining Hall.

Huge mistake.

"Bad idea if I wanted his attention," the trustee recalls. "Not only did every student there appear to recognize him, but he seemed to know every one of them by name. Every one of them. An amazing commitment to the students of Hope."

"Amazing" and "commitment" are sublime adjectives to describe the decades Frost has given to Hope and its students, a connection he may continue beyond retirement by working on special projects for President Matt Scogin '02 and the Alumni and Family Engagement office.

Retirement is, of course, a time for reflection. When Frost reflects, however, he is far less prone to detail his own achievements than to celebrate the impact thousands of Hope students have had on his life and career.





“I’m blessed,” he declares, sitting in his office one recent sunny afternoon. “I think what’s happening on our campus is really remarkable. I think our students are remarkable. Sometimes I’m not sure we deserve them. I’m in those contemplative places right now, but we all have to remember these are young people in the process of becoming. Let’s not forget where we were, and who we were, back then. That’s important.”

His office is adorned with photos of his family. There’s his wife, Sue, who once worked alongside him in Residential Life and Greek Life at Hope, went on to become director of residential life and housing at Western Michigan University, and today uses her LPN background as practice manager for Holland Community Health Clinic. “Without Sue I would not have been able to do anything,” he says. “She’s pulled my chops out of the fire on more than one occasion.” There are daughters Megan and Danae, who both graduated from Hope, and son Peter, who attended before transferring to Kenyon College. “Being the son of the dean is not an easy thing to do,” Frost reflects.

However, there are easily as many photos of his “second family”: undergraduates who have had a profound effect on him. Every picture tells a story, and memories gush forth as he speaks: some joyous (weddings, births, students who found their life’s calling at Hope); some, like his visits to hospitals, jails and mortuaries, make tears well in his eyes.

He was named a vice president in 1997, with expanded duties including oversight of:

- Residential education and housing
- Student Life
- Greek Life
- Dining
- Disabled student services
- Orientation
- The Boerigter Center for Calling and Career
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Health Center
- Student judicial affairs



Despite the incalculable loss of institutional knowledge that comes with his departure, you’d be hard-pressed to find anyone at Hope who, in contrast, hasn’t been even more extensively inspired by Frost’s remarkable connection with students.

“My experience with Richard is that he leads with his heart,” says Sara Dorer, Hope’s senior director of equity and compliance. (Did we mention he also once served as Hope’s Title IX coordinator?) “Every student matters to him, and he pours his love into the way he advocates for the student voice when they aren’t at the table.”

Or even when they are, notes senior Luke Rufenacht, president of the Hope College Student Congress. He says Frost consulted with him for an hour every week about the pulse of the campus, but their relationship ran even deeper than that.

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“We meet unofficially three, four, five times every single week,” says Rufenacht, a political science and business major from Quincy, Michigan. “And he comes to our Congress Executive Team meetings. That’s another hour and a half. So, yeah, I meet with Dean Frost all the time.”

Even with all that contact, “The thing that’s always stood out to me about Dean Frost is that he’s truly a student advocate,” Rufenacht says. “He knows where we need to go and who we need to talk to, but he has never imposed himself over a decision or forced his way in. He’s a really great connector, a greater advisor and definitely a mentor.”

Though he doesn’t say so directly, Frost intimates his compassion may have been fueled during the years he lived in Nigeria — at about the age of Hope undergraduates. “My father was a contractor for USAID and we lived in Suka,” he says. “I learned to drive there. But there were so many ugly Americans there, and that’s what I worry about for Hope. I don’t want us to become an ugly Hope.”

To that end, besides the creation of the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center and its importance as a campus “living room,” Frost says one of the biggest changes he’s witnessed at Hope is the evolution of CAPS and the Health Center.



“I think CAPS has been fascinating,” Frost says. “I’ve been blessed trying to understand that piece, and the Health Center as well. One kid named Mike taught me a valuable lesson because he wanted to paint his room black. Of course that’s against the rules, but the reason he painted it black was because he had liver failure. His life at that time was black. We have to remember to walk with all students who have really difficult situations.”

He turns wistful. “There is a young man, James, who is just a stellar person. Amazing artist, bass player, anchor for his Pull team. Long story short, he became a quadriplegic. I spent a lot of time with him and one of the things he taught me is that in life, at certain times we have to put things in boxes and put them on our shelf, but they will always be a part of who we are.

“He said, ‘I still look at my bass even though I’ll never play it again, look at the artwork I can no longer do, but that doesn’t mean they aren’t a part of me.’ These 33 years will always be a part of who I am, but you have to look forward, not backwards. The teaching these students do, and have done for me all these years, is being placed in a box now. But I think the question is always, are we as adults willing to listen to them?”

To Hope students and alumni,  
As my time as Dean of Students comes to a close,  
I want to thank each and every student for 32  
special years. You have shared your generous spirit  
and incredible gifts not only with the institution, but  
with me. It has been amazing and joy filled for me  
to witness this every day on campus. My life and my  
career have been shaped by your lives and the lessons  
you have taught me. Thank you.

Hope College has found each unique student as they  
pursue knowledge rigorously, worship in the chapel, hunker  
in the Pae game, compete for the orange and blue, perform, and  
make life-long friends. To watch your growth has been  
amazing and your pursuits and impacts after four  
years demonstrates the transformation of Hope College.

I will officially end my time as your Dean of Students  
in June, but my life will always be extraordinary  
because of the countless ways you have impacted and  
made me. A short note does not feel nearly sufficient  
to express all of my gratitude. I am eternally grateful  
for each of our time together! *Spera in deo.*

Love  
T. L. Good

## TWO TO RECEIVE AWARDS DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND


The Hope College Alumni Association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Jalaa' Abdelwahab '97** and the **Rev. Dr. Tim Brown '73** during the first in-person Alumni Weekend celebration since 2019.

Abdelwahab recently became Director of Vaccine Programmes in the Country Programme of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) in Geneva, Switzerland, following 10 years with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and 10 years previously with the Centers for Disease Control. Brown retired as the Henry Bast Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Western Theological Seminary in 2020 after serving at the seminary since 1995, and a tenure that included being the seminary's president from 2008 to 2019 and a joint appointment as Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel at Hope from 2001 to 2003.

The onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020, and its subsequent continuation, prompted the college to cancel, postpone or reformat the 2020 and 2021 reunion-related activities. The 2020 and 2021 DAA recipients, for example, were recognized through recorded video interviews with President Matthew A. Scogin '02.

In a return to traditional form, this year's awards will be presented during the Alumni Banquet, on Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Haworth Hotel. Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, will also feature reunions that include classes that missed the opportunity in 2020 and 2021, with celebrations for 1970-72 (50th); 1980-82 (40th); and 1990-92 (30th). Other highlights will include events for the 50-Year Circle, among them a luncheon for the Classes of 1971 and older, and a ceremony inducting the Class of 1972.

Additional information about Alumni Weekend and biographical sketches of both alumni are available online.

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## A NATIONAL HONOR FOR LASTING IMPACT

As noted later in this issue, 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient **Lara Plewka '98 MacGregor** of Louisville, Kentucky, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Age 45, she passed away from metastatic breast cancer.

A full obituary is available online (with a link to a video interview last year in conjunction with her DAA). In this space, however, we celebrate recognition she received in December, when she was named the 2021 L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth National Honoree for her impact as founder and director of the international nonprofit Hope Scarves, which through scarves, stories and research supports people facing cancer.

She was spurred to found Hope Scarves in 2012 following her experience facing cancer at age 30, when she was also seven months pregnant. The cancer went into remission for seven years, but returned in 2020 and she was diagnosed with terminal stage IV metastatic breast cancer.

L'Oréal Paris posted a citation online when announcing her award, following it up with this tribute after her death: "A beloved wife, mother and friend, Lara leaves behind a legacy of compassion, advocacy and the joyful pursuit of living every day to the fullest..."

"As founder of Hope Scarves, Lara supported women like herself facing cancer through a simple gesture of kindness: the exchange of head scarves and stories of hope from courageous survivors. Ten years on from the organization's infancy, Hope Scarves has delivered over 20,000 scarves across the globe and raised over \$1.5 million for metastatic breast cancer research."

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# CLASSNOTES!

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Submissions for the Summer 2022 issue are due by June 7, 2022.

## 60s

**Milt Nieuwsma '63** of Holland, Michigan, authored a new book, *Miracle on Chestnut Street: The Untold Story of Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence*, published in December. It is intended especially for teens and young adults. Milt previously created—including conducting research for and writing—the *Inventing America: Conversations with the Founders* trilogy filmed at Hope from 2014-17, which has been shown nationwide on PBS. He also wrote a companion book for the series that was published in 2020. The executive producer of the series was **Darell Schregardus '63**.

*Shocking Disconnect: Why Christians Fail to Impact Culture and Politics and How to Make a Comeback.* The book was published in November, 2021. A corollary small group Bible discussion guide is currently in development with anticipated release in late 2022.

**Addy Whitehouse '75** has published her debut novel, *Signs of Murder: A Dana Demeter Mystery*, under the pen name A. F. Whitehouse. She has retired after 40 years as an American Sign Language interpreter and lives in Waukesha, Wisconsin, with Bob Carty, her husband of 30 years.

**Steven Mancinelli '75** has relocated to the Catskill Mountains from Manhattan, New York City, where he lived for 40 years. He reports it's better being a country boy.

**Dirk Bloemendaal '76** has wrapped up a 38-year career as a public policy advocate for Amway Corporation, representing the company and its independent distributors on the state and local public policy levels. He worked in Amway's government affairs department, part of the company's legal division, in nearly all the state capitols (his favorites were Sacramento, Olympia, Boston and Austin). He and his wife Jill live in Holland, and their two sons and their families are in the immediate area, both sons Pat and Tim being Hope grads, along with Pat's wife Kara. Each family has a young son and daughter. Dirk is looking for new challenges, to keep the light shining brightly.

**Jack DeRuiter '76** received the Alumni Professorship Award from Auburn University.

## 70s

**Jackie Venhuisen '73 Solt** reports that her son, Jeffrey, tragically passed away on June 12, 2021, at the age of 43 from diabetes complications and leaves a great void in her life.

**Mike Ebbers '73** and his wife Kathy completed the Great Loop in their retirement years. It is a 6,000 mile boat trip around the eastern third of the United States. It can be done in four to nine months, but it took them three years, from 2016 to 2019. The trip included waterways in Canada as well. They now reside in the Catskill Mountains of New York State, close to ski resorts, fall color and sunny cool summers.

**David Daubenspeck '74** retired as a financial advisor with California Credit Union in June 2020. He then turned his attention to researching and writing his first book, *The*

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# CLASSNOTES

The awards are presented on the basis of research, publishing and teaching.

**Kathy Button '79 Beauregard** has retired after 42 years with Western Michigan University. She was the longest-serving athletic director at the same institution and just one of nine female athletic directors among 130 Football Bowl Subdivision schools across the nation.

## 80s

**Sue Sharp '80 Anker** retired as a school social worker seven years ago from Farmington Public Schools. She has been on the Young Life staff for the past four years as the Young Life Eastern Great Lakes Regional Capernaum coordinator and team leader for Metro Detroit Capernaum. Capernaum is a Young Life outreach ministry to teens and young adults with disabilities. Sue works with the region to support development of Capernaum ministries.

**John Vander Ven Jr. '81** and his family moved to Otsego, Michigan, from Australia, where he lived for almost 30 years. He reports that it is great to be back living in small town, rural America.

**Paul Van Heest '82** was a finalist in the 2021 International Artprize competition held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His series of color pencil drawings, titled *Four Calling Birds*, also earned the artist four cash awards.

**Tim Kasten '82** has returned to Nairobi to the headquarters of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), where he serves as director of the policy and programme division responsible for UNEP's strategic planning, results-based management, and setting the organizational programme to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution.

**Eva Dean Folkert '83** of Holland, Michigan, retired from the Hope College staff in February. She had served most recently as interim director of public affairs and marketing, but since 1985 had served in a variety of capacities at the college, including as a writer and editor in the public relations office; a member of the

registrar's office staff; assistant director of intramurals and athletics ticket manager; co-director of athletics and assistant professor of kinesiology; women's golf coach; and director of communication services. In retirement she is working part-time as communications coordinator for the Holland Aquatic Center.

**John Brender '84** is author of the book *Millennial Expats in China: Experiences and Observations*, published in December 2021. He is director of special initiatives with the office of international programs at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

**Wendy Vander Hart '85** finished a call as interim senior minister at First United Church of Christ in Northfield, Minnesota, and is now serving as interim senior pastor of Union Church in Waban, Massachusetts.

**David McWatters '86** returned into the woods, one hundred yards from Lake Michigan, spending the COVID years renovating Manitou Lodge. He reports that he is grateful to wake up each morning with a beautiful girl beside him, albeit one with a large nose and hairy ears. He and his Great Dane, Gracie, go to the lake every day to watch the water, praying for the Hope College community and the whole world.



**Diana Krahe '86 Steketee** is a registered play therapist serving children in the Jenison, Michigan, area. She has a primary interest in the issues related to foster care and adoption, having previously worked in the child welfare system for 20 years. In March, she became president of the Michigan Association for Play Therapy after previously serving as president-elect.

**Chad Bergman '89** recently purchased Farnham's Furniture in Casper, Wyoming, where he has worked for the past 28 years. Farnham's carries medium- to upper-end furniture and mattresses in a 45,000-square-foot showroom.

## 90s

**Jim Breyfogle '90** had his second book, *The Paths of Cormano*, published by Cirsova Publishing on Nov. 1, 2021.

**Mark Van Genderen '90** is the president of the commercial snow and ice division at Douglas Dynamics in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Laura, and their four children (ages 7-16) continue to reside in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

**Cindy Canavera '96 Crannell** has been teaching STREAM (Science, Technology,

**Darrin Duistermars '90** has received the 2021 Michigan Recreation & Parks Association Fellowship Award, which is presented to a member who consistently demonstrates significant investment, support and guidance to fellow professionals. Honorees exemplify the highest level of professionalism in all aspects of the profession, in their own organization and within the membership. Nominees must be a member of mParks in good standing for a minimum of 20 years. Darrin has been the Parks & Recreation Director at Holland Charter Township for over 30 years. He also serves Hope College as a public address announcer for multiple sports, and has been doing so in some capacity since 1992.



Team “12 Cents,” consisting of 12 alumni of the Centurian Fraternity, won the Masters division of Ragnar Michigan on September 25. Ragnar Michigan is a 200-mile running relay race from Muskegon to Traverse City. Each of the 12 team members runs three legs varying from three to nine miles each. The team members were: **Jeff Brown '96, Erik Eldred '96, Jeremy Van Ek '96, Marcus Wasilevich '96, Lloyd Dunlap '98, Peter Martin '98, Greg Folkert '97, Brian Dykhuis '98, John Delcalzo '98, Mark Tenhor '99, Seth Bruggers '99 and Eric Zondervan '00.** The team had a great time running through wind, rain, and sun over 28 hours and five minutes. That time was good enough to win the Masters division (all runners over 40) and placed eighth overall out of 135 teams. This is the fourth year that the team has competed and third time winning the Masters division (with some variation in team members over the years).

Reading, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) in River Forest (Illinois) School District 90 the last three years. Recently she was awarded The Jacobs Educator Award from Indiana University for her ability to teach lessons that teach students computational thinking.

**Lisa Bos '97** was promoted to senior director of government relations at World Vision US, a Christian humanitarian organization addressing the root causes of poverty in nearly 100 countries.

**Sarah Dingerson '97 Geukes** is a principal at Hastings Middle School. She previously served as principal at Central Elementary in Hastings and Sandyview Elementary in Hamilton. She was recognized as the MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association) 2021 Principal of the Year for Region 9. She and her family live in Middleville, Michigan.

## 00s

**Eric Schrotenboer '01 and Meredith Ter Haar '03 Schrotenboer** published a flip board book for small children. It is an adaptation of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

**Sara Sanderson '03** and Sean Doyle announce the birth of Jack Murphy on Nov. 10, 2021. They will travel to Stockholm in August for their second tour in the United States Foreign Service.

**Derek Broyhill '04** and Stephanie Broyhill announce the birth of Freya Eleanor on June 17, 2021, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Derek works in cloud software and Stephanie works in marketing.

**McKenna Reitz '04** received the Toledo 2021 “20 under 40 Leadership Recognition Award” on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the 26th annual 20 under 40 ceremony. She was among the 20 selected

from a field of 209 nominated candidates. She is a teacher of AP psychology and a varsity volleyball coach at Springfield High School. She has earned multiple awards including Make a Difference Teacher, Humanitarian Award from Ohio Public Schools and BCSN Teacher of the Month. In 2020 she was a *Global Woman Magazine* Aspiration Award nominee.

**Michael Mulder '04 and Catherine Rhem '08** were married on Nov. 4, 2021, in Kauai, Hawaii.

**Sarah Wilkinson '04 Mathews** was appointed the next Cass County Circuit/Probate/Family Court administrator and Friend of the Court director on Dec. 9, 2021, by Chief Judge Susan L. Dobrich. As the Circuit/Probate/Family Court Administrator, she will work closely with the Chief Judge on policy issues, budgets, and administrative issues for all three courts. As the Friend of the Court director, Sarah will

# CLASSNOTES



**Laura Ripberger '06 Westover** was among this year's *Incisal Edge* magazine "40 Under 40" honorees, who include 46 women and 40 men from 30 states. She works for Polar Pediatric Dental Care in Mentor, Ohio.

per year over seven summers. Along her route, she hiked the sandy/rocky beaches of three Great Lakes, hiked through and camped in many state parks, visited three National Park Service units, picked up dozens of Petoskey stones and actively explored her beautiful state from a new perspective. To learn more about her journey, visit her blog at [michiganhike.wordpress.com](http://michiganhike.wordpress.com)

**Ryan Zietlow '06** is the principal of Sister Lakes Elementary in Dowagiac.

**Jason Cash '07** of Hudsonville, Michigan, has been appointed director of public affairs and marketing at Hope College, succeeding Eva Dean Folkert '83, who retired in February. He was formerly the director of web communications at the college. He has been a member of the Hope staff since 2007, serving initially as a campaign associate and advancement assistant, and subsequently as coordinator of advancement communication.

**Meghan Florian '07** is a journals production coordinator at Duke University Press.

**Nathaniel DeYoung '07** has accepted the position of chief of mental health for VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System. He oversees the delivery of mental health services across five medical facilities in Northern Indiana to ensure that veterans have access to high-

quality mental health treatment.

**Sarah Ray '07** and Brian Hoyle were married on Oct. 9, 2021.

**Kelly Sina '08 Davis** and Adam Davis announce the birth of Olive Ann on Jan. 10, 2022.

**Tarin Coulas '08 DeVoursney** and Mike DeVoursney announce the birth of Nell Hart on Nov. 28, 2021.

## 10s

**Alexandria May '10 Miller** and Aaron Miller announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Adah Jane, on Oct. 19, 2021.

**Jessica Clouse '10 Myers** and James Myers announce the birth of Logan Nicholas on Sept. 21, 2021. He joins two older brothers, James and Daniel.

**Joanne Gabl '10 Kachelmeyer** and John Kachelmeyer announce the birth of Sampson, joining two big brothers, Luke and Tommy, and a big sister, Ceinwyn.

**Lacey Williams '10** has received permanent residency in Japan. She has been living in Fukushima Prefecture for 10 years.

supervise and oversee the Cass County Friend of the Court Office to ensure performance of its duties related to the enforcement of child support. She will continue to serve as a Circuit Court attorney referee in her new position.

**Eric De Boer '05** and his school robotics team from Saint Bridge Middle School, Richmond, Virginia, won first place at the Virginia State Robotics Championship in just the school's third year of having a robotics team. Close to 70 schools participated. They will head to the World Robotics Competition in Houston in April where corporations like Amazon, Microsoft, Apple, UPS, FedEx and USPS will have their scouts searching for the next great ideas in transportation.

**Krista Hughes '05** completed a 1,160 mile hike around the shoreline/perimeter of Michigan's Lower Peninsula on Oct. 23, 2021. Beginning in the summer of 2015, Krista hiked 100-200 miles







**Meredith Busman '14** was the third American woman to cross the finish line in the Berlin marathon with a time of 2:51:25. This was the culmination of her goal of running the Abbott World Marathon Majors (Chicago, Boston, New York, Tokyo, London, Berlin) in under three hours before her 30th birthday. She joins a select group of only 7,000 people in the world to have completed all six. She is currently completing her fellowship at Spectrum Health for observational and emergency room medicine.

**Emily Kreichelt '11 Hurrell** and Jacob Hurrell announce the birth of Raegan Louise on Oct. 23, 2021. She joins big brother Isaac (2).

**Kathryn Carlton '11 Hall** and Jeremy Hall announce the birth of Charles Julian on Feb. 2, 2021.

**Ryan Otterstrom '11** is now working as a paraeducator for the Newtown, Connecticut High School's alternative program. She is also working towards earning her MS in school counseling from Western Connecticut State University.

**Andrea Toren '12 Erber** and **Nathan Erber '12** announce the birth of Ellery Claire on Sept 15, 2021.

**Katherine Genzink '13 Panning** and **Luke Panning '13** moved to Holland, Michigan, in June 2021. After a year as a chief resident at the University of Michigan CS Mott Children's Hospital, Katherine accepted a position as a pediatric hospitalist at Holland Hospital. Luke joined Raymond James as a senior financial planner.

**Leah LaBarge '13 Gies** and **Charlie Gies '14** announce the birth of Graham Gies on Nov. 30, 2021.

**Madalyn Muncy-Piens '13** and Joshua Muncy-Piens announce the birth of Myles Robert on May 2, 2021.

**Stephanie Browne '13 Mouw** and **Alex Mouw '14** announce the birth of Benedict Ellis on July 26, 2021.

**Andrew Larson '14** and **Ginny Cotterall '16 Larson** announce the birth of Caleb Andrew on Nov. 9, 2021.

**Anna Gazmarian '14** received a book deal from Simon and Schuster. Her debut memoir will be released in 2023.

**Christian Leathley '14** is the vice president of Southwest development for In-N-Out Burger.

**Jamie Kreindler '14** received a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently working as township planner for Miami Township in Clermont County, Ohio.

**Patrick Bloemendaal '14** and **Kara Dunn '15 Bloemendaal** announce the birth of their second child, Gianna, in August 2021. They have been missionaries for Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD) in Jamaica. As a family of four (Silas, born September 2019) they are moving back to West Michigan in 2022 to work for the CCCD United States office in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information on their ministry visit [www.pkbloemendaal.com](http://www.pkbloemendaal.com).

**Taylor Votto '14 Blauvelt** and Daniel Blauvelt announce the birth of Reid Xavier on May 27, 2021.

**William DeBoer '14** and Keirsten DeBoer were married on Oct. 16, 2021, at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury, Maryland.

**Michelle Kerr '16 Wilmes** received a Master of Science in Nursing degree at Madonna University. She is working as a palliative care nurse practitioner for Aspire Health and as a nursing clinical instructor for Henry Ford College.

**Alexandra (Allie) Donaldson '19** graduated from Hope College in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in geology and minor in environmental science. After graduating from Hope, Allie began pursuing her *Juris Doctor* at Suffolk University Law School in Boston in 2020. She is currently a second-year student and plans on pursuing a career in environmental law. Since starting law school, she has worked as a legal intern for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Conservation Law Foundation. During Summer 2022 she will be working as a law clerk for the Department of Justice in the Environment and Natural Resources Division in Washington, D.C.

## 20s

**Julia Keisling '20** is pursuing a Master of Science degree in genetic counseling at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

**Kennadi Hawes '20** and **Josh Izenbart '20** were married in May 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. Kennadi is getting her MDiv. through Western Theological Seminary and Josh is attending the Army Baylor University DPT program and is an active duty member of the Air Force.

**Ronald Knapp '20** and **Lindy Moored '20** were married in August 2020 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Ashley Zardus '21** is teaching geometry at Novi High School, where she is also the director of the Novi Dance Company.



# IN MEMORIAM

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With this issue we reluctantly adopt the practice — followed for several years by many college and university alumni publications — of including only brief notices of the death of members of the Hope family, except when some additional information is needed to explain their connection to the college.

We do not make that change lightly, particularly since your editor of these past 33-plus years remembers and prefers the days long past when we included full obituaries for everyone. The fact remains,

though, that as decades have passed and the college has grown, there have been ever more death notices. Although to compensate we have for some time been including only a portion of the biographical information that we have received, they've of late even come to comprise half of the entire classnotes section.

Please know, though, that, as has been true for years, the full obituaries are on the college's *News from Hope College* web pages, and will continue to be available for viewing from anywhere at any time.

## 40s

### **Estella (Dolly) Kamps '42 Kronemeyer**

Nov. 5, 2021, Melbourne Beach, Florida

### **Frances VanLeeuwen '47 Douma**

Jan. 12, 2022, Holland, Michigan

### **Vada Efird '47 Hartje**

Jan. 30, 2021, Glen Cove, New York

### **Bette VanDyke '47 Metzler**

Nov. 16, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **Beverly Stout '48 Downs**

Feb. 21, 2022, Felton, California

### **Katherine Steketee '48 MacKenzie**

June 22, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **Kenneth Weller '48**

March 18, 2022, Pella, Iowa

### **Joan Sheel '49 Dekker**

Oct. 28, 2021, Worthington, Minnesota

### **David Hoogerhyde '49**

Nov. 6, 2021, Grand Rapids, Michigan

## 50s

### **Dolores Bennett '50 Day**

Dec. 20, 2021, Colorado Springs, Colorado

### **Frederick DesAutels '50**

Aug. 12, 2021, Lancaster, South Carolina

### **Paul Hendrickson '50**

Nov. 20, 2021, Ada, Michigan

### **Gertrude "Trudy" Kloosterman '50 Smith**

Jan. 26, 2022, Holland, Michigan

### **David Ter Beest '50**

Dec. 23, 2021, Orange City, Iowa

### **Casper Ultee '50**

Aug. 25, 2021, Granby, Connecticut

### **Frederick Van Den Bosch '50**

Nov. 28, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **Paul Warnshuis '50**

Oct. 26, 2021, Greenville, Michigan

### **Howard Newton '51**

June 10, 2021, Port Orange, Florida

### **Nancy Andrews '52 Brown**

Oct. 27, 2021, Vista, California

### **Jack Hunt '52**

Jan. 9, 2022, Kalamazoo, Michigan

### **Ivan Huyser '52**

Dec. 29, 2021, Muskegon, Michigan

### **Theodore Johnson '52**

Nov. 3, 2021, Big Rapids, Michigan

### **Mary Buttles '52 Jordan**

Oct. 20, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **John Tien '52**

Oct. 12, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **Shirley Pyle '52 Troast**

Jan. 5, 2022, Williamsburg, Virginia

### **Robert Benson '53**

Dec. 19, 2021, Bella Vista, Arkansas

### **Donald Howard '53**

Sept. 14, 2021, Novi, Michigan

### **John Zack Jr. '53**

Feb. 16, 2022, Nipomo, California

### **Byron Aldrich '54**

Dec. 8, 2021, Ypsilanti, Michigan

### **Anne Finlaw '54 Holmlund**

Nov. 6, 2021, Hudsonville, Michigan

### **Barbara Slagh '54 Vos**

Feb. 5, 2022, Archbold, Ohio

### **Harold Goldzung, Sr. '55**

Feb. 25, 2022, Norton, Massachusetts

### **Shirley Thomas '55 Hegewald**

Jan. 3, 2021, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### **Robert Hendrickson '55**

Dec. 31, 2021, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### **Delvin Huisingh '55**

Nov. 2, 2021, Zeeland, Michigan

### **Louis Stempfly '55**

Nov. 6, 2021, Zeeland, Michigan

### **John "Jack" De Pree '56**

Nov. 23, 2021, Cincinnati, Ohio

### **Barbara Grasman '56 Grootenhuis**

Feb. 11, 2022, Normal, Illinois

### **Esther Plumert '56 Lampen**

Nov. 9, 2021, Holland, Michigan

### **Lynn Post '56**

Jan. 17, 2022, Holland, Michigan

### **George Herlein '57**

Oct. 16, 2021, Sterling Heights, Michigan

### **Robert Vander Aarde '58**

Jan. 26, 2022, Great Falls, Montana

### **John Allen '59**

Feb. 9, 2022, Fort Worth, Texas

### **Jerry Boeve '59**

Feb. 1, 2022, Zeeland, Michigan

### **Shirley Volkema '59 Richardson**

Jan. 11, 2022, Novi, Michigan

### **Hank Visscher '59**

Feb. 4, 2022, Holland, Michigan

### **Kenneth VanderBroek '59**

Dec. 6, 2021, Jenison, Michigan

## 60s

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**Harriet Wissink '60 Engbers**  
Jan. 12, 2022, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Roger Kleinheksel '60**  
Jan. 7, 2022, Holland, Michigan

**James Mohr '60**  
Jan. 31, 2021, Hudsonville, Michigan

**Robert Thomson '60**  
Dec. 6, 2021, St. Augustine, Florida

**Sandra Ekster '61 Bixel**  
Dec. 9, 2020, Jenison, Michigan

**Robert Brouwer '61**  
Feb. 17, 2022, Kalamazoo, Michigan

**Douglas De Jong '61**  
September 9, 2021, Fletcher, North Carolina

**Jack Millard '61**  
March 5, 2022, Zeeland, Michigan

**Richard Taubald '61**  
Dec. 18, 2021, Morris Plains, New Jersey

**William Tom '61**  
Oct. 1, 2021, Sonoma, California

**Richard Buckley '62**  
Aug. 8, 2021, Alexandria, Pennsylvania

**Andrew Sens '62**  
Sept. 28, 2021, Washington, D.C.

**Ervin Bolks '64**  
Nov. 6, 2021, North Barrington, Illinois

**Susan Pfleeger '64 Bolks**  
Dec. 3, 2021 North Barrington, Illinois

**Lenora VandenBerg '64 Koelbel**  
Nov 6, 2021, Laredo, Texas

**Thomas Cousineau '65**  
Nov. 4, 2021, Spring Lake, Michigan

**Paul DeSocio '65**  
Oct. 29, 2021, Largo, Florida

**Paul Ransford '65**  
Dec. 9, 2021, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**Peter Theune '65**  
Oct. 10, 2021, Spring Lake, Michigan

**Roger Dietch '68**  
Dec. 26, 2021, Homosassa, Florida

**LaMar Hankamp '69**  
Nov. 8, 2021, Saline, Michigan

**Dudley Holmes '69**  
March 4, 2022, Chelsea, Michigan

## 70s

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**George Baxter '70**  
Oct. 16, 2021, Saginaw, Michigan

**Matthew Mescher '70**  
Dec. 21, 2021, Chester, Maryland

**Joyce Medema '70 Stancill**  
Dec. 3, 2021, Ludington, Michigan

**Daniel Bird '72**  
Feb. 19, 2021, Vero Beach, Florida

**Lorraine Price '72**  
August 2021, Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Noranne Yeager '72**  
Oct. 10, 2021, Kalispell, Montana

**George Johnson '73**  
Jan 6, 2022, Peoria, Illinois

**Martha Farley '77**  
November 2021, Los Alamitos, California

**Gaye Rudis '78 Rollins**  
Dec. 22, 2021, Muskegon, Michigan

## 80s

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**Elizabeth Northrup '81**  
March 19, 2021, Mears, Michigan

**Edward Cain '82**  
Oct. 26, 2021, Tucson, Arizona

**Bradley Huss '88**  
Dec. 7, 2021, Brighton, Michigan

## 90s

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**Jovo Filips '91**  
Feb. 24, 2022, Holland, Michigan

**Tyler VanLonkhuyzen '97**  
Nov. 25, 2021, Chicago, Illinois

**Lara Plewka '98 MacGregor**  
Jan. 18, 2022, Louisville, Kentucky

## 00s

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**Steven Van Beek '04**  
Oct. 10, 2021, Royal Oak, Michigan

**Brady Wilson '06**  
Dec. 10, 2021, Dimondale, Michigan

## 10s

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**Daniel Sullivan '17**  
Jan. 27, 2022, Fennville, Michigan

## 20s

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**Daniel Foy '20**  
Oct. 31, 2021, Grosse Point, Michigan

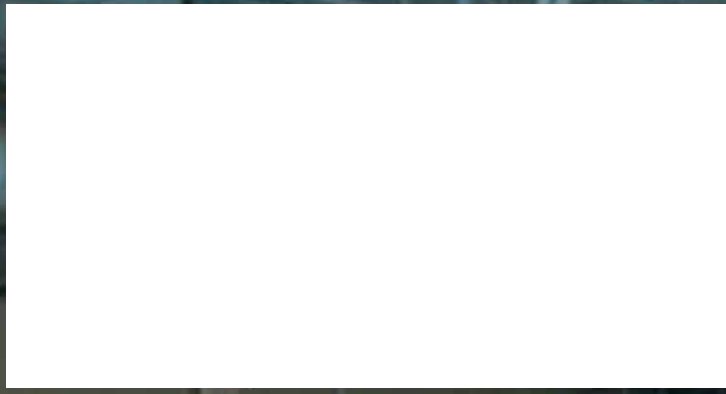
## Sympathy to the family and friends of

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**Rodney F. Boyer**  
Feb. 28, 2022, Bozeman, Montana  
Rodney F. Boyer was a longtime member of the Hope chemistry faculty, retiring in 2000 as the Drs. Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Professor Emeritus of Chemistry after teaching at the college since 1974.

**Ann Mason**  
Oct. 22, 2021, Holland, Michigan  
Ann Mason worked in Hope College's human resources department for 25 years.

**Fred Stoller Tessler**  
March 8, 2022, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Fred Stoller Tessler wrote, directed and performed in shows with Hope Summer Repertory Theatre for 24 years.



## CHAMPIONS ALL AROUND!

*ACHA Ice Hockey and NCAA Women's Basketball  
both win national titles for a third time.*