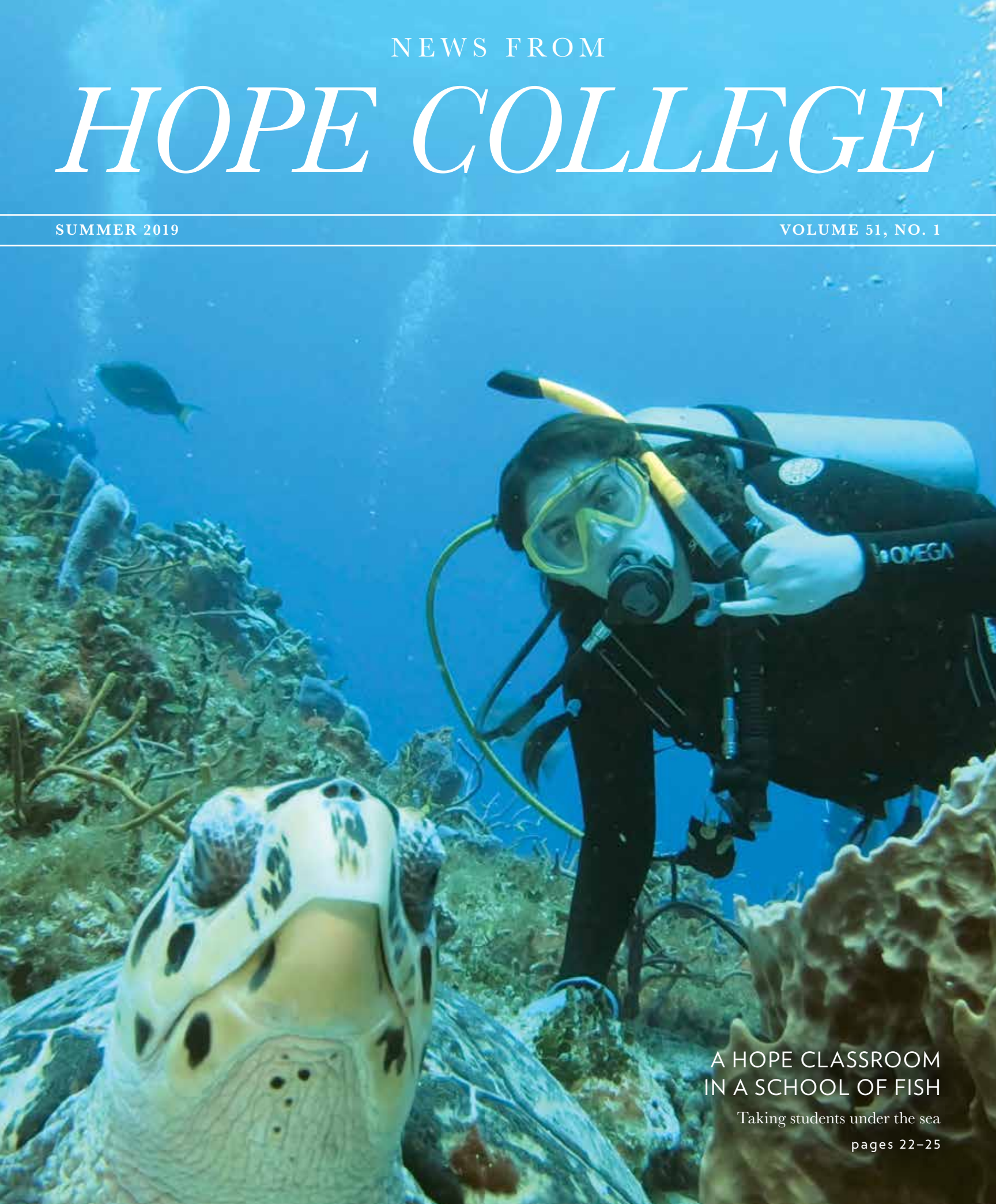


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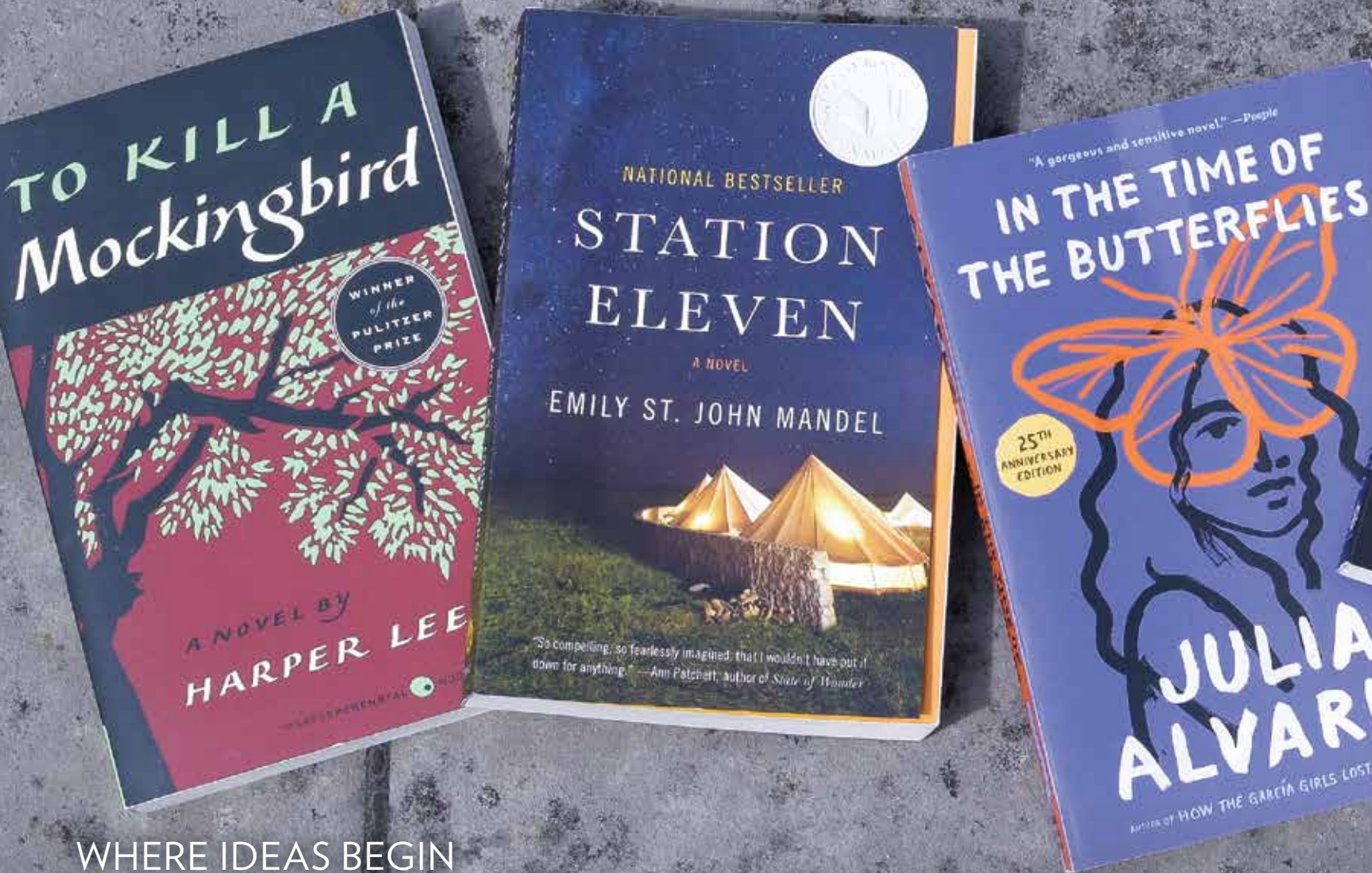


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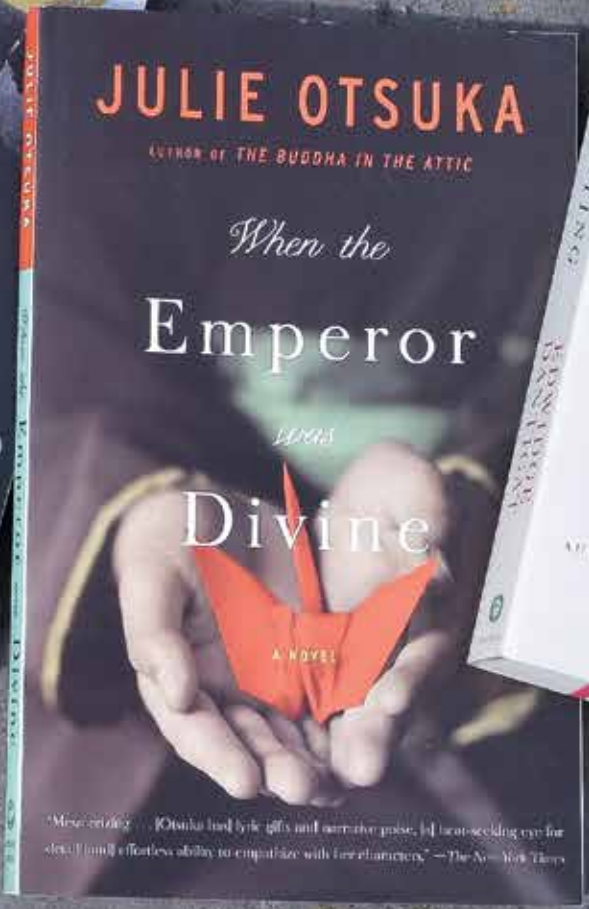
Hope's emphasis on serving not only its students but the community is exemplified in the NEA Big Read Lakeshore that the college has organized each fall since 2014. The program invites all ages across the area to read a specific novel and then get together to discuss it and the issues it explores. Winning funding annually through the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest and involving multiple local partners, the effort has thus far engaged an estimated 38,000 people, including thousands of students from pre-school through college.

This year's NEA Big Read Lakeshore will begin on Oct. 28 and continue through Dec. 3. For details about this year's events, which will feature *In the Time of the Butterflies* and two books for younger readers, please visit hope.edu/bigread



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THE THINGS
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"A marvel of storytelling... a vital, important book — a book that matters not only to the reader interested in Vietnam, but to anyone interested in the craft of writing as well." — NEW YORK TIMES



JULIE OTSUKA

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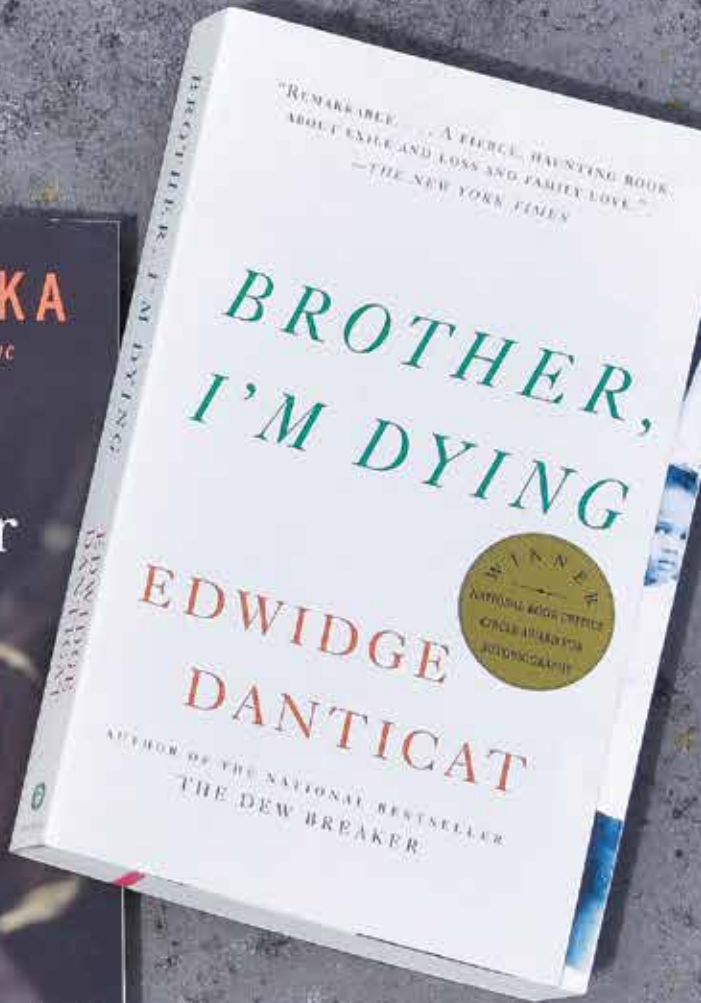
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ON THE COVER

Many colleges and universities have marine biology courses, but few combine the topic in an interdisciplinary way with physics as at Hope with the aptly designated BIO/PHYS 330. The opportunity to experience both disciplines in the Caribbean Sea off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula during spring break is a bonus.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Family of Hope College,

In just a few weeks, we will welcome the members of Hope's Class of 2022 to their new home-away-from-home. If you are an alumnus of Hope College, you may remember the feeling of arriving on campus as a student for the first time. I certainly do!

Twenty-one years ago, I came to Hope as a first-year student, feeling tremendous anticipation and nervous excitement about all the possibilities on the horizon. As a freshman, I settled into Scott Hall with a strong sense that Hope was a special place that might just change my life. It did. In fact, Hope exceeded my expectations. As I know is true for many of you, my life truly was transformed by Hope College.

In July, I returned to my *alma mater* — this time as president! — again arriving with anticipation and excitement about what lies ahead as well as a profound sense of calling.

As I step into this role, I make two commitments to all of you. First, I will do a lot of listening. I know I have a lot to learn, and I look forward to hearing your hopes and aspirations, as friends and alumni, for Hope College. Second, I will make a lot of mistakes. In fact, by the time you read this, I will certainly have already made good on this promise! But I also pledge that my mistakes will always be out of exuberance and love for this institution, never out of indolence.

My exuberance comes from the fact that Hope is indeed a special, transformational place. I am eager to work with my colleagues, students, alumni and friends of the college to ensure that the world recognizes Hope for what it is: one of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.

On the following pages, you'll find stories about some of the things that make Hope College so distinctive — from interdisciplinary off-campus study, to interfaith bridge-building, to collaborative research on happiness, to distinctive academic combinations, to our unique philosophy of athletic excellence. Core to these success stories are our faculty and staff, all mentors who give generously of themselves to Hope students.

Also, on pages 14–17, you'll find a special section of gratitude, dedicated to President Emeritus Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil and his wife, Betty. The Voskuils lead by embodying 1 Corinthians 10:24 (“No one should seek their own good, but the good of others”). If we all led our lives this way, the world would be a better place.

There is so much important work to do here at Hope, and President Emeritus Voskuil paved the way for continued progress. I am honored to receive the baton of leadership from him, especially as we work together as a campus to live into our Christian aspirations to be *faithful*, *welcoming* and *transformational*.

With all the optimism of a first-year student, I look forward to the days ahead. I hope you'll join me as we enter into a new moment, full of new opportunities, for Hope College. In the meantime, enjoy this issue of *News from Hope College*!

Spera in Deo,



Matthew A. Scogin '02
President





QUOTE UNQUOTE

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

As the 713 members of the Class of 2019 prepared to cross the stage during Commencement at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium on Sunday, May 5, featured speaker Dr. Kristen Gray reflected on ways that their lessons had prepared them to travel from the campus community to living in the larger neighborhood of the global village.

“Whether you experienced the arts, natural and applied sciences, social sciences and the humanities as part of your major, or for your core education, the culmination of a liberal arts education at Hope is intended to inspire and prepare you for lives of leadership and service in our global society,” said Gray, who is the associate dean for health and counseling and directs counseling and psychological services at the college. “In other words, we have been educating you to be neighbors.”

“The natural and applied sciences, in their exploration of the physical world, educate neighbors who are scientifically literate,” she said. “The sciences allow you to be a more critical consumer of science reports, to understand the impact of single-use plastics and live more environmentally sustainable lives, to give thanks to the people who spent untold hours in a lab to develop the life-saving medication your loved one needs, to be a neighbor who understands.”

“The social sciences, by examining behavior across time, by individuals and groups and institutions, allow for insight into the world. By gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation for all the variety as well as commonalities of human lives, we might just be able to live together in more peaceful and harmonious ways,” Gray said. “A person who has studied in the social sciences can

recognize that opinion-based editorials are not investigative journalism, correlation is not always causation, translation differs from interpretation, and research is not the same as Google.”

“The humanities, with the word human tucked right in there, give us ways to grasp and grapple with what it means to be human,” she said. “Humanities allow you to think philosophically about religion, and religiously about philosophy; reflect historically about politics, while questioning the politics of our history; challenge English translations for colonialist leanings; and debate the dreaded Oxford comma. Rather than memorizing ‘correct’ answers, the

humanities nurture neighbors who ask life-changing questions.”

The students’ academic work, Gray said, was complemented by meaningful lessons learned during their time outside the classroom, whether through worship, the residence hall, campus activities, campus activism, service, athletics, relationships, engagement with the Holland community, or off-campus study both in the U.S. and abroad.

 hope.edu/commencement2019



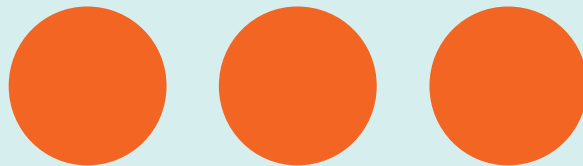
“*...Hope is intended to inspire and prepare you for lives of leadership and service in our global society. In other words, we have been educating you to be neighbors.*”

Gray explored in turn how each of the four academic divisions provides crucial and distinct insight regarding how to live well with others.

“Studying the arts makes you a more empathetic neighbor,” she said — a neighbor who can “sing, strum, soar, syncopate, percuss, tap, pirouette, sweat, hip-hop, paint, sketch, sculpt, carve, film, photograph, see — really see, visualize, imagine, embody, transform, design, build, express, write, revise, rise up, fall down, rise up, see the world, push past your fear, reach out to tell the stories that need to be told.”

hope is... welcoming

Hospitality is a hallmark of the Christian faith. Hope seeks to be a community that affirms the dignity of all persons as bearers of God's image. We are a community where all come together to offer their gifts of understanding to one another. Students of all faiths – or no faith at all – are welcomed at Hope. We invite our students to join a vibrant, caring academic community where the Christian faith and the pursuit of knowledge intersect and where the full humanity of all may flourish. All at Hope are invited to experience the love and good news of God's forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.



Hope College is a Christian community that invites all its members into a holistic and robust engagement with the historic Christian faith and a personal encounter with the living Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are guided and challenged in mutual journey by three aspirations – to be faithful, to be welcoming and to be transformational – recognizing that living them fully, as with faith, is ever *a process and not a destination.*

hope.edu/christian

CAMPUS SCENE



FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

“Part of the college experience is exploring things you may not have had the opportunity to do before. Try it out and if you don’t like it, if it doesn’t fit in your schedule, or if it simply isn’t for you, don’t be afraid to step away from it. That’s okay.”

Featuring student columnists, the ongoing blog “Life in Orange and Blue” is presented by the Office of Admissions to provide on-the-ground perspective on the Hope experience. With the members of the incoming Class of 2023 soon to begin their Hope journeys, we share this entry from newly graduated senior Abigail Kyros '19. In it, she offers and explains tips for “Finding Your ‘Thing’ at Hope College”: “Think about your interests”; “Try, try and try again!”; “Hope has many resources to help you find your place”; and “Try not to worry about finding your ‘thing’ right away!”

“You may find the activity, club, major, etc... you love to do right away, but it may take a year or two,” she writes. “Take the time to explore different options and don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

blogs.hope.edu/students/author/abigail-kyros



GERALD GRIFFIN NAMED ASSOCIATE PROVOST

Dr. Gerald Griffin, associate professor of biology and psychology, has been named the college’s associate provost for academic affairs.

A member of the faculty since 2015 who has also directed the college’s neuroscience program, he assumed office on July 1.

The new, full-time position replaces — and combines and expands — two part-time associate deanships, one in teaching and learning, and the other in research and scholarship.

hope.edu/gerald-griffin



ARBOREAL ACCLAIM

Hope has received 2018 Tree Campus USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The college, which has more than 2,000 trees spread across its 150-acre campus, earned the title by meeting Tree Campus USA’s five standards, which include maintaining a tree-advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and a student service-learning project.

hope.edu/tree-campus



SPRING SPORTS REPORT

Hope College finished strong during the spring sports season to claim a record 37th MIAA Commissioner’s Cup all-sports trophy. Josh Gibson became the first NCAA Division III men’s golfer to repeat as the NCAA Division III Player of the Year after leading the Flying Dutchmen to a ninth-place finish at nationals. Softball’s Shay Pinhey was chosen an Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Men’s lacrosse, women’s tennis and women’s outdoor track & field all repeated as MIAA regular-season champions. MIAA most valuable athlete honors went to tennis player Claire Hallock and indoor track and field’s Mitchel Achien’g, pictured above middle with Allison VanderStoep, left, and Emily Tynner, right. Baseball recorded its first 30-win season, which included two no-hitters thrown in a span of six days in Florida. Women’s lacrosse coach Kim Vincent retired after five seasons; former NCAA Division II lacrosse All-American Keagan Pontious from Seton Hill (Pa.) was hired to lead the Flying Dutch.

athletics.hope.edu

PROFESSORS RECEIVE END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

Dr. Charles Green and Dr. Elizabeth Sanford received the two major awards presented to faculty and staff at the end of the school year.

Green, a professor of psychology, received the 55th annual Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award announced during Commencement. The award is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Sanford, a professor of chemistry and department chair, received the 20th annual Vanderbush-Weller Award. Presented based on nominations from the campus community, the award recognizes and supports the efforts of Hope faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to the lives of students above and beyond what is expected in their regular assignments.

 hope.edu/chuck-green

 hope.edu/elizabeth-sanford



HOPE'S OUTSTANDING FORMULA

A strong finish in international competition at Michigan International Speedway in May moved the student-run Hope College Formula Racing Team ahead in both the U.S. and world rankings.

Hope finished 30th in the May 8-11 event at MIS, which featured 109 teams from across the country and around the globe, most from comprehensive or technical universities. The performance led Hope to the top 14 percent in the overall rankings based on all competition, placing the team 20th out of 148 in the U.S. and 84th out of 621 internationally. The college was previously in the top 18 percent.

Hope first participated in Formula SAE in 2010, with the team finishing 76th out of 102 entries and winning the William C. Mitchell Rookie Award for having achieved the highest overall score among first-time teams.

 hope.edu/top-formula



ORIENTATION AND CONVOCATION TO OPEN SCHOOL YEAR

The college's 158th academic year will begin formally with the traditional Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. The speaker will be Matthew A. Scogin '02, who became Hope's 14th president on Monday, July 1.

Residence halls for new students will open on Friday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m., with New Student Orientation beginning later that day and continuing through Monday, Aug. 26. Residence halls for returning students will open on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. Fall-semester classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 8 a.m.

CHICAGO SEMESTER HONORS SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Sociology and Social Work has received the inaugural Excellence in Collaboration Award from the Chicago Semester off-campus-study program.

The department's engagement with the Chicago Semester through the years has included organizing informational meetings for students from throughout the college. Recent emphasis for the department in particular has been on working with the off-campus program to develop new options for students pursuing a concentration in criminal justice, which requires not only course work but a semester-long internship.

The award was presented during the semester's 45th Anniversary Awards Celebration. Hope was a founding partner in the program in 1974.

 hope.edu/chicago-award



HOPE IN PICTURES

Please visit Hope online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of the college.

Pictured is a moment from Alumni Weekend '19, held on April 26 and 27. Activities included reunion events for the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1989, and for the Fifty-Year

Circle, which consists of graduates of 50 years ago and longer, as well as the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards.

 hope.edu/photos

THE ATHLETIC ABILITY OF **AND**

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

This fall, a long-awaited friend will return to DeVos Fieldhouse. Its presence will be warmly welcomed, even affectionately embraced, and then it will be shown to its preferred place of honor, right alongside 36 other “colleagues” who also live in the rafters. In traditional Hope orange and blue, a 37th banner — that friend whose reappearance was passionately pursued every year but whose materialization was delayed since 2014 — will say what every other swathe hanging there says: that as a whole, Hope College athletics achieves broad-based success across all of its 22 sports and is once again the winner of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Commissioner’s Cup (previously known as the All-Sports Award). It is the highest honor the MIAA bestows, since the award is based on the cumulative performance of each member school in the league’s 23 sports.



Hope has won this MIAA honor 22 more times than any other league school since the award's inception in 1934-35. The past four years have been the longest time the award has been away from Hope since a drought from 1967-68 to 1978-79. Hanging a new Commissioner's Cup banner in DeVos this year, and celebrating the overall population of those banners, is not an achievement ever assumed or taken for granted by those who coach, play and lead Hope teams.

"It's hard every year to win that thing," says Tim Schoonveld '96, director of athletics. "The competition in our league is very good. So, winning the Commissioner's Cup again is awesome. It is one of the things we're most proud of because it shows success

across the board. Our goal is always to say, 'When one wins, we all win.' We're really one big team here. We're all in this together. So, the Commissioner's Cup is something that everybody takes a lot of pride in."

In 2018-19, seven Hope teams won a league championship — women's cross country, women's soccer, women's indoor track and field, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, men's golf and men's lacrosse — while no team finished below fourth place in the league.

Yet, concentrating on athletic excellence would be only half of what the Hope athletics success story is all about. In fact, focusing on winning might only be a quarter of it. The Hope sports story is one of multifaceted forms of success. And it's

all due to the place the word "and" has in Hope's athletic vernacular.

First, though, to fully understand and appreciate the ability of the Hope athletic "and," let's address a misnomer.

There is a patent tendency for many who (think they) are familiar with the collegiate athletic scene to regularly define NCAA Division III athletics by what it does not have rather than what it does. In Division III, and so then at Hope College, there are no athletic scholarships, no athletic dorms, no training tables, no elaborate free gear packages, little to no air travel, no heavily-populated national fan bases. No this, No that. Blah blah blah. It sounds like a glass-half-empty manifesto.



To define something by what it isn't does it an incredible disservice. So, let's reframe to a cup-runneeth-over quality in Hope's sports philosophy. It makes no mention of "no," of course, and uses that most inclusive of all conjunctions, the word "and." It goes something like this: In Hope athletics, coaches, administrators and student-athletes strive for and engage in athletic excellence *and* academic success *and* service to others *and* study abroad *and* spiritual growth *and* co-curricular activities.

If that sounds like a lot, it is. But Schoonveld has no qualms with any of it. It's all a big balancing act, he knows, not just for student-athletes but for coaches, too, and he and they welcome it. "At our coaches' retreat recently, we talked exactly about this, about the power of 'and.' I know it sounds cliché, but you can't achieve anything really great without having high goals," he says. "There will be times we are disappointed because we missed the mark, but disappointment is a good thing. It means that we set high standards in all that we do. And we're really trying to achieve them as opposed to never being disappointed because we never really try to risk anything or keep pushing. That's not what we want to be about."

Any good sports story is supported by statistics to back up its examples of a team's winning ways. Ever since the first baseball statistician clapped onto the fact that an RBI means something important, numerical evidence in sports revolve around objective preferences because they are just so hard to argue with. Here are just a few stats that prove how athletic "and" can be.

HOPE STUDENT-ATHLETES



earned all-time national academic honors

234



made the **MIAA Honor Roll** with at least a 3.5 GPA in 2018-19

24



earned a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship since 1974



14

won the **MIAA Team GPA Award** with at least a 3.3 in 2018-19



Hours spent serving the community, conducting research, leading organizations, studying on the team bus.

121

served on a Hope SEED (Sport Evangelism to Equip Disciples) trip in one of seven different countries since 2017



Admittedly, that last stat isn't really one. It's impossible to calculate an exact measure for the seemingly infinite number of times and ways that Hope student-athletes serve, learn and lead. Such as how former volleyball standout and current occupational therapist Jenna Grasmeyer '15 Holwerda, four hours after winning an NCAA national championship in 2014 and being named the tournament's most valuable player, took a physiology exam on the team's return flight back to Hope.

Or, how golfer and electrical engineering major **Josh Gibson '19**, an NCAA Division III national champion and two-time national player of the year (see page 9), welcomed the chance "to get away" from the pressures of his sport by being involved in Dance Marathon or the Dew Crew.

Or, how men's lacrosse player and business major **Brayden Blackburn '22**, who scored the last-second, game-winning goal to give his team an MIAA title this spring, appreciates the life lessons about commitment and pursuit that he's learned in both his sport and fraternity.

Or, how track and field student-athlete, economics major and dean's lister **Mitchel Achien'g '20**, an MIAA MVP, works four campus jobs to support her education, makes no complaints about it and instead values every experience for instilling time-management skills.

So many more student-athlete stories to tell, so little time. . . and page space. So, what do they all mean? What is the underlying value in each? Schoonveld offers a summation.

"Look, we want to succeed and win, but we also want our student-athletes to know and then model Colossians 3:23: 'Whatever — whatever — you do, work at it with all of your heart as working for the Lord, not for humans.' We're called to give God our best and I think that's the piece we're all really striving for here. So, when people say, 'You're all about winning,' well, we're not really all about winning, but we are all about giving God our best."

"To be honest," he adds with an even stronger, more emphatic tone, "I think the world needs that now more than ever right now, and I think our ability to shape and send out student-athletes into the world with everything that Hope taught them is a big piece of how we can help change the world."

A sports philosophy like that is win-win for everyone, everywhere, not just for or at Hope. Perhaps that's the real meaning behind all those rafter decorations, anyway.



THE EPITOME OF SELFLESS SERVICE

By Greg Olgers '87

Bookended by Alumni Weekend and Commencement, the closing week of the school year was the natural time for the Hope family to thank the husband-and-wife team that stepped up and stepped in to help the college in a time of transition by serving a two-year term as Hope's first couple.

The Hope College Alumni Association surprised President Dennis Voskuil and Betty Voskuil with a Meritorious Service Award, along with a stained-glass window decoration by Kevin Kraay '81 of the Hope staff, on Saturday, April 27, during the annual Alumni Banquet at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. A handful of days later, on Thursday, May 2, hundreds of members of the campus community filled the great room of the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center during a reception in the Voskuils' honor.

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil was appointed president in 2017 to serve while the college conducted a national search for a successor to Dr. John C. Knapp, who left to become president of Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania. Voskuil was succeeded on this July 1 by Matthew A. Scogin '02, who was named president-elect on Dec. 7, 2018.

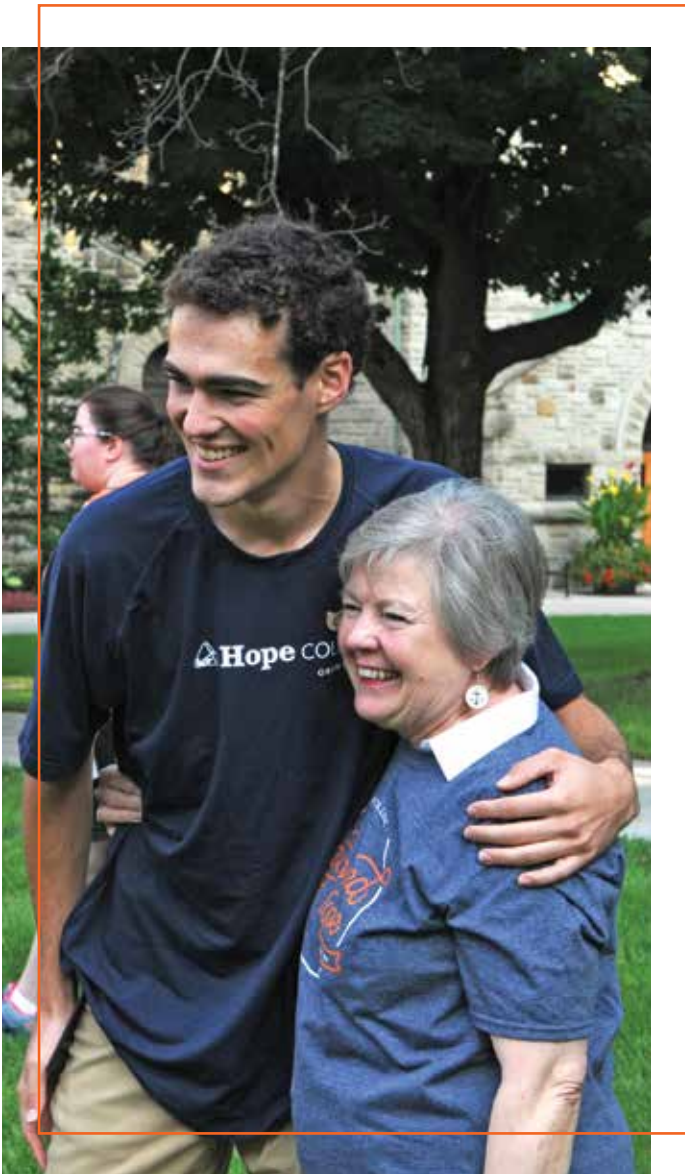
The Meritorious Service Award recognizes contributions to Hope and its alumni through notable personal service and long-time involvement with the college. "They were the perfect people — at the perfect time — to guide the college through this period of transition. And they have done so as a team; a true partnership," said Brad Norden '04, who is president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and was the evening's master of ceremonies.

Senior Chandler Alberda, who is the Alumni Board's Senior Class Representative and the 2019-20 president of Student Congress, presented the award. She noted that the Voskuils have epitomized selfless commitment in answering the call to lead Hope in what rightfully could have been their retirement years. Recalling their active involvement in the campus community, she also expressed appreciation for their role as grandparents-away-from-home for many.

"The students were always at the forefront of their thoughts," she said. "They adopted around 3,000 additional grandkids during their time here. Their generosity is what opened the door of their home to every single First-Year Seminar class."

A slideshow projected during the May 2 reception reflected the couple's student focus and hospitality, whether it was hosting students at the President's Home, Dennis dressed as St. Nicholas during Advent, or Betty joining the orientation assistants during the morning of Move-In Day. The May 2 event also included affectionate tributes to both of the Voskuils by Karl Droppers '82, chair of the college's Board of Trustees; Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown, who is the John H. and Jeanne M. Jacobson Professor of Psychology and the college's chief officer for culture and inclusion; Jason Gomory '19, the 2018-19 president of Student Congress; and Lydia Berkey '19, the 2018-19 chief of culture and inclusion on the Student Congress Cabinet.







“You bring so much joy and life to Hope College, and we’re so grateful for your time here,” Berkey said.

Droppers noted that Dennis Voskuil’s presidential tenure will have an important lasting impact on Hope, especially through the addition of a chief officer for culture and inclusion as a member of the college’s leadership team, and the development of Hope’s statement of Christian aspirations adopted by the Board in May 2018. Of the latter, he said, “This is a rudder that has the ability to guide Hope for years and years, and it was under your leadership that it was done.”

“ [DENNIS AND BETTY VOSKUIL] WERE THE PERFECT PEOPLE – AT THE PERFECT TIME – TO GUIDE THE COLLEGE THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION. AND THEY HAVE DONE SO AS A TEAM; A TRUE PARTNERSHIP. ”

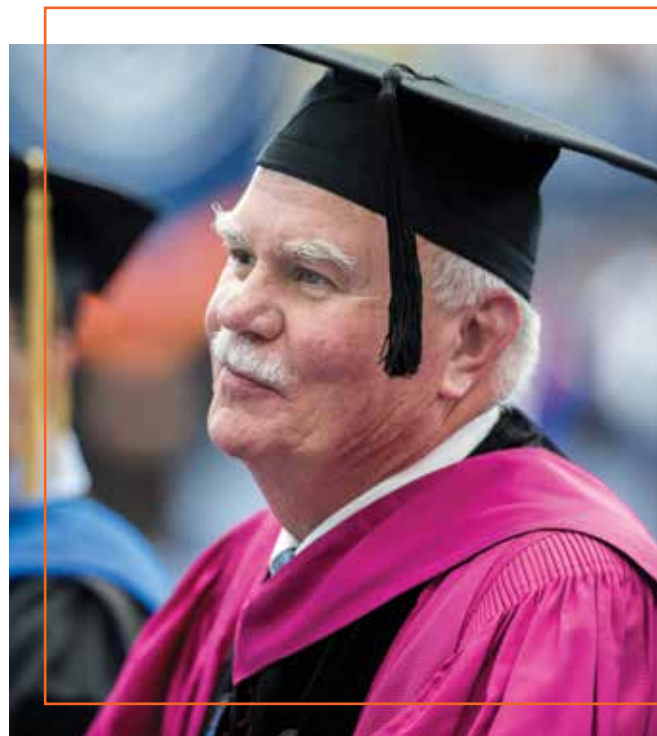
– Brad Norden '04, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

Also during the event, the Voskuils were presented a photo book featuring images from the past two years, and two wooden Hitchcock chairs customized with the Hope seal. In addition, the college unveiled the commissioned portrait of Dennis Voskuil that will be installed in the Graves Hall Presidents’ Room alongside those of his 12 predecessors and the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte.

The Voskuils’ most recent two years of service continued a relationship with Hope that began in 1977, when Dennis Voskuil joined the religion faculty. He remained at the college until 1994, when he became president of Hope’s next-door neighbor, Western Theological Seminary, until retiring in 2008. He continued to teach at the seminary as the Marvin and Jerene DeWitt Professor of Church History until 2014, when he became a senior research fellow with the college’s A.C. Van Raalte Institute. He subsequently directed the institute from 2015 until becoming Hope’s president.

The Alumni Banquet and reception weren’t the first times that the college honored the Voskuils. Hope presented each of them with honorary degrees during the Baccalaureate ceremony in 2008 in recognition of their long-time and distinguished service to the Reformed Church in America. They also co-delivered the Baccalaureate address that year.

 hope.edu/voskuil-photos



A PASSION FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

By Josh Bishop

Allison LoPrete '19 opens with a greeting given by the risen Christ himself:

“PEACE BE WITH YOU.”

It’s the opening of a liturgy that one might expect to find in Sunday morning worship services around the world — or perhaps in Hope’s own Dimnent Memorial Chapel four times a week.

“AND ALSO WITH YOU,”

the gathered guests predictably reply.

LoPrete pumps her fist: “Yes! I was hoping that would happen.”

She had been leaning forward past the microphone, eyes and smile wide in anticipation, more curious than nervous. There’s a smattering of laughter, led by LoPrete herself. Maybe this isn’t a church service, after all.



The next speaker, Tuba Jaherun, a student from Calvin University (formerly Calvin College), opens her address with a similar greeting:

***“AS-SALAMU ALAIKUM.”
PEACE BE UPON YOU.***

From the guests, again as expected:

***“WA ALAIKUM AS-SALAM.”
AND PEACE BE UPON YOU, TOO.***

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“HOLY ENVY IS THE ABILITY TO WITNESS PRACTICES IN OTHER RELIGIONS AND FEEL DRAWN TO EMULATE, PUSH OR ALTER YOUR OWN FAITH OR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE.”



No, this is the Abrahamic Dinner, presented annually by the Grand Valley State University’s Kaufman Interfaith Institute, and held in February 2019 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

LoPrete, who is Christian, and Jaherun, who is Muslim, were invited with Allison Egrin, a Jewish student from Grand Valley, to speak as part of the theme, “Listening to New Voices: The Next Generation Speaks.”

For LoPrete, the invitation to speak was both an honor and a natural extension of her years at Hope working and advocating for interfaith understanding and relationships. It’s an interest that she brought with her to college, that she honed during her tenure at Hope, and that ushered her into a post-college career as a multifaith coordinator for Elon University’s Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life in Elon, North Carolina.

LoPrete is confident and quick to laugh, and although she recognizes that her interfaith work might be, as she puts it, “controversial” to some, she certainly doesn’t look for controversy. Instead, her interfaith interest comes from a frank and compassionate desire to be inclusive, to make sure people aren’t kept on the outside.

In her freshman year, she helped start the Hope Interfaith Youth Alliance while she was living in Scott Hall as a Phelps Scholar. And she traveled later that year to the Pine Ridge Native American reservation in South Dakota for a May Term with Dr. Steven Hoogerwerf ’77, associate professor of religion.

“I was so impressed with her that I encouraged her to go to Pine Ridge with me,” Hoogerwerf said. “I had almost never taken a freshman, but she was passionately interested in the subject and could already talk about it in a way that the average freshman couldn’t.”

From 2018 to 2019, LoPrete served as a Kruizenga Interfaith Ambassador to Hope College. The ambassador program is part of the Kaufman Institute’s work to promote interfaith programming at local colleges, and LoPrete jumped into the role with fervor, bringing Hope students to trainings and programs like the Made in Michigan Interfaith Lab, which she helped organize, and working with the Admissions Office to develop material that helps representatives and tour guides better work with non-Christian prospective students.

In her junior year, she spent a semester at the Al Amana Centre in Oman. The Reformed Church in America started working in Oman in 1892, so Al Amana boasts more than 125 years of, as its slogan puts it, “building trust and peace” among Christians and Muslims.

While at Al Amana, she said, “I learned that I can learn from other faiths and that they can supplement my own faith.” LoPrete calls this “holy envy,” and it was the topic of her address at the Abrahamic Dinner.

“Holy envy is the ability to witness practices in other religions and feel drawn to emulate, push or alter your own faith or spiritual practice,” she explained. “A good example of that is, Muslims pray five times a day; I don’t pray five times a day even if I’m thinking about it. So I have a little bit of holy envy for that ability to focus on conversation with God so pointedly.”

For other examples, LoPrete pointed to the meaningfulness of Shabat in the Jewish tradition, which is more robust than her experience of the Christian Sabbath, and to the Buddhist understanding of the ego. “Or even, what can you take from someone who is atheist?” she asked. “What can you take from their conviction of still having a moral foundation despite not having religion? I feel like that’s harder.”

Also difficult is learning from, and building meaningful relationships with, people who have different understandings of a shared faith tradition — the distinction between *intrafaith* and *interfaith*. “Intrafaith can be challenging, sometimes, because you’re arguing about the same religion, but you have such vastly different beliefs.”

LoPrete said that the most frustrating conversations she had at Al Amana weren’t with Muslims but with “other Christians who had a different theology than mine. I felt like their mindset was uncomfortable for me — not because I don’t have some conservative values, because I do, but because I felt there wasn’t room for diversity and inclusion, or for questioning and pushing understanding of scripture.”

She realizes that some people interpret interfaith dialogue as a race away from orthodoxy toward middling noncommitment, but LoPrete insists that interfaith work does not require Christians to water down their faith. On the contrary, she said, “you should be convicted in your beliefs if you’re going to do interfaith work.”

“Any interfaith conversation or dialogue demands that you also share your beliefs — or nonbelief if you’re non-religious. My Christian values are crucial to be able to dialogue with a Muslim, to be able to dialogue with a Hindu,” she said. “You need to understand how you practice your faith and what your theology is in order to share that with someone else. It’s hard to dialogue with someone who’s different if you don’t know who you are.”

Hoogerwerf has been impressed with LoPrete’s ability to blend commitment to her own faith with respect for others’ traditions. “I admire students who are able to have firm convictions but also be interested in and open to other ways of thinking, and she does that really well,” he said.

“It’s a core belief in the Christian faith that you should share your faith and share the grace of Christ, so it’s hard in interfaith spaces to feel like you can’t do that,” LoPrete said. “My response is always, ‘The Spirit is so much stronger than you think.’ You can share your experience with Christ authentically and allow the Spirit to do the work. We are not the changer of hearts, that’s God.”

That realization — that only God is capable of changing a person’s heart — can free Christians to welcome the other from a place of confidence and certainty as well as hospitality and inclusion. And it’s a conviction that fits comfortably with Hope’s Christian Aspirations, which identify the college’s desire to be both faithfully committed to historic Christianity *and* welcoming to “students of all faiths — or no faith at all.”

“Hope is unapologetically Christian and that’s great. I think that’s important,” LoPrete said. “But are there ways that Hope as a whole can reach out to groups who are of a different religious affiliation and welcome them better?”

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HOPE'S DEEP DIVE IN COZUMEL

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

Twenty-five feet below the surface in the Caribbean Sea's show-off turquoise water that rolled and swelled beneath an equally-gaudy cobalt sky, Anne Sangliana '19 discovered something she hoped she'd find. A fanciful creature with an orange-splotched body had perched itself on a vibrant coral reef. As flamboyant as it was, the little animal was actually difficult to see, what with its camouflaging proclivity.

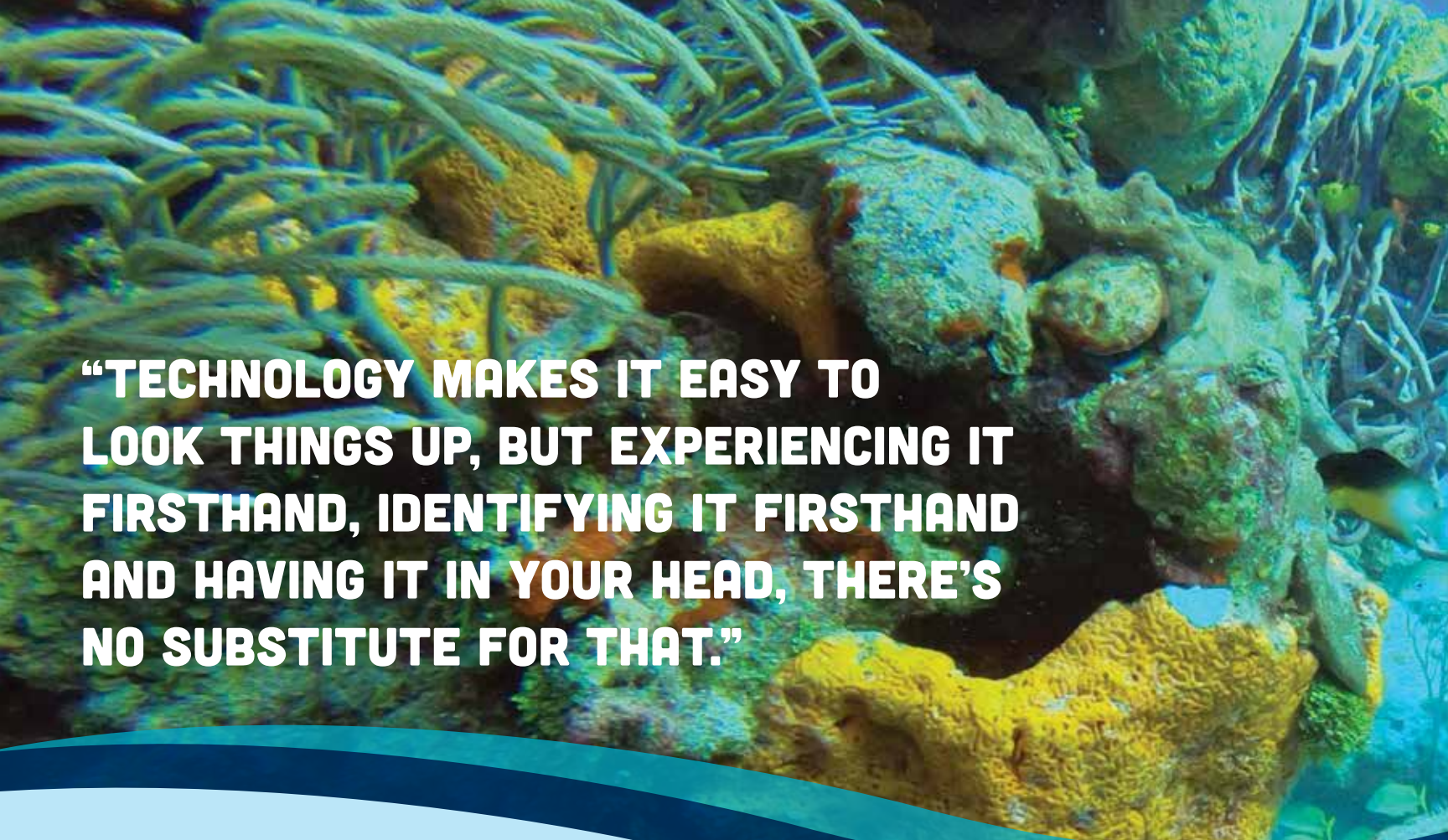
But Sangliana had located it — a flamingo tongue, or a sea snail — and the recently graduated biology major could feel her eyes grow rounder with delight inside her scuba mask. As much as she wanted to smile, she couldn't, not with an air-regulator in her mouth; she at least felt as though she was grinning from ear-to-ear. There under the sea, 2,981 miles away from Hope College near Cozumel, Mexico, Sangliana was getting a fresh and colorful education in a different kind of Hope classroom, one in which her curiosity and love of the natural world grew even deeper. The once-in-a-lifetime experience came courtesy of a course called "Marine Biology and Biophysics" and the two professors who teach it — Dr. K. Greg Murray and Dr. Peter Gonthier.

Many colleges and universities have marine biology classes, but few combine the topic in an interdisciplinary way with physics. Per the course syllabus, BIO/PHYS 330 "covers much of the subject matter of a traditional marine biology course, including a survey of important groups of marine organisms and ecosystems, but it also delves frequently into the ways in which physics informs an understanding of the special challenges of life in the sea and adaptations of organisms to deal with those challenges."

Such as the way water absorbs light from the sun and how that light penetrates and provides energy for myriads of species at different spectral wavelengths at different depths. Or, how sound propagates or is absorbed in water. Or, how stingrays can sense electric fields emitted by their prey who (try to) hide under the ocean's soft bottom but are often dug up and consumed by the hovering ray.





An underwater photograph of a vibrant coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of yellow, orange, and green. A small black and white fish is visible on the right side of the frame. The water is clear and blue.

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That sea circle of life is something no landlocked, liberal arts college student can fully comprehend without experiencing first-hand the dynamic and complex environment of life lived in the deep. Murray and Gonthier joined forces to create the class in such a way that students investigate the world’s most diverse, most populated domain both at Hope and in saltwater. They did so out of a shared love for scuba diving, a dedication to unifying scientific disciplines whenever possible, and a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Every other year since 2006 (with one exception when Murray was away on a sabbatical), they have taught their unique course as a biology or physics elective for 13 weeks on land on Hope’s campus and for one week in the “field” during the college’s spring break.

“The love of living things is what drew students to biology in the first place,” says Murray, an irrepressible, old-school naturalist and the T. Elliot Weier Professor of Plant Science. “And I would really like for them not to lose that love for critters and plants that originally sparked their interest in the natural world. So just taking them to see a lot of different kinds of living things is really, really important, I think, to keep that love alive. And it’s really satisfying for me to bring students into contact with as much of the natural world as possible.”

Prior to Sangliana and her classmates’ arrival in Cozumel, where they apply their Hope labs and lessons in lucid Caribbean water, they were first required to take scuba classes in an indoor facility in Holland. Their open-water certification, though, came on location on their first day, and the test for that was administered

by Gonthier, a scuba instructor since 1994. (Murray, California born and bred, has been a certified scuba diver since 1973.)

“I was maybe in the water for an hour [for the certification], whereas Dr. Gonthier was in there for the whole five hours, training every group,” Sangliana marvels. “I just remember coming up and being so exhausted. But he was there for everyone the entire time.”

“To me, it’s a great joy to see the students develop skills in scuba diving,” explains Gonthier, who has been a professor of physics at Hope since 1983. “The first day they are just all over the place, but by the last couple of days, they look so much better in the water. At first, they’re using their hands wrong, or they look like they are riding a bicycle under water. At the end, they look pretty good.”

The class dives — sometimes up to 80 feet — for five days, three times a day, including some night dives, a time when the ocean’s sounds change just as much as its sights. And while the students get especially excited to see larger vertebrates — such as hawksbill sea turtles, eagle rays, triggerfish, and green moray eels — less conspicuous smaller species, like those sea snails, also inspire awe.

“You go down there, and you see all these animals you’ve never seen before,” says Sangliana. “I know I can take for granted how vast the world is, and in Cozumel, I felt so small when I went scuba diving.”



It's not just all underwater-learning all the time in Cozumel, either. Murray and Gonthier expose the students to other lessons found only on land. They teach about seagrass ecosystems — the most widespread coastal ecosystems on the planet which actually reduce exposure to bacterial pathogens that affect humans, fish and invertebrates — and about the absorption and desorption of nitrogen in various tissues as a function of pressure. Due to that last lesson, the group cannot fly on a plane for at least 48 hours after their last dive since residual nitrogen remains in their muscle tissue. So, on their last day in Cozumel, time is spent solely above water, where more physical and biological experiences abound.

“We always rent a couple of vehicles and drive around to the other side of the island, where we visit several places in mangrove communities,” Murray explains. “And there’s a really nice park that we go to as well, where we see some seabirds and some wading birds and, in fact, they have American crocodiles. We do a fair bit of botanizing, too.”

On campus and in the tropical paradise, the vast volume of wisdom and knowledge imparted by the two profs may seem overwhelming. Clearly, there is a tremendous amount of information and concepts taught and subsequently learned. Yet Murray and Gonthier present it all in such a way that joy and thoroughness are tandem dive partners.

“They’re both like encyclopedias in the realms of what they teach,” says Sangilana of her professors. “You can tell how passionate they are about their

subjects. They go far beyond what is probably required. That’s why they probably decided to teach this class — out of their pure interest. They could keep that to themselves, but I’m so glad they choose to share this part of the world with us.”

Gonthier and Murray’s conviction to teach about a sea world is driven by their unending scientific passion. For students, the experience is a kind of educational denouement. All of the marine biological and physical lessons they learned in the classroom, lab and beneath the waves converge. In the end, they are affirmed as the scientists they’ve been taught to be.

“Taking this class has helped me realize that the importance of being able to identify yourself as a biologist means being able to identify the things you are studying,” Sangilana says. “Their phylum. Their class. Their species. Technology makes it easy to look things up, but experiencing it firsthand, identifying it firsthand and having it in your head, there is no substitute for that.”

To view more photos and video online, visit: hope.edu/cozumel

**THE CLASS DIVES - SOMETIMES UP TO
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HAPPINESS IS RESEARCH ABOUT HAPPINESS



A smile — that universal expression of happiness — usually needs no translation. Upturned corners of a mouth mean “gladness”; add teeth and you have jubilation. Yet, as with most things in human life, it’s not always that simple. What makes one person put on a happy face might make another express ambivalence at best. Add in the multiple ways another culture defines happiness, and you have expressions of glee as wide and varied as the different degrees of that smile.

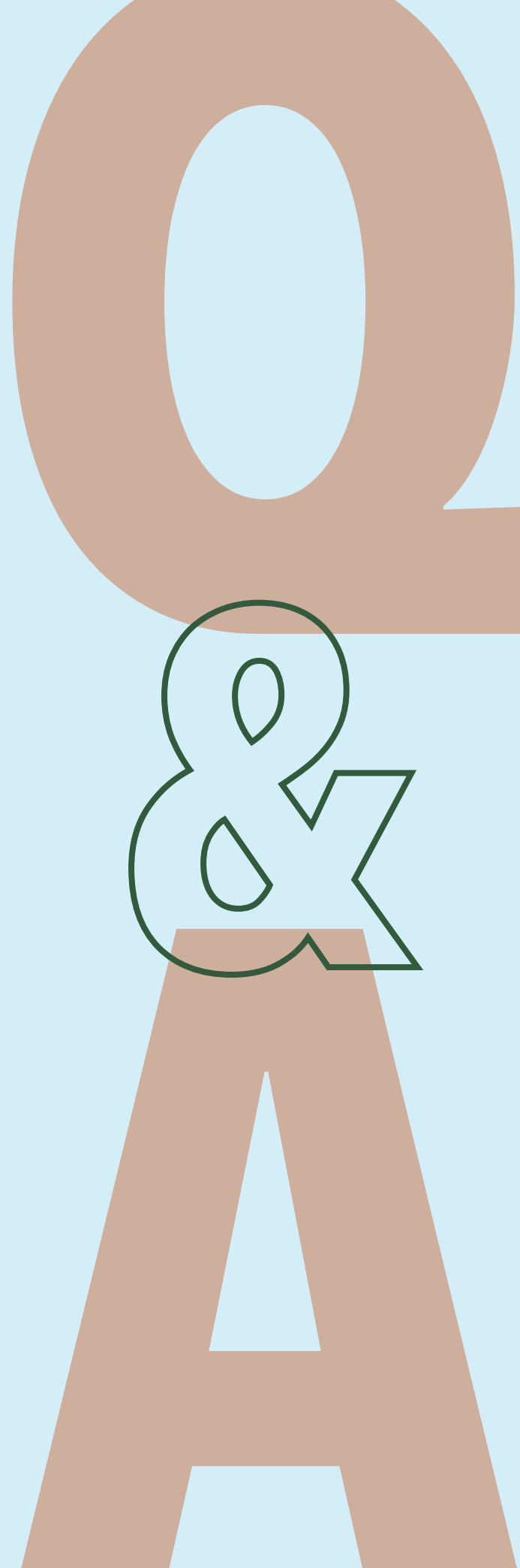
Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication and interim associate dean of global studies at Hope, and Dr. Rika Hanamitsu, a professor of communication at Waseda University in Tokyo who served as a visiting professor at Hope during the 2018-19 academic year, have been investigating cross-cultural definitions of happiness between the United States and Japan since 2015. The two met 10 years ago, when Johnston was visiting Tokyo on a Great Lakes Colleges Association trip. Since then, they have collaborated often on teaching and research. Their first project, a multi-institutional, cross-cultural global exposure study in six countries, was published in the journal *Intercultural Communication Studies* in 2015. “Photovoice Analysis of Cross-Cultural Happiness in Japan and USA” is their second project, and it is uncovering an interesting and glad array of ways to be happy.

In question-and-answer format with interviewer Eva Dean Folkert ’83, here is when the project came to be, how it worked, what the two researchers found and why it matters.

First, you both seem to be happy in each other’s company. WHY DO YOU LIKE CONDUCTING RESEARCH TOGETHER?

Dede: We generate fun and creative projects together, and we enjoy learning from each other. We each provide a cultural framework to understanding the projects we work on, and this is a great learning opportunity. We also discover and explore cultural biases in existing research, and this speaks to the importance of engaging in cross-cultural research teams. We’ve had a great deal of fun working together as our friendship has grown. We’ve involved a lot of students in the projects as well, and we’ve enjoyed working together with a student research team. Rika is really good at details, like double-checking statistics and making final edits, which I abhor, so it is a great working partnership.

Rika: The greatest part is we’ve developed a long-term friendship through working together.



WHY RESEARCH TOGETHER ON HAPPINESS?

Rika: Happiness is a topic that can be researched from a lot of different disciplines, including psychology, sociology, economics, as well as communication studies. There is also a lot of general interest in the topic. It is something we all (across cultures) desire, but there are similarities and differences in how we perceive it, pursue it and experience it. The photography aspect of this project makes it particularly unique and interesting. For me personally, photography is something special because my father was a professional photographer and I grew up with photographs. They capture the moment we tend to miss in daily life as well as the moment we want to record.

Dede: I was intrigued with the happiness lists that started appearing in the media, which ranked countries and states and cities according to their level of happiness. The question that plagued me was: “Do different countries and cultures actually define and experience happiness in the same way?” I thought they might not, making those surveys and rankings spurious. As an empiricist, I wanted to explore it.

SO, HOW DID YOU CONDUCT YOUR STUDY?

It's quite qualitative in nature.

Rika: Data collection for our project was rather unique. We recruited a stratified sample across four different age groups (18-29, 30-44, 45-65, over 65) in both the United States and Japan. Each participant was given a disposable camera and a booklet with questions. Participants were instructed to conduct the project during a 24-hour period. When they noticed that they were experiencing happiness, they were to pause, take a photograph that represented their happiness at that moment, and answer five narrative prompts reflecting on their happy thoughts. Participants also took a short standardized pre- and post-test happiness assessment at the beginning and end of their 24-hour data collection.

This study has been four years in the making.

WHAT CAUSES A STUDY TO TAKE THAT AMOUNT OF TIME?

[They both laugh.]

Dede: It is a very complicated data project with a lot of narrative and photo data. Many qualitative studies have a much smaller sample size, and to code five photos for each of 80 participants, and to code five narrative answers for each of five photos for 80 participants, was a bit overwhelming.

Rika: The topic is vast. And there are many different aspects to this data set which may evolve into multiple publications and possibly a book.

HERE, IN THEIR COMBINED WORDS, IS WHAT THEY FOUND:

- Emotional complexity! A typical way of measuring more differentiated and nuanced emotions was higher for the United States sample, but we believe this measure to be culturally biased because it is related to the number of language descriptors used to describe an emotional experience. Japanese people are less likely to use numerous linguistic descriptors because in the Japanese language one word can cover multiple nuanced meanings depending upon the context. One word might cover multiple feelings. Japanese participants used fewer emotion words to describe their experience of happiness but were more likely to use in-depth metaphors. This is important because American people seek more specific and nuanced descriptions of the type of happiness they are experiencing, and Japanese people engage in more reflection on the meaning of their happiness experiences.
- Pre-happiness was significantly higher among Japanese participants, and the process of engaging in the study had a significant impact on increasing the happiness of both Japanese and American participants. In other words, the findings support all those gratitude studies that suggest that focusing on things for which you are grateful really does impact your mood. We believe that the act of focusing on and reflecting on one's happiness during the day actually increases happiness.
- The things and events that generated happiness varied by culture. Japanese participants recorded food and events significantly more often than did American participants. American participants reported animals and specific people or the number of people as sources of happiness significantly more often.
- American participants were more literal in their experience of happiness, and Japanese participants were more symbolic. An American participant might ride a bike and report happiness; a Japanese participant might be walking and report happiness because walking is a symbol of their good health. An American might see a new bike and report how the bike itself bring happiness, and a Japanese participant might see a new bike and reflect on how the bike symbolizes the love of a parent who bought the bike.
- American participants did engage in some symbolism, as they were more likely than Japanese participants to find happiness in seeing an object that evoked a past happy memory. Does this suggest that American people experience happiness in an immediate gratification kind of way, and Japan people experience happiness tied to a larger meaning of life context? This is consistent with other research that shows that Japanese people see the larger context (meta-focus), and American people focus on one or two dominant features (micro-

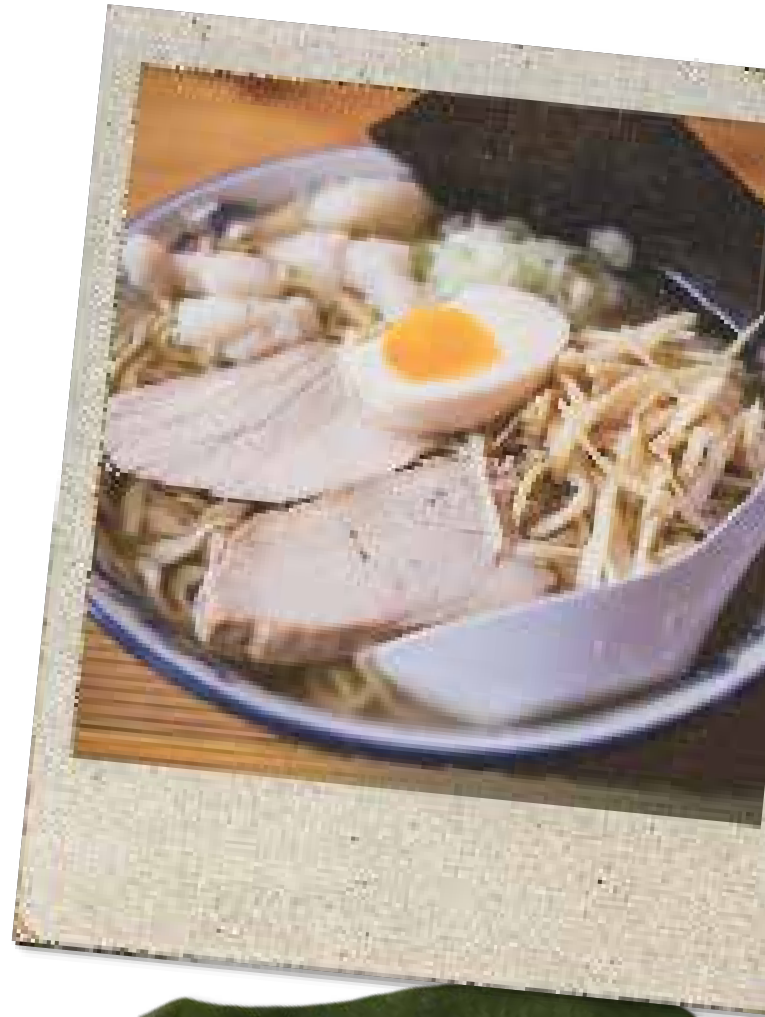


focus). (For example, the Japanese person might represent a view by including the entire fish tank and its interrelated elements, and the American person might represent the same view with a close-up of one big fish). In intercultural communication, we talk about high- and low-context cultures. Research shows that Japan is a high-context culture (reading many interrelated contextual cues) and the American is a low-context culture (depending less on contextual cues to derive meaning).

- Japanese participants were more likely to report happiness from quotidian experiences – for example, “My noodles make me happy as I have these same noodles for lunch every day,” or “Walking to school makes me happy as I walk to school every day.” American participants were more likely to report happiness from unexpected events and surprise occurrences. This might suggest that American people might be too dependent upon the unusual occurrence rather than fully appreciating their daily routines as a source of happiness. This could limit the experience of happiness in the United States.
- American participants were more likely to experience happiness associated with higher arousal (e.g., excitement) and Japan participants were more likely to experience happiness as low arousal (e.g., calmness, contentment). This is consistent with other research and again might suggest that American participants do not fully appreciate calmness and contentment, or at least do not associate it with happiness. This suggests that people define happiness differently across cultures.
- Older adults in both cultures were more likely to experience happiness associated with things that were expected (not a surprise), lower arousal (contentment), quotidian events and associations with past memories.

SO, WHY IS ANY OF THIS IMPORTANT, ANYWAY?

Dede: Overall, this study is important because comparisons of countries on the ranking of happiness do not reflect that different cultures may experience, define and contextualize happiness differently. In terms of intercultural communication, when we refer to happiness, we may not be referencing exactly the same experience. We can learn from each other the ways in which each culture may constrain or limit the experience of happiness, and this knowledge could promote greater happiness for all. In addition, the study of cross-cultural happiness promotes intercultural competence through understanding of others’ emotions and experiences, as well as a greater self-awareness.



Two MVPs and the Coach In-Between

By Eva Dean Folkert '83





f the many qualities of water, its ability to represent the flowing movement of time is perhaps its most preternatural. For a story about swimming greatness, that metaphor could go something like this:

February, 1987. Rob Peel — a tall, slender Spring Lake, Michigan-native, obsessed with going fast in the freestyle — has smashed Hope College and MIAA swim records and is named the league’s most valuable swimmer. His coach is John Patnott, a Kresge Natatorium deck pacer for less than a decade who guided the swimming star to national heights.

Now, flow forward 32 years.

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A polyester-Lycra® thread, plus a perennially walrus-mustached coach, has tied this father-daughter swimming tale together over the stretch of three-plus decades. Through time-traveled waters over two generations, they are the two MVPs and the coach in-between.



Rob Peel’s story has a bit of a Michael Jordanesque ring to it. Peel, like MJ, was cut from his basketball team as a high schooler. His Airness famously returned to the court and went on to soar to greater heights. Peel, on the other hand, would take a long and successful dive in a different direction.

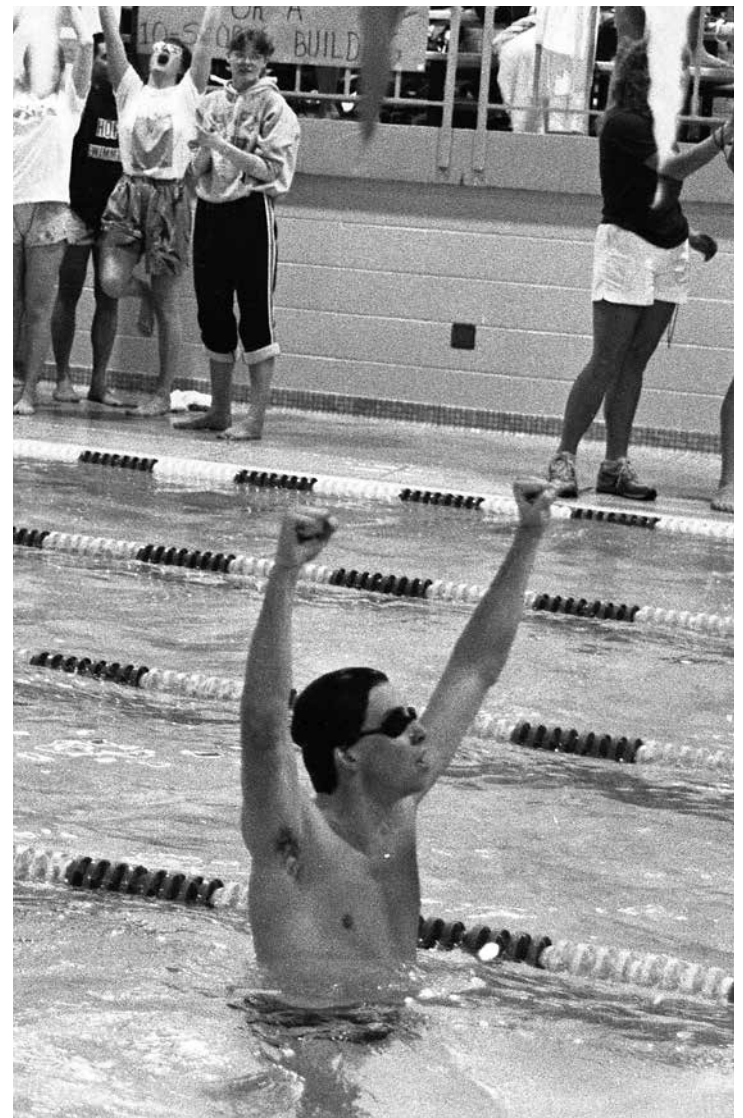
As a junior in high school, Peel became a competitive swimmer by default. By today’s ultra-early youth-sport standards, starting a new sport at the oxymoronic old age of 16 is unheard of. But physically and mentally, he was perfect for swimming. After two slightly-above-average high-school seasons, the 6-foot-4, doggedly determined Peel came to Hope as a good swimmer but not one who had been heavily recruited, at least not by Patnott. The head coach couldn’t. At the time of Peel’s college decision, plus into his freshman season, Patnott was away from Hope, pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Utah in exercise science from 1982 to 1984. For his part, Peel never anticipated that he’d swim all four years in college anyway. “To be honest, I thought, ‘I’ll swim a couple of years, and if I don’t keep improving, I’ll probably stop,’” he recalls.

Peel stuck it out because he fulfilled his if-clause caveat. He did keep improving once Dr. Patnott returned. Over the next three seasons, Patnott would guide Peel to 10 All-American performances at the NCAA Division III Championships, as well as a conference MVP Award and national championship in the 50-yard freestyle in his senior year. And his Hope record in the 50 free (20.69) stood for 23 years (1986-2009).

“Swimming is a sport in which you determine your results because it’s based upon your own effort. After I got to know John my sophomore year, I realized he was the kind of coach who could help me a lot if I wanted to put the work in. He knows how to train people to get the most out of them. And I always felt he was the kind of coach who I responded best to versus the coach who could get in your face. That’s not John, so I just connected with him. I really respected his knowledge of the sport and his training methods, too.”

After graduating in 1987, the affable Peel entered the world of finance (he’s now the West Michigan market director for the investment firm RW Baird), but he also stayed in the pool for a while, too. In 1988, 1992 and 1996, he qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 50 free, with Patnott coaching him for last two trials when he finished 9th and 6th, respectively. “John’s commitment has always been unwavering,” Peel says, “not just to me but to a whole bunch of Hope swimmers who wanted to excel.”

Through to another generation, Peel would see that Patnott dedication flow onward.

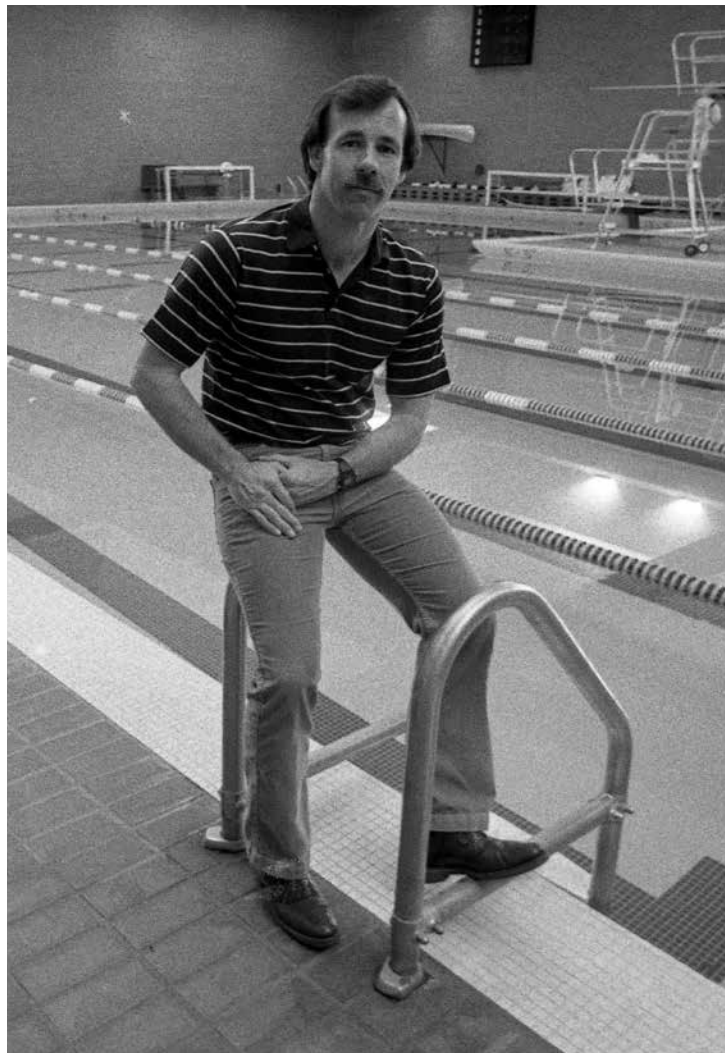




When John Patnott took a leave of absence from Hope in 1982 to earn a doctorate at Utah, he admits that he had no intention of returning. He was leaving the Hope program that he founded in 1978 on good moorings, but as a former Division I long-distance swimmer and once head coach, both at Fresno State in California, he wanted to get back to a bigger school in the West. And who could blame him? Midwestern culture shock was a startling thing — Holland was smaller and winters were harsher. Patnott and his wife, Phyllis, had never driven in snow before, and the winter of 1979 was one of the worst on record. Plus, some Hope faculty wondered about the new guy’s seemingly-strict training regimens.

“The faculty here thought I was crazy because we were working out twice a day,” Patnott remembers. “It was common in the swimming world, but there had not been a swim team here before so people didn’t know. The student-athletes bought in, though.”

Still, off he went. It took him only three months to determine that he and Phyllis would return to a place where he knew that academic and athletic priorities were in line with his. Once he walked the Kresge deck again, Peel’s presence, plus a new



nickname, awaited him. Patnott would soon become known as the “mad scientist.”

“I would draw out different (physiological) pathways on a whiteboard [on the pool deck],” Patnott says. “This is the enzyme you are training, this is how it works with your muscle fibers, this is why it’s important as that muscle is oxygenated.” He stops and a small smile grows under his immense mustache. “Did the swimmers want to hear it? No, they probably fell asleep. But I needed them to buy into what we were doing here... I remember one swimmer on our first men’s championship team coming back and saying, ‘Man, I thought you were crazy about all that lactate stuff, but it worked.’”

Over the course of Patnott’s 39-year career, the exercise-science lessons, accolades and achievements added up in the swim world: National Coach of the Year in Division III three times, 34 MIAA championships combined between men’s and women’s teams, 32 MIAA MVPs and, 319-75 record in MIAA dual meets. He has coached 121 All-Americans, 41 Academic All-Americans, and 31 national champions who swam to eight NCAA records. For his classroom work, Patnott received Hope’s Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003.

Fittingly after all of this, the legendary coach was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America in May 2018. He retired from coaching and teaching at Hope at the end of this academic year.

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– John Patnott

With Rob Peel in 1984, Patnott knew he had raw talent to refine; with Meg Peel in 2017, he had a known skill set. Of them both, the long-time coach sees and appreciates two top-notch student-athletes who entrusted their swimming careers to his coaching expertise.

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With that, the mad scientist has worked his wonders.



Following in her father's footsteps, or rather arm strokes, to Hope, Meg Peel was fully aware of her dad's swimming legacy. Thirty-two years after his departure from the Dow pool, Rob Peel's name still sounds as familiar there as the flop of seconds on the lap clock. While some young athletes who aspire to reach the national stage might shy away from famous familial associations, Meg Peel saw it a differently when she arrived at Hope.

"I never really thought, 'I am in my dad's shadow,'" says Peel, "but maybe that's just because I'm kind of dialing in my own thing. I actually think in a weirdest way that following him here gave me a sense of confidence. I look up to my dad."

When she officially visited the college for the first time, Peel was exposed to passionate professors, friendly teammates and a coach who knew how to bring out the speed in her. Which he did. Along with co-head coach Jake Taber this year, Patnott guided Peel to that MIAA Most Valuable Swimmer Award for winning all three of her individual events as well as three relays at the MIAA Championships last February. A month later, the sophomore became an All-American with a runner-up finish in the 200-yard backstroke in a Hope record time (1:58.50) at the 2019 NCAA Division III Championships.

Though she dabbled in basketball, soccer and track and field earlier in life, Peel — sociable, creative and inclined to laugh

quickly — says, "I realized I wasn't very good on land, but it was fun. I got to meet new people." Swimming, even with its demands and unchanging scenery of water and a wall, captivated her. Participating in the sport was not forced by her parents and came from her own set of priorities. In fact, she recently decided to continue her swimming career at a Division I institution. "Jake [Taber] and I support her aspirations to compete at the DI level," Patnott says. "Yes, it is disappointing that she is leaving, but we wish her the best and hope she succeeds. There is significant room for her to continue to improve, and she has the drive to do it."

"Pushing yourself, especially in practice, looking up at the clock and then knowing what you can consistently do, that you're better than you were the last time, that's so much fun to me," conveys Peel. "It may just be practice but working really hard, it's super fun especially when you're surrounded by people you love. And then at the end of the season, after all of that, it's one big party."

One big party? Why? Because it's over?

"No, because then it's time for the league meet," Peel says. "Coach P calls it one big, four-day party where you get to celebrate your work. If you do the hard work, it pays off. Time after time."

And so it flows.

150 YEARS

— IN THE — MAKING

By Greg Olgers '87

The landmark anniversary history tome Hope College at 150 has so large a story to tell that it fills not one volume but two.

Subtitled “Anchored in Faith, Educating for Leadership and Service in a Global Society,” the 1,410-page *magnum opus* has been published in paired hardcovers by the college’s Van Raalte Press as part of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America. The editor and primary author is Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, who is provost emeritus and professor of classics emeritus, and director of the A.C. Van Raalte Institute, with multiple chapters written by current and former faculty and staff as well as alumni, all with long associations with Hope.

Hope College at 150: Anchored in Faith, Educating for Leadership and Service in a Global Society is the first comprehensive history of the college, which was chartered in 1866, since *A Century of Hope* was published in 1968. *A Century of Hope* followed the college’s 1966 centennial celebration, and *Hope College at 150* follows Hope’s 2016 sesquicentennial year.

Hope College at 150 carries the college’s story from its chartering through the sesquicentennial, but some of the chronicle extends well beyond 2016. To provide an accessible narrative as well as a lasting resource for researchers, the volumes are organized into nine thematic chapters complemented by 12 detailed appendices, and illustrated with hundreds of photographs, most in color.

“What I set out to do was tell the fascinating story of Hope College from its conception to the present day, and to record for posterity a great deal of information that would prove useful,” said Nyenhuis, who has been at the college for 44 years, noting that planning for the book began more than a decade ago. “I tried to put in, as much as possible, not only a record of what has happened but also some key historical documents and the record of how things have changed.”

“The trajectory of Hope College is not a continuous upward path — there are zigs and zags along the way,” he said. “But the contrast between the simple beginnings and where we are in the second decade of the 21st century is tremendous.”

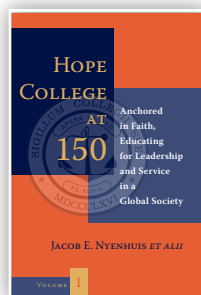
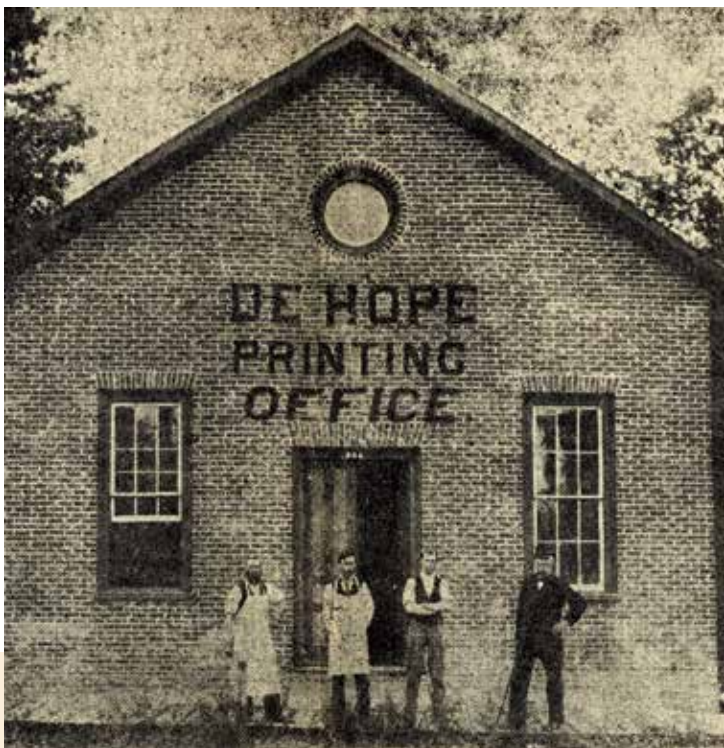


Hope traces its origins to the Pioneer School, a Christian secondary school founded in 1851 by the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte as the Holland community's first educational institution. In 1855, the Pioneer School evolved into the Holland Academy, which in 1862 enrolled its first college class. Hope was chartered by the State of Michigan on May 14, 1866, the date that the college uses for anchoring its anniversaries.

The college's Class of 1866 had eight graduates. This year's graduating Class of 2019 had 713. Featured in *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*, Hope has received national acclaim on multiple measures through the years and is nationally respected as a pioneer and leader in providing an outstanding education by engaging undergraduate students in inquiry-based learning through collaborative research with faculty mentors.

The thematic chapters cover the academic program, architecture, finances, sports, student life, diversity and inclusion, the alumni association, and the relationship between the college and the Reformed Church in America. The appendices include a listing of all the faculty (and their progress through the academic ranks), profiles of presidents and senior leaders, a history of all the student organizations, 150 years of enrollment and financial data, lists of endowed professorships, notable alumni, honorary degree and other award recipients, college songs and strategic plans. The name index includes some 6,000 names, and the subject index runs to 60 pages.

In addition to Nyenhuis, the authors are: Dr. Michael J. Douma '04, Alfredo M. Gonzales '76, Dr. John E. Jobson '95, Dr. James C. Kennedy, Thomas L. Renner '67, Dr. Robert P. Swierenga, Scott Travis '06, and the Rev. Dr. Dennis N. Voskuil. Additional research was conducted by Dr. Elton J. Bruins '50 and Mackenzie Schumborg '16. The editorial associate and copy editor was JoHannah Karachy '83 Smith, custom-created maps were by Mark Cook '73, layout and design were by Russell L. Gasero '73, and the cover design was by Willem Mineur. (More is available online about the authors and production team.)



Hope College at 150: Anchored in Faith, Educating for Leadership and Service in a Global Society costs \$100, and is available through the Hope College Bookstore, which can be visited online at bookstore.hope.edu or called at 616-395-7833.



WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY

BEANIES FOR ALL!

Being a new student was just a bit different five-and-more decades ago, with all freshmen of those distant days provided green beanies to wear during the fall semester. Born in an era when one's school-year identity perhaps mattered more and Hope was much smaller, the student-organized practice, as is typical of such traditions, was intended to promote a sense of camaraderie. Inevitably, it fell out of vogue as times changed. Today's incoming freshmen can take comfort in knowing that their newness is much less apparent than it feels, and that they will never wear green headgear unless they want to.



CLASSNOTES!

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Submissions for the Winter 2019 issue are due by October 1, 2019.



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Jim B. McFarlin III '74
Champaign, Illinois

NEW TRUSTEES NAMED

The Hope College Board of Trustees has appointed seven new members.

Newly elected to serve four-year terms are Victoria A. Brunn '84 of Santa Monica, California; Tommy D. Gordon '08 of Chicago, Illinois; Timothy J. Long '87 of Ada, Michigan; Jim B. McFarlin III '74 of Champaign, Illinois; Leslie D. Schoon '93 Monday of Kirkland, Washington; Carol Girod '81 Van Anandel of Ada; and Dr. Matthew C. Wixson '08 of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Trustees concluding service on the board are Mary VanDis '80 Bauman of Grand Rapids, Michigan; the Rev. Grace Olson '10

Claus of Seattle, Washington; David B. Charnin '96 of Greenwich, Connecticut; J. Lindsey Dood '87 of Interlochen, Michigan; Lisa C. Reenders '89 Granger of Lansing, Michigan; Monica Newendorp of Pella, Iowa; Dr. A. Paul Schaap '67 of Grosse Pointe Park; and the Rev. Scott D. Van Oostendorp '75 of Zeeland, Michigan.

Karl Droppers '82 of Holland, Michigan, who was re-elected to a second four-year term on the board, is continuing to serve as chair, and Nancy Dirkse '81 DeWitt of Cincinnati, Ohio, is continuing to serve as secretary. Suzanne L. Shier of Chicago, Illinois, has been elected vice-chair, succeeding Timothy VandeBunte '83 of Holland, whose term in the office concluded.

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John De Vries '41 and his wife, Ruth, of Palo Alto, California, affected the world in retirement. After John retired from the research faculty at Cal State Hayward in 1987, they heard a missionary speak at their church, Menlo Park Presbyterian. The obstacle facing missionaries was their need for batteries to power their radios and tape players. John designed a 4"x7" solar panel that would provide the needed power. Along with the help of other retirees at the church, they proceeded to build an average of 1,000 solar panels per year for 20 years. Ruth, along with other church volunteers, sewed and assembled protective cases to ship and store each of the panels. The volunteers performed all of the work for the 20,000 solar panels in their homes. The panels were used by missionaries on at least five continents.

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Jon Constant '72 published a second edition of his 2018 book, *Leelanau by Kayak*. It includes new material and over 20 new photos from kayaking Leelanau's 100-mile Great Lake shoreline, as well as 23 of its beautiful inland lakes and three of its rivers.

James De Boer '72 retired after decades of practicing family medicine in Danville, Illinois, and moved with Joyce, his wife of 41 years, to Washougal, Washington, to be nearer to their children. He is also an artist/printmaker and is active in the Portland, Oregon, arts scene.

Michael Ebbers '73 and Kathy Ebbers are piloting their 33-foot cruiser boat on a 6,000-mile journey known as the Great Loop. This route circumnavigates the eastern third of the United States. They began in Norfolk, Virginia, went north through New York, west through Canada, then south past Chicago, Illinois, down inland rivers to Mobile, Alabama. They were in Carrabelle, Florida, as of this writing, planning to reach Norfolk this summer to complete their loop. They will then give the boat a well-earned rest in New York state before exploring the Erie Canal and Lake Champlain.

Mark Brown '77 has been inducted into the Bakken Society of Medtronic, Inc., in recognition of his multiple technical contributions to the company and to the biomedical-device industry. Since the Bekken Society was established in 1979, only 147 have been inducted. He has been with Medtronic since 1994. He's now leading Medtronic efforts to collect data and develop algorithms to predict the onset of VT/VF, which could allow future devices to prevent an arrhythmia before it starts. He has 57 U.S. patents and 23 peer-reviewed manuscripts.

Vicki Glenn '79 Borreson reports that the highlight of the last few years is that she is a cancer survivor.

Jill Nihart '79 Van Zyl was inducted into the Lakewood Hall of Fame for 2019. This award recognizes former students and staff members who have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, brought honor and prestige to Lakewood Public Schools, and have exhibited such qualities of character and action as to be outstanding role models for Lakewood students. She retired from Lakewood in 2015 after 32 years of service.

60s

Katherine Reynolds '61 was on a tour bus on the way to the Blue Lagoon in Iceland in April, when she started a conversation with another woman. They soon discovered that they are both Hope graduates. **Pam Palmer '91** is teaching in Loudoun County, Virginia, and Katherine is living in Durango, Colorado, where she is a volunteer for the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR and is a member of the Durango Choral Society. Both admit to being travel addicts (Katherine has been to all seven continents and is now working on a bucket list of places in between) who highly recommend a trip to Iceland to discover the stunning landscapes of fjords, waterfalls, geothermal springs and glaciers behind volcanoes and desolate fields of lava rock.

Norman Kansfield '62 was recently honored by Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the theological institution from which he received an STM degree in 1967. In October 2018, Union named him one of four distinguished alumni and presented him with the 2018 Unitas Award "for his steadfast and heroic activism on behalf of LGBTQ members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), and their full inclusion, both in church and marriage; for presiding at his daughter's marriage to a woman, and enduring the ensuing General Synod trial and suspension with love, dignity and reason; and for serving as a beacon for those who continue the fight." On Saturday in Holy Week, April 20, the Metropolitan Community Church of New York City honored him with the HEART Award "for working on issues of importance to the LGBTQ

and wider community of New York City and demonstrating faithfulness and courage to the vision of human equality."

Darrel Staat '64 is the coordinator of the Higher Education Executive Leadership (Ed.D.) program at Wingate University and had a second book published by Rowman and Littlefield in February 2019 titled *Exponential Technologies: Higher Education in an Era of Serial Disruptions*. During the 2018-19 academic year, he made seven presentations to educational and leadership audiences in North Carolina and South Carolina on the contents of his books. His previous book, *Facing an Exponential Future: Technology and the Community College*, was published in June 2018.

Carina Erikson '65 and **Sue Rose '66 Naumann**, who'd roomed together as students, reconnected for the first time in 54 years courtesy of a Hope regional event held in May at Wyckoff Reformed Church in New Jersey to introduce new president **Matthew A. Scogin '02**. Sue volunteered to call alumni for the reception, and it turned out that Carina was on the list that the college provided and lives less than an hour away in Sleepy Hollow, New York. Both attended for a mini-reunion and a renewed friendship. "After rooming together for two years at Hope College, we share many fond memories," Sue wrote.

Timothy Tam '69 received the highest award for service from The Christian Medical Dental Society of Canada during the group's 50th conference, held in Vancouver in British Columbia. He is now practicing with his son, **Isaac Tam '01**. He is practicing orthodontics and pediatric dentistry in Vancouver.



Soon, students from around the world will be traveling to Hope, some from blocks away and some from the opposite side of the globe. In the summer of 1927, **William A. Heydorn '28** and **Howard R. Sluyter '28** made an “epochal tour” from Holland to Long Island (and back) in a \$10 Model T assembled from a junk pile. Their 2,400-mile journey earned a newspaper story in New York, and more than 20 years later even led Heydorn’s son, **Dr. William H. Heydorn '55** to enroll at the college. Please visit the Alumni and Family Engagement blog for more about the odyssey.

 hope.edu/model-t

80s

Lois Lema '80 and her basset hound “Dexter” have continued to do much therapy-dog work in New Hampshire. Dexter is with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and has been since 2017. He’ll be four in September. She reports that Dexter is loved at the nursing homes they visit. One home paints his nails a lovely shade of blue. He has visited local hospitals, college dorms, schools and other facilities. He adores kids and the elderly. They are both on the NH DBART team, a group which responds to emotional-crisis situations within the state, and as of now Dexter is the only dog who does such work. He is quite well known, possibly from being on the Union Bank 2019 calendar. He’s frequently recognized while strolling downtown or while hiking the trails of the White Mountains.

Thomas Picard '81 of Richland, Michigan, is a psychiatrist who has left clinical practice for now as he pursues other interests. His book *Star Trek: A Psychoanalysis*, published in 2018, takes an in-depth look at the original 1960s *Star Trek* television series, and is intended to provide

insights in an engaging and fun way for any reader (whether a *Star Trek* fan or not) as to why certain stories resonate with viewers. His wife of 36 years, **Betty Peterson '81 Picard**, teaches music and art (“Musart”) at Sonoma Elementary School and is an adjunct professor of voice at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek.

Thomas Kessel '83 has joined Integrated Fiduciary Advisory Services as managing director. Integrated is a boutique wealth-management firm based in Birmingham Michigan, supporting the creation and preservation of the wealth of owners of privately-held business and family offices, and as well as trustees of foundations, endowments and retirement plans.

Charles Hyde '84 received a Master of Business Administration degree from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in April.

Johnny Marmelstein '85 led the girls’ varsity soccer team at St. Margaret’s Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano, California, to the CIF State Regional Championship, the first in school history. He was also named CIF-Southern

Section Division four Coach of the Year, and, earlier in the season, he earned his 500th career win. His overall career soccer coaching record is 504-191-68 over the span of 34 years with three different soccer programs.

Greg Reid '86 received a law degree last year from Loyola University’s Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy in Chicago, Illinois, with a focus on international data-privacy regulations and FDA regulatory law. He currently leads a large group of professionals as managing director of BDO LLP’s data privacy group that supports global clients’ data-privacy regulatory-compliance needs, such as under the EU General Data Protection Regulation. He also operates as the EU data-protection officer for numerous clients. He lives in the Boston area and continues to fly his plane for fun. He recently purchased a home in Chattanooga, Tennessee, because he grew tired of all of that snow.

Lisa Jurries '86 Waldorf was named Teacher of the Year at Hopewell Middle School in Milton, Georgia. She teaches students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities.

Scott Buhmaster '88 has accepted a position as chief executive officer at Calibre Press, Inc., a market-leading law enforcement training organization that trains officers of all ranks from a wide range of federal, state and local agencies nationwide. Scott first worked with Calibre in 1989 shortly after graduating from Hope. The ceo position follows an 11-year tenure as the chief operating officer at the Force Science Institute, also a premier law enforcement training organization.

Julie Maire '88 Turner is a professor and department chair of nonprofit administration at Lindenwood University in the St. Louis, Missouri, region. She was selected to enter academic research and provide training in the use of experiential learning in nonprofit management at the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council international conference in July at the Cass School of Business in London. Within the past year, she has received the Lindenwood Service Award for work both on- and off-campus to positively promote the university, and the Emerson Award for Teaching Excellence from Emerson Electric Company.

Kathleen McGookey '89 has published a limited-edition letterpress chapbook called *Nineteen Letters*.



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

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90s

Chris Carpenter '90 in January became the fourth professor of emergency medicine in the history of Washington University in St. Louis. He was elected to the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Board of Directors in March, and since November 2017 has chaired the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute International Advisory Board. He was appointed to the American College of Emergency Physicians' Clinical Policy Committee in November 2018.

Christopher Barrett '91 received a Master of Science degree, in control of infectious diseases, in tropical medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2001 and is finishing his Doctor of Public Health degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health.

Daniel Osterbaan '91 has returned to the Hope College campus as the director of development for parent giving. He was with Marsh USA Inc. for 21 years.

Kristin Underhill '95 participated in the Spring Gallery Show at Purdue Polytechnic Institute with an immersive sound and visual art experience titled "Wishes to the Wind."

Sara Hewitt '97 has resigned from her position at a non-profit behavioral health agency after 19 years and is working to find her next passion while continuing to build on the one she has for mental health and substance abuse. She is moving to Cocoa Beach, Florida, and will provide therapy with seniors as she builds up her own business (Green Turtle Solutions) providing training for case managers and agencies, consultation and private therapy services.

"Thank you to the school of social work at Hope for helping to lead me down this path," she writes.

Joshua Kooistra '97 is chief medical officer of the hospital and medical group at Spectrum Health.

Greg Vlietstra '97 is the campaign treasurer for State Representative Brandt Iden, State Representative Pauline Wendzel and State Representative candidate Bronwyn Haltom.

Rebecca Hollenbeck '98 Dykhuis is the librarian at West Elementary in the Grandville Public School District. This past year she has enjoyed helping kids discover great books and cultivate a love of reading.

Mike Farmer '99 is the executive vice president of operational excellence, people and growth at BMC Stock Services.

David Theune '99 and **Nikki Rodgers '99** **Theune** lived in Utrecht, Netherlands, from January through July. David received a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching and ran his passion project, *The Share Chair Podcast*, from the Netherlands, as he wants to elevate empathy among teens by allowing them to share their stories on the podcast.

00s

Eric Goodman '00 received the 2019 Award for Insolvency and Restructuring from Client Choice. He is a partner with the law firm Baker Hostetler, LLP.

Paul VanderLaan '00 is an associate professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School and is the medical director of cytopathology and thoracic pathology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.



Avid runner **Kevin Kraay '81**, long-time business manager at Hope, hit the road with added purpose on Saturday, May 4, during the Nana's Run 5K held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of ALS patients and research. "It was especially memorable as I could honor my mom who passed away 15 years ago from ALS," he said. He placed 11th overall out of 1,199 participants, and first in the Masters division for runners 40 and older. "It was a perfect morning for a run," he said. "I was happy to do so well in memory of her."

John Williams '00 is the associate director of Dartmouth for Life in the alumni relations department at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He is developing programming to engage and help the alumni community thrive in their careers, family life and wellness.

Alexander Awuviri '01 completed a Master of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering at Marquette University in August 2002 and completed a Master of Business Administration degree in finance at the University of Ghana Business School in June 2015. He was elevated to senior member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in February 2012 and was elevated to Fellow of the Ghana Institute of Engineers in April.

Amy Avery '02 and Chad Weese were married on Jan. 9, 2019, in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Stephanie Schaap '02 Bauman and **Josh Bauman '03** announce the birth of Jack Michael on Nov. 24, 2018. He joins big brothers Jonathan and Charlie.

Erin Hughes '02 Cobb and Jeff Cobb announce the birth of Finley Meredith on Dec. 30, 2018. She was welcomed by her two big brothers, Kaelan and Brennan.

Raj Malviya '02 is a partner in the private-client practice group of Miller Johnson and a Fellow in the America College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He was on a committee with eight other national trust and estate experts that drafted and filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court on a trust income-tax case.

Alison Molter '02 and Kevin Norton were married on June 24, 2016, and announce the birth of Alexis Roselle on Oct. 18, 2019. She joins big sister Hailey Marie.

Kelli Hoogerhyde '05 Burdick and Matthew Burdick announce the birth of Lilah Marie on Oct. 5, 2018.

Amy Wing '05 Morgan and Kyle Morgan announce the birth of Murray Robert on March 13, 2019. He joins big sister Vera and big brother Lowell.

Michelle Knapman '05 Quigley and Nathaniel Quigley announce the birth of Cora on Nov. 27, 2018.

Shea Tuttle '06 co-edited *Can I Get a Witness? Thirteen Peacemakers, Community Builders and Agitators for Faith and Justice*, which was published in February. In October, her first authored book, *Exactly as You Are: the Life and Faith of Mister Rogers* will be published.

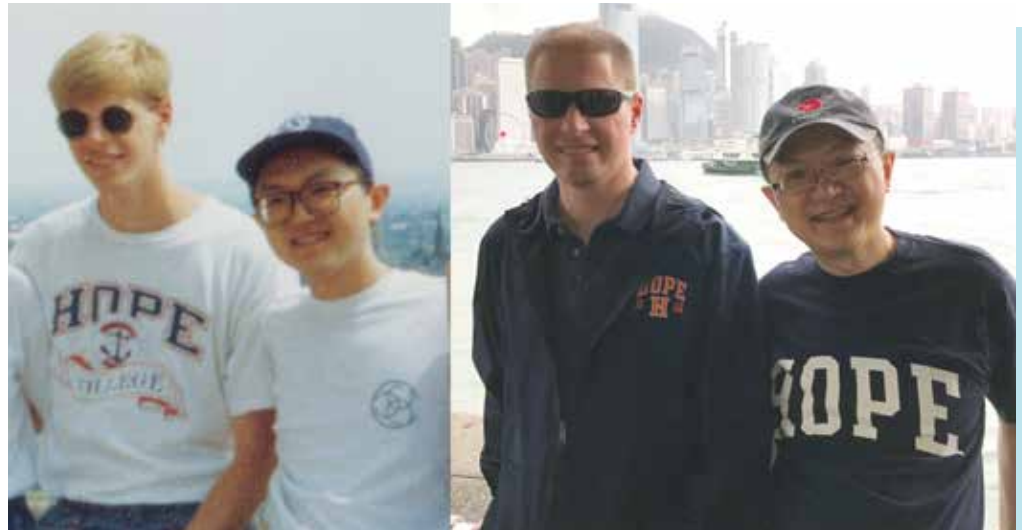
Megan Purtee '07 Langille and **Scott Langille '07** announce the birth of Tyler Edward on Aug. 15, 2018. He joins big brother Evan. They reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sara Baffoe '08 was chosen as the employee of the month for January from the Telluride Education Association. She is a sixth- and eighth-grade counselor.

Justin Barry '08 is an associate with Cantor Colburn, one of the largest intellectual-property law firms in the country. He works in the firm's Detroit office in Troy, Michigan.

Craig De Voto '08 received his Ph.D. in policy studies in urban education from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Heidi Weir '08 Franklin and Darrin Franklin announce the birth of Blaney on March 28, 2019. Heidi is the ATEQ's North American marketing manager for industrial and aviation test equipment.



There's no way to know how, where or when life journeys will intersect. In 1992, **Shonn Colbrunn '94** and **Gavin Loo '93** posed for a photograph during a weekend trip to Budapest while attending the college's Vienna Summer School. This past May, they reconnected in Hong Kong and recreated the moment. Shonn, who directs Hope's Boerigter Center for Calling and Career, was there on a Hope business trip with colleagues Dr. Deirdre Johnston (communication, global education) and Dr. Deb Harvey '83 Swanson (sociology and social work) to discuss partnership opportunities with Lingnan University, learn more about the university's highly regarded service learning program and to connect with alumni in the area. "Same guys. Different continent. 27 years later. Same commitment to Hope," Shonn writes.

Eric Ruda '08 and **Kathryn O'Connell '08 Ruda** announce the birth of their second daughter, Eloise Juliet, on Dec. 29, 2018.

Angela Stoyanovitch '08 reports that she is going entrepreneurial with her new business, Legal Drugs Agency LLC. After a dozen years of working in the drug development or biomedical research industry helping to create new pharmaceutical drugs, she is ready to help educate the public on this complex and complicated journey. You can listen in on podcasts from Legal Drugs Podcast.

Jessica Ruggio '09 Anderson received a Juris Doctor degree on May 5, 2019, from Florida State University College of Law. She graduated *magna cum laude* and completed the business law certificate program. She will be serving as a federal judicial clerk for two years.

Katrina Buys '09 and Jacob Houf were married on June 15, 2018, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Julia Defoe '09 DeVos and Tyler DeVos announce the birth of Adelaide Eleanor on Jan. 23, 2019.

Lindsey Ferguson '09 was a featured principal dancer in the fourth episode of the first season of Amazon's award-winning show *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. The series has won three Golden Globe Awards and five Emmy Awards. She made her debut in May as The White Queen in the award-winning immersive dance theatre show *Then She Fell*. This show has been sold out for six years straight and has won the prestigious Bessie Award for best show and has rave reviews from the *New York Times* and *The New Yorker*. She is also pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree from Montclair State University.

Nathan Johnson '09 received a Ph.D. in biblical studies from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2019. He and **Caitlin Schrock '09 Johnson** moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Nathan is an assistant professor of New Testament in the department of philosophy and religion at the University of Indianapolis.

Samuel Ogles '09 is the director of marketing and communications for the Transforming Center, an ecumenical nonprofit in Wheaton, Illinois. Founded and led by Ruth Haley Barton,

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the Transforming Center creates space for the transformation of Christian leaders and communities.

Brandon Smith '09 and Stephanie Smith announce the birth of Bella Joy on April 2, 2019. They live in Lafayette, Indiana, where Brandon and Stephanie serve as the co-pastors of Heartland Community Church.

Dirk Van Bruggen '09 and Nichole Van Bruggen announce the birth of Emmalynn Ann on Feb. 14, 2019.

Andrew VanderYacht '09 and **Jillian Greshel '09 VanderYacht** announce the birth of Harper Alea and Paisley Hope on Jan. 30, 2019.

10s

Gabriel Courey '10 spoke at Hope on Monday, March 4, on "Gender & Racial Wage Differentials in Nonprofit Hospitals" through the Department of Economics and Business.

Kayla Borgman '10 Fik and Joshua Fik announce the birth of Norah Mae on March 1, 2019.

Stephen Hobson '10 and **Kelsey Hawkins '11 Hobson** announce the birth of Sawyer Isaac on April 7, 2019, which is also Stephen's birthday.

Alison Meshkin '10 Sale and Scott Sale announce the birth of Evelyn Victoria on March 5, 2019.

Emily Kreichelt '11 Hurrell and Jacob Hurrell announce the birth of Isaac Jacob on April 2, 2019.

Kimberly Slotman '11 Lee and **Matthew Lee '11** announce the birth of Oliver Philip on March 19, 2019. Matthew received a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary.

Amanda French '12 Jacobs and Paul Jacobs announce the birth of Eloise Kaye on Jan. 27, 2019.

Anna Leach '12 and Paul Hartge were married on Feb. 9, 2019. Paul is a graduate of Calvin College (now University), and they met through the Hope-Calvin Rivalry games. They live in Washington, D.C.

Lindsey Boeve '12 Zona and **John Zona '13** announce the birth of Rose Eleanor on March 1, 2019.



HOPE APPOINTS NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

The board's new members are Terrell Solberg, a junior from Traverse City, Michigan (above left), and Anna Leach '12 Hartge of Washington, D.C. (above right).

The new officers are: president, Katie Bauman '03 Schubert of Frankfort, Illinois, who was previously secretary; vice president, Scott Watson '86 of Indianapolis, Indiana; and secretary, Tish Carr '82 Boerigter of Portage, Michigan. Schubert succeeds Brad Norden '04 of Holland, Michigan; Watson succeeds Jonathan Liepe '91 of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Boerigter succeeds Schubert.

Alec Nelson '19 of Bon Air, Virginia, formerly Senior Class Representative, was appointed representative of the most recent graduating class. Chandler Alberda of Austin, Texas, formerly Junior Class Representative, was appointed Senior Class Representative.

Board members who have concluded their service are: Victoria Chapman '18 of Canton, Michigan, and Todd Helmus '93 of Washington, D.C.

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Philip Zuska '12 graduated from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. His residency is in family medicine at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Michelle VandenBerg '13 Koster received a Doctorate of Psychology degree from Wheaton College in May. She has accepted a commission with the United States Navy as a psychologist and began her tour of duty in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Haley DeRoo '13 Prins and William Prins announce the birth of Aurora Joy on March 19, 2019.

Adrienne Brown '13 Rose and **Jordan Rose '14** announce the birth of Crew Robert on April 22, 2019.

Lauren Huisingh '14 Herbert and Scott Herbert announce the birth of Colson Scott on Jan. 30, 2019.

Christian Leathley '14 is traveling aboard the *Iron Giant*, a Norwegian fishing vessel, studying orca migration patterns.

Tara Snyder '14 received a Master of Arts Management at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy on May 18.

Mariza Mandujano-Ortiz '15 is pursuing a master's degree in theology at the University of Notre Dame through the Echo Graduate Service Program, a formation program designed to integrate work, study and a life of faith to serve the church.

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Isabel Morris '15 spoke at Hope on Friday, April 5, on “Beyond Feature Detection: Nondestructive Material Characterization Using Ground Penetrating Radar and Attribute Analysis” for the Department of Engineering’s weekly seminar.

Jordyn Severt '15 received a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy from Milligan College in December 2018.

Steve Stinson '15 spoke at Hope on Friday, March 1, during an engineering seminar on “Making Food: Fast-Paced Collaborative Engineering.” He is a mechanical engineer in Burns and McDonnell’s foods and manufacturing group.

Andrew Zahrt '15 received a Ph.D. in applied psychology from Southern Illinois University on May 11, 2019.

Gavin Donley '16 spoke at Hope on Friday, March 29, during an engineering seminar on “The Yielding Transition in Soft Materials.” He is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Jeff Holmes '16 spoke at Hope on Friday, Feb. 15, during an engineering seminar on “The Role of Controls Engineering in Industrial Automation.” He is a control engineer at Apex Controls in Hudsonville, Michigan.

Marisela Meraz '16 is a legal research and

policy analyst for the Noble Network of Charter Schools in Chicago, Illinois.

Lauren Mioduszewski '16 graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in May 2019.

Sarah Ratliff '16 and Russell McGrath were married in June in Newark, Illinois.

Stephen Wittenbach '16 is an account manager at Competitive Edge and will serve the target market expansion by developing new business in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and surrounding areas.

David Heinze '17 has been appointed associate director of music and church administration at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island, beginning in July 2019. He will work closely with the rector and director of music in furthering the church’s mission to the city through music and liturgy presented at regular services. He will also work closely with the church’s choirs, accompanying and directing both the adult parish choir and the chorister program. Additional duties will include assisting with the various aspects of church and music department administration.

Ben Kauffman '17 and **Katherine Tortorice '19** were married on Dec. 31, 2018.

Garrett Sims '17 and **Sarah Kalthoff '19** were married on July 5, 2019 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. They will be moving to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Kirstin Anderson '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in political theory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Christina Armbruster '19 is a management trainee at Cintas Corporation.

Kelly Arnold '19 is a digital marketing project specialist at Herman Miller.

Leah Asen '19 is working in the sales development program at Gartner in Dallas, Texas.

Gabrielle Barber '19 is a legal writing specialist at Hudson Legal in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Fiona Batamuliza '19 is a project manager at Heaven Construct. She will be pursuing a doctorate program in project management next year.

Shannon Bauch '19 is a marketing intern at EOS of North America and is training as a floral assistant.

Lydia Berkey '19 moved to central Pennsylvania and is an adoption case manager.

Micah Bieri '19 is a business consultant at Crowe LLP in Nashville, Tennessee.

Prescott Binder '19 and **Monika DeWitt '19** were married on July 13, 2019 in Dimment

10 UNDER 10 AWARDS

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

All are welcome to join the recipients as they are honored at the 10 Under 10 Soirée during One Big Weekend on Friday, October 11, 2019, from 7 – 9 p.m.

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HILLARY DELHAGEN '09 *Correctional Health Services Creative Arts Therapist*

KRISTIN DITTENHAFFER-REED '09 *Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Researcher*

LINDSEY FERGUSON '09 HANSON *Dancer and Actress*

ADAM MALEY '13 *Postdoctoral Fellow and Disease Diagnostics Researcher*

CHRISTINE WASHINGTON '09 MICHEL *Attorney and Law Practice Owner*

DIEGO ROMERO '09 *Elementary School Principal*

RACHEL BAKKEN '09 ROMERO *Energy Engineer*

ANDREANA ROSNIK '13 *Physical Chemist and Artist*

MATT RUTTER '12 *Company Founder, Church Planter and Microenterprise Training Curriculum Developer*

ALISON GARZA '10 WICKER *Humanitarian Aid International Consultant*

CLASSNOTES



Gretta Nyboer '19 followed in all five of her siblings' footsteps when she crossed the Hope Commencement stage on May 5. As the youngest of six, she completed a journey through the college that began in August 2000 for the children of Cyndy Hartman '74 Nyboer and Andrew "Dutch" Nyboer '74. Pictured from left to right are: **Front Row**, Cyndy, Molly '09, Hannah '14, Gretta and Dutch; **Back Row**, Jacob '04, Granger '07 and Caleb '11. Four of the elder five brothers and sisters also met their spouses at the college. Gretta and her siblings are also third-generation alumni, grandchildren of Andy Nyboer '39.

Memorial Chapel. Prescott is an EMT in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is taking a gap year to apply for medical school. Monika will be a middle school English language arts teacher this fall at West Ottawa Public Schools.

Maddie Boerema '19 is a tax accountant at Crowe LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Abigail Bowman '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree with an emphasis on children, youth and families at Indiana University – Purdue University of Indiana.

Mikayla Briggs '19 is pursuing a master's degree in speech language pathology at the University of South Carolina.

Rachel Brumagin '19 is an SEO specialist and marketing assistant at Spectrum Net Designs in Grandville, Michigan.

Isabel Bustamante '19 will be moving to Madrid, Spain, for nine months as a language and culture assistant at a secondary school in the neighborhood of Cercedilla starting in October.

Elizabeth Butler '19 is a Lexus digital consultant for Shift Digital in Birmingham, Michigan.

Brittany Byma '19 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in counseling and art therapy from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Eduardo Cervantes '19 and **Kelsey Blood '19** were married on July 20th. Eduardo will pursue a law degree at DePaul College of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

Rebecca Chema '19 is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, in the cardiac surgical intensive-care unit.

Catherine Coddington '19 is a registered nurse on a bone marrow transplant unit at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Brianne Crouse '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan.

Hilary Curry '19 is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan.

Alexandra Dahlgren '19 is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at Elmhurst College.

Madeline Day '19 and Franco Vallazza were married on June 29, 2019. She is a special education teacher for the Midland Public Schools.

Anna DeCamp '19 is the creative and media manager at Graham Real Estate in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Joshua DeRitter '19 and Emily Robinson were married on June 16, 2019. He is a structural engineer at Servinsky Engineering.

Brandon Derstine '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Stanford University.

Addison Duda '19 is a research assistant at the Michigan State University Bioeconomy Institute in Holland, Michigan.

Christian Erickson '19 is a technical solutions engineer at Epic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin.

Roberto Escalante-Gonzalez '19 is a channel resource specialist at Herman Miller in Holland, Michigan.

Cameron Everse '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree with a school social work certification at Grand Valley State University.

Lauren Fette '19 is a benefits administrator at Lockton Companies in Chicago, Illinois.

Tucker Gibbons '19 is a seed salesman and crop advisor for Fowlerville Farm Services in Fowlerville, Michigan.

Anna Gibbs '19 will pursue a Master of Science degree in international human resource management at the University of Edinburgh Business School in Scotland.

Alek Gohrmann '19 is a product development engineer for Sport Truck USA.

Alyssa Goodwin '19 will pursue a medical degree from the Wayne State School of Medicine.

Danielle Gortsema '19 is a recruiter for Insight Global in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kellen Gove '19 is working in the finance development program at Dick's Sporting Goods in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Trevor Gras '19 is a production quality engineer at TransMatic in Holland, Michigan.

Matthew Grit '19 is pursuing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree in pediatric acute care at University of Michigan.

Sydney Gross '19 is pursuing a Doctor of Optometry degree from Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry in Glendale, Arizona.

Benjamin Hagman '19 is a banking analyst at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Chicago, Illinois.

Austin Hauer '19 is a controls engineer for JR Automation.

Emily Hofmeyer '19 is an account manager at Dow Chemical in the commercial development program.

Max Huffman '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in geology in fluvial geomorphology at the University of Delaware.

Addison Huss '19 is a foster care case manager at Wellspring Lutheran Services and will pursue a master's in school counseling at Western Michigan University.

Sophia Jarzembowski '19 is a registered nurse on a neuro floor at Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rebecca Johnson '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Andrew Kalthoff '19 is a minister to students and worship director for UD Ministry at the University of Dubuque in Iowa.

Sarah Kalthoff '19 and **Garrett Sims '17** were married on July 5, 2019 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. They will be moving to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Kailee Keiser '19 is teaching high school chemistry in Los Angeles with Teach for America.

Lindsay Kooy '19 is in Colorado Springs, Colorado, through The Fellows Initiative, which is a nation-wide network of fellowship programs run by churches. The one-year program includes a local paid internship, seminary courses, professional and leadership development, community service and ministry with the host church.

Grace Kunkel '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at UCLA.

Britney Laaksonen '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the Western Michigan University School of Social Work.

Stephanie Lang '19 is continuing to run her wedding photography business in both Chicago, Illinois, and Michigan.

Anna Langholz '19 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rachel Lau '19 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Grand Valley State University.

Nicholas Lepore '19 is a ELDP engineer at Meritor Inc. He is in the Emerging Leaders

MULTIPLE RECENT GRADS WIN FULBRIGHT AND NSF FELLOWSHIP HONORS

Multiple recent graduates — a total of 15 from 2015 through 2019 — have received recognition through either the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State or the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation.

Fulbright

Three alumnae received English teaching assistantships for 2019-20: **Allyson Hoffman '15**, to Norway; **Brianna Dotson '19**, to the Czech Republic; and **Sara Plohetski '19**, to Spain (the Canary Islands). Recognized as semifinalists for English teaching assistantships were **Daiga Cers '19**, for Senegal, and **Shanley Smith '19**, for Greece; while **Ashley Trojniak '19** was a semifinalist for a research fellowship in Switzerland. Named an alternate was **Taylor Bailey '18**, for a teaching assistantship to Thailand.

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National Science Foundation

Fellowships were awarded to **Garrett Fogo '18**, who is in the Neuroscience Graduate Program at the University of Michigan; **Philip Versluis '18**, who is pursuing graduate study in the life sciences-biochemistry at Cornell University; and **Rebecca Johnson '19**, who will pursue a doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences with an emphasis on chemical biology and medicinal chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Honorable mention was awarded to **Meghanne Tighe '15**, who is pursuing graduate study in sustainable chemistry at the University of Notre Dame; **Sarah Petersen '17**, who is pursuing graduate study in the mathematical sciences, focusing on algebraic topology, at the University of Notre Dame; **Brendon Derstine '19**, who will pursue a doctorate in organic chemistry at Stanford University; **Jason Gombas '19**, who will pursue a doctorate in nuclear physics at Michigan State University; and **Max Huffman '19**, who will pursue a doctorate in geology in the field of fluvial geomorphology at the University of Delaware.

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Development program and in a three-year rotation including program management, manufacturing engineering and test engineering.

Dane Linsky '19 will be a graduate assistant at Miami University in Ohio this fall and will be teaching while taking classes and pursuing a Master of Science degree in applied mathematics.

Allison LoPrete '19 and **Daniel Pelyhes '19** were married on June 29, 2019, and moved to Burlington, North Carolina. She is a multifaceted coordinator at the Truitt Center for Elon University, leading undergraduate students in interfaith work and cooperation in their community and on their campus.

Sarah Lundy '19 is a state archives worker at the Michigan History Center in Lansing, Michigan.

Emily MacArthur '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Michigan State University.

Jaclynn Malson '19 is a human-resource shared-services coordinator at Haworth.

Grant Miller '19 is an economist analyst for Hiringa Energy Ltd. in New Zealand.

Sarah Mozdren '19 is a financial-planning specialist at Formulafolios, an RIA firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sarah Neumar '19 is pursuing a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree at Grand Valley State University.

Anders Northuis '19 moved to Homer, Alaska, for an internship at Youth With A Mission.

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Kelly Ocock '19 joined the Peace Corps in Fiji.

Julian Payne '19 is a junior test engineer at Cognizant in Munich, Germany.

Richard Pellizzari '19 is a certified nursing assistant at Freedom Village and will be applying to medical school for matriculation.

Shay Pinhey '19 will pursue a master's degree in biomedical engineering at Northwestern University.

Michelle Plaver '19 is taking a gap summer in South Dakota through A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP).

Mark Powers '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. program in computer science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Meredith Predum '19 is a nurse at Mayo Clinic.

Miles Pruitt '19 is attending an American Economics Association program at Michigan State University and will take the GRE in the fall to transition into graduate school.

Isabelle Rembert '19 is a staff consultant at the consulting firm Carter Mackenzie International in Washington, D.C.

Katrina Rietberg '19 is teaching at West Ottawa Public Schools in elementary education.

Kelsey Rogus '19 is a recruiter for Aerotek.

Kaitlyn Rustemeyer '19 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois.

Analise Sala '19 is teaching English and promoting gender equality in Togo with the Peace Corps.

Audrey Salata '19 is a studio manager at the Holland Area Arts Council. She was married on June 2.

Rachel Schaller '19 is pursuing a master's degree in English with an emphasis in children's literature at Kansas State University.

Nicholas Schanhals '19 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in sports management at the University of Michigan.

Madison Schlotterer '19 is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at The Ohio State University.

Mackenna Senti '19 will pursue a medical degree at Western Michigan University's Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine.

Nicholai Shaw '19 is a psychiatric technician at Hope Network.

Emma Smalley '19 is a manufacturing engineer at Herman Miller.

Maya Smith '19 will pursue a medical degree and Master of Public Health degree at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Marissa Solorzano '19 is a clinical researcher at the University of Michigan Medical School Cancer Center.

Megan Starovich '19 is a technical sales engineer with Midwest Metrology.

Jake Stid '19 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in geological sciences at Michigan State University.

Victoria Swift '19 and Benjamin Cole were married in January 2019.

Collin Thomas '19 is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Isaac Tilden '19 is a business development associate with Gartner Consulting Firm in Dallas, Texas.

Hannah Town-Bowen '19 is an event assistant for the Saugatuck Center for the Arts in Saugatuck, Michigan.

Christopher Vanderhart '19 is a distribution specialist at Trendway Corporation.

Sabrina VanderKlipp '19 is a psychiatric technician at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

Samantha VanHoven '19 is pursuing a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree at Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

Lillianne Vogt '19 will pursue a Naturopathic Doctor degree at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine.

Haley Wilcox '19 moved back to her home state of Colorado and was married in July.

Catherine Wingrove '19 is pursuing a Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jarod Wolters '19 is a business analyst with Meijer, Inc.

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IN MEMORIAM

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

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Lois Kronemeyer '41 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, March 15, 2019. She was 99. Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

Elaine Mensinger '46 Boersma of Iowa City, Iowa, died on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. She was 94. Survivors include her children, Nancy (Steve) Weber, Mark (Judy) Boersma and Brian (Michelle) Boersma; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Terry Mensinger.

Elaine Bielefeld '46 Walchenbach of Holland, Michigan, died on Saturday, March 16, 2019. She was 94. She and her husband, Donald Walchenbach '49, received Distinguished Alumni Awards from Hope in 1973, cited as representative of couples working as a team in community and church activities. Survivors include her daughters, Lynne Walchenbach '73 (Dennis '70) Hendricks, Cathy Walchenbach '74 (Brian '71) Koop, Carrie '81 Walchenbach (Dale) Homkes and Nancy Walchenbach '84 (Jon) Curry; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Doris Opie '47 Fish of Thousand Oaks, California, died on Thursday, May 17, 2019. She was 92. Survivors include her children, Stephen (Pimpun) Fish, Barbara Stott, Shirley Stuckey and Carolyn (Melvin) Mittlestat; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Kathryn Lock '47 Kornoelje of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She was 93. Survivors include her children, Joanne Kornoelje '72, Carol Kornoelje '75 (John) Boruta and Sheryl Kornoelje '79 (Jose) Santos; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jeanella Ten Have '47 of Jamestown, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 28, 2019. She was 94. Survivors include her children, Lewis (Cindy Bere '77) Ten Have '77, Nancy Ten Have '81 (Greg '81) Bekius; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Beth Ten Have.

Gertrude Maassen '47 Vander Haar of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019. She was 94. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, and in 1998 she and her husband, Delbert Vander Haar '44, received Distinguished Alumni Awards from Hope in recognition of their long-time service to the Reformed Church in America. Survivors include her children, Timothy (Susan Hegedus '74) Vander Haar '75, David (Lynn Bauer '76) Vander Haar '76, Philip (Anne) Vander Haar and Jane Vander Haar '83 (Rowland '83) Van Es; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Lee (Cliff) Posthuma; sister-in-law, Edith Maassen; and brother and sister-in-law, Donn and Helen (Vander Haar) Nelson.

Gerrit Hospers '49 of Ontario Center, New York, died on Thursday, March 28, 2019. He was 94. Survivors include his sister, Lois Jalving.

Verna Mason '49 Krudys of Jamestown, New York, died on Monday, April 22, 2019. She was 93. Survivors include her children, William Krudys, Robert (Barb) Krudys and John Krudys; and one grandson.

Cornelius Lampen '49 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. He was 95. Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Marilyn; children, Steve (Marcia) Lampen, Jane (Rick) Johnson, David (Luann) Lampen and Diane (Bob) Dahl; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Carol Elston '50 De Mull of Portage, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. She was 91. Survivors include her children, Ross De Mull, Jackie Myers and Joan De Mull; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Alice MacMillan '50 Moll of Raleigh, North Carolina, died on Friday, May 18, 2019. She was 89. Survivors include her brother, Douglas MacMillan; and children, Gregory Moll, Glenn Moll and Sandra Price.

Carol MacLeod '50 Timmerman of Marco Island, Florida, died on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019. She was 91. Survivors include her husband of 70 years, Gordon Timmerman '50; sons, David (Pat) Timmerman '84 and James (Cindy) Timmerman '85; and five grandchildren.

Warren Burgess '51 of Jenison, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019. He was 91. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Jeanne Burgess; children, Kathy (Bob) Piers, Mike (Pat) Burgess, Randy (Joan) Burgess, Daniel (Lori) Burgess and Timothy (Heidi) Burgess; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Harold (Norine) Burgess, Joan (Ronald) Johnson and Dick (Mick) Burgess.

Eugene Bont '52 of Cavendish, Vermont, died on Saturday, April 13, 2019. He was 88. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Bont; children, Sharon Jackson, Carole Bont (Donald LoCascio), Mary Stillwell, Gene (Tina) Bont, Beth (Bruce) LaBarge and Erik deNeergaard (Terri Beiter); sister, Patricia Bont '57 (Jaye) Miller, sister-in-law, Barbara Flint Liefbroer; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Kammeraad '53 of Alpena, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 16, 2019. He was 94.

D. Jean Veldt '54 Burns of Bangor, Michigan, died on Monday, May 13, 2019. She was 87. Survivors include her husband, Lewis Burns; children, Cheryl (Russell) Sullins and Craig (Jan) Burns; brother, Frank Veldt; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Donald Kroes '56 of Gainesville, Florida, died on Tuesday, Feb 19, 2019. He was 84. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary Anne DeFouw Kroes; children, Gregory (Kimberly) Kroes, Nancy Kroes (J.T.) Newman and Stephen Kroes; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; and siblings, Audrey Kroes Harvey, Rodger Kroes and Bill Kroes.

George Worden '59 of Elyria, Ohio, died on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. He was 83. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Worden; daughter, Kathryn (Michael) Meyer; three grandchildren; brother, Charles (Kathy) Worden; two step-sons, Ryan (Della) Lazowski and Matthew (Kristy) Lazowski; and three step-grandchildren.

60s

Terry VandeWater '60 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Friday, March 22, 2019. He was 82. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Nancy VanKoeveering '68 VandeWater; children, Tom (Wendy) VandeWater, Douglas (Ayde) Kuyers and Patti (Ken) Bing; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Bonnie (Dave) Vander Kooi, Fonda (Bill) Marlink and Keni (Mike) Moon; and sisters-in-law, Mary (John) Stryker and Susan (Steve) Myers.

Darryl Wiersma '60 of Caledonia, Michigan, died on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019. He was 80. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Sandra Wiersma; children, Linda Wiersma Brown, Lisa Anne Wiersma and Michael (Abbi) Wiersma; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Sandra Congdon; and in-laws, Duane Hop and Linda (Robert) Reinhart.

Stuart Wilson '60 of East Lansing, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. He was 81. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Muilenberg '61 Wilson; children, Tim (Kambria) Hittelman Wilson and Ann (Kris) Krenke; two grandchildren; brother, Curt (Sue) Wilson and in-laws, Myrna (Koos) Kryger and Marge Muilenberg.

Gordon MacKay '61 of Mechanicsville, Virginia, died on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. He was 80. Survivors include his brother, David MacKay.

Carl Tidd '62 of Hamilton, Michigan, died on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019. He was 80. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ruth Dewitt '62 Tidd; children, David (Jamie) Tidd and Kristin (Jason) Hileski; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Mark Tidd '65, Brian (Lorraine) Tidd, Susan (Dale) De Kraker and Mira Perrizo; and sister-in-law, Judy Bale.

Ronald Hartgerink '64 of South Haven, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. He was 77. He was a former member of the Hope College Board of Trustees. Among other support of Hope through the years, he provided a leadership gift for a laboratory in the A. Paul Schaap Science Center that is named in his honor, and with his family for an exhibit and study area in the science center. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hartgerink; sons, Daniel (Mariella), Jeffrey (Lynn) and Kevin Hartgerink '99; siblings, John (Cindy) and Ellie (Michael Huvane); and three grandsons.

David Stryker '65 of Sierra Vista, Arizona, died on Thursday, March 7, 2019. He was 76. Survivors include his brother, John (Mary) Stryker '60; and sister-in-law, Ellie Stryker.

Gloria Mooi '66 Richter of Newport, Washington, died on Thursday, May 16, 2019. She was 75. Survivors include her husband, Dewain Richter; siblings, Patricia Knight, Diana Mooi '65 (Bernard) Belouin and Christopher Mooi; daughters, Angela Gaffney and Jennifer Driscoll; and three grandchildren.

Carol Roden '68 Van't Hof of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. She was 72. Survivors include her husband, Paul Van't Hof '67; children, Jonathan (Samuel Taylor) Van't Hof and Grace (David) Van't Hof-Laughter; and siblings, Ronald (Debra) Roden and Raymond (Karen) Roden.

Karon Armstrong '69 of Minneapolis, Minnesota, died on Thursday, March 28, 2019. She was 72.

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Prudence Tower '70 Leveillee of Beulah, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 1, 2019. She was 70. Survivors include her husband, Lawrence Leveillee; and siblings, Ray (Janet) Tower III, Helen (Jeff) Shupe, John Tower,

Philip (Diane) Tower and Maria Tower.

Reed Brown '71 of San Francisco, California, died on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019. He was 69. Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Brown; sister, Ruth Ann Brown-Jones; and brother, Gary Brown.

Eric De Witt '71 of Overisel, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 9, 2019. He was 75. Survivors include his children, Joel (Jeanette) DeWitt, Stephen De Witt and Jennifer (Jose) Perez; five grandchildren; and sister, Tery (John) Innis.

Leslye Herchenroder '72 Stone of Fort Pierce, Florida, died on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. She was 69. Survivors include her husband of 36 years, Rodger Stone II; children, Todd (Melissa) Ronda and Jodi (Jeff) Eggerding; stepchildren, Rachel (Matt) Stone-Gourley and Nathan Stone; five grandchildren; brother Allan Herchenroder; and sister, Susan Herchenroder.

David Van Pernis '74 of Rockford, Illinois, died on Monday, March 10, 2019. He was 66. Survivors include his sisters, Mary Van Pernis '67 (John) Harrington, Sarah Van Pernis '72 (Kurt) Bell and Priscilla (Robert) French; and brothers, Mark (Kristi) Van Pernis, Paul (Eileen Reus '70) Van Pernis '70, Tom (Rose) Van Pernis and Jim Van Pernis.

Deb Cleason '78 Oegema of Lawton, Michigan, died on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019. She was 62. Survivors include her husband, Gary Oegema '78; mother, Esther Cleason; children, Rebekah Oegema '04 (Rob Kean), Jonathan (Terra) Oegema '08 and Benjamin Oegema '09; siblings, Kitty Cleason '79 Momburg, Vicki Cleason '80 (Eric) Bjork, Donald Cleason (Laura Grady), and Joanne Cleason; sisters-in-law, Ann (James) Leyndyke and Linda Milanowsky '03; and three grandchildren.

Gwendolyn Nystrom '79 Cartier of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 16, 2019. She was 77. Survivors include her children, Susan Bocks-Brink, Eric Bocks '93 and Martin (Alissa) Bocks; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brothers, Denny, Gary and Chuck Nystrom.

Donald Williams '79 of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Sunday, March 17, 2019. He was 61. Survivors include his children, D'Angello (Lizzy) Williams, Brooklyn Williams, August Williams, Patrek Williams and Julius Williams; one granddaughter; and sisters, Debbie Williams '77 (Bruce) Jergenson, Diana (Dennis) McClay and Dawn (John) Cowle.

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Paul Paarlberg '83 of South Holland, Illinois, died on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019. He was 58. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Sue Paarlberg; son, Nicholas Paarlberg; and mother, Diane Paarlberg.

Steven Zeldenrust '85 of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. He was 56. Survivors include his wife, Deb Peterson '86 Zeldenrust; sons, Jon (Megan) and Eric (Abbey); two grandsons; mother, Joan Ridder '53 Zeldenrust; and sisters, Lauree (Wayne) PONDINAS and Mary (John) ROSENBAUM.

Anne Lindeman '87 Heaphy of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 7, 2019. She was 76. Survivors include her husband, William Heaphy; children, William (Maria Miller) Heaphy Jr., Elizabeth (Ian Kaplan) Heaphy and Michael (Melissa Decker) Heaphy; and three grandchildren.

Susan Kempker '87 Westrate of Princeton, Massachusetts, died on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. She was 53. Survivors include her husband, Pete Westrate; children, Tanner and Davis Bryant and Hannah and Gabby Westrate; her mother, Mary Lammers '60 Kempker; mother-in-law, Marcia Westrate Butterfield; brothers, David (Karen) Kempker '83 and Dan (Karen Hulst '86) Kempker '84; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Will (Caroline) Westrate, Brian Westrate, Heather Westrate, Kara (Russ) Burns and Kyle (Sasha) DeYoung.

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Karen Hood '92 Anderson of Vacaville, California, died on Friday, March 15, 2019. She was 49. Survivors include her husband, Keahi Anderson; children, Jennifer Anderson and Sean Anderson; parents, Mike (Glenda) Hood; and brother, Jon (Susan) Hood.

Lauren Baron '93 of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, June 10, 2019. He was 59. Survivors include his wife, Michele Baron; children, Kristin Baron '14 and Mitchell Baron '20; sisters, Elaine Dupuy and Gloria (Dale) Rouwhorst; brother-in-law, Kelly Israels; and sister-in-law, Deb (Rick) Prince.

Megan Beatty '99 Currie of Encinitas, California, died on Sunday, March 17, 2019. She was 41. Survivors include her husband, Ryan Currie; children, Conner, Caitlin, Casey and Cami; parents, Charles (Debra Ann) Beatty; sisters, Brianna (Allen) Spencer, Erin (Matt) Brady; and brother, Devin (Denise) Beatty.

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Katrin Seid '00 Abbott of Fremont, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 24, 2019. She was 42. Survivors include her husband, Michael Abbott; daughter, Pearyn; parents, Bill (Mary) Seid; siblings, Kristin Seid '96 (Brian) TOBERMAN and David Seid '93; grandmother, Doris Wolting; mother and father-in-law, Michael (Marikay) Abbott; and brothers-in-law, Mitch (Amy) Abbott and Marshal Abbott.

Rebekah Hinkle '04 Pratt of Flemington, New Jersey, died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019. She was 36. Survivors include her husband, Phillip Pratt '04; daughters, Eva and Eleanor Pratt; parents, Howard (Grace) Hinkle; sister, Sandi (Kevin) Lynch; brothers, Nathan (Becky) Hinkle and Jeffrey (Missy) Hinkle; and grandfather, Raymond Gimmi.

Joshua Green '08 of Shelby Township, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. He was 32. Survivors include his wife, Autumn Green; children, Ethan and Brooks Green; parents, Russell (Lynn) Green '71; and sister, Carly (Lucas) Coffman.

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Word has been received of the death of **Jacob Sandy '18** of South Bend, Indiana, who died of an accidental drowning on Lake Michigan while kayaking in late May. He was 23. Survivors include mother, Carol Sandy; father, Alan Sandy; siblings, Charlotte (Steven) Rowe and Paul (Lizelle Salazar) Sandy; grandparents; William (Marjorie) Sandy; and girlfriend Rachel Bartkowiak '18.

The family of **John Greller** of Newberg, Oregon, who died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019. He was 73. He was Hope College's director of planned giving from 1979 to 1987. Survivors include his wife, Jane Greller '70; children, Tom (Tabitha) Greller, Brian Greller, Michael (Ellie) Greller and Katie (Ben) Lacey; seven grandchildren; sisters, Jane (Tom Zilly) Noland and Mary (Dennis) DuRoss Cole; and brother-in-law, John (Heather) Kasmersky.

The family of **Joyce Hanlon** of Jenison, Michigan, who died on Friday, April 26, 2019. She was 81. She was the director of counseling services at Hope College from 1980 to 1988. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Charles Hanlon; children, Charles (Renee) Hanlon and Janelle Washburne; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and brother, Carl Norman.

The family of **Dave Vincent** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. He was 75. He was a master journeyman electrician at Hope College from 1975 to 2008. Survivors include his wife, Mary Vincent '85; children, Adam (Kate Rogers '92) Vincent '93 and Danielle (Jeff Ingold) Vincent; and three grandchildren.

The family of **Clarence J. Handlogten**, who died on Friday, June 28, 2019. He was 89. He was a member of the Hope staff from 1966 to 1972. He joined the staff as director of business affairs, and was promoted to treasurer and business manager in 1968. From 1970 to 1972 he was part of an executive council that managed Hope during a presidential search, and as executive vice president from 1971 to 1972 chaired the council and co-shared overall administrative responsibility for the college with Chancellor William VanderLugt. Survivors include his wife, Faye E. Handlogten; daughters, Gail D. Isbill and Lynda K. Csaszar; sister, Sherry Wright; and brother, Ben Handlogten.



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