

# Two Eight & Nine

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## ASPRE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR GRACE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

CULTURE OF INNOVATION

CONNECTED COMMUNITY

SUSTAINABLE AFFORDABILITY

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AS OF MARCH 20, 2017

Most of us can picture the resolute spire that arises from McClain Hall. It's an iconic symbol embodying Grace College & Seminary's roots, not just because the building is named after our founder, but because Grace began as a school to equip aspiring Brethren preachers to spread the Gospel far and wide. Since then, Grace has grown into a comprehensive Christian liberal arts college and seminary, whose graduates are marked by character, competence and a heart to serve. And that spire, which can be seen from nearly every vantage point on campus, still reaches heavenward, reminding us of the ever-present, urgent call of the Gospel. The stakes are high — because the world needs Jesus more than ever.

So now, we aspire to more as we are guided by simple but profound beliefs: A relationship with the God of Scripture is foundational to all of life; His Word is absolutely trustworthy and true; exceptional and transformative learning experiences should drive all our educational programs; and teachers should be lifelong learners, equipped to provoke and sustain students' interests and imaginations. Further, these educational values must stay affordable and reach for innovative horizons.

From Grace's earliest days, our steadfast commitment to these values has not limited us but instead compelled us to act boldly. **The Aspire Campaign** is the newest chapter in our story of remarkable faith, growth and positive change.

While it is true that **Grace has an unchanging mission** we must continue **changing our methods** as we prepare students to serve in this ever-changing, and sometimes embattled, culture.

As followers of Christ become marginalized and the world becomes exceedingly enamored with relativism (that truth changes depending on one's perspective), it is imperative

that we win the battle for the hearts and minds of our students and fix their gaze on the Author and Perfecter of their faith. It's essential that we believe in them. That we champion their unique individual callings. That we equip them to demonstrate competence and earn respect in their chosen fields. That we compel them to defend their faith, morals and ethics while serving and loving others they encounter.

**So how can we do it?** How can we help students refine the character and competence needed to serve God and the world? With input from community leaders, alumni, parents, and our own faculty and staff, we have developed a vision for **Grace to be an exemplary, Christ-centered educational community characterized by innovation, affordability and real-world preparation**. From this vision, we established a new strategic plan which will help us reach our goals. The \$37 million **Aspire Campaign** will enable us to deliver on the four priorities of Grace's strategic plan: Educational Excellence, Culture of Innovation, Connected Community and Sustainable Affordability.

Each of these priorities, in turn, has several associated projects that you'll soon be reading about, including the launch of a brand new Seminary program, the development of "third space" areas and the completion of the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, which will house the newly renamed Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams. I hope as you read, you'll be as excited as we are, as our students are and as I am, about the amazing grace God continues to bestow upon us.

*Bill Katip*

**William J. Katip, Ph.D.** (BA 74)  
President



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## Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex

Check out the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex building plans which will provide our students with a state-of-the-art environment that gives them the space and equipment they need to become world-class biologists, chemists, mathematicians and doctors.

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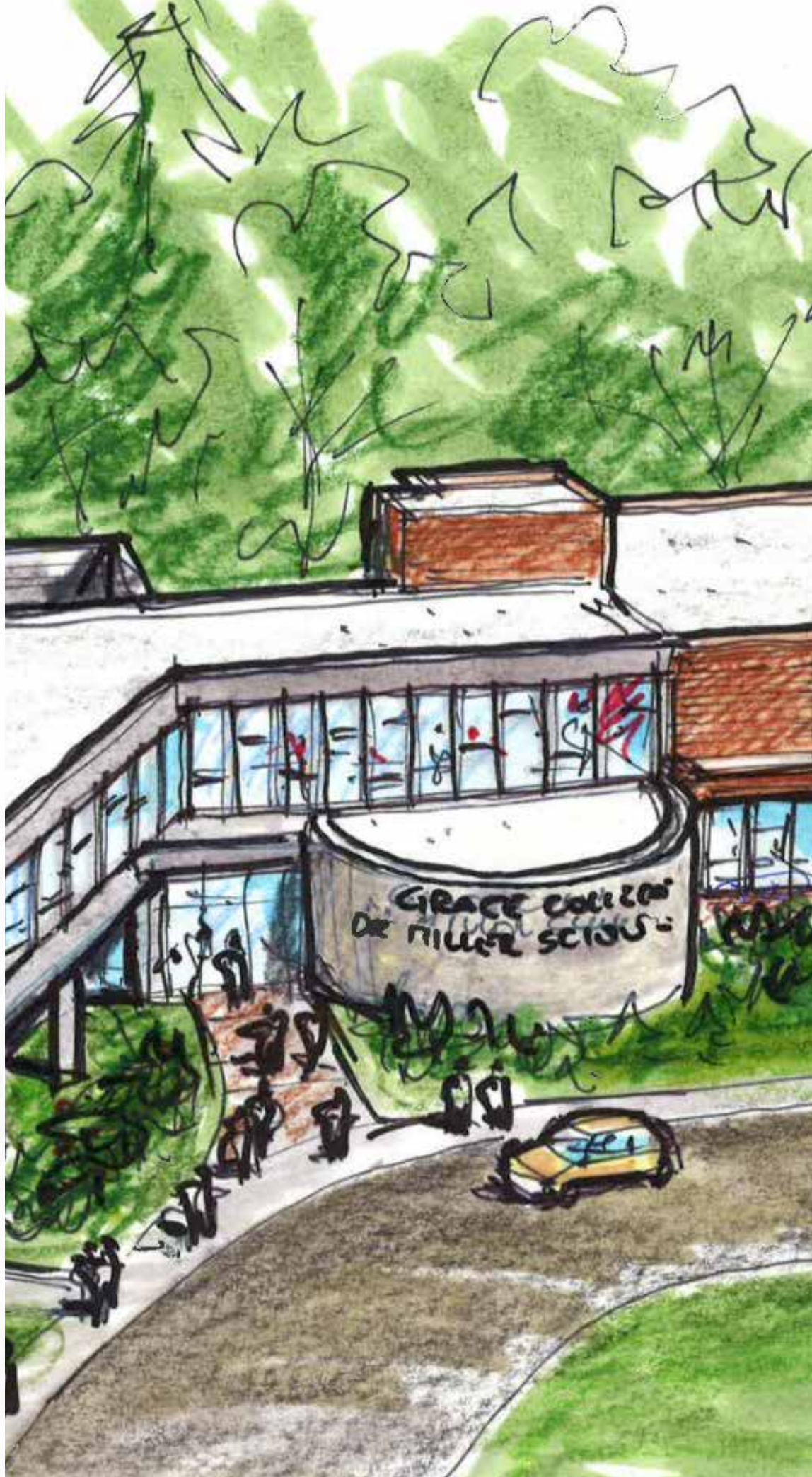
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## ASPIRE

THE ASPIRE CAMPAIGN  
SPECIAL ISSUE

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### What's In A Name?

You may have noticed that we updated the design of our magazine name on the front cover. Not only was it time for a refresh, but we hope it helps clarify how to read the "2|8|9" numbers while reminding readers of how important our founding verses in Ephesians 2:8-9 are. We hope you like it.

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2:8-9, the verses upon which Grace College & Seminary was founded. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

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## FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR

When Drew Flamm, vice president of advancement, approached me about chairing the Campaign Cabinet, I was hesitant. "Chairing" translates to "more work," right? But here's why I said yes:

In my 30-year career, I've had the privilege to learn from the example of some extremely talented leaders. Leadership is ultimately about compelling and inspiring others to do what they ordinarily wouldn't choose to do on their own. It's why I agreed to chair the Campaign Cabinet — not because of my leadership talent, but because of the talent I've witnessed at Grace, in Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) and in dedicated faculty and staff. Observation proved that these gifted leaders have the talent and skill to engage others to take action, but more importantly, their passion and drive comes from the basic purpose God has called each of us to: loving Him and loving others. They have each chosen to lead others not for personal gain, but on behalf of Christ and the next generation of leaders. We see Grace College & Seminary as a vessel to truly love others and in turn love our Creator. I agreed to chair the cabinet simply because it is a way for me to honor these extraordinary leaders, whose vision is eternally minded. I ask each of you to consider doing the same.

President Bill Katip, the Grace leadership team and the Board of Trustees have developed a fresh vision for the institution: As they prayed together, they believed God was calling Grace to be an exemplary, Christ-centered educational community characterized by innovation, affordability and real-world preparation.

To see that vision become a reality requires us to strengthen our institution in four specific ways: excellence, innovation, community and affordability. That's what you'll see laid out in the pages of this magazine.

To the left you'll find one of the first groups of people who began to imagine how this vision would become reality. The Campaign Cabinet has been working together since the summer of 2013, meeting, planning, researching and evaluating — and praying and praying some more — about what projects need to be funded for Grace to reach its vision. In the following pages of the magazine, you'll find the projects the Campaign Cabinet, with the counsel of Grace's administration and the approval of the Board of Trustees, determined were necessary to ensure that the four priorities of Grace remain its hallmarks.

It is an honor to aspire alongside this group of amazing people. It is with deep conviction that I invite you to join us.



**Greg Dosmann** (BS 86)  
Campaign Chair and Board Member,  
Grace College & Seminary  
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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT

I remember my first donor appointment like it was yesterday. Ten years ago, I was working my first job in fundraising, and I was anxious to succeed. My boss asked me to join him for a round of golf with George, one of the organization's major donors. I spent the night before preparing in earnest — ironing my clothes, shining my shoes and ensuring my golf clubs were in tip-top shape. We showed up to the course early and waited for George to arrive. When he pulled into the parking lot, my preconceived notions about what a donor should look like were instantly challenged. George drove a rusted-out Ford, had patches on his khaki pants — which his wife sewed on whenever holes appeared — and when I asked where he acquired his clubs, he responded in all seriousness, “Kmart special.”

I learned during that round of golf that George had worked at a manufacturing plant his whole life, and his wife was a teacher. Through scrimping, saving and the Lord's blessing, they had been able to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to various causes.

George was one of the first people to teach me about biblical generosity. Since then, I have had the privilege to sit with hundreds of donors who have all helped me better understand what God says about generosity and how to live it out. Here are just a few things I have learned:

**GOD OWNS EVERYTHING.** Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. ...” As Jim Elliot famously put it, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

**HOW WE USE OUR MONEY IS IMPORTANT TO GOD.** The Bible has 2,350 verses that deal with money and possessions. That's more verses than on heaven and hell combined. The servant who invested his master's money well was told in Matthew 25:21, “Well done, good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your master.”

**GOD GETS THE PRAISE FOR GENEROSITY.** Paul, in Philippians 1, praises God for the Philippians' missionary support. We have a donor at Grace who asks us to publish the words

“To God be the Glory” on anything the donor supports. So we have a “To God be the Glory Scholarship,” and if you look around campus, you will find that phrase posted in various places.

**GENEROSITY WILL BE REWARDED.** Have you heard the phrase, “You can't outgive God?” It's not just a phrase development folks use — it's biblical. Luke 6:38 says, “Give, and it will be given to you.”

**GENEROSITY BRINGS JOY.** We should give out of a gratitude for what God has done for us and do so with great joy (2 Corinthians 8:2). Hudson Taylor once wrote, “The less I spent on myself and the more I gave to others, the fuller of happiness and blessing did my soul become.”

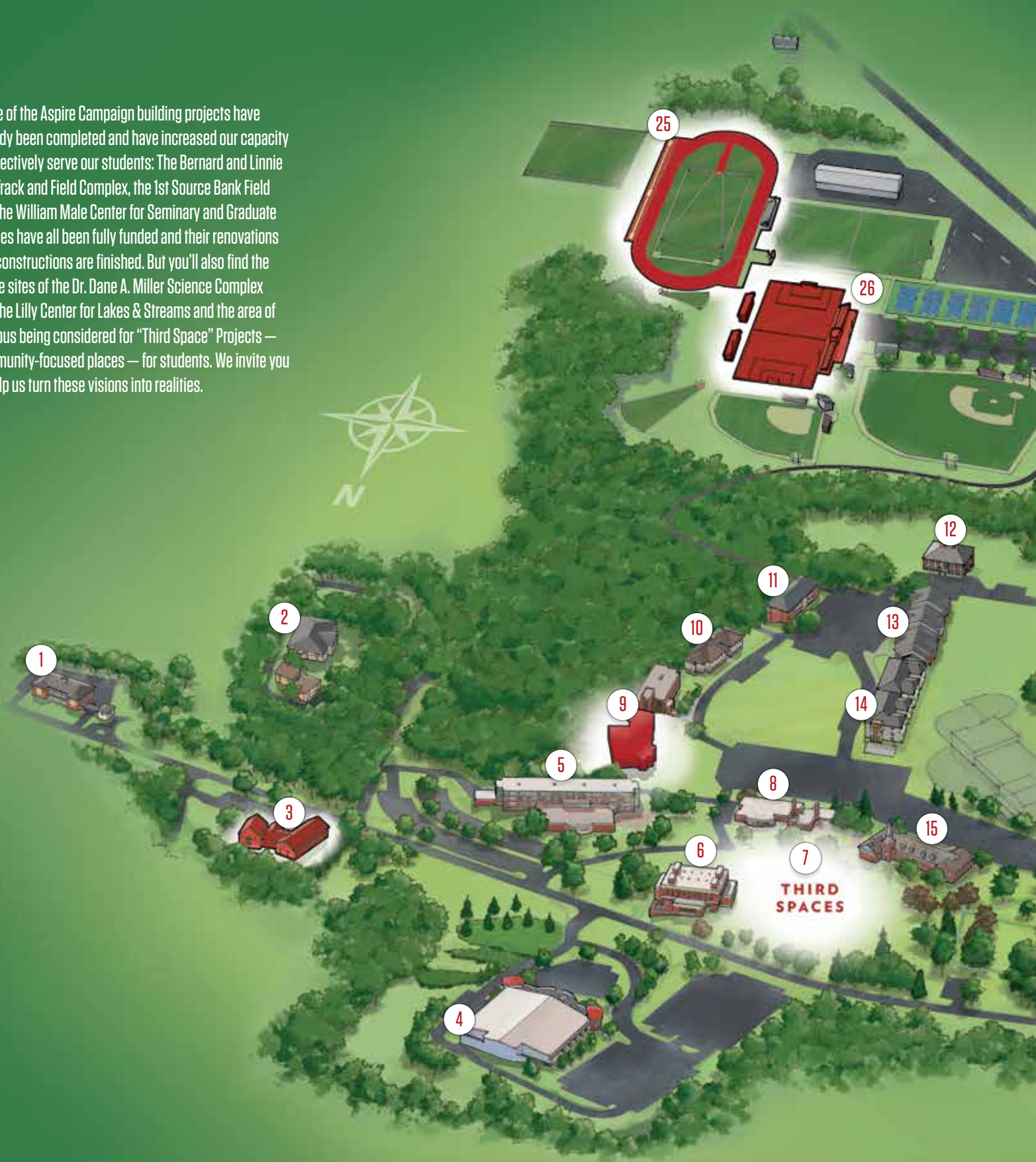
At Grace every member of the Advancement Team is required to read “Giving and Getting in the Kingdom” by Mark Dillon. A theological vision for generosity is foundational, but so is a theological vision for fundraising. We believe we have the noble task and privilege to call on others to give generously. We believe the Aspire Campaign is how God has called us to be a part of providing an excellent, Christ-centered education for the next generation of world-changers we call students.

I hope to meet many more individuals in the days ahead who will continue to teach me about generosity and inspire it in my own life. I also look forward to meeting the students who will benefit from the campaign in the years to come as we complete the refrain “to God be the glory” by rejoicing in the “great things He hath done.”



**Drew Flamm,**  
Vice President of Advancement

Some of the Aspire Campaign building projects have already been completed and have increased our capacity to effectively serve our students: The Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex, the 1st Source Bank Field and the William Male Center for Seminary and Graduate Studies have all been fully funded and their renovations and constructions are finished. But you'll also find the future sites of the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex and the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams and the area of campus being considered for "Third Space" Projects — community-focused places — for students. We invite you to help us turn these visions into realities.



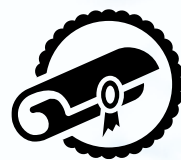


# Campus Map



1. Lamp Post Residence Hall
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12. Encompass Residence Hall
13. Kent Residence Hall
14. Omega Residence Hall
15. McClain Hall  
Office of the President  
Office of Advancement  
Office of Provost
16. Indiana Residence Hall  
Financial Aid  
Registrar/Business Office  
Student Affairs
17. Gamma C & Karl and Evelyn  
Kauffman Hall
18. Physical Plant Department
19. Gordon Recreation Center  
Campus Safety  
Campus Store  
Health and Counseling Center  
Office of Marketing  
Veteran's Lounge
20. **William Male Center for Seminary  
and Graduate Studies**
21. Mount Memorial Hall  
Office of Admissions
22. Lancer Lofts Residence Hall
23. Westminster Residence Hall  
SubConnection  
Westy Grille
24. Winona Heritage Room  
(Rodeheaver)
25. **Bernard and Linnie Key  
Track and Field Complex**
26. **1st Source Bank Field**
27. Boyer Residence Hall

Goal : \$37M    Raised



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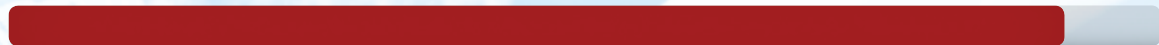
## Educational Excellence

*Grace College & Seminary will elevate biblically integrated learning to a level where it is deeply valued, freely explored and richly applied with an unwavering focus on a transformative student experience.*

Goal : \$11M    Raised to Date : \$8.19M

FEATURED PROJECTS:

### Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex



RAISED TO DATE: \$7.18M

GOAL: \$8M

### Academic Programs



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.01M

GOAL: \$3M



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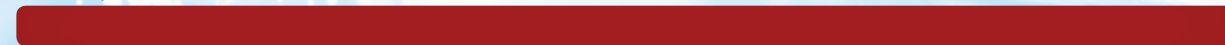
## Culture of Innovation

*Grace College & Seminary will cultivate diverse perspectives and creative approaches to change in an environment of trust, transparency and flexibility.*

Goal : \$6M    Raised to Date : \$6.68M

FEATURED PROJECTS:

### Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams



RAISED TO DATE: \$5.93M

GOAL: \$5M

### Deploy Seminary Program



RAISED TO DATE: \$750K

GOAL: \$1M



aised to Date : \$27.08M

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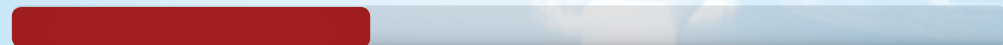
## Connected Community

*Grace College & Seminary will develop and strengthen internal and external relationships by living out our mission and brand.*

Goal : \$10M Raised to Date : \$5M

FEATURED PROJECTS:

### Third Spaces



RAISED TO DATE: \$2.26M

GOAL: \$7M

### Athletic Facilities



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.57M

GOAL: \$1.5M

### Student Programs



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.17M

GOAL: \$1.5M



CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

## Sustainable Affordability

*Grace College & Seminary will relentlessly pursue partnerships and rigorously practice stewardship to provide students an affordable education and ensure a lasting foundation for the college.*

GOAL : \$10M Raised to Date: \$7.21M

*(Total includes \$1.39 million of undesignated campaign gifts.)*

FEATURED PROJECTS:

### Grace Fund



RAISED TO DATE: \$3.02M

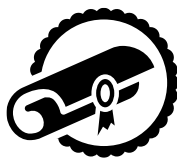
GOAL: \$5M

### McClain Heritage Society and Endowment Support



RAISED TO DATE: \$2.8M

GOAL: \$5M



## CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

# Educational Excellence

*Grace College & Seminary will elevate biblically integrated learning to a level where it is deeply valued, freely explored and richly applied with an unwavering focus on a transformative student experience.*

We aspire to expand our capability to offer Christ-centered, academically challenging courses and hands-on learning opportunities that help students master content and develop competence. There are several specific projects that will enable us to accomplish this strategic priority. The renovation and expansion of the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex will provide our STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students with a state-of-the-art environment that gives them the space and equipment they need to become world-class biologists, chemists, mathematicians and doctors. The Bethel Nursing Program

at Grace College will be moving across campus to newly renovated classroom and lab space in the Gordon Recreation Center. In addition, the establishment of start-up funds for new academic programs will allow us to provide relevant degree options to our students, such as a new Mechanical Engineering major housed on our residential campus, pending the Higher Learning Commission's approval, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness and an Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture launching this fall.

## Goal : \$11M    Raised to Date : \$8.19M

## FEATURED PROJECTS:

### Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex



RAISED TO DATE: \$7.18M

GOAL: \$8M

### Academic Programs



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.01M

GOAL: \$3M



## FEATURE PROJECT:

## DR. DANE A. MILLER SCIENCE COMPLEX

# Vision Is a Seven-Letter Word

*It was just a seven-letter word, scribed on a scrap piece of paper and subtly exchanged as if passed by schoolboys in the middle of class. But then, this was no ordinary note.*

In the spring of 2014, Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) found himself sitting around the conference table with the rest of the Campaign Steering Committee. The group had been meeting throughout the year, researching and discussing what it would take to move Grace College & Seminary's vision forward. "We'd thrown out all kinds of ideas, but it became time for us to narrow them down," recalls Dr. Manahan. Dr. Dane Miller, the co-founder of Biomet and a principal leader in the Winona Lake community, was sitting to his right. All eyes were fixed on Drew Flamm, the recently appointed vice president of advancement. Drew asked the group to go around the table and comment on the project each member believed was most critical to Grace's future. Numerous people chimed in, and discussion ensued. But Manahan says Miller remained silent. "I flipped over one of the papers in front of me," says Manahan, "and I scrawled the note, 'What thoughts do you have on priorities?' and I slid it over to him." Miller responded immediately, jotting down the seven-letter admonition — "science" — and passed it back.

In that moment, Manahan had a revelation. Of course it wasn't a surprise to Manahan that Miller's answer would be science; after all, "I knew science was his life. He was an inventor," says Manahan. But what Manahan *didn't* know, was that Dr. Dane Miller — the revered scientist who proved the effectiveness of titanium's use in total joint replacement for his patients — would put his efforts behind a new science center at Grace College & Seminary. "He could have written anything on that paper," explains Manahan. "He could have said, 'I think all of those projects are worthwhile.'" But when Miller wrote "science," Manahan knew that Miller was saying, "I'll get behind you on this. I'm in." And that — that made all the difference. What was an aspiration, all at once became a reality. Within one year of that meeting, Dr. Dane Miller passed away. But he had set the wheels in motion, and when it came time to turn sketches into bricks, his wife, Mary Louise Miller, put pen-to-paper again. Not only did she give the money needed to undergird Grace's new science complex, but she rallied the orthopaedic community to do the same.

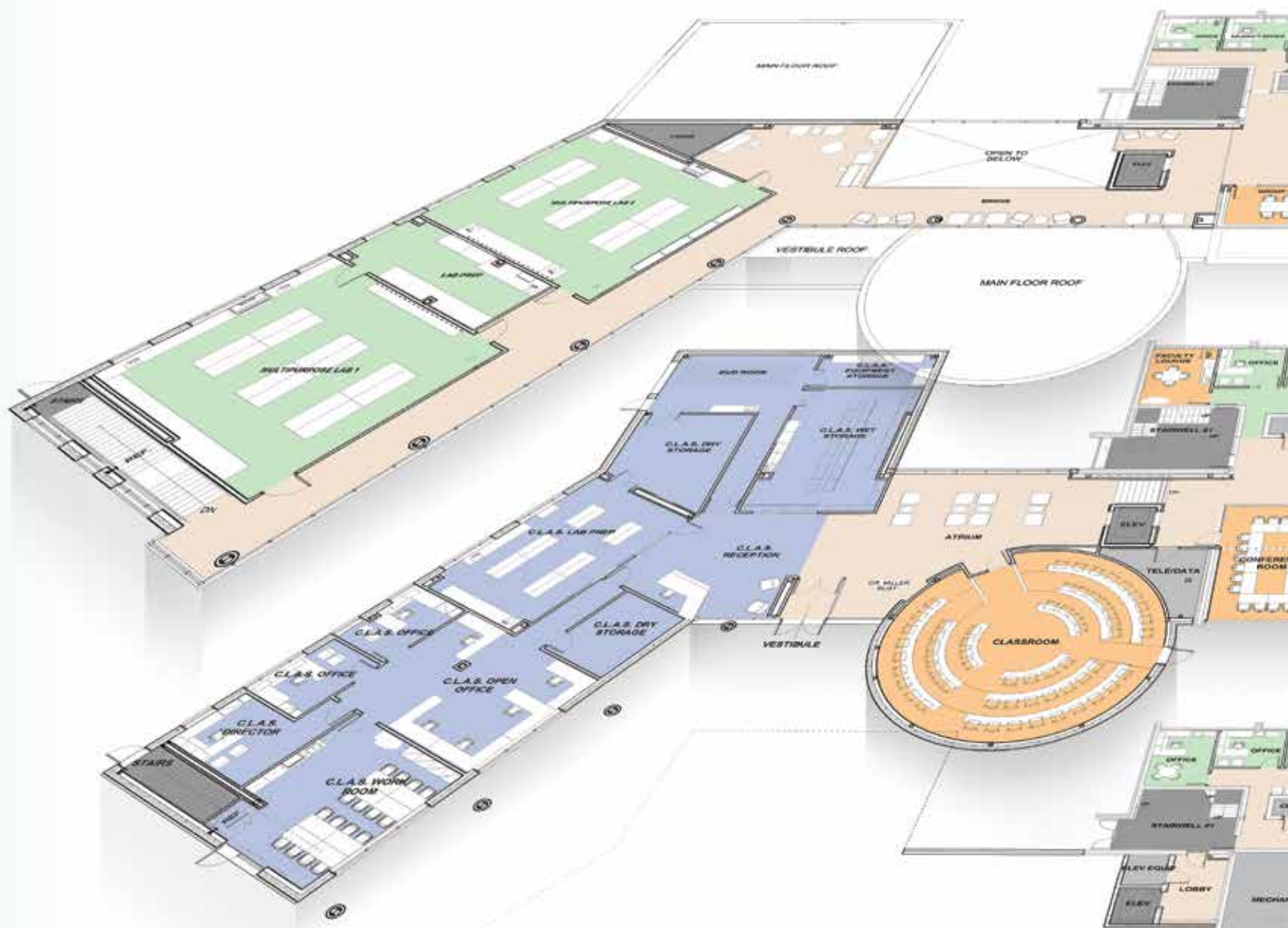
**To join Mary Louise Miller, the orthopaedic community and so many others in erecting the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).**



## On March 24, 2017, Grace broke ground on the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex.

Dane and his wife Mary Louise have invested substantially in the local community and Grace College & Seminary. Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) announced that more than \$7.1 million has been raised to date toward the \$8 million science complex goal. This total includes a lead gift from Mrs. Mary Louise Miller, a significant contribution from Zimmer Biomet and a \$1 million grant from the K21 Health Foundation to fund new space and laboratories for the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams.

Pictured left to right are: Bill Burke (MAMin 07), chairman of the board at Grace College & Seminary; Dan Hann and Greg Sasso, former Biomet executives and personal friends of Dane Miller; Dan Williamson, group president of joint reconstruction at Zimmer Biomet; Mary Louise Miller; Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace College & Seminary; Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), former president of Grace College & Seminary; Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16), CEO and president of K21 Health Foundation; Hayden McCloskey, Grace College environmental studies student; and Dr. John Lillis, provost of Grace College & Seminary.

**FEATURE PROJECT:****DR. DANE A. MILLER SCIENCE COMPLEX**

The Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex project includes the renovation of the existing 22,500-square-foot Cooley Science Center and a new addition of approximately 13,000 square feet. The renovation will provide new HVAC, lighting, flooring and classroom updates while the addition will include a large interactive classroom, garden features, new state-of-the-art labs and a glass corridor overlooking the entry plaza. It will also house the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams with designated areas for aquariums, prep labs and specialized equipment.



The floor plan of the Biology Department is divided into two main sections. The top section, colored green, contains the following rooms from left to right: OFFICE, BIOSAFETY CABINETS, PLASTIC STORAGE, BIOLOGY LAB, BIOLOGY STORAGE, BIOLOGY PREP, and BIOLOGY LAB. The bottom section, colored orange, contains: MECH, CLASSROOM (22 STUDENTS), CLASSROOM (20 STUDENTS), and STUDENT LOUNGE. A central hallway provides access to these rooms. Other areas include a RESTROOM, STORAGE, and a MECH area on the far left.



- Adjoining chemistry labs with new fume hoods, collaboration space, whiteboards and projectors
- Multi-purpose lab for enviro-analytical and physical chemistry
- Updated physics lab and prep area
- Math collaboration room with glass entry wall and adjacent small group breakout rooms
- Specialized math classroom with projector, TV screens and mimeo interactive whiteboard walls
- Glass-walled conference room
- Remodeled biology labs with a plant room and microbiology biosafety room
- Student lounge

- Circular, 60-student classroom
- Two-story glass lobby overlooking the forest and wetlands
- Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams space with special educational features including an interactive sketch aquarium and a portable sand table
- Two state-of-the-art multi-purpose labs and a prep room
- Glass corridor space for students overlooking the entry courtyard

Green= New and Renovated Lab Space  
Orange= New and Renovated Classrooms  
Blue = New Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams Wing

**FEATURE PROJECT:**  
**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**



## Consider the Fields

Indiana's agricultural industry produces 13.5 percent of the state's economic activity. In fact, an astonishing 83 percent of Indiana's land is dedicated to agricultural production and forestry, providing one out of every 20 jobs in Indiana. Some of the largest farming businesses in the country, including Maple Leaf Farms, Chore-Time Brock, Egg Innovations, Midwest Poultry, Silveus Insurance and Louis Dreyfus Commodities, are based in Kosciusko County — home to Grace College & Seminary.

As the world population grows, research shows that by the year 2050, farmers will need to produce 70 percent more food than they do now, and in the next three to seven years, nearly 50 percent of the agricultural workforce will retire. It will take an educated workforce, familiar with both traditional and technologically driven farming methods, to sustainably and ethically feed the world.

Currently, there are only two other agricultural degree programs offered by comparative schools in Indiana. With 97

percent of farms being family owned and operated, Grace aspires to equip the next generation to run the farms of the future.

In response to the evident need for educated farmers, Grace will begin offering a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness and an Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture in the fall of 2017. The programs will provide students with a strong foundation in science and business while emphasizing specialized agribusiness courses. Further, students will be required to participate in hands-on internships at local farms, which will extend the entire agricultural season, from planning and planting to harvesting.

Your gift will enable Grace to continue to offer biblically grounded, relevant degree options like Agribusiness to the next generation of students.

**To support the development and implementation of academic programs at Grace, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).**

## A Precedent of Excellence

One of the primary pillars of a Grace College & Seminary education is excellence. Take a look at some of our shining moments from the last year. With your help, we can continue to strengthen our reputation for educational excellence.



## THE Department of Science and Mathematics

HAS FOUR ACTIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER SCIENTISTS, MATHEMATICIANS AND PROFESSORS FROM UNIVERSITIES IN IN, OH, KY AND TN.

# 100%

OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE GRADUATES WERE INVOLVED IN RESEARCH OR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES IN 2016.



# EVERY GRADUATE

OF THE PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CLASS OF 2016  
WAS ACCEPTED INTO GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

# 78%

THE FIRST-TIME PASS RATE FOR THE CPA EXAM BY THE 2014  
ACCOUNTING GRADUATES. GRACE WAS SECOND ONLY TO  
NOTRE DAME IN THE STATE OF INDIANA.



# GOAL

(GRACE'S DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM) HAS PARTNERSHIPS WITH

## 5 Colleges:

ANCILLA COLLEGE, HARRISON COLLEGE, CROSSROADS BIBLE COLLEGE,  
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY AND IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF INDIANA.

YEAR

GRACE COLLEGE'S DEPARTMENT  
OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS IS  
IN THE SECOND YEAR OF ITS

# RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

WITH THE FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO.

# 3,188

THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE GROUP STUDY ROOMS IN THE MORGAN  
LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER WERE RESERVED DURING THE

## 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

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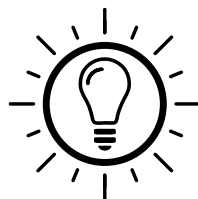
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## CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

# Culture of Innovation

*Grace College & Seminary will cultivate diverse perspectives  
and creative approaches to change in an environment of trust,  
transparency and flexibility.*

We aspire to strengthen our capacity to meet the educational needs of our students by pursuing the most effective strategies that will equip students in an ever-changing world. We'll never change our mission — what we believe about God and His Word — but we will continue to adapt our methods and how we deliver our education. We've been pioneers in offering blended degree programs and degree options tailored to our orthopaedic businesses. We've gone outside the walls of the Grace campus to collaborate with our community and partner with other colleges and organizations so we can offer educational

experiences that meet the unique demands of students' chosen professions. To advance this strategic priority, Grace is seeking funding for the implementation of a new Grace Seminary competency-based education model, Deploy, that would be offered on site at local churches to meet the leadership needs of the evangelical community. Grace is also seeking ongoing support of the recently renamed Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, which uses student research, educational programs and collaboration with the community to ensure the lakes and streams in our region are clean and healthy.

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## Goal : \$6M    Raised to Date : \$6.68M

### FEATURED PROJECTS:

#### Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams



RAISED TO DATE: \$5.93M

GOAL: \$5M

#### Deploy Seminary Program



RAISED TO DATE: \$750K

GOAL: \$1M



## FEATURE PROJECT:

## DEPLOY SEMINARY PROGRAM

# The Future of Frontline Ministry Training



*Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82),  
Vice President and  
Dean of the Seminary  
at Grace College &  
Seminary*



*Rev. Mike Yoder (BA  
93, MDiv 96), Lead  
Pastor at Grace Polaris  
(Columbus, Ohio) and  
Grace Board Member*

Grace Seminary is demonstrating the future of frontline ministry training as it marshals a biblically centered, competency-based education program that will be hosted in churches around the country. The new initiative is called “Deploy,” and it perfectly captures the heart and purpose behind the new initiative. Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82), dean of the Seminary, explains, “The definition of ‘deploy’ is ‘to strategically equip and send out.’ That’s exactly what we desire to do. We want to equip laborers and send them out into the harvest. ‘Deploy’ is also a verb; it reiterates that we are actively on mission.”

Dr. Gill has spent the last two years interacting with his faculty and 40 other pastors from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois to determine how to optimally train ministry leaders. It became clear that accessibility, mentorship and context were key, but often missing features of seminary training. In the same way that future doctors and teachers benefit from mentors and onsite training through residency and student teaching, future pastors and ministry leaders need to be able to apply their knowledge in the context of ministry work.

Grace has established partnerships with five “hubs,” or church sites, which will provide Deploy students from their own church staffs, host orientation meetings and help market,

promote and recruit for Deploy. Students will have regular interaction with credentialed faculty members who will oversee their instruction of and mastery in biblical languages, theology, hermeneutics and the other competencies required by their degree of choice. Additionally, each student will have two mentors who are located in his or her current ministry and are focused on the development of the student’s ministry skills and his or her spiritual formation.

Through the Deploy model, students will receive a theological education in a manner and at a location that facilitates the development of their skills and knowledge in order to be faithful and effective in their ministries.

Deploy will be in addition to the seminary’s current residential programs. In 2016, Grace purchased and renovated the William Male Center for Seminary and Graduate Studies building to better serve those students seeking a degree on campus. Deploy has already received accreditation approval from the Association of Theological Schools, and Grace has submitted a petition to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Pending HLC approval, Deploy will launch fall 2017.

**Dean of the Seminary Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82) interviews Rev. Mike Yoder (BA 93, MDiv 96), lead pastor of Grace Polaris in northern Columbus, Ohio, about why his church will be a hub site for Grace Seminary’s Deploy program.**

**JEFF GILL:** Why is your church excited about the Deploy program?

**MIKE YODER:** The Deploy program makes a seminary education accessible. As a pastor, I have other staff and lay leaders who are interested in and would benefit from further theological and ministry training. Right now, there are plenty of intense, high quality leadership training programs and seminars that churches offer, but none of them lead



to accredited degrees. Now, people in our region have a place in their backyard to obtain a degree. They can stay where they are, keep their kids in school and continue to minister where they are, all while having access to theological and ministry training.

**GILL:** What makes the Deploy program effective?

**YODER:** One of the features of the Deploy program is balanced mentoring. Every student will have a faculty instructor, a spiritual formation mentor and a ministry mentor. Historically, seminary programs have valued content, but they haven’t offered much in the areas of ministry experience. Deploy offers mentorship in both the academic content and character development, so they’re training the whole person in each of those areas.

**GILL:** You went through our residential seminary program. How is Deploy advantageous?

**YODER:** Yes, I am both a Grace College and a Grace Seminary graduate. I was in the residential program, and it worked great for me. I was 22 and single. I was already in Winona Lake, and I was ready to pursue a master’s degree. But there are lots of people who don’t check any of those boxes. They’re married, they have kids, they graduated somewhere else and put roots down through a job. Many, many people would have to make huge sacrifices — physically, socially, emotionally and in their established ministries — to come to Winona Lake to get a theological education. For this kind of student, Deploy makes further education realistic. And for pastors of local churches like me, that makes the promotion of seminary training way more exciting.

**To support Deploy and its mission to strategically equip ministry leaders, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).**



*Dr. Nate Bosch, director of the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams and professor of environmental science, instructs his aquatic ecology students at a local stream.*

#### FEATURE PROJECT:

#### LILLY CENTER FOR LAKES & STREAMS

# A Match Made in Heaven

That's how former Grace College & Seminary president Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70 ThM 77, ThD 82) describes it.

When Nate Bosch earned his doctorate in limnology (read: aquatic ecology) from the University of Michigan in 2007, he was an obsessive enthusiast — he says “nerdy scientist” — of lake and stream management. But he didn't want to spend his days filling up dusty but beloved academic journals with his research. He wanted his research to have application in a local community that would have an immediate impact on the ways in which people take care of their environmental resources.

Meanwhile, three hours southwest of Ann Arbor, Manahan was working with Kosciusko County community leaders Frank Levinson and Suzie Light to establish a research center that would conduct research and provide community education regarding the care and importance of local lakes and streams. In 2007, a Kosciusko County Community Foundation donor-directed seed grant of \$250,000 funded the creation of the Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College.

Within the year, Manahan offered Bosch the job as director of the center. Now as the center enters its tenth year in operation, it has much to celebrate. Since its start, the center has facilitated the biweekly sampling of 56 county lake sites and 18 local streams, reached over 16,000 students through K-12 programs and collaborated with community groups — primarily through its annual Northern Indiana Lakes Festival, which has reached over 22,000 people since its launch in 2009. In the midst, Bosch has still managed to publish his research 16 times in those beloved peer-reviewed journals.

Further, a variety of Grace College students have benefited by experiencing hands-on field work in the environmental sciences, conducting relevant and applicable research, learning how to use sophisticated scientific instruments, building their résumés, networking with other organizations the center collaborates with and then securing jobs upon graduation.

For the center to continue to care for the region's lakes and streams, educate its community and support Grace students, Bosch faces a \$500,000 fundraising goal every year to cover

the center's operating costs. In an effort to permanently secure the work of the center and also significantly reduce the annual fundraising obstacle, Bosch has been working hard to establish an endowment. “It would make what we do lasting in our community,” explains Bosch. “It promises sustainability. Those who support our endowment know we're going to be caring for these lakes not just during their lifetime, but during their great-grandkids' lifetime too.”

In 2013, as Bosch was working on blue-green algae research, he began meeting with various property owners around the different lakes in Kosciusko County, including the Lilly family: Bill and Renie (Lilly) McCutchen, Pete and Ginny (Lilly) Nicholas and Ted and Debby Lilly. Lilly family connections to lakes in the region stretch back more than a century. Col. Eli Lilly, founder of the pharmaceutical company, helped establish a local research station that benefited several lakes in Kosciusko County. His grandson, Eli, who helped found Lilly Endowment Inc., was personally involved in several research efforts on Lake Wawasee. Today, Col. Lilly's descendants continue to own summer homes on Lake Wawasee.





Eli Lilly and Aunt Margaret Ridgely sail on Lake Wawasee, circa 1905.



Eli Lilly playing the mandolin at his Wawasee cottage, circa 1959.



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Over the next couple of years, Bosch and the Lilly family's relationship grew. They met regularly over the summers, exchanging information about the health of the local lakes and streams and the importance of it to their community. Last summer, Bosch approached them about making a significant donation to establish an endowment for the center. Through a series of divine appointments and what Pete Nicholas called Bosch's "professionally persistent" nature, the family gave to the center's endowment through the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation. They also connected Bosch to Lilly Endowment, which in turn answered a grant request from Bosch at the end of 2016. In honor of the Lilly family and Lilly Endowment gifts, the center has been renamed the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams — joining Purdue University, Indiana University, Duke University and others as higher education institutions that bear the Lilly moniker.

Bosch and his team have fresh inspiration. "The Lilly name is synonymous with excellence," says Bosch. "It's how I view our center and its future. I feel both honored and motivated to further excellence by the gravitas this name brings to the center's future work. It continues to remind us every day that excellence is the expectation. That's inherent to who we are; everything we do, we do for God's glory."

Altogether, the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams has received gifts and pledges from 78 individuals, businesses and organizations representing 12 lakes in the county totaling more than \$5 million to be set aside in its endowment to provide ongoing support for the Lilly Center into the future. The endowment funds will join existing income sources such as annual gifts from donors, business sponsorships, operational support from agencies and organizations, and grants and donations for specific projects.

The endowment ensures that the important work of the Lilly Center — making the region's lakes and streams clean, healthy, safe and beautiful — will continue. As the Lilly Center looks ahead, it plans to develop additional collaborative partnerships, increase its research and educational equipment, grow its newly established endowment fund and build more educational programs.

**To ensure the health of Kosciusko County lakes and streams and to bolster the work of the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).**

# Programs, Partnerships and Progress

Gone are the days when Wooster Road and Kings Highway defined Grace College & Seminary's borders and when its student base consisted mostly of Midwestern, 18-year-olds seeking an undergraduate degree.

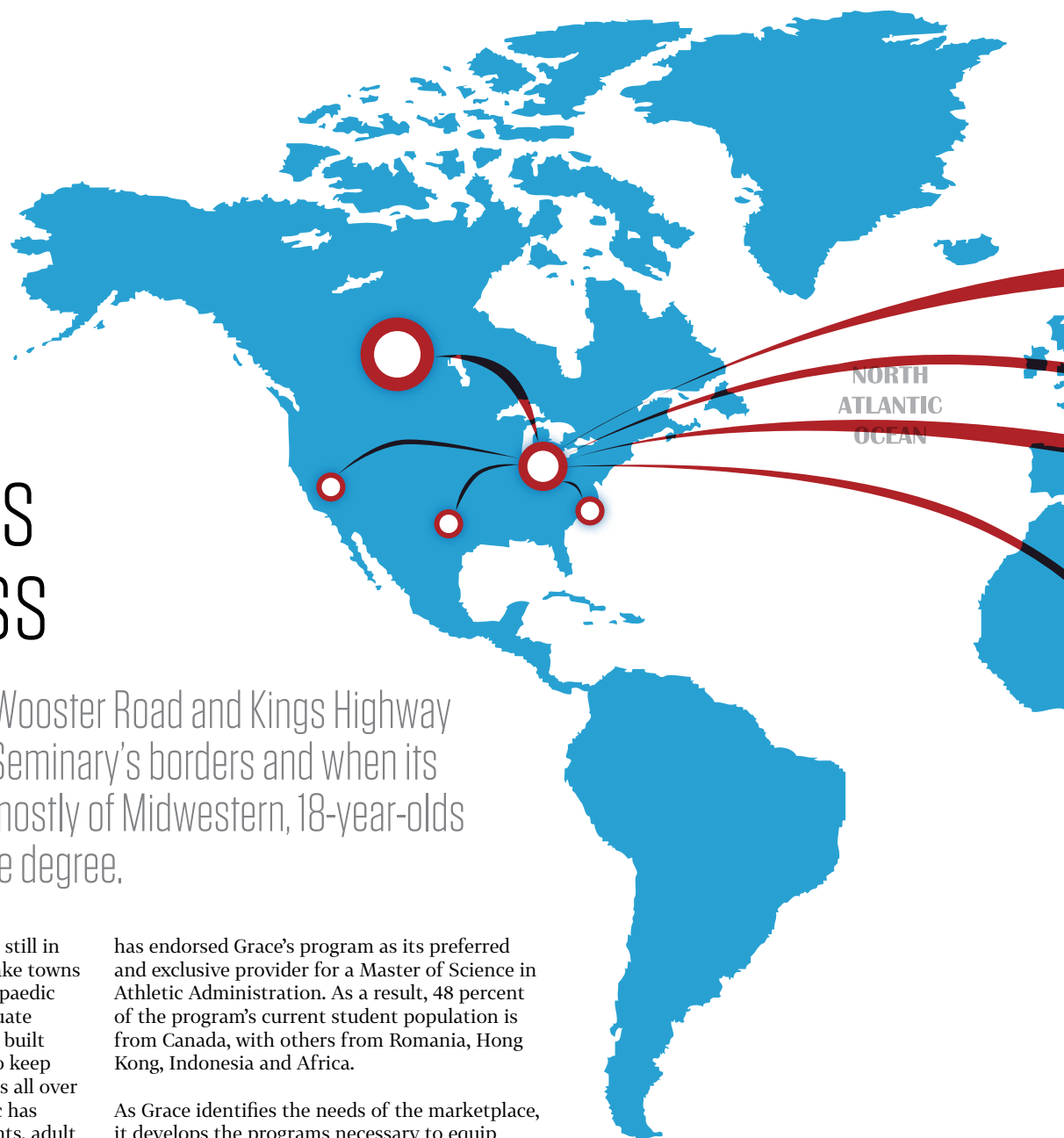
To be sure, Grace's residential campus is still in the heart of one of the most beautiful lake towns in the country, surrounded by the orthopaedic capital of the world, and our undergraduate enrollment is at an all-time high. (We've built three dorms in the last four years just to keep up!) However, Grace now serves students all over the world, and our student demographic has broadened to include high school students, adult learners and industry professionals.

Now a student in Texas seeking a master's degree in Nonprofit Management can sit under the tutelage of Grace College professor Dr. Steve Grill (BA 70) because of Grace's robust online education program, which offers eight bachelor's and master's degree programs. In fact, there are currently 82 students from all over the world enrolled in the Master of Science in Athletic Administration program, which is designed specifically for high school athletic directors, in partnership with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA). The CIAAA

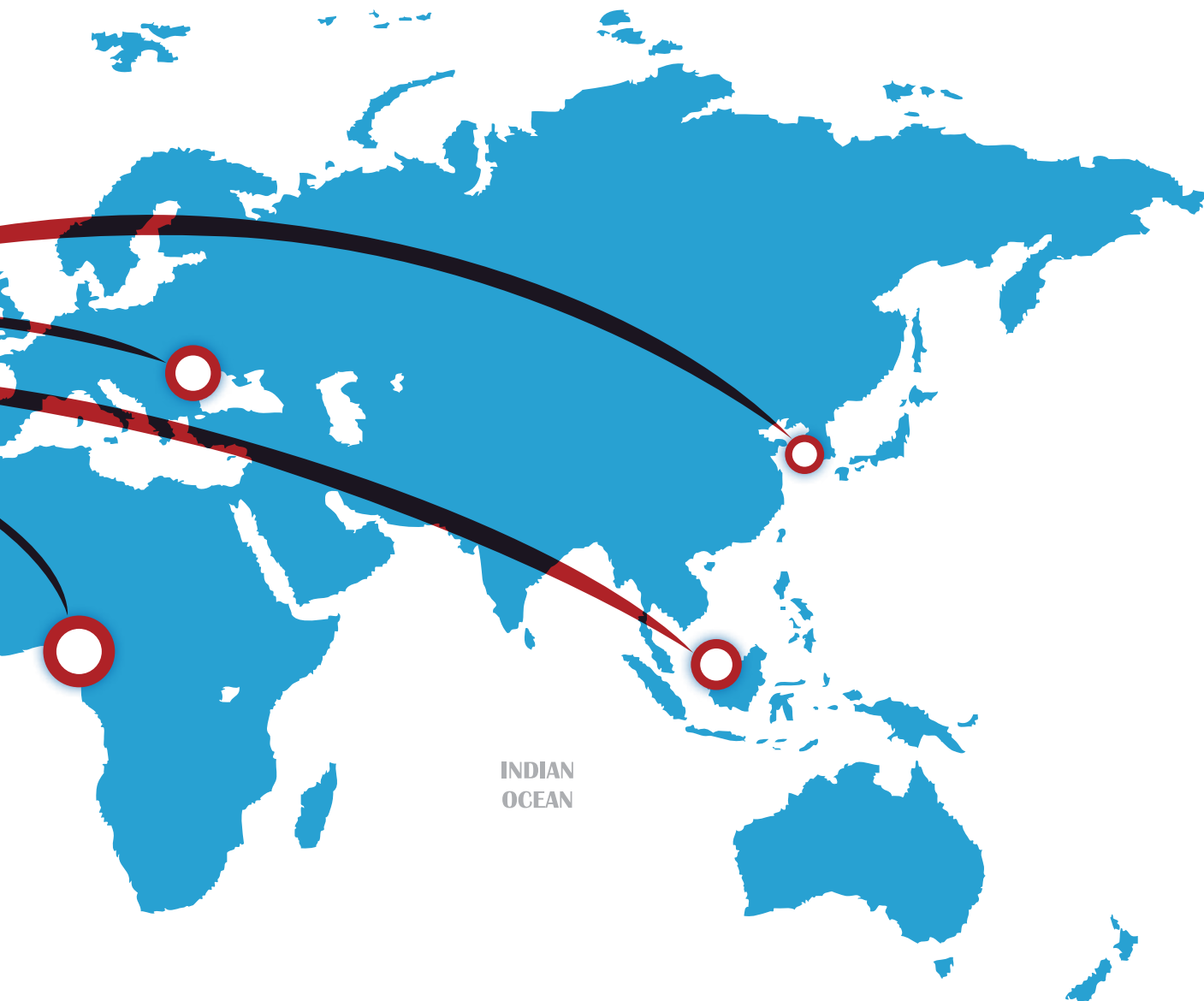
has endorsed Grace's program as its preferred and exclusive provider for a Master of Science in Athletic Administration. As a result, 48 percent of the program's current student population is from Canada, with others from Romania, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Africa.

As Grace identifies the needs of the marketplace, it develops the programs necessary to equip students to be career-ready in their chosen professions. Grace College recently partnered with Lifeline Youth and Family Services, an organization that offers home-based counseling and teen treatment services in Indiana. Lifeline serves over 3,000 families a week and needs additional clinical mental health professionals to service its clients. Grace's graduate Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program is now offering a specific degree track for Lifeline employees and those interested in working for Lifeline. Prospective students in the Grace-Lifeline Educational Career Track Program are placed at Lifeline for the required CMHC practicum and internship and upon graduation are employable by Lifeline.

Grace has aggressively pursued a growing number of strategic partnerships to extend a quality, biblically based, affordable education to more students. In January, Grace reached new agreements with Vincennes University and Crossroads Bible College, allowing their graduates to transfer to Grace so they can complete a bachelor's degree; they join Ivy Tech, Harrison College and Ancilla College in partnering with Grace to make undergraduate degrees attainable for more Hoosier students.





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Students are also able to earn an associate degree or bachelor's degree at Grace's location in Indianapolis, and now Akron, Ohio. In January 2017, Grace College launched a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies program at Grace Church in Akron. Outreach Magazine listed Grace Church as one of the "100 Fastest-Growing Churches in America." With six campuses and the desire to plant 30 churches in 30 years, Grace Church wants its leaders to benefit from Grace College's curriculum while being mentored by the church's leadership and having opportunities to practically apply their knowledge in the context of their local church setting.

In March 2017, Grace College & Seminary announced a new partnership with Our Daily Bread Ministries through Grace's School of Professional and Online Education to offer an Associate of Science in Ministry Leadership. Perhaps best known for its daily devotionals, Our Daily Bread Ministries is a nonprofit global ministry with staff and volunteers in over 37 offices working together to distribute more than 60 million resources in 150 countries. To partner in Our Daily Bread's mission to provide materials to help people grow in their relationship with God, Grace College & Seminary has designed a degree program that leverages the resources Our Daily Bread has built over its nearly 80-year

history. Beginning in the fall of 2017, students will be able to access the courses online and earn an accredited, affordable and aid-eligible associate degree.

God has accomplished amazing things in Grace's 80-year history, and we aspire to continue to be vessels for His work. As we seek to grow our capacity to influence students through innovative partnerships and programs, more students will have access to an education that gives them real-world experiences, in the context of a biblical worldview, for a price they can afford.



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## CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

# Connected Community

*Grace College & Seminary will develop and strengthen internal and external relationships by living out our mission and brand.*

We aspire to give our students diverse and meaningful opportunities to discover and participate in the beauty that is the body of Christ. We want students to be known, cared for, disciplined, challenged and growing into the image of God. To enhance our student experiences and meet this strategic priority, we're seeking to raise funds for new "third spaces" on the Grace campus. These community spaces will enable our students to gather together — whether for group projects, a card game, an open

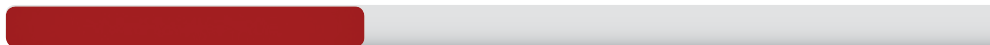
mic night or their favorite (dietary-sensitive!) meal — and continue to learn and practice what it means to love one another, as iron sharpens iron. We also aspire to continue to provide state-of-the-art athletic facilities that enable our student-athletes, who make up 21 percent of our student body, to perform at their best and host our community and competitors with grace and excellence.

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## Goal : \$10M    Raised to Date : \$5M

**FEATURED PROJECTS:**

### Third Spaces

**RAISED TO DATE: \$2.26M****GOAL: \$7M**

### Athletic Facilities

**RAISED TO DATE: \$1.57M****GOAL: \$1.5M**

### Student Programs

**RAISED TO DATE: \$1.17M****GOAL: \$1.5M**



FEATURE PROJECT:  
THIRD SPACES

## The Space to 'Be'



If you loved your Grace experience, it's likely because someone crossed your path and communicated that you matter — a resident assistant, a coach or a professor, a staff member, a roommate or a teammate. Marked by the grace of Jesus, our community is what nurtures students to grow in their faith, discover their giftings and answer the call God has put on their lives. These relationships are pivotal to students' spiritual, mental and emotional health, and rich residence-life experiences influence our students as much as time in the classroom. Grace aspires to create richer living, learning and dining spaces that inspire these gatherings and help drive our mission forward in very tangible ways. These new "third space" options will be the anchors of community life.

The idea of third spaces became popular as brands like Starbucks not only brought great product to their customers but quickly realized that a comfortable setting in the coffee house was a great

alternative space in which to be productive between home and the office. With third space settings, our students will have a place outside of their dorm rooms (first space) and their classrooms (second space) to create memories, develop traditions, make life-changing decisions and debate ideas.

Research shows that an average college student spends nine hours a week in the classroom, but spends 71 discretionary hours studying, hanging out, working out, building relationships, recreating and dining. Our growing student body makes the creation of third spaces increasingly important. We want to make spending those essential hours together in community easier.

Currently, there are only a few existing third space options for our students. The group study rooms in the library are perpetually in use, and the residence hall lobbies, while comfortable, don't provide sufficient seating and amenities for dedicated large-

group events. The third space solutions on Grace's campus will encourage open mic nights, faculty lectures, intimate unplugged concerts and grab-and-go, diet-friendly dining options. They will give our students the places they need to collaborate on projects, gather to pray and have access to the latest technologies, all while pursuing the meaningful discourse and relationships that lead to transformation.

The creation of third spaces equips us to more fully accomplish our purpose: to nurture a God-honoring community where students can develop authentic relationships, grow deep spiritual roots and learn and serve together.

**To support creating more community-focused spaces for Grace students, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).**





**FEATURE PROJECT:**  
**ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

# Up and Running

Grace's Miller Athletic Complex has undergone significant renovations in the last two years. They began in the summer of 2014, with a \$350,000 renovation of the soccer stadium, recently sponsored by and renamed 1st Source Bank Field. The facelift came in the form of an additional 1,000 bleacher seats, a larger field, high-end floodlights, new team dugouts, a new scoreboard and a live-video enabled press box. "These improvements to Miller Athletic Complex are a part of the college's strategic plan to serve the needs of the entire Grace community," said Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "We're creating valuable facility enhancements that will meet the needs for campus and varsity athletics and also attract members of the Grace community and prospective students."

Additionally, Grace completed the Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex in the fall of 2016. Although Grace has a successful track program,

we've been without a home track to host meets. The new Key Track and Field Complex's state-of-the-art design features a nine-lane, 400-meter competition track. With grandstand seating for 400 spectators, the facility boasts discus and hammer throw cages, shot put and javelin throw areas, a high jump zone, three long-jump pits and dual-direction pole vaulting facilities. For the first time in the track program's history, Grace will host a home event; our inaugural track and field meet is scheduled for April 29, 2017. The \$1.5 million donated toward these renovations and facilities are attracting new students and extending the recognition of our unique institution and values.

***To strengthen Grace's athletic facilities and support our teams, visit [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire).***





# 180 PROOF

When Resident Director Emily Brenneman (MAIM 11) asked Grace College freshman Katelyn Todd (BS 16, MSHed 16) if she had been drinking at a party, Todd lied.

She'd grown up in a loving Christian home and when it came time to pick a college, Grace just made sense. "I don't know how it happened," recalls Todd, but after the first semester, "I got into the wrong scene and wrong crowd."

Looking back, Todd says her faith was never her own. "I didn't have my own relationship with Christ, and I began to resent Grace. I started partying and drinking." She quickly made a plan towards the end of her first semester to transfer to a public university the following fall. But in the spring of her freshman year, after lying to her RD about drinking, she found herself sitting in a mandatory residence hall worship night. "Of course, I didn't want to go, but we had to," recalls Todd.

During the worship night, Todd says, "The Holy Spirit moved me. My heart was broken. I realized, this is not who He created me to be. This is not

who I am." And from that moment on, Todd says her life turned 180 degrees.

That very night, knowing that her group of friends likely wouldn't understand, Todd went to the room of one of the girls on her hall, who Todd says constantly encouraged and loved her, even when it was clear Todd was making the wrong decisions. "I confessed to her that I didn't want to transfer anymore and that I needed to stay at Grace." Without hesitation, her new friend took her in and began discipling Todd.

As the weeks went by, her friend began to encourage her to be honest with Emily Brenneman, her residence director to whom she had lied. "I was terrified, but I did it. I told her the truth and said I was sorry. She was so gracious and so forgiving." Later, Todd would make the same apology to Dean of Students Aaron Crabtree (BA 99). "He was so genuinely happy about my honesty," remembers Todd.

"It was like that with so many people in the Grace community," says Todd. She spent many hours in the office of Dr. Roger Peugh (BA 65, BDiv

68, DMin 06), whose prayer class she had taken (half-heartedly at the time), asking him to explain theological issues that she'd never understood.

Todd had also joined the Women's Ministries' mentorship program at Grace. Although she had wanted to back out of it before, she figured she'd wait to exit the program until she transferred. But instead, her mentor Tonya Cardin became another lifeline. Todd came clean with Tonya too about the sin she had been living in. "Tonya ended up mentoring me all four of my years at Grace." Since graduating, Todd says she and Cardin are as close as ever, writing page-long emails to each other to stay connected.

When Todd returned home for Easter during her freshman year, she confessed to her parents, who also responded in grace. "It was the first time I had experienced real grace from others, and it was a turning point for me. My faith became my own."

When Todd arrived back on campus as a sophomore, it held an entirely different experience for her. "I loved everything about it. I got a job on campus, I later became a resident assistant and I participated in everything I could." Todd also began telling her testimony: how God took her heart of stone and turned it into a heart of flesh. "It was difficult at first to share my story, but I wanted to let the Lord do what He wanted to do with it. As an RA, I would tell my girls how the Lord can work, how Grace is such an accepting and forgiving place, and we can become role models and even leaders no matter the mistakes we've made."

Todd earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and her master's degree in Higher Education in just four years through the blended degree program at Grace. She graduated in May 2016 and is now working for a Purdue University campus, in student support services, where she says her faith-based education has equipped her with the right worldview to be the hands and feet of Christ, no matter where her students are.

"For me, Grace is a community full of Grace. It sounds kind of cheesy, but people are very forgiving and accepting and want to help people grow; they meet people where they are, knowing we're all at different places. They walked me through hard decisions and hard conversations and building a new social circle. Even as I grew and matured in my faith over my four years at Grace, they kept pace with me every step of the way."



## CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

# Sustainable Affordability

*Grace College & Seminary will relentlessly pursue partnerships and rigorously practice stewardship to provide students an affordable education and ensure a lasting foundation for the college.*

We aspire to give every family access to a Christ-centered education that's marked by innovation, real-world preparation and a vibrant community. We offer accelerated degree options, tuition reduction for students who return each year and free text book rentals, but there's more we want to do. In order to meet this strategic priority Grace is seeking to establish endowed scholarships and grow the Grace Fund so

that students can focus on educational possibilities, rather than the price tag. Further, in an effort to strengthen the institution's sustainability, we are seeking 100 new members to the McClain Heritage Society, which asks individuals to include Grace in their estate plans or set up a gift annuity or charitable trust.

**GOAL : \$10M    Raised to Date: \$7.21M**  
*(Total includes \$1.39 million of undesignated campaign gifts.)*

## FEATURED PROJECTS:

## Grace Fund



RAISED TO DATE: \$3.02M

GOAL: \$5M

## McClain Heritage Society and Endowment Support



RAISED TO DATE: \$2.8M

GOAL: \$5M



FEATURE PROJECT:  
GRACE FUND

# A Persistent Gratitude

*Florence Horn (BS 68) outside her home in Warsaw, Ind.*

Florence Horn (BS 68) will turn 100 this year. She grew up on a farm in Kosciusko County during the Depression, picking 10 crates full of tomatoes after she returned home from school every day. Because of that she knew what hard work was. In 1937, when Owen Horn asked Florence, “Will you help me take care of my chickens some day?” Florence knew what he meant. They were married that year, with the dream of owning their own farm someday. But as the Depression raged on, Owen worked at the Foundry in Warsaw and Florence worked 60 hours a week at the Kroger store just to earn a \$10 paycheck.

Finally, in 1947 they were able to buy 18 acres of land where they raised their two daughters and built a successful egg-laying business. They would gather, wash and pack over 100,000 eggs a week and ship them to New York via train every Saturday. Eventually, they were approached to raise pullets — young hens that don’t yet lay eggs. It was a profitable proposition and would allow them to work fewer hours. So in 1965, at the age of 48, Florence says, “I found myself with nothing to do. My daughters had graduated and married, so I decided to go back to school.” Taking a few Bible courses seemed like a good idea, and Grace College & Seminary was in her backyard. “Grace was small then,” says Florence, recalling that all of the classes met in McClain Hall.

A few Bible courses turned into an elementary education teaching degree. Florence completed it in three years. After she graduated in 1968, she accepted a first-grade teaching position in Claypool where she taught for several years, followed by nine years at Jefferson Elementary teaching kindergarten. She managed to earn her master’s degree along the way too. “I just loved teaching, and I would tell people, ‘To think I get paid for it too!’”

“Owen and I had always gone to church, and we always tithed,” says Florence. They were both Sunday school teachers and served as deacons. “Every time the

church was open, we were there,” she laughs. Florence’s teaching paycheck gave Owen and her an opportunity to give more. After her first year of teaching, they decided to give the extra tithe money to Grace. “I felt so blessed and so grateful that I could get an education like that.”

But it didn’t stop there. Every year since graduating, 49 years ago, Florence has written a \$1,000 check to the Grace Fund. “I don’t know of any college other than Grace that has done more to further God’s Word. I think they are a dedicated group of people. I hope it’s helping students who couldn’t get a college degree otherwise.”

In 2016, she made her check out for \$2,000, to ensure she had given Grace a grand total of \$50,000, “in case I didn’t make it another year,” she matter-of-factly explains. Even though Florence gave double last year, her daughter, Millicent, says, “You can be sure there will be another check in the mail this year. It’s just who she is.”

Florence describes her gifts as just a drop in the bucket. “There are probably a lot of other graduates who’ve given more. I’m just me,” she says. “It’s not about the amount we give, it’s just that we faithfully and generously give to the work that God is doing. You just can’t outgive God!”

**To follow in Florence’s faithful footsteps, go to [www.grace.edu/aspire](http://www.grace.edu/aspire) or use the enclosed envelope to support the Grace Fund, which provides student scholarships and ongoing support for the ministry of Grace College & Seminary.**



Peruvian Grace student Jaris (Ha-Reese) Hurtado has an app on her phone that sends her English words to practice every day. She recently learned that calling “shotgun” means one is awarded the front passenger seat. “I remember the first time I realized I could use it,” says Hurtado. “As I was walking with my friends to the car, I was thinking in my mind how to say it correctly, and I blurted out ‘I shot the gun, I shot the gun!’” After a moment of panic, her friends doubled over in laughter.

Hurtado has lived in Peru her whole life. But she’s spent it praying for an opportunity to study in the U.S.

“That my sister and I would learn English was very important to my parents,” says Hurtado. Her parents had learned English, and it had allowed them to serve as translators for English-speaking missionaries. Her parents signed both her and her sister up for private lessons at an early age. For Hurtado, these weren’t those obligatory piano lessons one’s

In the fall of 2015, her parents visited the U.S. for a month, raising awareness and support for their ministry. The executive director of Spanish World Ministries, Daniel Sandoval, lived in Winona Lake, Ind., and mentioned Grace College & Seminary to the Hurtados, suggesting they try and make a connection with President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). “You see, we are considering a future project for a Christian university in Peru,” explains Hurtado. Just one day before her parents were scheduled to fly home to Peru, they called Dr. Katip to see if he was available to meet. “Dr. Katip asked them if they could meet the next day, but when he learned they were scheduled to leave then, he said he had 20 minutes between appointments.”

Her parents met with Dr. Katip to discuss their ministry and future plans and by the time they walked out of his office, Jaris Hurtado was awarded a scholarship that made attending Grace possible.

# Endless Possibilities

forced to take. On the contrary, Hurtado fell in love with language and determined that she wanted to study languages so that she could serve as a translator and teach English as a second language.

Hurtado grew up with a love for Jesus too. Her parents pastor a local church and are missionaries with Spanish World Ministries, an organization that equips nationals in South America with evangelical literature and programming to witness to others. Hurtado wanted to use her love for languages to spread the message of Jesus far and wide. And in her country, earning a degree from an American university opens up endless job possibilities. “Studying abroad, it makes a big difference. If you have a degree from an international college, you’re more likely to be accepted in a job,” explains Hurtado.

But Hurtado knew this wouldn’t be possible for her. Her family didn’t have the money to send her to an American college. When she graduated from high school, she enrolled in a community college in Peru and began studying languages. “That didn’t stop me from praying,” says Hurtado. “I kept praying that God would open a door.”

Her parents were shocked — that was not the meeting’s intention — and incredibly grateful. When they arrived home the next day, her mom and dad told Hurtado with tears in their eyes.

Hurtado was equally stunned. But, “I immediately knew I was going,” says Hurtado. “I had been praying for God to open a door, and it was clear that this was the open door.” Within two months, and for just the second time in her life, Hurtado was on a plane to the U.S. She began her first semester in January 2016 and is pursuing a degree in World Languages. When she arrived back to Grace in the fall of 2016 after spending the summer in Peru, Hurtado told her dad, “I feel like I’m leaving home, but also I’m going home.”

“Without this scholarship, I would never have been able to come here,” says Hurtado. But because of it, when she returns to Peru, so many more closed doors will be open to her.

**Contact the Advancement Office at [advancement@grace.edu](mailto:advancement@grace.edu) to start a scholarship that makes Grace affordable for students like Hurtado.**



## FEATURE PROJECT:

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# A Walk, a Talk and a Thousand Prayers



*At the dedication of the newly renovated Prayer Room, Kittie Grill shares how God called her and three other women to pray weekly for Grace for seven years.*

It's no secret that in the early 1990s, Grace College & Seminary was in dire straits. Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) had been named president in 1994, and the future of the institution was bleak. Not only was Grace's financial viability in question, but the town of Winona Lake was also in decline. "The once beautiful little lake town had degraded," remembers Dr. Steve Grill (BA 70), now Grace's dean of community education. "Before Dane Miller came on the scene to revitalize the town, there was nothing bright on the horizon."

Dr. Grill's mother, Kittie Grill, lived in one of the Grace Village condominiums. When she heard from her sons — Steve and Mike Grill (BA 67) — about the struggles the college was facing, she was deeply moved. "She took a walk, and she was talking to God," says Dr. Grill, who's heard his mother tell the story dozens of times. "She asked the Lord about the problems Grace faced. And she heard God say, 'Well, why don't you do something about it?'"

That very next weekend, in January of 1995, she was standing in the lobby of her church, and she found herself surrounded by three women, whom she didn't know well: Marjorie Foote, Laura Peugh and Pearl Elliot. Marjorie's son was a Grace graduate, all of Laura's children, including Roger Peugh (BA 65, BDiv 68, DMin 06), had graduated from Grace, and Pearl worked at Grace. Kittie saw her chance. She asked them if they wanted to begin to get together

at her house to pray for Grace, and surprisingly, they all wholeheartedly agreed.

Simultaneously, Dr. Manahan was having his own conversation with God. It was his faithful routine in those first years of his presidency to wake up early and pray. "At the same time those four women were making the decision to pray for Grace, I was asking God if He wanted me to remain president. I was confessing to God, 'If you don't want me here, I'll quit. This is your place, not mine.'"

So when Manahan received a call from Kittie, asking him for a meeting, he was certain he knew what it was about. "Given the nature of those days, I figured I was probably in for a monologue, and I wasn't going to be the one giving it," he laughs. But instead, Kittie told him that she and a group of women had been gathering to pray for the college since January, and they wanted to pray more specifically for Manahan and the campus. "She asked me to provide them with prayer requests, and she made sure I understood that they were meeting to pray, not to chat."

And that's exactly what they did. In fact, the group prided itself on drinking only coffee or water — never indulging in a refreshment — and adhering strictly to their weekly Wednesday morning meetings. "They were nothing if not consistent," says Grill. "One of them might miss a meeting

once a year for a vacation, but they were fastidious about that time." About every other week or so, they'd receive a list of detailed prayer requests from Manahan's assistant, Nancy Weimer (BA 75). And every six weeks, Manahan would attend their meeting in order to give them an update on how God had been answering their prayers.

"They prayed for everything. Every faculty member, every employee, every single student by name, every department," recalls Manahan. "I gave them details on relationships, fundraising needs, everything. And they were absolutely trustworthy." They were also dedicated, praying every week for seven years.

Manahan says that every blessing the campus experienced in those years can be directly traced back to the prayers of those four women. "They were involved in the day-to-day work of campus in more ways than almost anyone else."

Manahan has never experienced anything like it since. "I have nothing but absolute adoration for the tenacity, commitment and focus they demonstrated in prayer. It was radical."

Of course, the women never wanted to be recognized. But Manahan, and now President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) have told the story so many times, that although Kittie, Marjorie and Laura have gone to be with Jesus, today's students know the story of the women who prayed Grace through some of its hardest years. To honor their legacy, Dr. Katip wanted to dedicate the Grace Prayer Room, located on the third floor of McClain Hall, to the women.

Fittingly, before her passing, Kittie had established a charitable trust in Grace's name — making her a McClain Heritage Society member — and the funds from that trust went towards remodeling the Prayer Room. At the age of 96, just months before she met her Savior, Kittie was able to sit in the renovated Prayer Room during its dedication and praise God for allowing her to be a part of the work He wanted to accomplish at Grace College & Seminary.

**McClain Heritage Society members have included Grace in their estate plans or set up a gift annuity or charitable trust benefiting Grace. If you have included Grace in your estate or are interested in learning more, contact Vice President of Advancement Drew Flamm at [drew.flamm@grace.edu](mailto:drew.flamm@grace.edu).**



# Gala Event

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On March 23, 2017, Grace College & Seminary publicly announced its \$37 million comprehensive campaign to a crowd of friends, alumni and supporters at an evening gala at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center. The Aspire Campaign is the largest campaign in Grace history — four times greater than any past fundraising effort. President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and Campaign Chair Greg Dosmann (BS 86) announced that the Aspire Campaign has already garnered \$27.08 million, and various speakers and short videos highlighted the campaign goals and projects at the gala. Drew Flamm, vice president of advancement, concluded the evening by saying, “We aspire to give every student access to an excellent, biblically grounded education marked by ingenuity, vibrant community and intentional career preparation. With the help of our friends and alumni, we will.”



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1. Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and Campaign Chair Greg Dosmann (BS 86) welcome the audience of nearly 240 alumni, students, board members, donors and friends of Grace.

2. Mrs. Jennifer Hollar (right), Grace College & Seminary board member, and her husband, Dr. Steve Hollar, greet Mary Louise Miller (center), honorary chair of the campaign cabinet.

3. (Left to right) Former President Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), Kosciusko County Community Foundation Executive Director Suzie Light, K21 Health Foundation President and CEO Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16) and Director of Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams Dr. Nate Bosch

4. Sharon White (BA 64) posts an encouraging note to Grace students on the Aspire message board.

5. (Left to right) Gary (BS 77) and Becky (Kent BA 77) Woolman and Dr. Homer Kent Jr. (MDiv 50, ThM 52, ThD 56), former president of Grace College & Seminary

6. John (BS 95) and Jessica (Randolph BA 97) Dilling

7. Cindy (Scott BA 77) Sisson (left), vice president of enrollment and marketing at Grace College & Seminary, and husband Barry stand with Phyllis (Horney BS 69) Marwah, Grace College & Seminary board member.

8. Gala attendees mingle before the evening program begins.

9. Pictured are Bob Bishop (BS 69) (left), Grace College & Seminary board member and owner of Bishop Farms, and Dr. Jeff Fawcett, dean of the School of Business.



## Regional Aspire Events

We hope you'll join us at the event nearest to you to hear more about Grace College & Seminary's aspirations.

Woodside Bible Church | Detroit, Michigan | June 11, 2017

Colorado Springs Christian School | Denver, Colorado | June 23, 2017

Grace Indy Campus | Indianapolis, Indiana | July, 16, 2017

GBC Willow Valley | Lancaster, Pennsylvania | July 22, 2017

Grace Church (Bath Campus) | Akron, Ohio | July 23, 2017

Grace Polaris Church | Columbus, Ohio | August 6, 2017

For more information on an event, contact Director of Alumni Engagement Denny Duncan (BS 80) at [duncandl@grace.edu](mailto:duncandl@grace.edu) or (574) 453-8625.

## Homecoming 2017

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for Homecoming on Oct. 6-7, 2017. For all of the latest and greatest alumni happenings, visit [www.grace.edu/alumni](http://www.grace.edu/alumni) or join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GraceAlumniCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/GraceAlumniCommunity).



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