

# TwoEight&Nine

A smiling woman with light brown hair tied back, wearing a colorful patterned top, holds a newborn baby wrapped in a patterned cloth. The baby is wearing a blue onesie. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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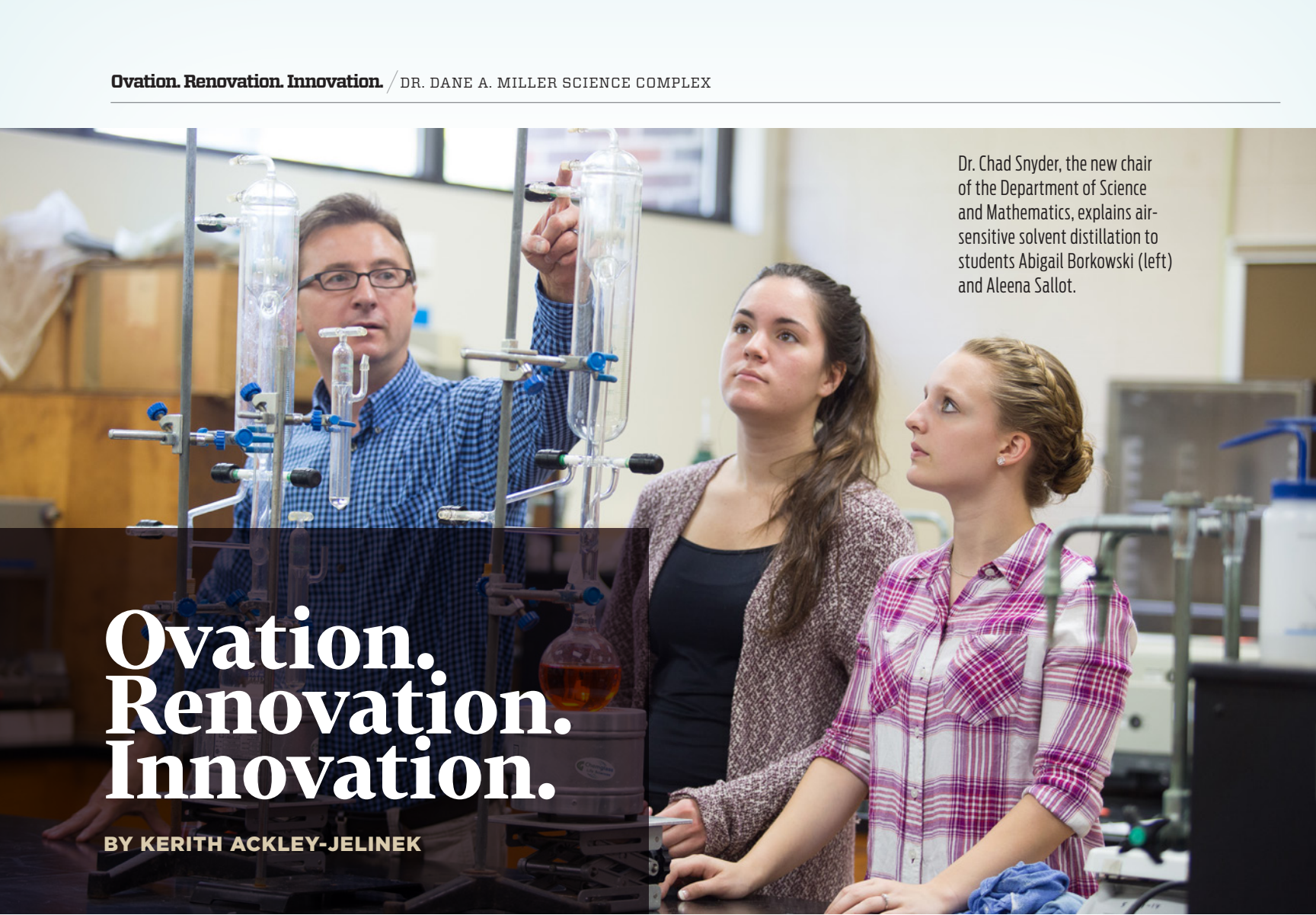
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PLANS FOR THE NEW  
**DR. DANE A. MILLER  
SCIENCE COMPLEX**

CENTER FOR  
LAKES & STREAMS  
FINDS KOSCIUSKO  
COUNTY LAKES  
WORTH  
**\$313 MILLION**

# Wonder

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Dr. Chad Snyder, the new chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics, explains air-sensitive solvent distillation to students Abigail Borkowski (left) and Aleena Sallot.

# Ovation. Renovation. Innovation.

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

## OVATION

It was the spring of 1978 when Grace College & Seminary moved its fledgling science department of 35 students into the new Cooley Science Center.

Dr. Rich Jeffreys, retired long-standing professor of biology at Grace, remembers when he and Dr. Marcia Lee transitioned the biology program, only three years old at the time, from Philathea Hall. “We taught biology in a room where we had to depend on the outdoor light as the light source for our microscopes. The new space allowed us to expand our curriculum and gave us a recruiting tool permitting us to proudly present our new program; it was critical to the advancement of science at Grace,” Dr. Jeffreys said.

Since then, the Department of Science and Mathematics has grown sixfold. Now 222 students have declared sciences majors and the five degree options offered in 1978 have turned into 13 with 11 pre-professional tracks. We have much for which to give thanks.

For nearly four decades, Grace’s science center prepared physicians, researchers and professors who serve and improve countless lives. Over the years, as the number of students desiring to major in the sciences grew, Grace added several environmental science program degrees and a nursing degree with Bethel College. In 2007, Dr. Nate Bosch, associate professor of environmental science, established the Center for Lakes & Streams, a coordinated outreach, education and research program focused on the more than 100

lakes and streams in Kosciusko County (see Pages 12–14). Students’ enthusiasm for these environmental science courses continues to increase, as does the market’s demand for graduates with these skills.

This growth has heightened the need for updated and additional lab space. Dr. Chad Snyder, Grace’s newly appointed chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics (don’t miss his story on Pages 18–19), wants to see the department equipping students to be competitive and sought-after in the marketplace. “I see so much potential in our students,” he said. “I want every student to have the opportunity to graduate with research experience, to be confident in their abilities and to be familiar with and proficient with a wide variety of instruments. Not only that, I see the Dr.

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Dane A. Miller Science Complex equipping our science and mathematics faculty both now, and in the years to follow, to be leaders in the STEM disciplines within the context of Christian higher education.”

## RENOVATION

Now, nearly 40 years later, Grace is building a new science center: the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex. “The Cooley Science Center has served us well and will continue to provide us with classroom and faculty space, but it’s time to establish a new facility that will provide our students with the technology, equipment and space they need to excel,” said President Bill Katip (BA 74).

Thanks to generous gifts from Dr. Dane and Mary Louise Miller, Zimmer Biomet, K21 Health Foundation and friends of the college,

\$6.5 million has already been raised, and the new complex is set to break ground in the spring of 2017.

The Millers have had a longstanding friendship with Grace and worked with the leadership on several joint projects to make the college and community stronger, including the renovation of Westminster Hall and Mount Memorial Hall and the creation of Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center.

Dr. Miller received his master’s and doctorate in Materials Science-Biomedical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and was co-founder of Biomet and its CEO for 39 years. “As you can imagine, Dane was very interested in renovating Grace’s science center,” said Mary Louise.

Before Dr. Miller’s passing in 2015, he and his wife discussed the importance and relevance of Grace’s science center in education for the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, health professionals and engineers. “The Millers’ significant gift was the catalyst for this project,” said Dr. Katip. “We encouraged Mary Louise to allow us to name the science complex in memory of Dane, and she agreed.”

“Dane would be elated about the new complex and deeply honored that Grace would recognize him in this way,” stated Mary Louise. “This will be the greatest visual tribute to Dane’s legacy in our community.”

## INNOVATION

Zimmer Biomet also contributed significantly to the project to honor the immeasurable influence Dr. Miller had on the orthopaedics industry and its company. “Dane was a true innovator in our industry and in our community,” said Zimmer Biomet President and CEO David Dvorak. “We are pleased to have an opportunity to nurture that value in the next generation of leaders.”

Committed to improving the health of the residents of Kosciusko County, K21 Health Foundation also made a special gift toward the new complex to create specific space for the Center for Lakes & Streams. “K21 is dedicated to supporting and improving the human health in our county, and the Center for Lakes & Streams is a critical resource and expert in ensuring our lakes remain a great asset for our community,” said CEO and President Rich Haddad (BS 87, MS 16). “Their work has strong connections to local health through its various research studies, rapid response to issues and collaborative projects.”

Dr. Nate Bosch, director of Center for Lakes & Streams, is excited about the specifically designed and dedicated space that will allow the center to increase its impact in the community and provide even stronger learning opportunities for Grace students.

“The Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex puts the ‘center’ in the Center for Lakes & Streams,” explained Dr. Bosch. “It gives us the space we need to be a better launching point for local water research and K-12 educational programs, and it creates a hub for local lake and stream research.”

The complex will also bring contemporary and upgraded labs to train future doctors and nurses, classrooms for engineering and math students, and additional office and multi-use space.

The funds raised have initiated architectural drawings and construction bids. “Our aspirations are now actualities,” said V.P. of Advancement Drew Flamm. “We’ve been dreaming of and planning for a new science complex that resources our students and equips our faculty to be leaders in their fields. We’re now well on our way toward that reality.”

“There is so much enthusiasm for and momentum behind this project because of the legacy of successful Grace graduates in the medical field and the team of dedicated





## CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

The new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex will provide upgraded labs to train future doctors and nurses, classrooms for engineering and math students, specific space for the Center for Lakes & Streams, and additional office and multi-use space. Thanks to generous gifts from Dr. Dane and Mary Louise Miller, Zimmer Biomet, K21 Health Foundation and friends of the college, \$6.5 million has already been raised, and the new complex is set to break ground in the spring of 2017.

faculty members that have contributed to their success,” said Dr. Katip.

Dr. Russ Woda, a staff anesthesiologist at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Grace with his bachelor’s in biology in 1981. “Grace College opened doors to the graduate schools that I attended,” he said. “Grace needs to offer quality science programs to be competitive and attract the very best students. It’s great to watch Grace grow and evolve into a competitive, quality institution of higher learning.”

Mike Taylor, co-founder with Woda of nonprofit Three Strands (read more about Taylor and his work on Pages 4–6), graduated from Grace in 1979 and remembers participating in the ground-breaking ceremony of the science center in 1978. “In the ‘70s, people were headed to medical or nursing school. Today’s Grace grads are looking at the rapidly expanding allied health field and need a modern facility that will more adequately train them for today’s challenging field of medicine. I’m really excited that Grace will offer this,” Taylor said.

The Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex is just one of several projects Grace will be announcing over the next year. “It’s a humbling place to be,” said Dr. Katip. “I walk around our campus with a deep sense of gratitude to God for giving us these hopes and dreams and then watching Him fulfill them through people like Dane and Mary Louise Miller, organizations like Zimmer Biomet and K21 and so many alumni and friends of the institution.” ■

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***To partner with us on the new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, visit [www.grace.edu/give](http://www.grace.edu/give). Friends of Dr. Miller are coming together to form the “No Tie Club,” which is giving gifts to the new complex specifically in honor of Dr. Miller. For more information, contact V.P. of Advancement Drew Flamm at (574) 372-5100, ext. 6121 or [drew.flamm@grace.edu](mailto:drew.flamm@grace.edu).***



## WONDER IS WONDERFUL

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” Joshua 3:5

Wonder is a sense of impending amazement. It is anticipating and beholding the panoramic beauty as you crest the rim of the Grand Canyon. It is the excitement, awe and disbelief as you hold your first child. It is the simple discoveries and realizations that children have about their world, including the hallmark question of childhood, “Why?” It is the raw possibility of all that lies before that child as he or she walks the stage at graduation.

Wonder is wonderful. It beckons us to pursue a reliable God into the unpredictability of life with peace and on faith. Education just couldn’t happen without that sense of curiosity.

Who am I? What am I supposed to do next? Who is Jesus really? Is the Bible still relevant? What am I good at? What do I really love doing? Can I get paid to do what I really love? Who will teach me to do that? Where will my life take me? This is the value proposition of a Christian college: helping students “wonder why” and question and then watching them experience wonder and awe in their discoveries and applications.

For places like Grace College, this sense of wonder is an imperative. In fact it is a prerequisite to realizing the full value and potential of a Christian liberal arts education. I can’t think of any coursework in any major, research initiative or applied learning opportunity that isn’t grounded in fundamental curiosities. And, what better way to explore curiosities than at a college like Grace where all of this is done from a biblical perspective?

As you read about Dr. Jeffreys’ profound influence of the past 40 years, you’ll get a sense for the thousands of students in whom he stirred a fascination for the mechanics and divine design of the human body and a conviction for bio-ethics and integrity so desperately needed in the industry.

You’ll read about Mike Taylor (BS 79, MA 11), an alumnus who has posed crucial questions about the equal care and healing of both body and spirit through compassionate clinics he founded in the Central African Republic and Haiti. After nearly 30 years, he is still asking and answering “why” questions.

You’ll be astounded by Dr. Chad Snyder, an atheist turned Christian college chemistry professor, and how wonder — a life, questioning God — became an awe-filled and reverent submission to God’s will.

And you’ll get the story behind the new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, which will encourage and facilitate a culture of wonder, while equipping students with the skills they need to be used by God in whatever work He calls them to.

Wonder can lead us to amazing things like God’s amazing Grace. I’ll say it again, wonder is wonderful! It is the driver of our curiosity that prompts us to venture into the unknown on faith, but it is also the payoff as we anticipate the wonders our God will do next.



*Bill Katip*

**William J. Katip, Ph.D. (BA 74)**  
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## Compassion Clinic Souls. Seeking. Surgery.

Mike Taylor (BS 79, MA 11) is the founder and CEO of Three Strands, a nonprofit that built and supports on-the-ground clinics in the CAR and Haiti. Read how God called him to minister to people physically and spiritually in places plagued by political unrest and disease — and why he wouldn't change a thing.

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## A Labor Not in Vain

As an OB-GYN working for Samaritan's Purse in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dr. Michelle Doran (BA 03) serves women and children at a clinic in the village of Nyankunde. Even though pain and suffering are prevalent, hear why Doran perseveres.

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## Center for Lakes & Streams

Winona Lake isn't just the picturesque backdrop of Grace College & Seminary; it's one of the region's most valuable resources. The Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College makes every effort to ensure the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County are clean, healthy and beautiful. See the results of their recent economic impact study and how they partner with the community to protect the county's lakes and streams.

### INSIDE COVER

## Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex

Grace College & Seminary is pleased to announce plans for the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex. Discover how the complex is being made possible through the generous gifts of Dane and Mary Louise Miller, Zimmer Biomet and K21 and how the new complex will assist the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, health professionals and engineers.







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Dr. Michelle Doran (BA 03), an OB-GYN with Samaritan's Purse, holds one of her patients at the hospital in Nyankunde in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Photo courtesy of Samaritan's Purse and photographer Paul Sherar.

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## What's In A Name?

You may have noticed that we updated the design of our masthead. Not only was it time for a refresh, but we hope it helps clarify how to read the "21819" 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 were 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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# Compassion Clinic

SOULS. SEEKING. SURGERY.

BY BRYAN & CHELSEA THOMPSON

As a junior high boy, Mike Taylor (BS 79, MA 11) remembers how every four years Grace Brethren missionaries would come to his church in Fort Lauderdale. Taylor was captivated by the story and the larger-than-life persona of Dr. Bill Walker, the physician who led and helped pioneer the medical team in the Central African Republic. He watched as the grainy 16mm film showed Dr. Walker moving from the surgery room to a veranda where he preached the Gospel to a crowd of 100 people.

To Taylor, this was the essence of ministry. And it would return to him many years later during a concert by Christian songwriter Keith Green.

By that time, Taylor had gone from his undergraduate work at Grace College to medical school where he met his wife, Myra. Taylor was working as a physician assistant (PA) while Myra was a nurse. They were young, well-educated and on the verge of careers with great earning potential. But at the concert that night, Green challenged them with something that put everything into a new perspective for them.

“God commands you to go,” said Green. “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.’ [Mark 16:15] If you don’t go, you need a specific calling from God to stay home. Has God definitely told





Mike Taylor (BS 79, MA 11) (right), a physician assistant and CEO of Three Strands, prays for one of his patients at the Three Strands' clinic in Haiti. Photo courtesy of Three Strands.

Any scientist worth his or her salt will tell you that new discoveries must be tested and proven. The same principle applies to a calling from God.

Today, those interested in full-time ministry have plenty of opportunities to test their call with short-term missions. But back when Taylor and his wife received their calling, there was really no such thing as a short-term mission trip. If you went at all, you were committing to years, not days.

Despite having never been out of the country, Taylor says he wasn't intimidated by the prospect of a two-year commitment to live in the Central African Republic. "The unfamiliar doesn't bother me. Quit your job, sell your stuff? OK. I remember thinking, 'If this is the biggest mistake of my life, it's only two years — we're young enough to rebound.'"

Nevertheless, he acknowledges with a laugh that there were some initial bumps in the road.

"When we arrived, all the missionaries gathered around to pray for us before we went upcountry. I remember this old missionary prayed, 'God, please protect Mike and Myra from the road bandits, that nobody would get killed.' I still remember thinking, 'What? No one told me about road bandits!'"

The fact that Taylor and his family were willing to commit for as long as they did made a tremendous difference in their ability to minister effectively. After six years in the CAR, Taylor says wryly that they had only begun to scratch the surface of how life operates among the people they came to serve. Road bandits turned out to be the least of the dangers. The CAR is plagued by sectarian violence and political unrest, not to mention disease.

But by spending the time necessary to learn the "heart-language" of the people and assimilate into their culture, Taylor and his family established a bond of trust that allowed their real life-saving work to take place.

While it took only a few weeks for Taylor's calling to be confirmed, the true nature of his ministry had yet to be discovered. When they first arrived at the Grace Brethren hospital in Bangui, he was surprised to find that the ministry had become primarily about patients' physical health. He immediately set about ensuring that spiritual health was equally addressed.

"If we take out your infected appendix or do a C-section, we've saved your life physically, but not spiritually."

Setting that intention for his work makes him all the more discerning about the true nature of a patient's physical problem. It's very common for patients to come to Taylor with symptoms and complaints that they can't fully explain — chest discomfort, stomach pain, an uncontrollable bleeding, a child that won't stop crying, an undefinable pain. All of these issues are fairly easy to treat, he says; the real problem is the fear that makes the symptoms all the more severe. "If you can help alleviate their fear, oftentimes you've got them on the path of healing. Many times, people need you just to touch them, talk to them, encourage them."

This sensitivity is what allows Taylor and his staff to make a real difference in people's lives. Compassion is just as important as competence.

"We've always said, 'If we take care of somebody physically, we believe that then gives us the right to minister spiritually.' When somebody's starving to death, when a child has a 104 fever, they have cerebral malaria, and you're starting an IV and putting quinine in them, that's not the time to talk about Christ. I don't think the message is quite as powerful if you don't help alleviate their suffering."

Still, in a nation like the CAR, alleviating physical suffering is a job that never ends. Taylor recalls an occasion when he and fellow Grace College alumnus Dr. Russ Woda (BS 81) were preparing to leave for a trip back to the U.S. Moments before they boarded their plane,

you not to 'go' somewhere outside your country to preach the Gospel? If He hasn't, then you'd better start praying where to go ... you're already called."

Taylor and his wife looked at each other and said, "Let's go."

That decision kicked off a 27-year endeavor that has led to tremendous discovery about the world, about God and about themselves.





Physician assistant Mike Taylor (BS 79, MA 11) works with his colleagues at Three Strands to provide health care at their clinic in Haiti. Photos courtesy of Three Strands.

three mothers showed up at the clinic, begging the doctors to help their children.

“I said to Russ, ‘This happens every time. We’ve seen 500 patients, and we’ve scratched the surface. There are just as many people today needing help as the day we arrived. We’ve got to do something that’s on the ground 24/7.’”

This conversation led to the formation of Three Strands, Taylor’s nonprofit that builds and supports on-the-ground clinics in the CAR and now Haiti as well. These clinics are built in cooperation with educated and well-trained nationals who believe in Three Strands’ philosophy of compassion, competence and a focus on Christ.

Between his master’s work at Grace Seminary and his on-the-ground experience, Taylor has an acute understanding of how important and difficult sustainability is in countries as unstable as Haiti and the CAR. “You’re dealing with famine, coup d’etats, sectarian violence. It’s easy to become paralyzed with all of the uncertainty. You would be amazed to see our African staff at work. In spite of the incredible challenges they have had to face, they serve their people with great joy. The competence, Christ focus and compassion make a huge difference in a country where there is phenomenal suffering.”

Taylor has plenty of stories about the astounding changes he has seen over the past 27 years of ministry. There is Huguette,

the albino woman whom they rescued from an ectopic pregnancy rupture and who is now the mother of a healthy baby. There is Foxy, the child sick with tuberculosis, who showed up on their doorstep and is now a thriving teenager serving in his local church.

But Taylor gets choked with emotion while reflecting on the changes in his own life since he first came to Africa.

“If you were to talk to me then, I had all the solutions. But I’ve learned that we’re imperfect, we have problems just like everybody else. I no longer have all the solutions, but I’ve learned that if we had to start again, we would do it all over.

“You know, Keith Green died in a plane crash four months after we heard him speak. Before that, we were faithfully attending our church, we were involved, we had a heart for God.” But their dream was different then, he says. “We both had good educations, we had earning power. We could have had anything we wanted.”

“But now that we can look back ... oh my goodness. I get to speak other languages, I’ve traveled the world, and I see the good in people, whether they’re Muslim or Catholic or Hindu. I’ve been able to interface with all those different people, and I see the good and the wonder of God’s creation.”

“Why would I want to trade this life?” ■





**1.** Luke Johnson (MA 16) (center) receives the Colman Endowment award. Dr. Rock LaGioia (left), associate professor of pastoral studies, and Cory Colman (BS 83) (right) honored him with the award in May. **2.** Pictured are Luke Johnson (MA 16) with his wife, Lisa, and their son, Caleb.



# Held in High Regard

by Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

Dave Colman (MDiv 77, ThM 82) patterned his life after Ezra 7:10: “For Ezra set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach His statutes and rules in Israel.” As a two-time Grace graduate student, Dave valued the study of God’s Word. It became his greatest desire to teach young people how to understand the Word, handle it accurately and extract its deepest meanings and applications for their daily lives and the lives of the congregation or students to whom they ministered.

Before Dave passed away in 2006, he and his wife, Mary, discussed Dave’s desire to support Grace students who were equally passionate about teaching and preaching God’s Word. “We’ve had nine people from our immediate family attend Grace or work at Grace. We wanted others to benefit just as we did,” explained Dave’s son, Cory (BS 83).

In 2015, the Colman family established The Reverend David F. Colman Excellence in Expository Preaching Endowment. “We know firsthand the sacrifice and investment it takes — personally and financially — and we wanted to help resource those students who are committed to preaching God’s Word excellently,” said Mary.

When Grace seminary student Luke Johnson (MA 16) won the Colman award in May, Cory was there to witness it. “It was very moving to hear how Luke exemplified the things that were important to Dad, and it’s exciting to see how the Kingdom will be advanced because of the future efforts of the students that receive the award,” said Cory.

Luke Johnson earned his master’s in local church ministry while working full time as a youth pastor at Brookside Church (Fort Wayne, Ind.). When Johnson joined Brookside, Dr. Tiberius Rata, Grace professor of Old Testament studies, was serving as its interim pastor. “He was a huge blessing to me as I navigated my early years of ministry. Many Grace Seminary professors supplied our pulpit while our church sought a new senior pastor. As I began to know these professors, I began to highly respect both their theological convictions and their quality of character. For those reasons, I decided to attend Grace so I could sit under their tutelage.”

It was a joy for Cory to see how Johnson had thrived under the teaching of Grace’s professors, as he did. “This year, it was especially thrilling when Luke’s wife, Lisa, heard of the monetary award that went along with the recognition,” said Cory. “Her squeal of delight at God’s obvious provision to meet some needs for them was a joy to witness.”

Johnson was equally as excited and surprised as his wife. “We felt overwhelmingly blessed to receive such a gracious gift,” said Johnson. “I am fully persuaded that God has called me to preach His Word, and receiving this award was a great source of encouragement to me to press on in that call.”

“Thank you, Colmans, not just for blessing me with this gift, but for investing in the next generation of preachers. Thank you for regarding highly the heralding of the Word of God.”

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# A LABOR NOT IN VAIN

**BY MARISA CROFTS**

Dr. Michelle Doran (BA 03) holds one of her patients at the hospital in Nyankunde in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Photo courtesy of Samaritan's Purse and photographer Paul Sherar.

"They come, they labor, and you would hardly know they're there," says Dr. Michelle Doran (BA 03), an OB-GYN working with Samaritan's Purse in the Democratic Republic of Congo. "As soon as [these women] deliver, they get off the delivery bed, pick up their stuff, get their blood pressure checked and go into the postpartum area. Usually a day or two later, they'll go home and continue on with life."

Life is hard in Nyankunde, a village in eastern Congo — and it is especially hard for women. "The expectation is that you get married, you have kids, and you take care of things at home," says Doran. "If you're not able to do

that, your husband will leave you and move on to the next one."

A mother in Nyankunde rises at dawn, gathers fuel for a fire and boils water to make porridge for her five or six or seven children. Then she's out to work in the fields, back home to prepare dinner and out again to draw water from the nearest well — a two-kilometer walk at least. If a woman feels a twinge or a lump, she won't seek help; that is until the pain disrupts her day-to-day life. When she finally comes to the clinic, the original problem may be difficult or impossible to treat.

"The outlook here is that death and dying and pain and suffering are very much a part of life," Doran says. "For [Americans], to see a baby die or to have a lady die after delivery would be an absolute tragedy." But in Nyankunde, those events are common.

And yet Doran says with conviction, "God is good."

When she recounts her journey to the mission field, Doran sees God's hand guiding her. As an eight-year-old, she heard two missionaries speak about serving in Africa. Their story changed her life. "It was just one of those



things where I knew — God had laid it on my heart that I would at some point in my life live and work in Africa.” Throughout high school, she contemplated her choices. Should she fly to Africa as an untrained but enthusiastic teenager? Or develop a skill she could take overseas? When her older sister invited her to sit in on a pre-med class, Doran found the answer to her question: She would study medicine.

After a summer volunteering in an inner-city emergency room, Doran arrived at Grace College to study Biology. The school was a “perfect fit” for her personality. Her time at Grace taught her to think critically and — thanks to professors Dr. Marcia Lee and Dr. Richard Jeffreys’ sense of humor — to laugh. Two years after graduating, a short-term missions trip to Chad, one of Africa’s most impoverished countries, reaffirmed Doran’s calling. “It was one of those things,” she says, “where God was really clear: ‘This is the direction I’m moving you. You need to continue walking on this journey.’”

After completing four years of medical school at Michigan State University, Doran applied for residencies in general surgery — “But,” she says, “something didn’t feel right.” Doran

withdrew her applications and flew to Niger for another missions trip. This time, she worked in a maternity ward.

She loved it. Despite sweating through her surgical gown and scrambling to prevent the spread of infection, Doran recognized her calling. “Women just aren’t prioritized there,” she says. “In Niger, men would say, ‘I don’t have a lot of money, so if my wife dies, I’ll just get another wife.’” Doran felt drawn to help these women, so she began researching OB-GYN residencies in the States.

On the last day she had to apply, somebody fell through the roof of her hospital building in Niger. With weeks of repairs and no Internet, there wasn’t anything she could do to help herself. “But by the grace of God and through the help of friends,” Doran says, she ended up in a family medicine residency near her home in Michigan. A year later, her director found an obstetrics residency. Doran interviewed and got the job. It lasted three years.

Nearing the completion of what was a stressful residency, Doran talked with a doctor who recommended a post-residency program through Samaritan’s Purse. This opportunity

seemed perfect — the intersection of her abilities as a doctor and her desire to serve God overseas. Doran’s paperwork cleared, she interviewed, and was offered a job in Nyankunde, DRC.

Every day, Doran deals with poor outcomes for patients. Babies are stillborn. Women hemorrhage and die after delivery. Doran and her colleagues face the hard truth that though medical interventions fail, their ultimate responsibility is to love others and show them Christ.

“I think about Christ,” Doran says. “He dealt with disciples, with 12 guys who were His best friends. One of them betrayed Him, and the other 11 had no clue about what was going on. But instead of becoming frustrated or discouraged, He was still willing to give His life.”

With Christ’s example in mind, Doran arrives at the hospital every morning and waits for the women to come. God’s persisting question for her — “Are you going to rely on your own strength or your own abilities, or will you continue to rely on Me and demonstrate My love toward others?” — is always on her mind. ■



Pictured is a family served by Dr. Michelle Doran at the hospital in Nyankunde. Photo courtesy of Samaritan’s Purse.



Dr. Michelle Doran (right) discusses a patient with a colleague. Photo courtesy of Samaritan’s Purse and photographer Paul Sherar.





## 2016-17 Campus Theme: Jesus at the CORE

Transformation, spiritual revival and true discipleship are powerful components of Grace College's Christ-centered community. Grace brings these qualities together through its campus theme, a yearly focus on a key truth from Scripture. The theme gives the student body something to rally around; it's a concept that becomes a catalyst for Growth Groups, chapel and worship. It allows Grace to stay close to the heart of what Jesus is trying to teach the campus.

For the 2016-17 academic year, Grace chose the theme "core." The campus will be working through the book of John — exploring the gospel narrative that points to the essentials of Christian faith: belief, truth and eternal life. Dean of Student Affairs Aaron Crabtree (BA 99)

says, "Many believers agree that John's gospel best presents the basics of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him. With this text in mind, we decided it would be great to go 'back to the basics' and look at what is most central — 'the irreducible minimum' — on which our Christian faith stands."

In Growth Groups, students will be studying 12 conversations that John records between Jesus and others, like Nicodemus, Pilate and the woman at the well. "It is our greatest hope that after a year thinking about 'core,' our students will know Jesus better, love Jesus more and live lives that better reflect our relationship with Jesus," says Crabtree.

## Grace Hosts Hip-Hop Artist Lecrae

Award-winning Christian hip-hop artist Lecrae spoke and performed at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center (MOCC) on April 22. The influential rapper has sold 1.7 million albums to date, including more than 325,000 copies of "Anomaly," his latest No. 1 debut. Lecrae spoke during chapel at Grace and then performed in concert later that evening to an audience of more than 1,600. The concert, part of Lecrae's Higher Learning Tour and the only tour stop in Indiana, featured special guests DJ Promote and Swoope. The MOCC crowd was one of the largest on the Higher Learning Tour even though Winona Lake was one of the smallest cities visited.







Kosciusko County Commissioners and Sheriff's Department honored Grace student Tyler Rothhaar and fellow good Samaritan, Chris Willavize, with heroism awards. Pictured (left to right) are Jeremy and Christa, who Rothhaar helped rescue, County Commissioner Robert Conley, honoree Rothhaar, County Commissioner Ron Truex, honoree Chris Willavize, Grace College V.P. of Student Affairs Jim Swanson and County Commissioner Brad Jackson.

## Grace Student Turned Hero

Tyler Rothhaar, a Grace College junior and business student, was honored March 22 for helping save the lives of a young couple during a fiery crash on March 11. The multiple vehicle crash at U.S. 30 and State Road 13 pushed a car into the side of a gas tanker. Jeremy and Christa Noland were trapped in their burning car when Rothhaar pulled them out and away from the scene with help from Chris Willavize, another witness to the crash.

The Nolands suffered minor burns and a concussion. Christa thanked Rothhaar saying, "Jeremy would be dead and I probably would too because I don't think I could have crawled out over him." Although many called Rothhaar a hero, he doesn't see himself as one. At the recognition ceremony, Rothhaar told WNDU reporters, "I don't think I'm a hero or anything, I just think that people should always react that way to save others

before themselves if other people are in danger like they were ..."

The Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Kosciusko County Commissioners, Pierceton Fire Department, Lutheran Kosciusko E.M.S. and Grace College praised the efforts of Rothhaar and Willavize for their acts of courage to rescue the Nolands.



**1.** Verneda Blair (BS 16) will be the third oldest student to graduate in Grace College's history, following 80-year-old Ronald Adamson (BS 15) and 78-year-old Edward Allen (AS 09). Blair, 75, walked at Commencement 2016 and will finish her degree this fall. **2.** At Commencement 2016 Zach Pappas (BA 16), pictured center, is celebrated by (left to right) his dad, John Pappas (BA 74, MDiv 76); sister, Erika Pappas (BM 09); mom, Becky Pappas (BA 74); sister Helen Pappas Cates and brother-in-law Dean Cates.

## A Record-Breaking Commencement

It was to a packed audience of 2,500 people that Grace College & Seminary graduated a record number of students at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center. On May 7, Grace honored 603 graduates, including 75-year-old Verneda Blair (BS 16). Blair walked across the stage to a huge round of applause to receive her bachelor's degree. After four decades of earning credits at five different colleges, Blair is

set to finish her Bachelor of Science in Management through Grace's GOAL degree completion program this September. Even after Blair fell ill two years ago and spent four months in the hospital recovering, she continued her coursework. When asked what she'd like to do next, she replied, "When can I start my master's?"



# Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College

BY MADISSON HEINL (BA 14)

Winona Lake isn't just the picturesque backdrop of Grace College & Seminary; it's one of the region's most valuable resources. The Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College makes the more than 100 lakes in Kosciusko County cleaner through research, education and collaboration. Directed by Dr. Nate Bosch, associate professor of environmental science, the center not only provides these critical services to the community, but it also offers practical, hands-on learning opportunities for Grace College students.

## Research: Center Finds Kosciusko County Lakes Worth \$313 Million

The Center for Lakes & Streams completed a study this spring profiling the economic impact of the lakes in Kosciusko County. The results of the study conservatively estimated the total value of Kosciusko County lakes to be approximately \$313 million annually.

Seth Bingham, research assistant with the center and a Grace College junior environmental studies student, was the lead researcher on the study. The study used data collected from 314 businesses along with public data sources and national averages.

The economic impact study found that lake-specific businesses generate approximately \$150,722,000 annually as a result of the presence of lakes in Kosciusko County, and lake-related businesses generate approximately \$147,661,000. Additionally, property tax revenues generated by Kosciusko County lakes totaled \$15 million annually.

As a result, a positive or negative shift in the water quality of these lakes could enhance or harm the businesses that are located around Kosciusko County lakes. Utilizing studies conducted in Ohio, the Center for Lakes & Streams estimates that an improvement in lake quality could increase the economic value of local lakes by as much

as five percent, or approximately \$10.5 million annually. Conversely, a decline in lake quality could result in an economic decline of 40 percent, or approximately \$84 million annually in Kosciusko County.

"This study shows how lakes in Kosciusko County benefit our communities, even beyond lake users," explained Dr. Nate Bosch, director of the Center for Lakes & Streams. "Our findings also highlight the importance of what our center and other partner organizations do in the county — an investment in our county's lakes is an investment in our county's economy."





## Education: Grace Students Inform City through Clean Stormwater Art Project

This spring, Grace College art students, the Center for Lakes & Streams, the City of Warsaw and Urban Water Resources collaborated to unveil nine storm drains in downtown Warsaw, Ind. The “Current Effects: Clean Stormwater Art Project” is one of only a few similar initiatives around the country and was launched for the purpose of educating the community about caring for lakes and streams through understanding local urban storm drain systems. Over 2,200 storm drains throughout the city of Warsaw are directly connected to local waterways; all water and other substances which flow into these drains, ultimately flow — untreated — into the Tippecanoe River.

Grace College students from the Art Integrations course, led by instructor Cindy Bryan, painted the sidewalks next to the community storm drains to highlight the importance of lake and stream conservation and depict wildlife native to the lakes in Kosciusko County. Some designs were interactive, including a hopscotch design and a coloring-book-page design, encouraging local children to ask questions about water conservation.

“The Current Effects project is a great example of Grace College students collaborating with the surrounding community to make an impact,” said Chair of the Visual, Performing and Media Arts Department Kim M. Reiff. “This project shows not only Grace’s commitment to taking care of our environment, but our commitment to furthering the arts in our community.”

At the Indiana MS4 Conference in May, the City of Warsaw received an award for the storm drain project. The award was given by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for the “implementation of an outstanding storm water event that went beyond the MS4 Storm Water Quality Management Plan.”

Grace art students Brittany Salazar, Chantel Shetler, Katie Morrisroe and Lauren Scavo, along with graduate Julie Tu (BA 15), designed and depicted some of the species that live in Kosciusko County’s lakes and streams, including caddisfly, dobsonfly, water lilies and right-handed snails on a sidewalk in downtown Warsaw.



Designed by Grace art student Gabe Shennum, this coloring-page-inspired painting invited community members to contribute to its design, while educating them on some of the region’s fish, including Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Redear Sunfish and Yellow Perch.



## Collaboration: The Northern Indiana Lakes Festival Rallies County Organizations and Residents

The Center for Lakes & Streams organizes the largest annual community event affiliated with Grace College: The Northern Indiana Lakes Festival. It's a free event designed to educate Kosciusko County residents and visitors about the importance of taking care of local lakes and streams in a family-friendly, fun and creative way. Free crafts, kids' activities, concerts, workshops and shows make the Lakes Festival the ideal opportunity for education and community outreach. This year's festival, on June 11 and 12, hosted approximately 6,000 attendees at Center Lake in downtown Warsaw, Ind.

With more than 45 local sponsoring organizations, the Lakes Festival provides a beneficial way for the Center for Lakes & Streams and Grace College to partner with the community. This year's festival boasted the first-ever fireworks show over Center Lake, sponsored by Zimmer Biomet. Other partner events included an adventure race organized by Metzger Outdoors and Paddle Wars organized by P4C Paddlers for Conservation. The local Lake City Skiers even performed a ski show on the lake at the festival.

**Don't miss next year's Northern Indiana Lakes Festival over Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 and 28.** Join the Center for Lakes & Streams and Grace College at Center Lake Park for a weekend of fun, partnership and education in Kosciusko County!

**To learn more about the Center for Lakes & Streams' research, education and collaborative efforts, visit [lakes.grace.edu](http://lakes.grace.edu).**



The Northern Indiana Lakes Festival welcomed 6,000 people to its annual event at Center Lake (Warsaw, Ind.). Event activities included a swim race, kayaks for kids, an array of food vendors, a live animal show, petting farm and much more.



# The DNA of Dr. J.

by Kerith Ackley-Jelinek



When Dr. Rich Jeffreys decided to retire in 2015 after 40 years of service at Grace, colleague and Professor of Physics Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83) captured his work ethic perfectly: “Dr. J’s ambitious teaching and advising schedule could easily keep two replacements busy. He always gives 100 percent.” In short, Dr. Jeffreys put Grace College on the medical professional map.

When Dr. Jeffreys joined Grace’s faculty in 1975, he was tasked with developing a biology department, which he soon expanded to include pre-professional programs, such as pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-veterinary science and pre-pharmacy. Dr. Jeffreys had earned his master’s and doctorate in biochemistry from West Virginia University in the late ‘60s, and served as assistant professor of biochemistry at Missouri Baptist College for four years before being hired at Grace.

“I came to Grace not just for a job, but as a ministry,” says Dr. Jeffreys. “I wanted to put everything, all my energy, into teaching Christian men and women. I wanted to get the best out of them and help them go as far as they possibly could – a lot further than I ever did,” he laughs.

“I felt that I wasn’t the brightest bulb in the marquee of life,” Dr. Jeffreys says. (This from the guy who conducted post-doctoral cancer research at Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Oklahoma for two years.) But Dr. Jeffreys believes his “ordinary” abilities are what made him an effective professor. “I was the student who had to work to understand the material. I could look at the concepts like a student, and I believe that gave me an advantage in being understood by most students.”

During his 40 years at Grace, Dr. Jeffreys taught 17 different courses in the Department of Science and Mathematics, received the McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching, chaired the Department of Biology and was the program director and health professions advisor. It’s no surprise that there were very few evenings he went to bed before midnight; he spent countless hours designing lectures and lab experiments.

He modeled for his students a high standard of personal excellence, a remarkable and consistent work ethic, self-discipline and a deep commitment to Christ. His students not only marveled at and benefited from these characteristics, but they also inherited them.

Dr. Jeffreys’ graduates include 62 medical doctors and doctors of osteopathic medicine, 23 physical therapists, 14 pharmacists, 11 physician assistants, nine Ph.Ds, seven veterinarians, five dentists and one chiropractor. His ambition to launch students into the world to make a difference for the sake of Christ has been a huge success.

And along the way, they picked up the DNA of Dr. Jeffreys: his unwavering faith in Jesus, his infectious passion for creation, his ever-present desire to learn and his “can-do” spirit.

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Alumni, you’re invited to the Medical Professional Reunion, honoring Dr. Jeffreys and Dr. Lee! Join us over Homecoming and Family Weekend, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at Westminster Hall. Register at [www.grace.edu/homecoming2016](http://www.grace.edu/homecoming2016).



# The DNA of Dr. J.





# Network of Alumni

Below are testimonies from just a sample of the many students Dr. Jeffreys impacted over his years at Grace.

**Drew Martin, M.D. (BS 10)**

**Second Year General Surgery Resident at Summa Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio**

Dr. J had a tremendous impact on me. The passion with which he taught the complexity of the human body was infectious. He also genuinely loved his students. From day one, I noticed this in the way that he prayed by name for his students that had gone on to various other careers and post-graduate programs. I knew that one day after I had graduated, he would pray for me in this same way.

**David Ritter, M.D., Ph.D. (BS 07)**

**Resident Physician in Child Neurology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Dr. J was always pushing me to my limits. He saw every day as a chance to push himself and his students. He imparted his drive and passion for science to me, and this is part of what allowed me, and continues to allow me, to persevere through school and my current training.

**Scott Abshagen, R.N. (BS 09, ADN 14)**

**Clinical Research Specialist at Zimmer Biomet, Warsaw, Indiana**

Dr. Jeffreys encouraged me to use my abilities to serve others while honoring God. His classes helped me develop a strong work ethic and attention to detail, which have been greatly beneficial during my career.

**Steve Friesen, M.D. (BS 94)**

**Co-Owner, Medical Director and Pediatrician at Pediatric Consultants of Ashland & Mansfield, Ashland, Ohio**

Dr. Jeffreys was instrumental in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a pediatrician. I decided in my junior year to change my major from Art and Math to Pre-Med (Biology).

Dr. Jeffreys set up a summer self-study for me in chemistry so that I could continue in biochemistry my senior year and graduate on time. He was enthusiastic about whatever he was teaching and always willing to spend time outside of class to explain the finer points of biochemistry.

**Zac Watkins, D.C., D.A.B.C.I., C.N.S. (BS 01)**

**Founder, President and Clinical Director of The Livewell Clinic, Des Moines, Iowa**

There is not a day that goes by that I am not thankful for the education that Dr. Jeffreys provided us not only to be outstanding clinicians, but hard workers. If it were not for his high expectations, I would not be successful at practice and business as I am today. Many lives are being touched (and saved!) beyond the walls of Grace College because of Dr. Jeffreys.

**Lieutenant Colonel Ray Clydesdale, D.O., M.P.H., C.P.E. (BS 96)**

**Student at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.**

Dr. Jeffreys epitomized two essential qualities of a successful physician that I would later come to cherish and find exceedingly rare in others. He was at once both tough and tender. For those who made it through his courses, he was a staunch ally and relentless advocate. Most of all, he taught me empathy. I learned that being a good physician is not necessarily about "fixing" a problem, but rather to abide.

**Andy Schmidt, D.D.S. (BS 98)**

**General Dentist, Auburn, Indiana**

Dr. Jeffreys truly taught me how to be a student. He pushed me academically beyond any expectations I had for myself. He made learning fun.

**Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.**

**Gynecologic Oncologist, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Atlanta, Georgia**

Dr. J had a tremendous impact upon my career trajectory. He cared deeply about our development. He stretched us by teaching at a graduate level. And he was (and always has been) our biggest cheerleader.

**Ethan Hines, M.D. (BS 03)**

**Medical Doctor, Home Town Urgent Care and Occupational Health, Troy, Ohio**

I learned much from the passion Dr. J had for the knowledge of science as a means of worshipping the Lord. He never seemed to tire of learning and pushed us to similarly never give up in our pursuit of understanding God's design in creation.

**Doug Jeffreys, R.Ph. (BS 88)**

**Pharmacist, Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana**

I was in a unique position to see Dr. Jeffreys both as my professor and as my father. I could see that the enormous effort he put into teaching his classes was the same effort he put into managing his family. His work ethic and example were second to none, and I can only hope to display a fraction of that to both my coworkers and family.

**Kevin Macy, D.O. (BS 97)**

**Family Physician, Springfield Center for Family Medicine, Springfield, Ohio**

Dr. Jeffreys encouraged me and inspired me to aim high and not accept mediocrity. His classes were so challenging that they actually made medical school seem relatively easy! He prepared me well for what lay ahead and showed me how rewarding hard work can be.

**Matthew Grady, M.D. (BS 01)**

**Anesthesiologist, Cedar Valley Medical Specialists, Hudson, Iowa**

Dr. Jeffreys was a great influence and encouragement to me during my time at Grace College. His classes prepared me for the transition to medical school and in turn helped shape who I am as a physician.

**Brent Damer, D.O. (BS 98)**

**Orthopedic Surgeon, Central Indiana Orthopedics, Muncie, Indiana**

Dr. Jeffreys instilled a work ethic and belief in me that allowed me to accomplish my goal of becoming a surgeon while at the same time keeping me grounded in where my ability came from: God. Every class was started with prayer for the previous graduates; I will never forget that!

**David Darr, M.D. (BS 92)**

**Family Doctor, Warsaw, Indiana**

Dr. Jeffreys helped give me the scientific foundation to go to medical school from his competent and caring premedical curriculum. He worked constantly to improve and perfect his teaching and stay current in his field. I am very thankful for my time with Dr. Jeffreys at Grace.

**Heather (Dilling BS 96) Roberts, R.Ph.**

**Staff Pharmacist, CVS, Warsaw, Indiana**

Dr. Jeffreys inspired me to pursue excellence, both in and out of the classroom. He modeled a passion for lifelong learning coupled with a deep desire to grow in his faith. I have always been grateful for his desire to instill a strong work ethic in his students, as well as for his prayers.



# OUTRUNNING A SKEPTIC

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK



"You can't imagine all of the things that have to perfectly align in order to make something work. And it happens all the time in humans, in nature and in the world — all without us," says Dr. Chad Snyder, Grace's new chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics.

The preciseness and inherent design found in chemistry is part of what convinced Snyder there was a Creator, but it took a woman whose heart was at peace, several afternoon runs and the voice of God before he accepted it.

While earning his master's in chemistry from Western Kentucky University, Snyder was drawn to an atheistic worldview. Although raised in a Christian home, he was skeptical of religion. In graduate school, he met many atheists, and he found himself looking for faults in the Christian worldview. "I was growing increasingly more atheistic and antagonistic towards Christians," remembers Snyder. "I wanted a simple worldview: We start from nothing. We evolve. The best of life is what we're feeling right now."

But as Snyder continued to study chemistry as a doctoral student, he became less convinced by evolution. "Chemistry presented me with the kind of details that made Darwinian evolution more and more improbable." Seeing the growing crack in Darwinian evolution made Snyder frustrated with it and his worldview. "Evolutionary theory was needed to help support my atheistic worldview."

There were few Christians in his field of study, and he had alienated himself from them. But he couldn't stop asking questions. "I had to know, because if I were wrong, there were lots of consequences."

Snyder looked for answers in other religions beyond Christianity. His fruitless search only increased his angst. "I wanted the answers, but I didn't have them. Other religions were proving empty and shallow. I didn't want to believe Christianity was the true faith."

After earning his doctorate, he accepted a position at Western Kentucky University. Shortly after he began teaching, he met a woman: Amanda. She was a runner, and so Snyder became a runner. "We'd run through the park and talk about life. She would share her problems and when I asked her how she got through things, she'd say, 'I pray.'" Snyder noticed that her life wasn't perfect, but that she was authentic. Even though her problems weren't solved, she was at peace.

Snyder, however, was never at peace. The atheist worldview created in him a deep-seated anxiety. "I felt worn out all the time. All of the responsibility of my life fell on my shoulders. I was the only one responsible for my life, and it was overwhelming." Snyder coveted Amanda's peace.

Amanda kept sharing pieces of her faith, and as she did, Snyder's interest grew. "I felt like my conscience was being pursued." Finally, one night in his apartment, he dropped to his knees and prayed what he considers to be his first genuine prayer. "I said, 'God if you're there, I need to know.' And I heard in my heart, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Snyder knew those words didn't come from him. Now, when he shares his story, people ask him why that voice couldn't have been from a Hindu god or Buddha, or some other deity. Snyder's answer is simple. "He was the only One who answered back."

The first person he told on the following morning was Amanda. He says he felt light all day. His second day as a Christian was an uphill battle. Suddenly he saw all of the negative patterns in his life that needed to change, from the way he talked to the way he viewed others. "It was the biggest season of pruning in my life. It took me seven months before I could stub my toe and say the right words." He laughs. "I felt like Charles Spurgeon, who once quipped that he lost 70 percent of his vocabulary after becoming a Christian."

Snyder married Amanda in 2007, a year after becoming a Christian.

He spent the next five years working really hard as a university professor, publishing papers, writing grants and conducting research with undergraduate and graduate students. In 2012 he received tenure. "Life seemed perfect," says Snyder. "I had a great, secure job, wonderful friends, a good church, three beautiful kids, and we loved our home."

One evening, after Snyder and his wife were discussing their kids' future education options, they felt uneasy about what their kids might have to contend with at a public university. "My wife prayed three nights straight for direction regarding where our children would go to college." The next day, she called Snyder and told him she'd found a chemistry job posting on Grace College's website.

Five months later, Snyder was hired as an associate professor in chemistry for fall 2015. This fall, he became chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics. Moving from a large university to a small college has given Snyder a vision for what Grace College is capable of offering its students. He says he's never been more motivated to write grants to fund the necessary instrumentation infrastructure that will equip students to be leaders in their fields.

He's currently developing three research programs for students, two of which he's already launched, including one at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. He's hoping to start a forensic chemistry research program in the fall, and he plans to apply for a patent on a new process for analyzing gunshot residue. Since arriving last August, Snyder has written over \$600,000 worth of grant requests.

One of his favorite things about teaching at Grace is his newfound freedom to talk with students about God. "At a secular university, the first chapter of a student's textbook is 'You are stardust.' I was never allowed to say, 'What do you think about this? Is it true?' But here, we can ask the big questions."

Snyder says he's never been more convinced of the truth and reality of God. "He is as real to me as the back of my hand."

And Snyder is still at peace: "The most exhausting day since I've been saved doesn't compare to my best day as an atheist." ■



Dr. Chad Snyder (right), chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics, and Will Lorenz, chemistry student at Grace College, stand on the veldt in the African Journey biome at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo where Dr. Snyder has established a research partnership to help ensure the long-term health of the zoo's pond system.





Grace celebrates the groundbreaking of the new Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex. Pictured from left to right: Bill Burke (MA 07), chairman of Grace College Board of Trustees; Chad Briscoe, athletic director; Jeff Raymond, track and field head coach; Drew Flamm, vice president of advancement; Bernard and Linnie Key's daughters: Martha Dosmann, Winifred Harbin, Margaret McKinney and Maymie Pride; Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president; and track and field student athletes Macallister Seitz and Jamie Annis.

## Grace Breaks Ground on Track Complex

The Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex will mark a new era for Grace Athletics, providing the Lancers with an outdoor home for the first time in the college's history. In April, Grace College held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new track and field complex.

The track, scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016, is named in honor of Bernard and Linnie Key. Since their deaths in 1962 and 1992, the family has looked for an opportunity to honor their legacy. They decided to donate a catalytic gift to Grace for the construction of the track and field complex, which will include a 400-meter nine-lane competition track, discus and hammer throw cages, a high jump zone, a dual-direction pole vault runway, long jump pits, javelin throw and shot put event areas, grandstand seating for 400 and a press

box. The complex will serve as a reminder of the Keys' belief in running with perseverance the race God marks out for us.

Grace track and field head coach Jeff Raymond is looking forward to the significant advantages the complex will give the program. "It will benefit our current student-athletes and help us attract new athletes in the future. The facility will enhance our training opportunities, both in-season and out-of-season, and will allow us to host home meets for the first time in Grace's history. We are very thankful for those who have made this possible, and we look forward to seeing how the Lord will use the facility to impact lives in the coming years."

Visit [www.gclancers.com/newtrack](http://www.gclancers.com/newtrack) or see the back cover to find out how to participate in the project.



Senior Macallister Seitz competes in the javelin at the 2016 Crossroads League Championships.

## Grace Tracksters End Season on High Note

Grace's track and field teams enjoyed an exceptional finish to the spring season. The Lancers pulled in six All-American accolades, including a historic honor for senior Macallister Seitz.

At the NCCAA Outdoor National Championships, Grace earned five All-American awards. Seitz and senior Jesse Feitz had two All-American finishes apiece, and senior Nathan Brown was third in the decathlon to grab Grace's final NCCAA All-American nod.

At the NAIA Outdoor National Championships, Seitz became just the second Lancer in team history to

become an NAIA All-American and first since James Kennedy (C 02) in 1999. Seitz tossed the discus 167 feet and smashed a school record in the process.

"Macallister Seitz is a great story. A little over two years ago, he had never competed in track and field. Now he's an All-American. He's worked very hard and that paid off today. He was pretty nervous at his first NAIA national meet, but he came out and hit his big throw on his first attempt," said Grace coach Jeff Raymond. "I also need to give praise to our throws coach Adam Miller. He's done a fantastic job this year with Macallister and our entire group of throwers."



# Grace Athletics Wins Prestigious NCCAA Sports Ministries Award

The Grace College Athletic Department was honored with the Sports Ministries Award at the NCCAA Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky., for the first time in the college's history. The national award recognizes one member institution each year that has demonstrated significant spiritual outreach through the utilization of athletic ministries.

Student-athletes and coaches from multiple Lancer sports teams, trainers and board members served in various ministries throughout the year domestically and internationally. These ministry teams held sports clinics, delivered food to villages, played against and ministered to international teams and most importantly shared Christ. Further, the entire department and community pitched in to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children at Grace's Gordon Recreation Center, producing over 1 million meals to feed nearly 3,000 malnourished children for a year.

"It is an honor for Grace College to receive this distinguished award from the NCCAA. It is a direct reflection on the mission of Grace and the heart of our coaches to create opportunities for our student-athletes to serve both locally and abroad," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe.



*Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe accepts the NCCAA Sports Ministries Award from NCCAA Executive Director Dan Wood.*



## Josh Neuhart Named Sports Information Director of the Year

The Crossroads League named Grace College's Josh Neuhart (BS 11) the 2016 Sports Information Director (SID) of the Year.

Neuhart wrapped up his fifth year as Grace's SID. He oversees athletic communication, including maintaining the athletic website, creating print publications, managing social media channels and releasing pertinent athletic information to the media and to the community.

"I feel humbled by this selection. We have an unbelievable group of SIDs in the league who push me to do better each day, so it's an honor to be chosen by them for this award," Neuhart said. "I have tremendous support from Chad Briscoe and the administration at Grace for which I'm thankful. It's easy to be motivated when you're working toward a greater mission, and that's certainly the case at Grace College."

He recently pushed the launch of Grace's redesigned athletic site, [www.GCLancers.com](http://www.GCLancers.com), which features social media integration, improved and intuitive navigation and a responsive mobile version of the site. The site won three national awards in its first year of existence at the NAIA-SIDA National Convention.

During his time in the athletic department, Neuhart has initiated social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram), the Lancer Athletic Blog and extensive photo galleries for each varsity program. In addition, he has helped pioneer video streaming of home events, including the first-ever streams of volleyball, women's basketball, baseball, women's soccer and softball.

A graduate of Grace's journalism program, Neuhart's writing has garnered 17 top-10 finishes in four years at the NAIA-SIDA Convention, including a first-place finish in the Dr. W. Jack Bell Writing Contest in 2015. The 2015-16 season resulted in 10 national awards from NAIA-SIDA, the largest awards haul in department history. Neuhart won first place in the Infographic Contest in 2016.

"It's exciting to see Josh be recognized for the excellent work he produces every day for the Grace Athletic Department. This award is a direct reflection on Josh's incredible work ethic and commitment to Christian excellence," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "We are blessed to have him lead our sports information office and are happy to have him honored in this way."



# H O M E C O M I N G AND FAMILY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

## 8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

**Upper Concourse Entrance,  
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center**

Check in when you arrive to receive your welcome packet and the tickets for the events in which you RSVP'd. It's also not too late to purchase tickets here.

## 9 A.M. COFFEE

**Bill and Ella Male Hospitality Suite,  
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center\***

For those arriving bright and early, join us for some coffee and light breakfast refreshments, and connect with fellow parents and alumni.

## 10:30 A.M. HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND CHAPEL

**Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center**

Join us for the presentation of the Alumni and Parent Awards.

## 2 P.M. GRACE CAMPUS BUS TOUR

**Lower Concourse Entrance,  
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center\***

Come join us for a tour of the Grace College & Seminary campus and Winona Lake with Dr. Terry White (BME 64), author of "Winona at 100: Third Wave Rising."

## 3 P.M. ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

**Various Locations On Campus\***

Come hear about what's happening inside (and outside) the classroom. Choose from five academic school presentations, which will highlight the mission and objectives of their disciplines. Choices include: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Behavior Sciences, School of Business, School of Education and School of Ministry Studies.

## 4 P.M. ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

**Various Locations On Campus\***

This is a repeat of the 3 p.m. showcases. If you missed the earlier timeslot or want to hear from another school, join us!

## 4 P.M. "HAPPENING" BY VISUAL, PERFORMING AND MEDIA ARTS DEPARTMENT

**Second Floor, Mount Memorial**

HAPPENING includes an art gallery exhibition, live performances by Grace students and interactive media. Stop by between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

## 6 P.M. GRACE FAMILY PICNIC

**Miller Athletic Complex\*+**

Parents, this is for you! Come join us for a picnic dinner out under a huge tent at the Miller Athletic Complex. Hear from President Bill Katip (BA 74) about the exciting things God is doing on campus and in the lives of your students. Younger children are welcome!

## 6 P.M. TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY REUNION

**Winona Heritage Room\*++**

All Lancer track and cross country athletes are invited to a special reunion dinner and celebration of the dedication of the Bernard & Linnie Key Track and Field Complex.

## 6 P.M. MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS REUNION

**Westminster Hall\*++**

Join us for a special dinner and celebration program to honor Dr. Rich Jeffreys and Dr. Marcia Lee.

## 7 P.M. GOAL REUNION

**Westminster Hall\***

All GOAL graduates and current GOAL students are welcome to attend a dessert reception for a time to reconnect.

## 7 P.M. REUNION DESSERT RECEPTION

**Alpha Dining Hall\***

Every graduating class is invited to this ice cream social. Come join your former classmates, page through yearbooks, view old videos and linger over picture boards. Let the reminiscing commence!

**\* RSVP REQUIRED // + FEE TO ATTEND // ++ RSVP ACCORDING TO THE INVITATION**  
To RSVP and find complete details, including costs, visit: [www.grace.edu/homecoming2016](http://www.grace.edu/homecoming2016).





#### 8 P.M. VARIETY SHOW

##### Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

Our current student body will be displaying their wide variety of talent. Parents and alumni are invited to enjoy one of the year's best performance nights!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### 7:30 A.M. COMMUNITY 5K RACE

##### Miller Athletic Complex\*+

Throw on those running shoes, and join us for a 5K race, hosted by track and cross country Coach Raymond and the current team.

#### 7:45 A.M. REGISTRATION

##### Upper Concourse Entrance, Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

Check in when you arrive to receive your welcome packet and the tickets for the events in which you RSVP'd. It's also not too late to purchase tickets here.

#### 8 A.M. PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH PROFS

##### Alpha Dining Hall\*+

Come join Dr. Tiberius Rata, Dr. Paulette Sauders (BA 64, CBS 77), Jacqueline Schram (BA 86) and Dr. Roger Peugh (BA 65, BDiv 68, DMin 06) for breakfast. President Bill Katip (BA 74) will also share a few thoughts on the future of Grace.

#### 9 A.M. LANCER ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BREAKFAST

##### Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center++

All alumni and friends are invited to come celebrate the former athletes and supporters of Grace Athletics who are being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

#### 10 A.M. BASEBALL GAME

##### Miller Athletic Complex

#### 10 A.M. SOFTBALL GAME

##### Miller Athletic Complex

#### 10 A.M. THE MIKE GRILL TENNIS ALUMNI TOURNAMENT,

##### Miller Athletic Complex

#### 12-2 P.M. TAILGATE LUNCH & ACTIVITIES

##### Miller Athletic Complex\*+

Come out to enjoy a fall festival designed for the whole family, with food, bounce house (weather permitting), face painting and more. Then get ready to cheer on the women's soccer team!

#### 12:30 P.M. ALUMNI MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

##### Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

#### 1 P.M. THE BERNARD & LINNIE KEY TRACK AND FIELD COMPLEX DEDICATION

##### Miller Athletic Complex\*

Join us for a short program to dedicate our new track and field complex. And bring your kids — we're hosting a little race for them.

#### 2 P.M. WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME (VERSUS BETHEL COLLEGE)

##### Miller Athletic Complex

#### 5 P.M. HOMECOMING BANQUET: GRAFTED

##### Winona Heritage Room\*+

All alumni are invited to join us for a time of dinner and fellowship. The theme for this banquet will be around adoption.

#### 8 P.M. NOCTURNAL 7 ADVENTURE RACE

##### Gordon Recreation Center\*+

Come out for a family-friendly night expedition, where you'll explore places you've never seen in Winona Lake. Your tour will take you on a two-to-four-mile trip through woods, open fields and over obstacles, all in complete darkness. Bring flashlights, costumes, reflective gear, friends and family. For details and registration information, visit [www.metzgeroutdoors.com](http://www.metzgeroutdoors.com). Use Grace discount code: LIGHTINTHEDARK.

If you'd like a sneak peek of the latest shops, galleries, studios and museums of the Village at Winona — visit [www.youvisit.com/tour/villageatwinona](http://www.youvisit.com/tour/villageatwinona) for a tour of the thriving arts community, and plan what places you'll pop in on when you come for Homecoming and Family Weekend.

# REACHING OUT

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Fellow alumni and parents,

After the publication of the last issue of 2|8|9, in which many of you read my own story of adopting, I heard from so many of you — many of whom I hadn't heard from in years and years. It brought me the greatest joy to reconnect. To share about the mighty things God has done in and through us with the people who impacted our lives during such a significant season is a profound blessing. A lot of those things are hard, but the family of Grace knows how to listen to, and cry with and cheer on one another every step of the way. So I hope you'll come join us for Homecoming and Family Weekend this year. Whether you're in a season of joy or sorrow, we'd love to share in it with you.

**And to our parents of current students,** I want to extend a special welcome to you. We have planned this year's event with you in mind. You are a vital part of our family, and we invite you to come spend the weekend with your student and us. Enjoy chapel, athletic games, a picnic dinner and getting a window into the campus and town your student experiences every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [duncandl@grace.edu](mailto:duncandl@grace.edu) or (574) 453-8625.



*Dennis*

**Dennis Duncan** (BS 80)  
Director of Alumni Engagement



# ALUM NOTES

Connecting with  
our family of friends

## CLASS NOTES

**CORRECTION:** The wedding date for Matthew and **Rachel (Dunham BS 11) Eby** was Aug. 15, 2015, not Sept. 4, 2015, as listed in the spring issue. We apologize for this error.

### 1974

**Kent** (BA 74, MDiv 78) and **Becky (Sheffer BA 75) Good** moved to the Atlanta area to continue their work with Encompass World Partners (Doraville GA). After church planting for 25 years in France (Chalon-sur-Saone, Dijon and Villeurbanne) and 11 years of coaching national church planters in Battambang, Cambodia, they have begun church planting in the U.S. with a focus on internationals. [goodbecky@gmail.com](mailto:goodbecky@gmail.com)

### 1977

**Dr. David G. Barker** (MDiv 77, ThM 79, ThD 84) has served at Heritage College and Seminary since 1978 as professor of Old Testament, seminary dean, interim president and most recently, vice president of academics and student affairs. In June, David "semi-retired" from his current position but continues to serve as part-time faculty teaching Old Testament, hermeneutics and pastoral courses. David is married to Lorraine, and they have five married children and 13 grandchildren. Their home is in Kitchener, Ontario. [dbarker@heritageseminary.net](mailto:dbarker@heritageseminary.net)

### 1978

**Larry Stombaugh** (BA 78) was chosen as the 2015-16 Teacher of the Year at the Career Center High School (Winston-Salem NC). He was also a finalist for the same honor for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth school district. This is the second time in his teaching career that Larry has received both of these honors. [lkstom@aol.com](mailto:lkstom@aol.com)

### 1981

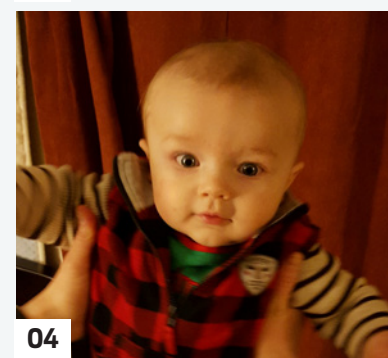
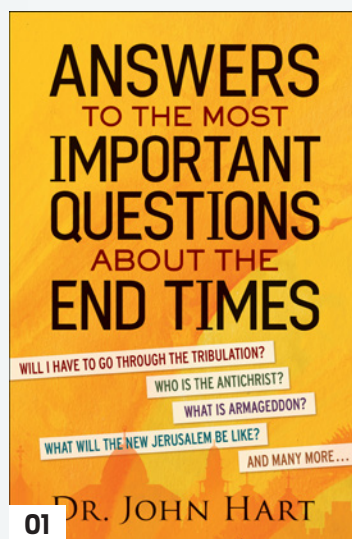
**Dawn (Hayward C 81) Kalinowski** has served at Regular Baptists Press/GARBC since August 2002 and was recently promoted to customer service supervisor in September 2015. Dawn and husband Chris reside in Prospect IL. [ltlhny@yahoo.com](mailto:ltlhny@yahoo.com)

### 1983

**Dr. Catherine (Dosmann BS 83) Crocker** recently published a story "Precious Punishes Herself" in the newly released "Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Very Good, Very Bad Dog." [cdcrock618@gmail.com](mailto:cdcrock618@gmail.com)

### 1986

**01 Dr. John Hart** (ThD 86) retired in June from Moody Bible Institute where he served as professor for 33 years. He has authored two books: "50 Things You Need to Know About Heaven" and "Answers to the Most Important Questions About the End Times." John has also edited and contributed one chapter to





"Evidence of the Rapture: A Biblical Case for Pretribulationism," in which one of the authors is fellow Moody faculty member, **Kevin Zuber** (BA 77, MDiv 81, ThM 85). John lives in Valparaiso IN with wife of 41 years Cindy. They have two adult sons. john.hart@moody.edu

## 2001

**02 John** (C 01) and **Kellie (Bradish BA 01) Myers**: Henry Walter, June 24, 2015. Henry is the couple's first child. The Myers' call Winona Lake IN their home. kellie\_myers@yahoo.com

## 2003

**Mark Miller** (MATHS 03) has served as lead pastor at Portage Community Chapel (Ravenna OH) since December 2013. Mark and wife Cheryl call Ravenna OH their home. mark\_miller@portagechapel.com

## 2005

**03 Andrew** and **Sarah (Hadley BS 05) Nunnenkamp**: Rylan, Nov. 9, 2015. Brother Barrett (3) welcomed Rylan to the Nunnenkamp's home in Henderson NE. asnunenkamp@gmail.com

**04 Troy** (BS 05) and **Kristin (Buhler BS 05) Seyfert**: Karissa Jocelyn, Dec. 22, 2015. Karissa joins brother Trevan (2) at their home in Lansing MI. moturfish@hotmail.com

## 2008

**05 Shane** and **Melody (Malenovsky BS 08) Gylling**: Hannah Joy, Feb. 1, 2016. Hannah joins brother Camden (3) at their home in Colorado. melodygylling@gmail.com

## 2009

**Misheal Crocker** (BS 09) earned a Masters of Business Administration from American Public University in 2014. She recently published her first novel, "The Gilded Rose," in March 2016. It is a young adult detective murder mystery available through Amazon. m.crocker@outlook.com

## 2010

**06 Larry** and **Jenna (Freeman BA 10) DuBose**: Married April 4, 2015. The couple makes their home in Warsaw IN. jenna.r.freeman@gmail.com

**07 Ethan Blocher-Smith** and **Lindsay Flegge** (BS 10): Married January 31, 2015. After graduating from Grace, Lindsay earned her Master of Social Work from Indiana University in 2013. She is currently pursuing her PhD in psychology from Ball State University. Ethan earned his master's in biochemistry from Purdue University in 2014 and is currently in medical school at Marian University (IN). The couple resides in Indianapolis IN. lflegge@gmail.com

# They Made It!

**SUMMER AT GRACE IS BITTERSWEET.** We find great joy in celebrating each student who walks across the graduation stage, and we covet the time to prepare for the coming academic year — but we miss the presence of students walking across campus, filling the arena for chapel and thrilling us on the court, or in the field or on the stage. These photos provided an extra ray of sunshine in our summer. Send us yours!



Lisa (Dougan BS 90) Welling and Joshua Welling (BS 16)

**Joshua Welling** (BS 16) earned his bachelor's in Web Design and Development this summer. His mom, **Lisa (Dougan BS 90) Welling**, sent us his baby photo (right), and she and Joshua's grandfather, **Floyd Welling** (BA 61), were both present to celebrate Joshua at graduation. Joshua said he loved attending Grace because his faith grew, and he found his career niche. "The teachers actually care about you, and the students are some of the friendliest people. Plus, what I learned at Grace College helped me get a job straight out of college."



Sophomore Kyle Gerber (left) with his brother, freshman Nathan Gerber



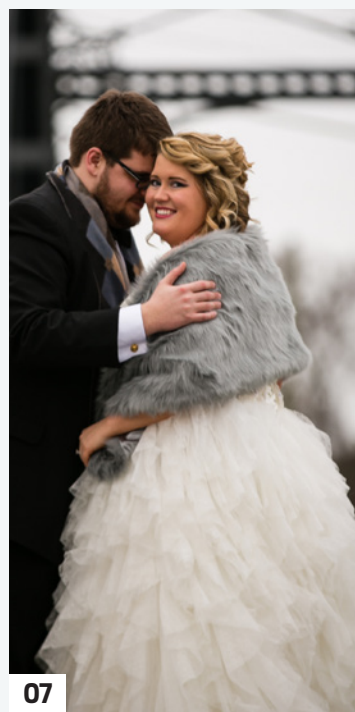
**Steve Gerber** (MDiv 97) sent us a baby photo of his two sons. (Nathan is on the left, Kyle on the right.) Nathan will be a freshman at Grace this fall and will join the Lancer basketball roster. "I chose to attend Grace because I felt at home when I visited. It just felt like God wanted me there," he says. "Playing basketball is an added bonus." Nathan's older brother, Kyle, will be entering his sophomore year at Grace. He says, "The best part of Grace so far has been getting to know tons of amazing people from students to staff." And his advice to his "little" brother, "Take time to relax, and just enjoy college."



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# Remembering Dr. Samuel Wayne Beaver



Pictured are Dr. Samuel Wayne Beaver and his wife, Dorothy, at the local Starbucks. Right: Dr. Beaver's 1979 Grace faculty photo.

Faculty Emeritus **Dr. Samuel Wayne Beaver** (BDiv 43, ThM 73, DDiv-Honorary 74) of Coeur d'Alene ID and longtime resident of Winona Lake IN and Orange County CA, entered the presence of his Lord and Savior on April 6, 2016. Wayne served at Grace College & Seminary from 1971 until 1989. Wayne attended Wheaton College (IL) where he enjoyed involvement in the Philathea Society, as well as competing in both football and basketball. He eventually earned his bachelor's in history from Kent State (OH). Wayne went on to study at Dallas Theological Seminary (TX) and Grace Theological Seminary. Wayne married his life partner **Dorothy (Wolf S 43)** on Aug. 7, 1943. Dorothy preceded Wayne in death on March 28, 2014. Their fourth child, Phillip Ned Beaver, preceded them in death on June 2, 1953, in the Central Africa Republic. Wayne and Dorothy served 27 years as missionaries there.

Wayne and Dorothy began their missionary ministry in June 1944. Wayne established the Bible Institute, focused on training local African pastors and was involved in the translation of the English Bible into the Sango language. In 1971 Wayne directed the National G.R.O.W. Evangelistic Campaign which saw over 300,000 converts come to Christ. During his years in Africa, Wayne was an avid hunter and enjoyed telling stories of his adventures. Upon retiring from active missionary work, Wayne and Dorothy settled in Winona Lake IN, where Wayne became a member of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary and the faculty head of the missions department of the Seminary. Dr. Beaver received the Grace Alumni of the Year Award in 1972. Wayne later went on to start the Graduate School of Missions and would eventually receive an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1974. Wayne is survived by his younger brother Harold (Dorcas) Beaver (Waco TX), as well as five children: Mary (Beaver) Hoffman (Coeur d'Alene ID); **John** (BA 73) (Murrieta CA); James (New Meadows ID); **Dan** (MAMiss 89) (**Tori (Lipscomb C 78)**) (Boracay Island Philippines); and **Joe** (BS 87) (**Cathy (McDonald C 88)**), (Moorpark CA). In addition to their children, Wayne and Dorothy greatly enjoyed their 17 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

**Erin Hensley** (BA 10) was recently promoted to automated external defibrillator (AED) specialist, territory manager, at Cardiac Science (OK) in September 2015. She has relocated to Tulsa to manage and grow the business in a four-state territory (OK, KS, NE and AR) where she educates law enforcement and schools about CPR/AED skills and sells AEDs in order to empower others to save lives in her community. [erinlea.hensley@gmail.com](mailto:erinlea.hensley@gmail.com)

**08 Andrew** (BS 10) and **Sara (Melcho BA 10) Larson**: Eleanor "Nora" Grace, Sept. 8, 2015. Hannah joins brother Oliver (2) at their home in Louisville KY. [saranlarson09@gmail.com](mailto:saranlarson09@gmail.com)

## 2011

**09 Josh** and **Morgan (DiAntonio BS 11) Bell**: Married Dec. 31, 2015. Morgan has served as marketing product manager at Wright Medical (Warsaw IN) since February 2012. The couple calls Fort Wayne IN their home. [mdianton21@gmail.com](mailto:mdianton21@gmail.com)

**10 Jeremy** and **Elisabeth (Balasa BA 11) Hammond**: Married June 27, 2015. Paw Paw MI is where the couple resides.

## 2014

**Jacob** (BS 14) and Carly **Crone**: Amelia Lou, Jan. 4, 2016. Amelia is the couple's first child. Jacob has taught second grade at Madison Elementary School since August 2014. The couple makes their home in Warsaw IN. [jacobcrone@gmail.com](mailto:jacobcrone@gmail.com)

**Jackie Seal** (BA 14), former Grace College student body president (2012-14), is running for State Representative in Michigan's 50th legislative district. [Facebook.com/ElectJackieSeal](https://www.facebook.com/ElectJackieSeal), [sealj20@gmail.com](mailto:sealj20@gmail.com)

**Kyle Stephenson** (BS 14) has been an associate consultant for Veeva since November 2015. Kyle resides in Winona Lake IN. [stephekb@gmail.com](mailto:stephekb@gmail.com)

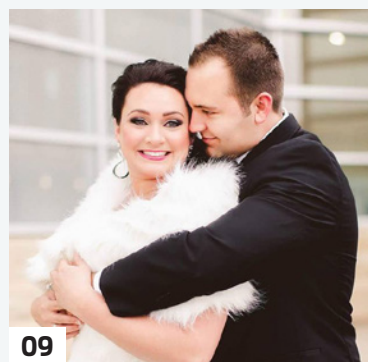
## 2015

**Aaron McDermott** (BS 15) began working as graphic designer for WC Signs (IN) in December 2015. [aaronmcderr@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmcderr@gmail.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Reverend Craig Douglas Christner** (MACSA 82) passed into the presence of the Lord on May 9, 2016. He graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1960 and from Grove City College in 1964 with a double major in history and education. He took a commission in the United States Air Force in 1964, married Lynda D. Crane and moved to California. As a military education and training officer, Craig conducted briefings on intercontinental ballistic missiles from 1964 to 1967. He received Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1968 and spent the rest of his life serving Him and telling everyone he met about the One who loves us and died for us to give us new life here on earth and everlasting life in heaven. He transferred to

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# Todd Davis: Poet and Professor

by Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

**Dr. Todd Davis (BA 87) never aspired to be an award-winning, critically acclaimed poet.**

"In junior high school, I wanted to be a comic book writer or a sci-fi novelist," Davis recalls, "that is, after my dreams of being an NBA basketball player faded!" But when he arrived at Grace to study English Education (and play on the basketball team, by the way), journalism instructor Rob Wilkins identified his raw talent for lyrical and descriptive language and encouraged him

to write poems. When Davis first began, he says his poems were "truly bad," and Wilkins didn't withhold honest feedback. "Rob wrote in the margins of my poems such technical words as 'yuck!' and 'ouch!'" laughs Davis. But Wilkins also pointed out the places where Davis' poems started to succeed.

And so Davis began his journey towards becoming a poet. He's quick to point out that it wasn't until he was 40 that he would even call himself one. Mind you, Davis is

the author of five full-length collections of poetry, and his work has been featured on the radio by Garrison Keillor on "The Writer's Almanac" and by Ted Kooser in his syndicated newspaper column "American Life in Poetry." His poems have won the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Prize, the Chautauqua Editor's Prize and have been nominated several times for the Pushcart Prize. More than 400 of his poems have

appeared in noted journals and magazines. (And I could keep going.)

But Davis' work as a poet isn't a profession to him. He describes it as "a way of living, a way of paying attention to the world." He's thankful he can publish poems that relate to what he loves and cherishes: "all the things of the earth, my family, my understanding of the mystery of God and how all things, every living species, the rocks and the water and the air, are all connected, a sacred webbing with invisible and visible strands that tie us to each other."

Besides his work in poetry, Davis has been teaching in higher education for 27 years and, as with his poetry, has received numerous awards for his teaching and his research. Currently, Davis is a fellow in the Black Earth Institute and teaches environmental studies, creative writing and American literature at Pennsylvania State University's Altoona College.

Davis has been married to his wife, Shelly, for 28 years, and they have two sons, Noah (21) and Nathan (18). You can find his works on Amazon and visit his website at [www.toddavispoet.com](http://www.toddavispoet.com) for more information.



Davis' most recent collection of poetry, "Winterkill," was published in January by Michigan State University Press. Below is a poem from the collection, reprinted with permission.

## Ash Wednesday

Around eleven I hike the ridge in what's left  
of last night's wet snow. Overhead golden  
eagles are passing up the flyway, while down the hollow  
the sound of water seeks the valley floor. Rain will start  
from the west tonight, but for now the glossy leaves  
of mountain laurel shimmer. Every quarter hour  
brings another of these great birds. Climbing  
the sharp crease in the ravine, I saw the first  
bear tracks of the year, which help me to believe  
the dead will rise from the grave.



Akron OH for a master's degree and medical separation from the military. Craig was CEO of a company marketing education materials and development director at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy for five years. He received a Masters in Christian School Administration in 1983 from Grace Theological Seminary. He was ordained a minister in the Grace Brethren Fellowship and served as interim pastor at Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, now Grace Church (Akron OH). He was principal/superintendent of Akron Christian Schools for 18 years prior to medical retirement. Preceded in death by his father, he is survived by wife Lynda; daughters, **Elizabeth** (Rene) **Chopin** (ASN 86) (New Orleans LA), **Deborah** (Robert) **Curtis** (C 90) (Akron OH) and **Rebekah** (Christner BS 97) (Kelton) **Kear** (Akron); 10 grandchildren; mother Imogene Christner (Kentucky); and brothers David (Janice) (Kentucky) and Mark (Columbus).

Former Grace Brethren pastor, Brethren Missionary Herald (BMH) Books author and university professor, **Dr. Robert Clouse** (AA 52, BDiv 57) of Terre Haute (IN), passed away May 7, 2016. He began his education at Ashland College and received his bachelor's in history from Bryan College (TN). He earned his Bachelor of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in 1957. Robert was awarded his master's in 1960 and doctorate in 1963 from the University of Iowa. He taught history at several colleges and universities, spending the bulk of his career at Indiana State University (Terre Haute). He was visiting professor at the University of Illinois, Indiana University and Juniata College (PA), where

he was the J. Omar Good Visiting Professor of Christianity. In addition to his academic career, Robert served as pastor of several Grace Brethren Church congregations in both Iowa and Illinois. He was considered a leading expert in millennial thought and eschatological studies, having presented more than 18 major lectures and written more than five books on the subject. His "The Meaning of the Millennium" was a best seller. In addition to his millennial studies, Robert has contributed articles and chapters in numerous books on Christian church history, Renaissance and Reformation history, and war and peace studies. Robert was a founder of the Conference on Faith and History, member of the editorial board of the Brethren Encyclopedia and contributing editor of the New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge. Robert served Indiana State University in a variety of positions, including president of the Faculty Senate on four occasions. He received the ISU Faculty Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and the Creativity and Research Award in 1986. He was a member of the board of directors of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation and received the Indiana Heart Association Life Achievement Award in 1987. Robert is survived by wife Bonnidell; sons Gary (Shuko) (West Los Angeles CA) and Ken (Rose) (New Orleans LA); sister Ruth Seibold (Columbus OH); and four grandchildren.

**11 Irvin Wayne Lindemuth** (MABC 86, MACSA 89) of Warsaw passed away on Feb. 4, 2016. He married B. Carolyn Daily on June 12, 1955, and they had the joy of

sharing 60 years of marriage together. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London CT, where he received a bachelor's in engineering and later a bachelor's in civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He served 30 years in the Coast Guard, including a tour in Vietnam. He was active in his local church at every duty station and retired to Warsaw in 1985. Irv completed master's degrees in Biblical Counseling and Christian School Administration at Grace College & Seminary. He served on the Community Library Board for eight years and was an elder at Bethany Fellowship in Warsaw for over 20 years. Irv touched a great number of lives as a counselor, hospital chaplain and mentor. He loved a good joke and is remembered by those he encountered as a kind and wise man who always had time for them. He will be remembered by wife **Blanche "Carolyn"** (C 86) (Warsaw IN); daughter Dr. Karen (**Dr. J. Benjamin** (MDiv 87)) **Scripture** (Warsaw IN); and sons Steve W. (Maribeth) Lindemuth (Burke VA) and Hal Lindemuth (Warsaw IN). He leaves behind grandchildren Lt. USN Luke (Sarah) Scripture; Carolyn (Ryan) Pritchett; Katie (Cannon) Veale; Steven D. (Kelly) Lindemuth; and Ryan Lindemuth; and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sister-in-law Evelyn Lindemuth (Olympia WA) and sisters Rosa (Jack) Scherueble (Everett WA) and Pauline Hight (Mount Vernon WA). He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

**Ella Louise Craig Smith** (BS 67) went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 22,

2016. She graduated from Northern Bedford High School (New Enterprise PA) and went on to earn her undergraduate degree from Grace College and her master's degree from St. Francis University in education. Ella Louise taught school for over 40 years, retiring in 2012 from Corpus Christi School after 24 years of service. She was a member of King Street Church, a participant in Gadabouts Square Dancing, active with young people through the church nursery, part of the Good News Club and participated in the Institute for Retired Persons at Wilson College. Passionate about teaching children, Ella Louise dedicated time to tutoring children from her home after her retirement. She enjoyed reading, local and Civil War history, traveling and going on mission trips. Surviving are her beloved husband of 48 years, **Richard M. Smith, Jr.** (BA 67, DTH 70), whom she married on June 24, 1967; children Brian Smith (Pottstown PA), Susan Potts (Houston TX) and Shawn (Samantha) Smith (Lake Charles LA); five grandchildren; and brother Mack (Diane) Craig. Ella Louise would have celebrated her Golden Graduate Reunion in May 2017.



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## Alumni Advisory Council

Grace welcomed the Alumni Advisory Council back to campus for their annual business meeting on May 20. Pictured are members (front row, left to right): **Sarah Prater** (BS 10), **Pamela (Teeple BS 73) Carroll**, **Daniel Pacheco** (BA 64), **Jennifer (Engelke BS 91) Christenberry**, **Amanda (Hayes BS 99) Gould**, **Rhonda (Yoder BS 94) Peugh**, **DeeAnna Muraski** (BS 10, MBA 12). Back row: **Jerry Abbitt** (BS 84), **Matt Metzger** (BS 11, MBA 13), **Denny Duncan** (BS 80), **Michael Mace** (BA 82), **Melissa (Wallen BS 11, MBA 13) Chappell**, **Collette (Lehman BS 90) Olson**, **Geoff Burgess** (C 80), **Dana Johnston** (BS 14). Not pictured: **Lauren (Zeltwanger BS 08) Endsley**, **Austin Lehman** (BA 04), **Steve Munday** (BA 76), **Polly (Cary BS 01) Teevan**, **Gary Woolman** (BS 77). Thank you for serving Grace!





## TELL US YOUR STORY

If you're a Grace graduate, completed a certification or attended classes, we want to hear from you. Tell us about your career history, accomplishments, how Grace influenced you, what you are doing with your college education today and/or how God is using you for His purposes. If you have a former classmate or alum you know who has a story you think 2|8|9 should feature, go ahead and share his/her story!

Visit [www.grace.edu/289story](http://www.grace.edu/289story).

## ANY NEWS?

SUBMIT AN ALUM NOTE TO 2|8|9

Maybe it's a new job, ministry or retirement. Maybe you've written a book or received an award. Maybe you've found the love of your life or you've become a parent for the first time (or the seventh time)! Tell us the latest news in your life at [www.grace.edu/alumnotes](http://www.grace.edu/alumnotes) and choose to publish it as an Alum Note in an upcoming edition of 2|8|9. You can also submit a note by emailing it to [alumni@grace.edu](mailto:alumni@grace.edu).

[www.grace.edu/alumnotes](http://www.grace.edu/alumnotes)



## Golden Grad Reunion | 1966

The Golden Graduate Class of 1966 returned to campus for their 50-year reunion May 5-7 where they enjoyed a variety of planned activities in their honor including a welcome reception, campus bus tour, luncheon and reunion banquet. The celebration was highlighted by their participation in the commencement ceremony where they led the processional for the graduating Class of 2016. The Golden Graduates are planning to continue their 50-year celebration over Homecoming and Family Weekend 2016, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, so we hope those of you who couldn't attend in May will join us!

Visit [www.grace.edu/alumni/goldengrad](http://www.grace.edu/alumni/goldengrad) to see highlights from the reunion.

Class members pictured are (front row, left to right): **Karen (Smith BS 66) Godshalk, Rita (Hoyt BA 66, S 70) Koch, Sandra Wallen (BA 66), Sharen (Maierle BME 66) Staup.** Middle row: **Vivian Eidemiller (BS 66), Dixie Eichorst (BS 66), Becky (Crawford BS 66) Dick, Deborah (Uphouse BA 66) Wingard, Susan (Horney BS 66) Simmons, Robert Ibach (BDiv 66, ThM 69), Rev. Bob Combs (BDiv 66).** Back row: **Dr. Donald Shoemaker (BA 66, MDiv 69), Dr. Dale Doron (MDiv 66, DMin 07), Eugene Frye (MDiv 66), J. Francis Denton (BS 66), Richard Guittar (BS 66), Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove (MDiv 66), G. Bill Clingenpeel (BA 67), James Wortinger (BS 66).**

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Grace College's new \$1.5 million track and field complex is nearing completion. Donors have already generously given \$1.1 million towards the Bernard & Linnie Key Track and Field Complex, and we need just \$400,000 to see it to the finish line. To help us raise the remaining funds, a generous donor has offered to match up to \$200,000 in gifts made toward the construction of the complex. "This addition to our athletics program will be a significant benefit to our athletes as well as the community," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "It will encourage our student-athletes in their pursuits, providing better training and hosting opportunities. We are excited to see how the new facility is used for the glory of God." To help us reach our goal, visit [www.gclancers.com/newtrack](http://www.gclancers.com/newtrack) or call (866) 448-3472.

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