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On Aug. 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will take place. The moon's apparent diameter will be larger than the sun's, and day will turn to night. People will travel from all across the U.S. to see the eclipse, whose path of totality will be exclusively in the U.S. for the first time in the country's history. Lasting two minutes and 41 seconds, it will be a grand, rare and brilliant spectacle.

When Grace Theological Seminary was founded 80 years ago, its mission was to give students a deep understanding of the Word of God and send them out to be lights in a dark world.

The mission was, and still is, threefold: first, to provide Christ-centered, academically challenging courses and hands-on learning opportunities that produce competent students who are ready to influence and contribute from day one in their given fields; second, to offer a transformative experience that meets students where they are and through community, calls them to a high standard of character; lastly, to launch those students into the world equipped to serve and bring the message of hope and redemption to a hurting and dying world.

That threefold mission is captured in one word: brilliance.

You can be bright or intelligent without character. And you can have character and still be dimly unprepared. But to shine as God intended, with brilliance, is to pursue both.

We want our students to grow in their abilities and talents. We want to sharpen their minds while they are at Grace. We want

them to be exceptional in their careers and in their communities.

We also want to sharpen students' hearts while they are at Grace. We want them to be the light of the world, like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. We want students to increase their understanding of who God is and to pursue an intimate relationship with Him that changes the trajectory of their lives.

This is why "Educational Excellence" is one of four strategic priorities at Grace College & Seminary. We desire to expand our capabilities to offer students a rigorous academic experience that calls out the very best in them and that is rooted in the transformative power of the Gospel.

Praise God, He is doing this good work in and through Grace College & Seminary. In this issue you will see educational excellence reflected in the brilliance displayed by our alumni, including a doctor in the air force, a CEO of an energy stewardship firm, a restaurant operator, a children's book illustrator, a school administrator, a performance artist, a lifelong pastor and more — all Grace alumni who are using their gifts and skills to make a difference in the Kingdom of God.

Grace is about developing luminous minds and souls in its students so that no matter where they go or what they do, they are equipped to outshine the darkness and extend the hope of an abundant life to everyone around them.



Bill Katip

William J. Katip, Ph.D. (BA 74)
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Tom (left) and Debbie Johnson (right), gather with their son Clint (BS 05) (center) at one of their favorite places, the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center arena.

AN OVATION, AN OPPORTUNITY AND AN OFFERING

By Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

There isn't much that rivals a good seat at a basketball game for Tom and Debbie Johnson. In fact, they've cheered on the Lancers in countless games at both the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center and the former Lancer Gym. But perhaps the best seat they've ever had was at their son's graduation.

"My all-time favorite Grace memory was at Clint's (BS 05) graduation ceremony," remembers Tom. "We were so humbled by the standing ovation he received when his name was announced and he walked up to receive his diploma."

But it was well before Clint's graduation that Tom and Debbie became endeared to Grace College & Seminary. In 1981, Tom started working with Jim Kessler (BS 70), coach of the Grace Men's Basketball team. As the director of KCH Regional Rehab, Tom oversaw KCH's athletic trainers. He ensured Grace athletes received proper sports medicine care. Tom and Debbie began attending games with their kids, and not long after, Tom was asked to teach a couple of classes in the Physical Education Department.

During the few years he taught at Grace, Tom says he was impressed with the coaches' and professors' dedication to the school. "They mentored their students to become Christian parents and leaders in the surrounding communities," says Tom.

Over the past 30 years, Tom and Debbie have seen Grace College & Seminary's impact reach far beyond the boundaries of Winona Lake. "You can find Grace grads not only leading in their churches, but leading in education, medicine, orthopaedics, insurance, banking, agriculture and many other industries," says Debbie.

They first began financially supporting Grace in honor of one of Tom's employees, Patti Howie Tucker, after she died in a car accident. The Patti Tucker Physical Therapy Scholarship Endowment provides a scholarship to a student in the pre-physical therapy program. More recently, they've added Grace to their will, and when the Aspire Campaign launched, Tom and Debbie made a special gift to outfit one of the new Sport Management classrooms.

"Grace has given so much to us and especially to our son, Clint," says Tom. "It feels good that we are able to give back to Grace and to have a small part in furthering God's work in the lives of young people."

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What's In A Name?

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

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THE OTHER WONDER WOMAN

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

LYNDA VU (BS 88) IS A MARVEL.

Her life and accomplishments have taken her around the world many times in the service of her family and country. If we printed her full résumé in this magazine, it would be the magazine. But for context, there are highlights of Vu's vitae that you need to know.

Vu is a colonel, the senior-most field-grade military rank. She's a family medicine doctor, who has also earned her master's in public health and is a board-certified aerospace medicine specialist. She's the director of the Pentagon Flight Medicine Annex (a clinic at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland). She's served as chief of the medical staff and as a commander of a medical operations squadron and an aerospace medical squadron. She's served stints in England, Greece, Nicaragua and Belize, to name a few. And in July she was deployed for six months to support a mission in the Middle East. At home, she's the co-captain of a "large flight" as the mother of five children (who were born across several trans-Pacific time zones in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Japan).

But behind all of the education, titles, locations and experiences is a woman whose first and only mission is to know and love Jesus.

"It's an honor for me to share my story because it's a testimony of what God has done in my life to impact the world and His Kingdom," insists Col. (Dr.) Vu, before answering the first interview question I posed to her. "[Sharing my story] is nothing more than showing the wonderful hand of God at work in my life."

Vu was born in the central highlands of Vietnam. She and her mother moved to the U.S. in 1972, after her mother married an American sailor. Vu was three years old when they moved to a small town in Massachusetts. Her parents weren't believers, but they sent Vu to a Christian school, and she accepted Jesus as a five-year-old.

It was then that she took on her first mission.

She began attending a church down the street — by herself. After Vu's pastor came to their house for a visit, Vu's mother also came to Christ, and the whole family began attending church.

Upon graduating from high school, Vu took a year off to attend a one-year Bible school to get grounded in the Word. While she was there, she heard about Grace College and its strong pre-med program. Vu's mother had envisioned her becoming a doctor, but Vu wasn't entirely convinced. However, by the time she arrived at Grace and sat under the tutelage of professors like Dr. Richard Jeffreys, Vu was committed to becoming a doctor. "I saw his passion for science and for life and for his students. He cared for his students so much and made sure they got what they needed to be successful in careers and the calling God had given them."

After graduating from Grace, Vu took a year to pray over the calling she thought God had put on her life. "I felt pretty confident, but I wanted to make sure that was where the Lord wanted me to go." Eventually, she applied to several medical schools and decided to attend Tufts University School of Medicine, where she obtained her medical doctorate in 1993. During her residency at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Vu signed up with the Air Force as a means to help offset the costs of medical school.

"I really thought I would part ways with the military after I finished my four-year commitment," she says, but when she and her husband prayed about her next step, it became clear she was supposed to stay.

Two decades later, Vu's missions have included being on the teaching staff of the hospital on Travis Air Force Base (Calif.); providing medical support to operational units supporting military missions and overseeing all of the credentialed clinical providers at Yokota Air Base (Japan); serving as chief of medical staff at the Hickam Air Force Base clinic and flight surgeon at the Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center (Hawaii); training, equipping and resourcing units of over a hundred airmen to ensure they were able to execute their field missions (Alabama and England); and completing a residency in

aerospace medicine at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio).

Currently, Vu describes her latest mission as "[taking] care of the people who take care of the president." As the director of the Pentagon Flight Medicine Annex, her clinic attends to senior military leaders and their families, and she gets to see patients almost every day.

With each new assignment, Vu embraces its unique opportunities to grow and strengthen her skills and leadership, but it doesn't come without cost. Uprooting her family every few years, building a new community, getting acquainted with each new high stakes mission, and simply doing her job — which often means managing medical crises — requires sacrifice.

"It's not always easy," she admits. But God provides for her at every turn. "In those crisis situations, He's given me a calmness about being able to address the problem, and has given me a way to focus on the crisis. In the midst of critical incidents with severe injuries and in a time crunch, God helps me take it step by step by step."

"There is a lot of stress in my job," Vu says. "Every day I go to work and say, 'Thank You [God] for Your strength and wisdom to make decisions. Show me the divine appointments you want me to meet today.' Every day, I am amazed by the people He brings my way."

This is the reason Vu is who she is and does all she does. She sees God orchestrating every assignment, every new move and every interaction for the purpose of being able to impact others' lives for Jesus.

"Yes," says Vu, "[my job assignments] are defined as military missions, but they are really God's missions, aren't they? And that's true for all of us." ■

FROM Sutures — TO — Sweet tea

BY BRYAN AND CHELSEA THOMPSON

High-achieving, ambitious students are routinely encouraged to map out their lives in advance — to create the perfect plan. But even the best five-year plans have a way of going sideways as life hurls its barrage of unknowns and surprises. When asked for his take on the moments when things don't quite go as planned, Philip Everett (BS 10) gives a knowing laugh.

“I think that’s all of life.”

His consistently positive attitude and ability to roll with the punches allowed Everett to recognize the fact that when God closes off the path we’ve planned, He always has a new direction in store.



Chick-fil-A operator Philip Everett (BS 10) sits at his restaurant in Rockford, Ill.

“I always had this passion in my heart for being there for somebody on their worst day.”



FINDING GRACE

Ever since middle school, Everett's dream had been to attend a military service academy and train as a combat trauma surgeon. But despite a stellar GPA and great SAT scores, he wasn't accepted to the service academies where he applied. He was, however, accepted to attend Grace, where his father had attended college.

“I went out there a little bit begrudgingly at the start,” he admits, “but truly fell in love almost instantly. I loved the college and found that it was honestly the best fit for me. I'd always envisioned myself at a bigger school, but Grace really felt like home.”

Everett had a very specific heart behind his dream of being a combat surgeon: “I always had this passion in my heart for being there for somebody on their worst day. I thought, what's a worse day than getting blown up on a battlefield a couple thousand miles from home?”

While studying biology, chemistry and international missions, Everett invested himself heavily in campus life. Despite the intensity of his major (he still suffers from the occasional nightmare of showing up unprepared for Dr. Richard Jeffreys' class), Everett's impressive grades led to his being in an honor society. Along with two years as a resident assistant, he also helped create a ministry that raised awareness

and funding to fight for children who are exploited as soldiers and as a part of the sex-trade.

“My time at Grace? I absolutely loved it. It was awesome. It was big enough that it had a bunch of the things I wanted — sports teams and intramurals, a robust enough biology program to get me into med school — but it was small enough that I felt known, familiar to others. These [were] incredible people who really poured into [me] — they had a deep influence and impact.”

RETHINKING THE PATH

After graduating cum laude, earning an above-average score on the MCAT, and having a great first interview with the medical school of his choice, Everett again had his future all planned out. “Honestly, it seemed like med school was a slam dunk.” But instead, he found himself wait-listed — the first sign that his perfectly planned medical school pursuits might be changing.

Newly married and apartment-hunting, he started looking for an interim job. His siblings spoke highly of their experience working for Chick-fil-A, and a new location just happened to be opening in his neighborhood. Everett applied and, to his surprise, was immediately hired as a team leader.

He was further surprised by how much he liked the job. He immediately bonded with the store owner, Ryan. He enjoyed helping build the business. Most

of all, he valued the opportunity to mentor the young people under his leadership. “I was only a couple years older than them, but they looked up to me. So many of them didn’t have a strong role model. It was just awesome being able to be a light in their lives.”

HIS WORST DAY

Six months later, Everett finally got the letter he’d been waiting for. However, it didn’t have the answer he expected. The medical school had turned down his application. “It was a crushing moment,” he remembers. “I knew it was the end — God clearly and definitively closing the door on my dream. But it was also the end of my identity.”

Even though radically changing plans can lead to disorientation and dismay, Everett didn’t stay down for long, as God provided guidance and insight on his new future in a timely conversation with his boss, Ryan.

“Honestly, that was the pivotal moment because right then, I

realized I’m having my worst day. And who’s right here? Ryan. I didn’t just get blown up on a battlefield, I’m not a thousand miles from home. But I’m having my personal worst day, and Ryan is right there for me.”

Though the revelation of change was incredibly difficult, it became the epiphany of a future Everett never expected.

THE WORK OF RESTORATION

When Everett was finally selected to run a franchise location in Rockford, Ill., things were looking up. After years of travel and living out of hotel rooms during Chick-fil-A training, he would finally have a home base and the job he was after.

But yet again, his path veered off into the unexpected. His marriage ended suddenly, leaving Everett to acclimate to the rigors of life as a new business leader while going through a very difficult personal ordeal.

“I had incredible support from family and friends, and I was able to move through that season. It’s certainly still a healing process, but I’m doing a lot better. And still all the more feel like I’m where I’m supposed to be.”

As Everett points out, “The word ‘restaurant’ comes from a Latin/French word that means to restore or to fill. At my restaurant, we talk about wanting to restore people physically through great food, emotionally through engaging relationships and, if given the chance, spiritually through prayer or sharing the Gospel. Every one of my team members has permission from me to give any amount of food away, as long as they have a good reason why that person needed to be restored.”

He has used his leadership role to serve Rockford on various community restoration projects and to counsel his staff, many of whom are young people with a deep need for an authority

figure they can trust. “Kids [are] so young, so impressionable,” he muses. “I’ve been there with them through family members dying, boyfriends and girlfriends breaking up with them, talking about abuse in their past. We’ve dealt with some really heavy things. Again, it’s their worst day.”

He pauses.

“It’s crazy — I never thought I would be a pastor, but I feel like to a great degree, that is what I do.”

When you think about it, pastors are a lot like trauma surgeons. They are binding up wounds, first responders when the explosions in this life hit hard, and a face of the familiar when people feel lost and far from home. Over the course of his life, Everett’s plans may have moved him from suturing wounds to offering leadership and loving advice over chicken nuggets and sweet tea, but we’d say God’s plan to prepare him was really perfect. ■



Everett interacts with two of his favorite regular customers.



Everett talks with his employees.





A Constellation of Rising Stars

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Dr. Michael Harstine (BS 90), former Grace business professor, says he'd be hard pressed to identify three brighter Grace graduates than Kathy (McGee BA 86) Haddad, Polly (Cary BS 01) Teevan and Lauren (Zeltwanger BS 08) Endsley.

They each have their own rising-star story, but they couldn't have had it without one another.

When Kathy and Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16) returned to Warsaw, Ind., in 1992, after both graduating from Grace College just a few years before, they wanted to create a place for Grace College students to experience, well — grace.

"We wanted to give students a place where they could come and feel at home," describes Kathy. "A place where students knew they would be accepted and loved. I wasn't going to be shocked or disgusted by anything they told me."

As a previous student at Grace, Kathy understood the pressures to look the part of a perfect Christian: to do and say the right things, but on the inside, to be hiding all the pain, confusion and struggles of life. During her own time at Grace, Kathy came to understand the transformative power of Jesus' grace through professors like Dr. Mike Grill (BA 67) and Bill Gordon, who showed her that Christianity isn't a set of behaviors, but a relationship. "It sounds simple, but it's a profound difference," says Kathy, and she wanted other students to understand it.

So in the 1990s and early 2000s, Kathy and her husband Rich began hosting students every Monday night. They would come watch football, eat pizza and work out life and faith issues.

In 1997, Grace freshman Polly (Cary) Teevan was unsure if Grace felt like a right fit for her and had made plans to transfer to another college. But when Polly heard from her roommate about a Bible study Kathy and others were beginning on Philip Yancey's book, "Disappointment with God," she called Kathy out of the blue. Not only did Polly become a regular attendee on Monday nights, but she met once a week with Kathy for the next three years.

Pictured left to right are Polly (Cary BS 01) Teevan, Kathy (McGee BA 86) Haddad and Lauren (Zeltwanger BS 08) Endsley at Spring Fountain Park in Winona Lake, Ind.

Reflecting back on meeting Kathy, Polly says, “I could talk about everything, and it was a real conversation. Kathy demonstrated how your faith was a relationship where you could face challenges, struggle and still be authentic in your journey. There were no topics that were off limits.” Polly says there’s no doubt that her life changed because of Kathy. “It changed the conversation; it changed my course. One hundred percent.”

Meanwhile, Grace accounting professor Dr. Roger Stichter was challenging Polly in the classroom. “He sets the bar high for excellence. He won’t do the work for you, but he gets in the trenches with you,” says Polly. Bill Gordon, a former business professor, also helped Polly consider her future career and learn how to apply her knowledge in

the workplace. “I can’t overstate how much those professors invested in providing their students with an excellent education,” insists Polly.

Polly has been working for DePuy Orthopaedics for the last 17 years. She is currently the U.S. hip and shoulder marketing director, and she applies the principles she learned at Grace to recruit talent to her team and to create and influence its culture.

“When I’m looking for talent, I look for people with character, curiosity and motivation. Those are things I can’t teach them,” explains Polly. “But I know Grace purposely works to strengthen students’ character and sharpen their competence. In addition to investing in students academically, professors also get involved with their lives personally. I can remember Prof. Gordon and Tom Dunn taking students out to ski on Winona Lake or inviting them over to have dinner to invest in them as people. I have a soft spot in my heart for ‘Gracies,’ because I know Grace is mindfully investing in its students, and I was a beneficiary of those investments.”

So when Polly met Lauren (Zeltwanger) Endsley at DePuy in 2010, she was eager to help Lauren any way she could. Lauren, who was working in the finance department, was anxious to make the transition into marketing. Polly was willing to invest the time in sharing her experiences with Lauren, and when a prospect came up at another company, Lauren was ready to take the leap.

Lauren had graduated from Grace in three years, before the three-year degree option existed. Professors Dr. Michael Harstine, Dr. Roger Stichter and Bill Gordon mentored her while she was there, and it’s because of the investment they made in her life that she goes into work each day looking for ways to invest in and bless others around her. “They helped me understand that to whom much

has been given, much will be required, and I want to pay it forward,” she says simply.

After Lauren moved to her new job, she was on the lookout for another mentor. At a business meeting in 2013, Lauren found herself sitting across the table from Kathy.

“I saw how extremely poised she was and what a professional example of female leadership she offered,” remembers Lauren. Lauren introduced herself and asked Kathy if she would have time to meet with her and offer some coaching. Kathy agreed, and the two have remained close ever since.

But Polly remembered Lauren. And later that year, she offered Lauren a job in her marketing department at DePuy. It was the perfect job description, and so Lauren went to work for her, and is now a group product director for the U.S. hip marketing team.

Polly also had been discussing with Kathy for years about her being “DePuy material” and was just waiting for the right fit to bring Kathy onto her team. When the right job position surfaced in 2016, they both knew it was the perfect fit, and Kathy joined Lauren and Polly at DePuy as a U.S. marketing product director.

If it weren’t for the investment Grace professors made in their education and spiritual lives, and the way they’ve chosen to serve one another, they all wonder where they’d be today.

Kathy, Polly and Lauren aren’t just a force of intelligence in their workplace; they are also one of light. “In every interaction,” says Kathy, “I ask myself, ‘Is this holy ground? Is this a moment to shine some light in the darkness?’”

I’d call that brilliance. ■



Brilliant Accomplishments



Deborah (Downing BA 02) Hocking holds the newly published children's book she illustrated, "The Great Henry Hopendower."

Deborah (Downing BA 02) Hocking

Children's Book Illustrator, AKA Visual Storyteller for the Young and Young-at-Heart

Hocking graduated with four — yes, four! — majors: Illustration, Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design and Spanish. Her skill set grew and was refined significantly at Grace, but she says her path towards realizing her dream to be a children's book illustrator has been "long and circuitous, including six terrific years working at the Château de St. Albain, a Grace Brethren retreat center in France."

In June, Hocking published her second illustrated children's book, "The Great Henry Hopendower," written by Justin Roberts, by Penguin Random House. Her first picture book illustration

job, "Build, Beaver, Build," written by Sandra Markle, was published by Lerner Publishing Group in 2016. Hocking is currently working on illustrating a three-picture-book series with Penguin Random House, written by Stacy McNulty.

You're a superhero; what Grace professor would be your sidekick?

Definitely Prof. Jacqueline (Julien BA 86) Schram, because I get the feeling that even though she's super kind-hearted, cool and sophisticated, she could totally take down any villain that came her way, and also because between bouts of saving the world, I'd get to hang out with her and chat about all things French over coffee and croissants.

Your Grace College experience

in one sentence: A community consciously striving to grow and help others grow in their field of study as well as personally and spiritually.

There are so many of you who are impacting your industry and your relationships with creativity, competence and compassion. You're brightly shining the light of Jesus wherever you are. Here are just a few alumni we recently heard about who are using their talents for good. Share what God is doing in and through you anytime at 289@grace.edu.

How has your Grace education been important to your success?

Through the years, I've appreciated Prof. Art Davis' (S 79) commitment to a solid foundation of design and craftsmanship and the fine way he led the department. Jennifer (Waring BS 85) Ortega showed me what it meant to truly love and find deep beauty and meaning in one's work. Gary Nieter (BA 77) was an example of someone who has refined his craft impeccably. (Those "Nieter Mugs!" Amazing!) Prof. Tim Young demonstrated how to be so passionate about one's work that you find ways to make time for it no matter what. Terry Julien (BA 80) has been my role model of a brilliant, successful illustrator. Amy Keith (BA 90) showed what dedication, generosity and resourcefulness can accomplish. All of these people have been inspirations and guides for me as I've pursued my own path of becoming a working artist.



Corey Smith (BS 04), as photographed by Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly in recognition of being a member of the Business Weekly Forty Under 40 Class of 2017

Corey Smith (BS 04)

Co-Founder and School Leader of Smith Academy for Excellence, AKA Educational Ringmaster

As the school leader at Smith Academy for Excellence, a tuition-free, all-boys charter school in Fort Wayne, Ind., Smith overseas the mission of the school to strategically develop elite scholars of responsibility, dignity, character and service.

Smith was recently named a member of Business Weekly's Forty Under 40 Class of 2017. Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly honored 40 individuals, 39 and younger, who are making a difference on the job and in their community. These

young professionals were chosen by a panel of distinguished judges out of a record-breaking number of entries. The winners were honored at an awards dinner in March at the Memorial Coliseum Conference Center.

You're a superhero; what Grace professor would be your sidekick?

Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83) could get us out of any situation. He's like a Christian MacGyver.

Favorite life-hack tool:

My trusty OneNote app! I absolutely love being able to take notes anywhere on any device and have them all sync immediately.

Did you ever catch a Grace professor doing something gracious?

One year, my beautiful, red 1989 Dodge Daytona broke down in Warsaw. Coach K (BS 70) and Prof. Bill Gordon dropped what they were doing, came out to where I was and hooked me up and pulled me back to campus. They could have given me the phone number of a good towing company, but they took the time to come out and meet me where I was and actually walk me through my first car towing!

Your Grace College experience in one sentence:

I was stretched, loved and empowered by God, classmates and faculty.

Alumni Accomplishments

How can you make a difference in your field? By letting my light shine among the young men and the adults in my building so they may see my good deeds and praise my Father who is in heaven. I am not satisfied

with helping kids learn academics if I can't point them to our Savior. The only way I can make a difference is if I get out of the way and let God do amazing things.

What theme did God work on with you the most during college? Relationship. I am not a terribly social person. However, the Lord used a lot of different people in my life during my time at Grace to show me not

only how much He loves me, but also how important it is for me to cultivate relationships with others and learn to love them the way He loves me whether it's comfortable for me or not.



Dan LeVan (BS 84) stands with Linda E. McMahon, 25th Administrator of the U.S Small Business Administration, during National Small Business Week's Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

Dan LeVan (BS 84)

CEO of ENER63, AKA Whatever-It-Takes Captain of the High Seas

In March, Administrator Linda McMahon, the head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced the 2017 Small Business Person of the Year winners from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"It is my honor and distinct pleasure to announce the 54 winners from across the U.S. and its territories," McMahon said. "These small business owners define entrepreneurial spirit and best represent the 28 million small businesses that are the backbone and economic engine for today's economy."

And who should snag this esteemed honor for the state of Tennessee? That's right, Dan LeVan. LeVan was awarded the "Small Business Person of the Year" award for Tennessee and attended a ceremony in Washington, D.C., with the 53 other small business and industry leader award winners.

You're a superhero; what Grace professor would be your sidekick? Every hero is flawed, and Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) showed grace to a freshman in his 7:30 a.m. philosophy class.

Favorite life-hack tool: The Bible. It teaches me about human behavior and gives me a competitive edge in my industry.

Your Grace College experience in one — or three— sentences: The beginning of a launch pad that allowed me to believe that God is Almighty, and I can follow Him anywhere, under any circumstances, in success and in failure. That He has restored our relationship, and He invites me to just trust Him. This has led to forgiving deep hurts, moving to Moscow site unseen and following Him into a small business when the safer or more logical step would be to stay in corporate America.

What lasting memory is synonymous with Grace College? Kissing my now wife on a snowy night with a full moon shining on her as we sledged down Alpha Hill. I could not help kissing this incredibly beautiful woman, [Marianne (Miller BS 85) LeVan], so I did not ask and just went in for the kiss.

How has your Grace education been important to your success? The work ethic required was much more demanding than other schools. Case in point, I was an MBA graduate with distinction of DePaul University a couple years later.



Paul Blankley (BS 17) dons his Harvard T-shirt in Winona Lake, Ind.

Paul Blankley (BS 17)

Graduate Student Studying Computational Science and Engineering, AKA Math Nerd

Brand-spanking-new Grace graduate Paul Blankley is headed to Harvard University this fall. He applied to a dozen computational science and engineering graduate programs and got accepted to most of them, including Columbia, Brown, Johns Hopkins and Duke, but who's counting? Blankley is brilliant; he came to Grace as a National Merit Finalist. He was homeschooled, and his parents taught him how to learn from a place of curiosity, not for an A on test.

He could have gone to any undergraduate school, but he chose Grace, and it paid off. Not only was he able to get into Harvard after getting one-on-one support and encouragement from Grace professors like Dr. Kris Farwell and Dr. Ryan Johnson, but his faith deepened in unexplainable ways. He's entering Harvard confident in his knowledge base, but also in his ability to be a light to his campus.

You're a superhero; what Grace professor would be your sidekick?

Dr. Roger Stichter because he is incredibly good at biking and that seems like it might come in handy.

Did you ever catch a Grace professor doing something gracious?

I went to church with one of my math professors, Dr. Ryan Johnson, and every Sunday I would see him in the children's ministry section teaching little kids about Jesus!

How do you plan on making a difference in your field?

I think that I can make an impact for Christ by living a set-apart, "holy," life in front of my co-workers and letting them see that Jesus is genuinely the greatest desire of my heart. I think I can also make a difference in the field in terms of making new and better products. It takes time and creativity to come up with novel ways to help people, but I think I will be in a good position to contribute to my field.

What lasting memory is synonymous with Grace College?

My sophomore year I roomed in Kent with three of my best friends. We would have Grace professors over every week or so to our dorm, and I would cook them dinner. We would sit around and talk and learn from the professors. It was a great experience, and we all loved it!

How has your Grace education been important to your success?

The close interaction I was able to have with the math faculty. Both Dr. Farwell and Dr. Johnson are very approachable and very helpful. I was able to bring questions or ideas I had to them, and they helped me a lot.

Grace professor's Disney doppelganger:

Mike Yocum (BS 79) and Hugh Jackman



Marc Eckel stands next to his artwork, "Washington," which he painted in honor of the National Day of Prayer at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Marc Eckel (BS 86)

Founder and Creative Director of Blue Spaghetti, LLC, AKA Director of All Things Creative

Marc Eckel isn't just famous in Warsaw, Ind., where he manages the fine art gallery, "The Gallery," in downtown Warsaw. He's also made

a name for himself all over the world as an artist with Splat Experience, a performance art ministry that seeks to tell people about Jesus and celebrate who He is. Over the last 15 years, Eckel participated in more than 1,200 performances, painting artwork in real time for audiences, and he's even toured twice with Christian band Casting Crowns.

Recently, he did a painting at the annual National Day of Prayer event in Washington, D.C., which calls all people of faith to pray for the nation.

Eckel, who felt God leading him to be a part of the event, called the National Day of Prayer Task Force in Colorado and explained his desire to perform at the event.

Within months, his request was accepted. On the eve of the National Day of Prayer, at the JW Marriott Hotel, about a block and half from the White House, Eckel painted a portrait of George Washington kneeling down to pray. About 300 Washington D.C. leaders witnessed his 15-minute performance, and later his painting, "Washington," was auctioned off in support of the National Day of Prayer. Before his performance, Eckel met Mrs. Shirley Dobson, the former National Day of Prayer chairman, and after his performance she told him, "I loved it!"

You're a superhero; what Grace professor would be your sidekick?

Michael Boze (BA 79) (who was a painting professor of mine) works with our performance art ministry doing fantastic voice-over work for our soundtracks.

Favorite life-hack tool: Addicted to my Mac — it does rock! Of course, it's a Mac.

Your Grace College experience in one sentence: Seems like a lifetime ago ...

How can you make a difference in your field?

Trying to spread the fame of the Lord Jesus Christ and His message of salvation through performance art.

How has your Grace education been important to your success?

I was blessed with a natural artistic ability. My time at Grace was a lot of self-searching and trying new and different styles of art. It gave me a foundation in the arts on which I was able to build.

Grace Hosts First Track Meet in School History

Grace College officially hosted its first track and field meet on Sat., April 29, with the inaugural Lancer Invitational. A wet, memorable afternoon debuted Grace's new Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex in front of a strong contingent of fans, despite heavy rain for most of the meet.

The men's team won the event. Joel Zook and Macallister Seitz had strong performances and were named Crossroads League Athletes of the Week as a result. The women finished second out of five teams. Also competing in the meet were Crossroads League opponents Goshen, Huntington and St. Francis as well as Trinity Christian.

"Despite the weather not being ideal, I'm very proud of how hard we competed. Today was a significant milestone in the history of our program, and I thought our athletes honored the occasion by putting forth some great efforts," said Grace Head Coach Jeff Raymond.

The meet was also unique in that every race winner set a track record at the new complex.



(Top) Austin Keisling won the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet, 3 inches. (Bottom) Cameron Johnson (left) races against a competitor from St. Francis in the 110-meter hurdles.



Knight Becomes Grace's Career Hits Leader

Grace senior Clarissa Knight (BS 17) secured her spot as one of Grace's best offensive players this season. With a single against Huntington on April 8, Knight recorded her 261st career hit to take over the No. 1 spot in program history for hits.

Knight's 261 hits surpasses the previous record of 260, held by Brooke Shell (BS 15) who played from 2013-15.

"I could not be more proud of her. It's exciting to see her succeed because of how hard she works and because she wants to succeed for her

teammates," said Grace Head Coach Nora Reece. "She uses softball as an act of worship. CK is an extremely selfless player and sets the tone for the rest of our team."

Knight, who was the lone senior on the team, batted .338 for the season. For her career, she ranks No. 1 in all-time hits and doubles (38), No. 2 in triples (18), and No. 3 in home runs (8) and stolen bases (52). Additionally, Knight holds the single-season record for most RBIs in a season and also has the No. 2 and No. 10 spots for single-season batting average.

Clarissa Knight became the all-time hits leader at Grace this spring for the softball program.



Liz Fox placed second in the 400-meter run.

Screeeton Named Next Head Coach for Grace Baseball



The interim title is coming off. Cam Screeeton has been named the next head baseball coach for Grace College.

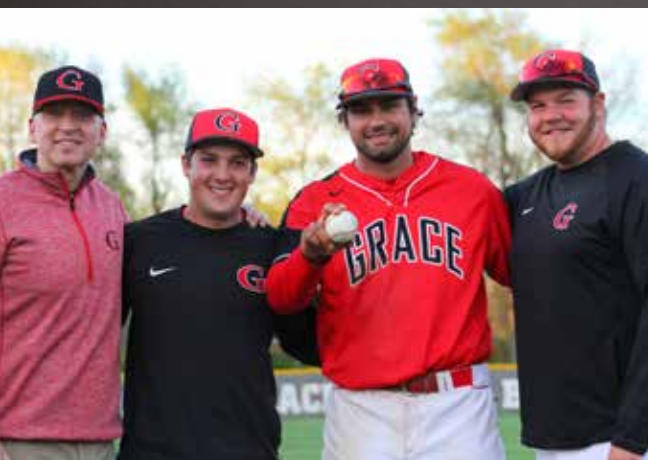
Screeeton will be the 18th head coach in team history. He served as the interim coach during the 2017 season, leading the Lancers to 15 wins. Grace's 15 wins were the third-most in the past 15 years.

Screeeton was also an assistant coach for the Lancers in 2016, helping Grace

achieve 20 wins for just the third time in the program's 58-year history.

"I am truly blessed and honored to have the opportunity to lead the Grace baseball program. I want to thank Dr. Katip and Chad Briscoe for entrusting me as the head baseball coach," Screeeton said. "I love Grace College and the mission and purpose this school has to grow spiritual leaders. I hope to continue that mission through the baseball program. I am excited to start working with the guys and continue building on what we started this past season."

Screeeton has been central to Grace's recruiting success over the last three years, securing some of the program's best recruiting classes in recent memory. He recruited two players who earned All-Crossroads League recognition in 2017 (sophomore Xavier Harris, freshman Gavin Bussard).



Pictured (left to right) are Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, Head Coach Cam Screeeton, Xavier Harris (holding his record-breaking home run ball) and Assistant Coach Wesley Gensch (BS 16, MBA 16).

Harris Sets Home Run Record

Grace sophomore Xavier Harris did something this spring that no other Grace Baseball player had accomplished before.

On April 22, Harris blasted a two-out, two-run home run to left field against Goshen. That swing marked Harris' 11th home run of the season, eclipsing the program record for most homers in a single season.

Harris' production at the plate highlighted a power surge for the Lancers this year. Grace smashed 35 home runs as a team, which is equal to the amount the team had recorded in the past five years combined.

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Carl Fisher (BA 64) was selected to be a torch bearer for Porter County (IN) in honor of Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration.

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1 Dr. Paul Wang (MDiv 73) completed the TST Advanced Program, being conferred a PhD at St. Michael's College of University of Toronto in November 2016. His dissertation was titled, "The Purpose of Election in Romans 9:11: Rethinking the Doctrine of Predestination Through the Theology of the Cross." Dr. Wang and wife Lillian reside in North York, Ontario. dr.paul.wang@gmail.com

1974

2 Diane (Perkins BA 74) Castro published her first book, "Reflections of a Tomboy Grandma," a collection of essays on a variety of topics with the overarching theme that every human being is created by God in His image. Diane says her time at Grace was a formative period in her Christian life, and the lessons she learned are echoed in the book. Diane and husband **Juan Tony** (MDiv 76) call Beverly MA home. dianecastro53@gmail.com

3 Effective January 3, 2017, WAY-FM announced the hiring of their first-ever prayer and outreach pastor, **Pastor Dave Kennedy** (BA 74, MDiv 86). Dave joined WAY-FM after

serving for 30 years as senior pastor at various churches, most recently at Community of Grace Church in Richmond VA. He and wife **Nancy (Ramsey BS 75)** relocated to Colorado Springs to be closer to family and now to be part of WAY-FM. He will be responsible for leading the WAY-FM prayer and spiritual care initiative. WAY-FM and WAY Media Network Services reach nearly 100 communities on FM signals in 26 states. www.wayfm.com. pdavek@gmail.com

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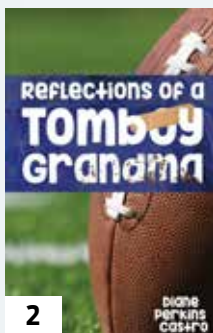
Lt. Col. Paul Henning (BS 79) completed his Doctor of Management at Colorado Technical University in October 2016. The title of his dissertation is "The Relationship between Servant Leadership and Employee Job Satisfaction in a Colorado Nonprofit Organization." Paul and wife Mary reside in Colorado Springs CO. phenning1@comcast.net

1981

Susan (Quillen BS 81) Fontaine completed her Master of Education-Special Education: Mild/Moderate Disabilities at Grand Canyon University in December 2016. She has been an instructional aide at West Valley High School since May 2014. Susan and husband Kevin reside in San Jacinto CA. mickeys mama1957@msn.com

1982

After 21 years as founder and senior pastor at Life Community Church (Hilliard OH), **Reverend Tom** (BA 82, MDiv 85) and



Marcia (Nelles ASN 85) Bennardo have relocated to San Clemente CA where Tom accepted the position of director of pastoral development and western U.S. church multiplication with the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches. Tom will be equipping and mentoring existing pastors as well as recruiting, coaching and training the next generation of church planters. Tom and Marcia have two grown daughters. t.bennardo@fecministries.org

4 James Randall "Randy" Jenkins (MDiv 82) began his second interim pastorate in October 2016 at Grace Chapel (West Liberty OH). He serves with Interim Pastor Ministries that comes alongside congregations in transition by assisting them in improving church health prior to calling a new pastor. Randy previously served at Frankenmuth Bible Church (MI) for two and a half years and prior to that, he pastored four churches in North Carolina, Illinois and Michigan for 33 years. Randy and wife LaFon reside in Caro MI and have two grown children and seven grandchildren. pr4ipm@gmail.com

5 Mark D. Weinstein (BS 82) and seven more Grace College & Seminary alumni have been serving at Cedarville University. Pictured left to right are **Dr. Tim Heaton** (MACSA 86), who has worked in higher education for 30 years; **Dr. Galen Smith** (MDiv 78), who has worked in higher education for 46 years, and retired from Cedarville this spring; **Dr. Ruth (Male BA 80) Markham**, who has worked in higher education for 13 years, and resigned her position at Cedarville this spring; **Dr. Chris Miller** (ThM 82), who has worked in higher education 36 years; **Steve Winey** (BS 84, MDiv 90), who has worked in higher education for 26 years; **Tom Betcher** (MDiv 82), who has worked in higher education for 14 years; and Weinstein, who has worked in higher education 29 years. Not pictured is **Dr. Mark Gathany** (BS 02) who joined Cedarville's faculty in 2007. Photo by Scott Huck, Cedarville University

1990

6 Jayne (Conrad BS 90) Harding recently published a novel, "Out of the Mist: An Outer Banks Mystery," available on Amazon. Jayne currently teaches journalism, writing and textual analysis classes at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA. jayneharding@yahoo.com

1991

7 Angel (Hines BS 91, MAM 94, MAIR 98) Thompson was hired as director of music at Surfside Christian Church in December 2016. She and husband Matthew live in Surfside Beach SC with their children. angelatoasis@gmail.com

1995

Robert D. Delp (BS 95) assumed the position of president, Americas and joined the executive leadership team of Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. on Jan. 23, 2017. Delp was previously Zimmer Biomet's vice president of U.S. sales, leading sales for the knee, hip, bone cement, biologics, extremities, sports medicine, foot and ankle, surgical and trauma categories. "I would ... congratulate Rob on his new leadership appointment. Rob is a strategic and customer-focused executive, and he is the right leader to continue to grow Zimmer Biomet's Americas region in the future," said Zimmer Biomet President and Chief Executive Officer David Dvorak. Prior to the combination of Zimmer and Biomet, Delp was Biomet's vice president of sales for several businesses, including sports medicine, extremities, trauma and biologics.

John Dilling (BS 95) was named vice president and corporate controller at Chore-Time Brock, Inc. (Milford IN) in August 2016. John, wife **Jessica (Randolph BA 97)** and children Ian (18) and Rebecca (15) reside in Mishawaka IN. johnmdilling@gmail.com

2000

Shirley Bathgate (MAIM 00) authored her memoir titled, "Challenged by Women... and a Few Good Men," which was recently published by Archway and is available through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. The book discusses the people and situations that challenged her to grow and develop in many ways. The book covers her childhood in Detroit; the educational challenges she encountered at Wayne State University and later at Grace College; and her experiences and challenges in traveling to countries on six continents and serving as a short-term missionary. She says her education at Grace resulted in more effective ministry both overseas and later back in the United States. Shirley's hope and prayer is that her readers will be encouraged and challenged by her experiences to become better equipped to serve God more effectively. chapshirley@comcast.net

On Display

From May 5 through May 30, The Gallery, located in Warsaw, Ind., and owned by **Marc Eckel** (BS 86), hosted a joint exhibit with artists **Christi (Williams BA 95) Ziebarth** and Dianna Williams. Williams' featured piece, "Mountain Chains," was a large fiber-work that was created in correspondence with **Sy Belolavek** (BA 02, MAIM 06), founder of June Cashmere and whose work was recently published about in the fall 2016 edition of 2|8|9. Williams' artwork depicted a mountain scene of the Kyrgyz shepherding terrain and was created with June Cashmere yarns.

Ziebarth's featured work, "African Sonder Water," was a 30-inch by 60-inch, 900-plus piece potter's wheel-painted mosaic depicting 25 women and children collecting water in the Central African Republic. Her work was created in correspondence with **Jim Hocking** (BA 77, MDiv 84), who founded Water for Good and was recently featured in the fall 2016 edition of 2|8|9. Ziebarth's piece was entered into a juried all-Indiana exhibit at the Honeywell Performing Arts Center (Wabash IN) and won one of six awards. Ziebarth's and Williams' art pieces have been accepted into ArtPrize, an open, independently organized international art competition which takes place for 19 days each fall in Grand Rapids, Mich.



"African Sonder Water"
by Ziebarth

Ziebarth explains their art: "The work we do is coined 'paraclete' art as our passion is to come alongside where the Spirit of God is moving and to offer the talents He has given us to further His movement. The Holy Spirit can use art to access places of the soul inaccessible by any other means."



"Mountain Chains" by Williams

Pastor Brian Kelley (BS 00) joined Grace Academy (Hagerstown MD) as international student administrator in August 2016. He serves more than 50 students from 10 different countries as well as coordinates missions trips and establishes partnership schools in various countries. bktarheel47@gmail.com

2001

8 Benjamin (BA 01) and Nikki **Hurt**: Harper and Hudson, Feb. 7, 2016. These brother-sister twins were welcomed by siblings Reese (11), Isaac (8) and Raegan (6) at their home in Granger IN. bhurt@harvestgranger.org

2002

9 Tom and **Lisa (Chapin BA 02) Rich**: William Ryan, March 21, 2016. William joined sister Evelyn (4) at their home in Lakeland FL. Lisa is a part-time ballet teacher for children at their local YMCA and also homeschools their children. As a former Spanish teacher, she now focuses her skills on helping her children become bilingual. Tom transitioned from a business

management career, and they relocated from Ohio to Florida in early 2015. In November 2016, Tom was hired as a full-time pilot for a charter aviation company. The Rich family is active in a new church plant in their community. castellanogirl@yahoo.com

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10 Thomas and **Stephani (Hart BS 03) Rogers**: Kedrick Owen-Boyd, Aug. 31, 2016. Kedrick joins brother Cohen (6) at their home in Frisco TX. The Rogers family became a part of a foster-to-adopt ministry in their area in 2015 whereby they provide respite for current foster parents as well as take emergency placements when Child Protective Services cannot find an immediate place for a child or his/her siblings; they become their temporary home for up to 14 days. Please contact Stephani if you are interested in this type of ministry or getting involved with helping foster children in your state. stephaniandmocha@gmail.com

11 Robert (BA 03) and Erin **Saunders**: Married June 4, 2016. The couple calls Souderton PA their home. saunderl@gmail.com

2004

12 Stuart (BS 04) and **Abby (Hillier BS 05) Krynock** live with their children Ella (8), Eli (6) and Haley (4) in Plymouth IN where Stu has been a patrolman with the Plymouth Police Department since June 2014. stusaysthis@yahoo.com

13 Eric (BS 04) and Bethany **Miller**: Cohen David, July 4, 2016. Cohen is the Miller's first child. Eric has served as youth pastor at Grace Community Church (Frederick MD) since June 2004 and earned his Master of Arts in Christian Leadership at Moody Bible Institute in 2016. ericcmiller@me.com

14 Dr. Mark (BS 04, MAMin 07) and **Vanessa (Sizemore BS 13, MACSL 15) Pohl**: Nora Dalyn Joan and Roman Dorian Allen, Sept. 23, 2015. Nora and Roman were adopted in November 2016. Mark earned

his PhD in Organizational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2015 and was promoted to dean of admissions at Grace College & Seminary in September 2016. pohlma@grace.edu

15 Brian and **Lindsay (Edwards BS 04) Quay**: Magnolia Grace-Eilene, Sept. 7, 2016. She joins brother Joseph (5) at their home in Barker NY. thequayfamily@gmail.com

2005

16 Andrew and **Kristen (Denlinger BA 05) Tyler**: Alec Robert, Aug. 21, 2016. Alec joined siblings Ian (4) and Annie (2) at their home in Dayton OH where the Tylers are closer to family and Andrew's job allows him to work remotely. kristen_tyler@yahoo.com

2006

Dr. Thomas Clothier (DMin 06) authored his second book "Answering a Godslayer" with Tate Publishing in December 2016. The "godslayer" makes a variety of assertions and challenges to biblical Christianity in his letters, and it is Clothier's goal to



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answer these assertions and challenges and to articulate the reasonableness of the Christian faith. The book is available through the publisher, Amazon and most Christian bookstores.
dianaj.clothier@gmail.com

17 William and **Emy (Krebs BA 06) Lorigan**: Raley Faith, March 10, 2016. Raley joined siblings Wrigley (4) and Maddux (2) at their home in Jeffersonville IN. Emy earned her Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration in May 2013 and received a director of special education certification in December 2016 from Ball State University. willandemy@hotmail.com

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18 Jacob and **Abbey (Baumgartner BS 07) Plummer**: Seth Aaron, Sept. 6, 2016. Brother Blake (4) welcomed Seth to their home in Wingate NC. abs_920@yahoo.com

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19 Aaron (BS 09) and **Heather (Vaughn BS 11) Hyden**: Penelope Faith, June 7, 2016. Penelope joins brother Gabriel (3) at their home in Wabash IN. hydenhf@gmail.com

20 Ben (BS 09, MBA 15) and Laura **Laborde**: Colt David, March 20, 2017. Sister Chloe (2) welcomed Colt to their home in Warsaw IN. lblaborde@gmail.com

21 Brian (C 09) and **Devan (Collomy C 09) Skattum**: Reilly, Sept. 2, 2016. Reilly is the couple's first child. The family calls Biddeford ME home. devan.skattum@gmail.com

22 Stefan and **Stephanie (Scholes BA 09) Zürcher**: Johan Christoph, Aug. 23, 2016. Johan joins Hannah (4) and Loise (2) at their home in Cousset, Switzerland. zuercher.stephanie@gmail.com

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23 Justin (BS 11) and Megan **Biehl**: Kinsley Rona, Nov. 2, 2016. Kinsley is the Biehls' first child. Justin has been at The Step Ahead Academy (Indianapolis Public Schools) since August 2014 and is a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher. striving2run@gmail.com

24 Matthew and **Rachel (Dunham BS 11) Eby**: Amelia Claire, Sept. 2, 2016. The Ebys welcomed their first child to their home in Westfield IN. dunhamrk@gmail.com

25 Parker (BS 11) and **Faith (Olson BA 11) Snowden**: Charity Irene, Feb. 13, 2017. Parker is currently employed with the Goshen Health System as a nurse in a neurologist's office. Faith serves as part-time secretary at Pine Ridge Bible Church. etsy.stitch.princess@gmail.com

2012

DeMarquis Battle (MAMin 12) earned a Masters of Arts in Bible and Theology at Lincoln Christian University (IL) in 2013 and a post-graduate certificate in strategic management at Davenport University in 2016. DeMarquis has served as adjunct faculty in the religious studies department at Siena Heights University (MI) since July 2016. DeMarquis, wife Raynika of nine years and their children Justus (6) and Olivia-Grace (2) reside in East Lansing MI. minister.battle@epworship.com

26 Zach (BS 12) and **Caitlin (Park BS 12) Davidson** have been members of Urban Hope Church since 2013. Zach is a social worker at a homeless shelter for women and children, and Caitlin is a counselor for children and adolescents based out of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Caitlin

also finished her master's in counseling from LaSalle University (IL) in December 2016. Zach was recently accepted into the Master of Arts in Bilingual Bicultural Studies at The Hispanic Institute at LaSalle University. In September 2016, a teenage boy began living with them, and they officially became his foster parents in February 2017. zach.jdavidson@gmail.com

27 Ben and **Connie (Okupski BS 12) Marshall**: Aliya Joy, Oct. 18, 2016. Aliya is the couple's first child. The Marshalls call Holland MI home. connielynnmarrshall@gmail.com

2013

Jared and **Sarah (Olson BA 13) Baergen**: Married April 8, 2017. Sarah received a TESOL certification from Anaheim University in 2014 and an Associate of Science in Interior Design from Gateway Technical College (WI) in 2016. The newlyweds reside in Union Grove WI. saraholson121@gmail.com

28 Shawn and **Carrie (Fawcett BS 13, MACMHC 2015) Bianchini**: Married Dec, 10, 2016. Carrie has served as a child



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and adolescent therapist at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center (South Bend IN) since June 2015. The couple resides in Mishawaka IN. carriebianchini@gmail.com

29 Dr. Georges Feumba Samen (DMiss 13) discusses the disturbing belief of the prosperity gospel in churches in Africa in his book, "Exposing the Evil Deeds of Darkness." These churches promise prosperity but deliver deep disappointment, broken families and loss of faith instead. Dr. Feumba Samen shows global workers how to use Scripture to help Christians resist the false promises and pull away from them. His book is available on Amazon and iBooks. samen_feumba@yahoo.fr

2014

30 Clase (BS 14) and **Alyssea (Fayed C 14) DeGraff**: Married Oct. 10, 2015. The couple now calls East Providence RI home. lights.camera.alyssea@gmail.com

Matthew (BS 14) and **Stacey (Cochran C 15) Hankel**: Nathaniel Laurence, Nov. 16, 2016. He joins his parents and sister Eliza

(2) at their home in Gary IN. mjhankel@gmail.com

31 Michael (BA 14) and **Sydney (Pritchard BS 14) Humphrey**: Henry Hubert, Aug. 25, 2016. Henry joins the couple at their home in Avon IN. sydnezelizabeth.humphrey@gmail.com

32 Joel and **Chloe (Guess BA 14) Jenkins**: Married Sept. 3, 2016. The couple makes their home in South Bend IN. cj_guess@outlook.com

33 Dylan and **Elizabeth (Clothier BS 14) Kruger**: Married Sept. 24, 2016. The couple resides in Fort Wayne IN. ee.clothier@gmail.com

2015

34 Nick (BS 15) and **Kelly (Nemec BS 16, MSHE 16) Tiemens**: Married Oct. 9, 2016. Kelly has worked at Wheaton Academy (IL) as registrar since July 2016. Nick works at Ceannate Corporation as infrastructure specialist. The couple resides in Wheaton IL. kelly.tiemens21@gmail.com

CORRECTION: In the fall 2016 issue of class notes, **Dr. Robert Domokos** (MDiv 65, ThM 72) was mistakenly noted as Dr. Don Domokos. We apologize for this error.

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend C. Dean Risser (BDiv 54) of Ashland OH was ushered into the presence of our Lord on Feb. 2, 2017. Pastor Dean was known for his good sense of humor; he always had a joke to share. He was dedicated to his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He strived to impact others for God. He was known as a prayer warrior, faithful servant and godly example to all who knew him. He had a love for music, especially bluegrass and classical, and he enjoyed leading music at church. Dean graduated from Ashland High School in 1944 and from Bryan College in 1948. He married Ella Lee Hall on Aug. 28, 1948. After graduating from Grace Seminary, he pastored a church in Johnson City (TN). Other pastorates included: Margate FL, Coraopolis PA, Lexington OH, Marion OH, Delaware OH and Southview Grace Brethren Church (Ashland OH). He

was involved in Grace Brethren District Missions for several years. In 1997, he received the Pastor of the Year Award during National Conference. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ella Lee Risser; two daughters, **Janice** (C 71) (Ken) **Swihart** (Bellville OH) and **Joyce** (BS 75) (**Dave** BS 76) **Atkins** (Wooster OH); son, **Jonathan** (C 74) (Mansfield OH); grandchildren, Becky Kelley, Michael Kelley, **Josh** (BS 06) (**Amber Ogrin** BS 07) **Atkins** and Amanda Atkins; and one great granddaughter.

35 Mabel Hilda "Micky" Kurtaneck (pictured center), wife of the late **Dr. Nickolas Kurtaneck** (ThB 56, BA 57, ThM 58, ThD 61), passed away on Nov. 5, 2016. Mabel was born on June 8, 1925, in Derby, England, to James Frederick Walmsley and Hilda (Frost) Walmsley. On Aug. 26, 1944, she was married to Nickolas, who served as a Grace board member from 2005 to 2009 and passed away in 2009. Mabel moved to western Pennsylvania in 1945 as a war bride. Mabel resided in Winona Lake (IN) from 1953 to 1959 while her husband attended Grace College & Seminary. She lived most of her life in Southern California until she returned in 2013 to live at Grace



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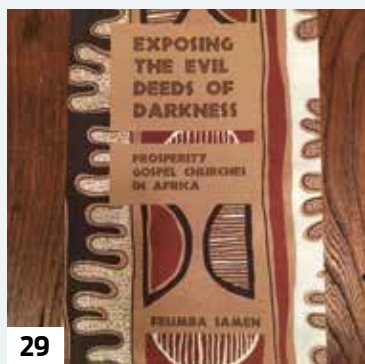
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Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake where she resided for the past four years. She will be lovingly remembered by son Timothy (Dana) Kurtaneck (Warsaw IN); daughter Charise Ott (Garden Grove CA); and grandchildren **Rebekah** (BA 14) and Nicholas Kurtaneck and Jonathan and Blake Ott.

Wilbur Frank Hartwig (BA 58) went to be with his Lord on Feb. 25, 2017. Frank attended Moody Bible Institute Evening School for one year and transferred to Grace College where he graduated with honors. He ministered to youth and planted churches in Indiana for five years. During this time, Frank took graduate training courses in public speaking at Indiana University and other graduate courses at Valparaiso University (IN). Frank followed the Spirit's leading to church-plant in the Philippines with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) where he served for four and a half years in field evangelism, youth ministries and seminary teaching. Frank recruited missionaries on college campuses across North America and represented ABWE for seven years. Following this ministry, Frank headed the Missions Department at Piedmont Baptist College (Winston-Salem NC) for eight years while he completed a master's in religious education with highest honors at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He also studied further at Liberty Baptist Seminary and in the Doctor of Missiology program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of World Missions and Evangelism (IL). Frank served with ABWE for one year directing the Goroka Baptist Bible College (Papua New Guinea). He is survived by wife Nancy of almost 65 years; twin brother William F. Hartwig; sister Altamae Hartwig Blink; many nieces, nephews and cousins; his children, **Mary Haglund** (C 75) and Julie McKinna (both of Winston-Salem NC) and Scott Hartwig of Elyria; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; and two step-great-grandchildren.

William (Bill) Lee Shelby (BA 62, ThD 65) went to be with our Lord on Feb. 11, 2017. In 1952, he married Dorothy Billman and had two children, Bruce Lee and Cyndi Ann. In 1994, he married Diana Brooks and accepted her two children Joshua Daniel and Sandra Pearl as his own. In 2016 Bill and Diana gained custody of Nathaniel Lee Searcy, proving it's never too late to add to your family. Bill stayed active in each of their lives and made sure their whole family

Remembering Barbara Jean Manahan



Barbara Jean Manahan (C 86), wife of Former Grace President **Dr. Ronald E. Manahan** (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), went to be with her Lord on Jan. 13, 2017. Barbara and Ron were married on July 18, 1964, and shared 52 wonderful years together. Barbara graduated from Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (GRSBM) and then attended Grace College. She was a phenomenal musician and sang with and accompanied on piano a women's quartet at GRSBM. She was a skilled pianist and used her talent in numerous churches. She also taught piano lessons for over 50 years.

Early in her career, she held administrative assistant positions at the University of Michigan as well as in the dean's office at Shelton College (NJ). She completed her career by working as a computer typesetter for Eisenbrauns for nearly 35 years. Her boss, Jim Eisenbraun, said she had an enormous impact on the company.

Barbara loved encouraging Ron during his 20-year long presidency at Grace. During a 2|8|9 interview in March 2010, she said, "I love supporting Ron at every turn, up and down, whatever has come along. I've gotten a lot of joy out of that. I believe that is what God intended for both of us." Barbara will be remembered by all as a quiet, yet strong force. She was feisty, but always encouraging. She had the best laugh and the warmest smile. And she always had a twinkle in her eye, like she knew a great secret. She was a

deep follower of the Lord and a diligent prayer warrior. She is lovingly remembered by son **Nathan Manahan** (BS 99) (Indianapolis IN) and daughter **Kelly (Manahan)** (BA 90) (John) **Geisler** (Athens GA). She also leaves behind sister Evelyn (Robert) Chipps (Jacksonville FL) and seven grandchildren: **Becca (Geisler)** (BS 15) (**Micah** BA 16) **Wood** (Columbia City IN), Michael Geisler (Boston MA), Matthew Geisler (Athens GA), and Audra, Campbell, Maggie and Patrick Manahan (all of Indianapolis IN).

Barbara Manahan was a godly woman who totally exemplified Proverbs 31 in her life. She deeply loved Ron, Grace Schools and our Lord, and we deeply miss her smile and presence on campus.

- Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace College & Seminary

Barb's love for me and affirmation for my ministry helped to encourage me through some pretty turbulent times. I will always associate with her the truth spoken of in Nahum 1:7: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who trust in Him." That was her favorite Bible verse, and it sums up her faith in our wonderful Lord, despite the heartaches of life.

- Dr. Les Lofquist (BA 79, MDiv 82) executive director of IFCA International

My favorite memories of Barb are from all those times when we would be sitting at their table eating a meal, and she would be responding to someone's story with a smile, then a small laugh and then a lovely melodious laugh that engulfed her entire being! I was most impacted by the example she showed me of how to respect your husband. She had deep respect for Dr. Manahan and showed it in their home and in public. She was also very compassionate and willing to reach out in love to our children. She not only impacted my life, but the lives of each of my children.

- Mrs. Miriam Lofquist, beloved friend (and longtime piano student) of Mrs. Manahan

knew the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He would sing with his tenor voice every chance he could, and would hunt and fish, always taking a family member with him. Bill became a Christian in 1956 and gave his Lord his all. He became a minister of the Christian Church of Monroe (IN) and also pastored in the Grace Brethren Churches in Chico CA, Grandview WA, and Prosser WA. He successfully owned Dolly Varden Café in Prosser for 13 years and also co-owned Dentures 4 U for 17 years, retiring just last year. Bill made sure he knew the condition of every soul entering the front door. His wife, brother, five children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren will miss him deeply.

Lila Mae Sheely (BS 63) met her Savior on March 3, 2017. Lila spent her lifetime serving, learning and teaching. Never wasting a minute, she received her nursing degree in Ohio in 1960. She spent three years at Grace College & Theological Seminary and later received her master's degree in 1992 from Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion IN). She worked as a nurse for 15 years in Arizona and Indiana, went to France to study French and studied tropical diseases in Belgium. Lila served as a missionary nurse for 20 years in the Central African Republic. When she returned to the U.S., she taught at Indiana Wesleyan University in the nursing division for seven years until her retirement. She had been a member of the Grace Brethren Church (Sebring FL) and attended chapel at Grace Village Retirement Community (Winona Lake IN). She will be lovingly remembered by two sisters, Ann Elaine (Robert) Kaufman (Mesa AZ) and Lynette Jean (Richard) Dennis (Tempe AZ), and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Melvin Sheely.

36 Nancy Sue (Orndorf BS 65) Peugh passed away on Sept. 28, 2016. She was a resident of Kosciusko County (IN) for the past 27 years. She was a 1960 graduate of Ellet High School (Akron OH), attended the University of Akron and was a member of the Grace College Golden Graduate Class of 1965. From 1969 to 1989 she was in Christian ministry in Germany with husband of 51 years, **Roger** (BA 65, BDiv 68, DMin 06). Their family returned to Winona Lake in 1989 where she was an active member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. She was deeply involved in teaching English as a new language, had a deep love of music, exhibited a devotion for missions and was always interested in crafts. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and always a woman of prayer. Nancy was a committed member of Women of Grace Schools (now Grace Ladies' Organization) for many years. Along with her husband, she will be lovingly remembered by her three sons: Ryan (**Lynelle (Lehman C 95)) Peugh** (Montclair VA); **Philip** (BA 94) (**Rhonda (Yoder BS 94)) Peugh** (Warsaw IN); **Lamar** (BA 01) (Dona) **Peugh** (Taiwan); and daughter: **Lynae (Peugh BA 08) (Alf) Eherenman** (Warsaw IN). She was lovingly called Oma by her 15 grandchildren: Isaac, Chapman, Levi, Silas, Solomon, Jedidiah, Asher, Sydney, Erin, Sara, Manasseh, Adeline, Forrest, Elise and Greta. She was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter Isabelle.

37 Kittie Grill, mother of **Dr. Steve Grill** (BA 70) and the late **Dr. E. Michael Grill** (BA 67), joyfully entered heaven on Feb. 26, 2017. On Feb. 28, 1942, she married the love of her life, Adam Edward "Eddie" Grill, who preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 1987. Kittie was a long-time resident of Dayton OH where she and Eddie were extremely active in Grace Brethren church activities. She was also the owner of the highly successful

Dayton Nutra Foods health food store. She was noted for using the proceeds from that store to support missionaries and pastors throughout America and the world. Grace College was one of the true passions of Kittie's life, and she displayed an "irrational attachment" to the institution. Since the early 1960s, she was an enthusiastic prayer warrior for and financial donor to the college. She was a member of Winona Literary Club and Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Most important to Kittie was her relationship to Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. One could not be in her presence very long without hearing about the miracle of salvation through Christ as well as her devotion to the reality that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) Kittie was completely devoted to her family and will be lovingly remembered by son Steve (Susan) (Winona Lake IN); daughter-in-law **Becky (Flick BS 68) Grill** (Winona Lake IN); grandson **Josh** (BS 93) (Amy) **Grill** (Winona Lake IN); great-grandchildren Anna and Ethan Grill, **Sarah (Pickens BS 04) Roy, Brad Pickens** (C 06) and **Evan Pickens** (C 13); and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cheryl Ann (Thomas BS 80) Shipley passed away on April 3, 2017, after a year and a half battle with cancer. She attended Florida Bible College (Hollywood FL). Cheryl later received her elementary education degree from Grace College and a Master of Science in Education from Cairn University (Langhorne PA), with a particular emphasis in the instruction of third-culture kids. After marriage to husband **Greg** (MDiv 78), the family spent over two decades in foreign missionary service while living in England and Bulgaria, working in those two countries as well as commuting to Romania and Moldova for evangelism and

teaching. Cheryl used her training skills and teaching gifts in the public school systems of the U.S. and Great Britain, as well as in private schools in those countries and in Bulgaria. While a resident in the U.K., Cheryl also earned her Certificate in TESOL from Trinity College (London) and was active in teaching English to Afghan and Bosnian refugees in the city of Coventry, as well as Russian immigrants residing in northeast Philadelphia. Cheryl was an active part of any church assembly wherever the family lived, and taught women's Bible studies at her home church (Crossing Community Church of Newtown) until her final year of earthly life. She is survived by husband of 39 years Greg; sons Brian (Newtown PA) and Matthew (Palm Beach FL); daughter Charis (Joel) Landis (Philadelphia PA); and granddaughter Aurora.

38 Kathleen "Kathy" Joy Allison (BS 86) went to be with her Lord on March 5, 2017. She was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County (IN). She graduated magna cum laude in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Communication from Grace and was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges in 1985. She received her Master of Arts in Communication in 1991 from Indiana State University (Terre Haute IN). From 1991 to 1992, Kathy was assistant professor of communication at Indiana State University, as well as part-time communication professor at Ivy Tech Community College (Warsaw IN) from 1995 to 2006. Kathy worked as part-time communication professor at Grace from 1985 to 2008, where she developed and taught a variety of courses in the department. Kathy was director of communication at Grace Brethren North American Missions (Winona Lake IN) from 1993 to 2006 and from 2007 to 2012 was the Orthopaedic Scholar Institute Facilitator at Grace College. Most recently, Kathy was a communication instructor at Grace College where she taught public speaking, interpersonal communication, communication ethics and public relations. She was also a scriptwriter and voice-over talent for corporate videos, radio and television commercials at Video and Sound Productions in Warsaw from 1993 to 2004. Kathy performed several times as Ma Sunday, wife of evangelist Billy Sunday, in community productions of "Down the Sawdust Trail" in Winona Lake IN. She was the annual featured speaker/performer for the Winona Literary Club in Winona Lake. She will be lovingly remembered by brother Neil (Leana) Allison (Warsaw IN) and sister



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Patricia (David) Mikel (Nappanee IN). She also leaves behind nephew Scott (Amy) Allison (Columbia City IN); four nieces, Heidi (husband Brian) Barrick (Ypsilanti MI), Tricia (husband Robert) Roshau (Phoenix AZ), Kristy Mikel (Nappanee IN) and Beth Mikel (Nappanee IN); three great-nieces, Shelby Allison, Ainsley Barrick and Ellie Barrick; two aunts, Shirley (husband Bruce S.) Berkey (State College, PA) and Cally (husband Wilmer) Stiles (Homer City,

PA); and one uncle George (wife Kathy) McCombie (Johnstown, PA).

Virginia "Ginny" Leaf went home to be with her Lord on Oct. 24, 2016. A Kosciusko County resident for the past 47 years, she was a member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church (IN). On Feb. 27, 1954, she was married to Richard "Dick" Eldon Leaf. Ginny worked as an apartment manager for 10 years at Glen Terrace Apartments. She

and Dick are members of Grace College's inaugural Lancer Hall of Fame Class of 2008. They truly enjoyed traveling with the Grace basketball team; everyone knew how much of a great fan she was of the Lancers. Ginny was a wonderful mother and homemaker. Most of all, she enjoyed her family. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Dick; two daughters, Joy (Al (BA 77)) Hauck (Winona Lake IN) and Jody Edwards (Winona Lake IN); seven

grandchildren: **Matthew** (BS 03) (Sarah **Hauck, Nickalas** (BS 04) (**Jessica** (Herr BS 05)) **Hauck**, Calen Edwards, Chelsea (Andrew) Gregory, Trinity Moore, Savanna Moore and Brooke (Michael) Zilinskas; six great-grandchildren: Zachary, Maelle, Harlow, Alaina, Matthew, Hailey and Ryan; sister Alberta (Gary) Longworth (Grand Rapids MI); brother Dennis (Sandy) Lance (Barberton OH); and two sisters-in-law as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Farewell Dr. and Mrs. William 'Bill' Male



Dr. Ernest William "Bill" Male (BDiv 55) went to be with his Savior on Jan. 5, 2017. On Sept. 3, 1950, he was married to Ella Beth Kauffman, with whom he shared 66 years. Ella passed away soon after Dr. Male on March 12, 2017. Dr. and Mrs. Male were residents of Kosciusko County (IN) since 1959 where they were active members of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church (IN).

After completing his degree at Grace Theological Seminary, Bill pastored Grace Brethren churches in several states. However, he spent most of his career as a professor and administrator at Grace College and Theological Seminary. Ella served at the Free Methodist Headquarters and Grace Brethren Foreign Missions (both in Winona Lake at the time) in addition to using her gift of hospitality by opening their home to hundreds of guests over the years.

Bill was a staunch supporter of Christian education, and his desire to encourage Christian school teachers and administrators led to the development of the nationally recognized Summer Institutes and master of arts programs for educators held on the Grace campus in Winona Lake as well as at the extension campus that Bill helped start in California. Bill's work with the Summer Institutes provided an opportunity for him to serve as one of the founders of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Bill was a member of the Indiana District Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers, past member of Warsaw Kiwanis Club and an honorary Phi Delta Kappa member.

Bill and Ella greatly enjoyed traveling personally and professionally to many countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. They shared a love of bird watching and their growing number of grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. Male are survived by their four daughters: **Martha** (C 76) (**Jim** (C 77)) **Hines** (Saginaw MI), **Mary** (C 78) (Dave) **Smith** (Allison IA), **Ruth** (BA 80) (Bob) **Markham** (Oregon OH) and **Becky** (BS 83) (**Jim** (BS 82)) **Colman** (Adrian MI); 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Dr. Male was one of the best encouragers I've ever met. He came to visit me at the Community Foundation in early 1996 to tell me about donor-advised funds

offered by community foundations in another state. His question was, "What can we do to make this happen here?" And he made it happen here! Dr. and Mrs. Male established the first donor-advised fund with active grantmaking to achieve their charitable passions for Christ-centered organizations and projects. However, it was the mentoring and encouragement from Dr. Male that are the gifts I will always treasure; he was always a professor and teacher who generously shared donor development stories of how to work with donors. The Lord entrusted Dr. Male with talents and blessings, and he in turn shared those talents and blessings with others, multiplying them in abundance.

- *Suzie Light, executive director of Kosciusko County Community Foundation*

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for the devotion, service and generosity of Dr. Bill Male. He was a loyal, trusted friend and counselor, willing to undertake any task assigned to him. He has encouraged us all with his pastoral style, his close walk with the Lord and his devotion to Grace and to Christian education.

- *Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace College & Seminary*



Golden Grad Reunion | 1967

The Golden Graduate Class of 1967 returned to campus for their 50-year reunion May 11-13 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 2017. The Golden Graduates are planning to continue their 50-year celebration over Homecoming 2017, Oct. 6-7, so we hope those of you who couldn't attend in May will join us then!

Class members pictured are (front row, left to right): **Ron Jones** (BDiv 67), **Elsie (Diffenderfer** BS 67) **Wiley, Eleanor Nocha (Mares** BS 67) **Myers, Luvernia (Schacht** BA 67) **Wilson, Judy Jordan** (BA 67). Back row: **Vivian (Mohler** BA 67) **Hyatt, Dr. R. Vaughn Snyder** (BS 67), **Joan (Herr** BSN 67) **Darr, Pat (Riggan** BA 67) **Currie, Rex Weirich** (BA 67), **Richard Smith** (BA 67, ThDip 70), **Chuck Cheek** (BA 67), **Barb (Kappel** BS 67) **Sasso, Bill Darr** (BS 67), **Nadine Garland** (BA 67), **Bernie Simmons** (BA 67, MDiv 74), **Wendy (Gallagher** BA 67) **Quine, Bob Hanson** (BA 67), **Sandy (Burns** BA 67) **Jeffries**.

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Grace's Prison Extension Program Ends in Celebration

Grace College & Seminary hosted a celebration for the Prison Program on April 18. Pictured, from left to right, are some of those who were honored for their service: Bill Frazier, Westfield site director; John Hendricks, regional director; Dr. John Teevan (MDiv 72, DMin 07), executive director; Phil Keller (AS 97, BS 00, MAMin 06), former student and later, faculty; Tim Van Duyne (BS 79), Miami site director; Frank Benyousky, former executive director; Denny Duncan (BS 80), former regional director; and Ken Taylor, founding director.

Grace's Prison Extension Program began as a Prison Fellowship Bible study by Ken Taylor, former Grace professor, to inmates in 1986 at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Ind. Soon afterward, it developed into an academic program of the college, offering an associate degree and a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies.

Over the past 31 years, Grace has provided educational opportunities at four Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facilities around the state, where more than 9,000 men have been equipped by and ministered to through the program. More than 1,100 men have received degrees from Grace College, and approximately 8,000 men earned a high school equivalency diploma and/or received vocational, skill-based training.

Recently, the IDOC decided to transition its educational programs to a single vendor. The School of Professional and Online Education

at Grace held a celebration in April to honor the faculty and staff who have contributed to the formation, growth and expansion of the prison ministry.

Dr. John Teevan (MDiv 72, DMin 07), who became the executive director of the program in 2006, and taught classes at three of the prison sites, says the goal of the program was three-fold: dignity — to treat the men with respect; opportunity — to provide an accredited education; and hope — to offer men the possibility of a better life, an achievement and knowing Jesus.

"Whatever the class," which might have been anything from economics to New Testament and even art in desperation, Dr. Teevan says, "I taught men. We all got to know their names and learned about them through listening, their participation in class and their papers. The image of 'prisoner' which I had as much as anyone, faded into seeing men with needs and goals."



Day to ASPIRE Surpasses Goal

On April 27, Grace College & Seminary held its fourth annual giving day — Day to ASPIRE. The 24-hour online event inspires students, alumni and families to set an example of philanthropy. Money raised during Day to ASPIRE supports the Grace Fund, which enables Grace to provide scholarships and help keep tuition affordable. The goal of the event was to raise \$50,000 (in 2016, giving totaled over \$58,000).

This year, we surpassed our goal by more than \$35,000! Gifts totaled \$85,091, including a \$25,000 match provided by an alumnus and dollars raised through Phonathon. Sharon Sallot, event coordinator and director of the Grace Fund, reported that 493 donors gave during the event and 40 of those donors were new. "Grace relies on the ongoing support of our alumni and other donors, but investment by the community at large is necessary to make Grace successful," Sallot said, citing the real goal of the day is to build community. Thank you for participating!

Lilly Center Hosts Annual Lakes Festival

For nine years, the Northern Indiana Lakes Festival has provided a free, fun and educational event for the region. Activities include educational booths organized and run by partner organizations, workshops, live animal shows and many other entertaining activities. Hosted by the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College and held at Center Lake in Warsaw, the festival promotes education and stewardship of the waterways of northern Indiana. This year the Lakes Festival was on Memorial Day weekend.

Some favorite festival activities this year included a fireworks show sponsored by Zimmer Biomet, evening concerts and bounce houses. New to the Lakes Festival this year was the Great American Lumberjack Show and Camp, presented by Silveus Insurance Group. The Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, which celebrated its 10th anniversary during the festival, conducts research,

educates residents and collaborates with local organizations in an effort to make the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County cleaner.

The Lakes Festival has steadily been growing in its educational offerings and number of attendees. Its first event in 2009 hosted 1,000 guests and this year, it boasted 4,200 attendees!

"This festival is a great way for the community to enjoy the outdoors while also learning about responsible care for our local lakes and streams," said Dr. Nate Bosch, director of the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams.

Grace recently broke ground on the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex where the Lilly Center — a feature project of the Aspire Campaign — will soon be relocated. For more information about the Aspire Campaign and the Center's new home, visit www.grace.edu/aspire.



Grace College students Seth King (center) and Christina Crain (right), who earned their Associate Degree in Nursing in 2017, practice their nursing skills with instructor Chable Johnson.

Grace College Partners on New BSN Program

Grace College will host a baccalaureate nursing program (BSN) beginning fall 2017 in partnership with Bethel College. Since 2004, Grace and Bethel have partnered in nursing education through an associate degree in nursing program (ADN) on the Grace College campus. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) has recently approved a BSN program at Grace to begin in August.

"We are thrilled to have a BSN at Grace starting next fall," stated Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace College. "The current demand for well-trained nurses as well as student interest in a baccalaureate program have led to our decision to transition from an ADN to a BSN," he continued. "Bethel College has a reputation for high-quality nursing education. We couldn't have a better partner for our new BSN program."

Dr. Deborah Gillum, dean of nursing at Bethel College, says the Institute of Medicine recently recommended that 80 percent of national registered nurses be BSN-prepared

by 2020. "We are happy to help meet the healthcare needs of Kosciusko County and beyond with the BSN program at Grace," said Gillum.

A hallmark of Bethel's BSN program is that students begin clinicals one year earlier than most nursing programs, thereby increasing students' confidence and competence with their newly acquired skills. Bethel's nursing programs boast 100 percent job placement for all graduates, in addition to 100 percent employer program satisfaction. The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) pass rate for nursing associate degree graduates from the Grace College campus was 100 percent for the last two years.

The BSN at Grace College is among several new academic programs in development at the school, joining agribusiness, chemistry and mechanical engineering. These programs are being developed and supported through the Aspire Campaign, which includes a focus on educational excellence.

Jim Custer Named Trustee Emeritus at Commencement 2017



Dr. Jim Custer (BA 60, BDiv 63, ThM 77, DDiv 91) receives his honorary title of trustee emeritus at Grace Commencement 2017.

President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and Former President Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) awarded the honorary title of trustee emeritus to Dr. James "Jim" Custer (BA 60, BDiv 63, ThM 77, DDiv 91) at Grace College & Seminary's Commencement 2017 ceremony.

Custer has not only had a significant impact on the history and direction of Grace, but he has also been among the most influential leaders of Grace's sponsoring family of churches, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Custer came to Grace College from his home in Martinsburg, W.Va., in 1956, shortly after the college became a four-year liberal arts school. He graduated in 1960 with a degree in English and went on to earn two advanced degrees in theology from Grace Theological Seminary. In recognition of his outstanding church leadership, Grace Schools conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1991.

While at Grace, Custer met and married his wife, Triceine. He excelled in many aspects of Grace College life, including its athletic, musical and evangelistic teams. After five years

of pastoral and traveling evangelistic ministries, he and Triceine settled into the Columbus, Ohio, suburb of Worthington in 1968, where he pastored the Worthington Grace Brethren Church as senior pastor for nearly 40 years. Today he continues as a teaching pastor and senior pastor emeritus. During his tenure, the Columbus church spawned dozens of church plants, established Worthington Christian Schools and expanded several times with major building programs.

Custer is well known as a Bible teacher, particularly through his radio ministry Right Start, a daily broadcast that has aired for 40 years. He has served on the Grace College & Seminary board since 2000, including several terms as chairman.

First introduced to Israel in 1969, he and Triceine have led 34 tours

to Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Greece and Rome. They find great joy in watching the Scriptures come alive for travelers. The Israel Ministry of Tourism has twice honored him with a Distinguished Service Award.

In reflecting on Custer's lifetime of service to Grace and to the Fellowship, Dr. Bill Katip said, "Jim is one of those once-in-a-lifetime, larger-than-life leaders whose impact on people and institutions is impossible to calculate. He has been an articulate teacher of the Word, a staunch defender of all things Grace Brethren and an indefatigable champion for Grace Schools. We thank Jim and Triceine for their selfless lives of service, and we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the gift of Jim Custer and his leadership that is still today bringing so many dividends to the Kingdom."



VITA Celebrates \$1 Million in Tax Refunds to Community

Grace College School of Business offered free tax preparation for its seventh time this spring through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. In January, Warsaw Mayor Joseph Thallemer and Kosciusko County community leaders gathered at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center to celebrate VITA's success in returning over \$1 million in tax refunds to its past clients.

"We have served over a thousand clients since the program began in 2011," said Al Grossnickle, associate professor of business at Grace College and director of the William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development. "It is a remarkable milestone, and we are privileged to offer this service to our community."

Since its inception, the number of clients the VITA program has served has grown by nearly 20 percent each year. VITA offers free tax preparation to elderly, disabled and lower-income individuals filing a basic tax return.

The William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development at the Grace College School of Business partners with United Way of Kosciusko

County to offer the IRS-endorsed VITA program in Kosciusko County. In 2016, over 35 volunteers, including certified public accountants (CPAs), Grace students and professors, and DePuy Synthes and Lake City Bank employees, logged more than 1,700 volunteer hours.

2017 Homecoming

CONNECTING WITH OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Friday, October 6

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 to 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 alumni.

10:30 a.m. Homecoming 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."

6 p.m. Class Reunions (1997, 1987 1977, 1967+) *+

Westminster Hall

Come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with old friends.

6 p.m. Student Leader Reunion *+

McClain Auditorium

Join us for an amazing evening of fun, food, activities and reconnecting with friends. Hear from current and former students about their leadership experiences during their time at Grace.

Saturday, October 7

7:30 a.m. President's Breakfast *+

Alpha Hall Dining Room

Come join President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), alumni and friends for breakfast.

7:45 a.m. Registration

Upper Concourse Entrance
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

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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

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade

Winona Lake Park

Join us as we take a tour through The Village of Winona Lake. The homecoming court, alumni award winners, and various student and community groups will headline this festive event.

12 p.m. Class Reunion (2007) *+

Miller Athletic Complex

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with great food and a time of fellowship with old friends.

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 men's soccer team!

2 p.m. Men's Soccer Game (versus Taylor University)

Miller Athletic Complex

6 p.m. Music Reunion *+

Winona Heritage Room

All alumni are invited to attend this celebration of music through the years.

8 p.m. Nocturnal 8 Adventure Race *+

Gordon Recreation Center

Come out for a family-friendly night expedition with 500 of the nicest people you'll ever meet! You'll explore places you've never seen in Winona Lake, as you take a three-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.

* RSVP required

+ Fee to attend

++ RSVP according to the invitation

To RSVP and find complete details, including costs, visit:

www.grace.edu/homecoming2017

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 for a tour of the thriving arts community, and plan what places you'll pop in on when you come for Homecoming.

REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Fellow alumni,
Every Homecoming is special — and this one will be too. There's nothing like reconnecting with friends and professors who had an impact on your life during your college years. It's rewarding to revisit your dorm, or wander the familiar routes you walked on campus, or stand in the place where you first held the hand of your future spouse. And it's exciting to visit the newest renovation project on campus, or try out the latest dining option. This year we're hosting a special celebration of the history of music at Grace and our ongoing efforts to celebrate music in our community through our Worship Arts program and the Festival of Music.

But this year, there's more. As you know, we publicly launched the Aspire Campaign in March. It's been a blast to visit many of you at the Regional Aspire Events, and share how we hope to bring our vision — for Grace to be an exemplary, Christ-centered educational community

characterized by innovation, affordability and real-world preparation — into reality.

As a result, there is more energy, more dreaming and more planning to be a part of than ever before. Grace College & Seminary is on the move, and we want to share in it with you. I hope you'll come join us for Homecoming this year, to experience the latest and greatest on campus, to be rejuvenated by your Grace family and to delight in the marvelous works God is doing in and through Grace.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at duncandl@grace.edu or (574) 453-8625.



A stylized handwritten signature of Dennis Duncan in black ink.

Dennis Duncan (BS 80)
Director of Alumni Engagement

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ARE YOU A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AND ALUMNUS OF GRACE COLLEGE?

Five of your fellow Grace alum — Dr. John (BA 78, MDiv 81) and Mrs. Rhonda (Lentz BS 79) Carini, Dr. Lydia Donoghue (BA 97), Dr. John and Dr. Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler, Dr. Alan (BS 85) and Mrs. Merylee (Graber BA 85) Mumaw and Dr. Adam (BS 04) and Mrs. Kathryn (Wilkerson BS 04) Walter — have collectively donated \$200,000 to the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex. They are challenging their fellow grads to match their gift. The combined \$400,000 will achieve our \$8 million goal and impact generations of students to come.

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WWW.GRACE.EDU/ASPIRE.

ASPIRE CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

RAISED TO DATE: \$28M

GOAL: \$37M

DR. DANE A. MILLER SCIENCE COMPLEX

RAISED TO DATE: \$7.8M, GOAL: \$8M