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Homecoming 2017 Photos

1. Grace alumni address a group of college students at the “What’s Next” career talk event hosted by the Center for Career Connections on Oct. 6. The panel included (from left to right) Randy Lake (BS 88), Lamarr Lark (BS 87), Ashley (Mazelin BS 13) Durand, Nick Deck (BS 04, MA 09), David Robertson (BS 03) and Kayla (Alcorn BS 11) Bailey. **2.** The Class of 1987 celebrates their 30-year class reunion. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Kevin DeGraff (BS 88), Chuck Platt (BS 87), Cindy (Wagner ASN 86) Hinkel, David Hinkel (BS 89), Daron Butler (BA 87, MDiv 91, ThM 92) and Melissa (Buriff BS 87) Butler. Pictured in the back row (left to right) are Cheryl (Lancaster BS 87) Lawlor, Mark Matthes (BS 87), Glenda (Craig BS 87) Matthes, Timothy Hamann (BS 87), Bill Glick (BS 87, MMin 08), Jenny Catlett (BS 87), Kip Shuter (C 87), Brenda (Hill BS 87) Nowak, Joe Goeglein (BS 87), Debra (Davidson BS 87) Cardy, Shirley (Neighbour BS 87) Shbeeb, Susan Eckhardt (BS 88) and Gretchen (Mason BS 87) Fenner. **3.** Pictured is freshman Blake Meyers during the Grace versus Taylor Homecoming game. The Lancers won 3-2 in front of a packed crowd at 1st Source Bank Field. **4.** Pictured (left to right) are the four newest inductees into the Lancer Hall of Fame: David Diehl (BS 72), Karen (Friend C 86) DeVries, Steve Coverstone (BS 79) and Andrea (Hostetler BA 03) Bustamante. **5.** The Class of 2007 celebrates their 10-year reunion. Pictured in the top row (left to right) are Krista (Petty BA 07) Balke, Kari (Carter BS 07) Stabler, Amy (Flogel BA 07) Polyock, Patrick Lee (BS 08), Sir Red, Matthew Baldwin (BS 07), Joshua Placeway (BA 07, MDiv 10), Betsy (Williams BS 07) Alwine and Ashlee (Reynolds BA 06) Green. Pictured in the bottom row (left to right) are Tanya (Yordy BS 07) Beuparlant, Ruth (Ziegler BS 07) Lee, Rachel (Laborde BS 07) Brandli, Sarah (Hutchens BA 07) Steele, Erin (Craig BS 07) LaRue, Tricia (Walker BS 07) Hummel and Cho-long (Kim BA 07) McGowen. **6.** Chuck Henry (BA 60, S 62), Jean (Enlow BS 63) Henry, Willa (Leidy BS 58) Henry and Ron Henry (BA 58, MDiv 62) attend the Music Reunion, which included performances by Sound Investment, an alumni brass ensemble directed by Tim Placeway (BME 77), Grace College Choir and alumni group, The No Name Quartet. **7.** Nominees for the Homecoming Court gather on the soccer field. Pictured are Marc Baldwin (Homecoming King), Madison Cowman, Blaze Bowers, Rachel Gregory (Homecoming Queen), Michael Hsu, Chloe Mann and Marcos Navarro. **8.** From left to right, Simon Stone, Sarah Wilker, Megan Stone and Kevin Stone gather for the Nocturnal 8 Adventure Race put on by Metzger Outdoors. **9.** This year’s Homecoming hosted the first ever Student Leadership Reunion.

To see more photos from Homecoming 2017, visit www.grace.edu/homecoming2017/photos.

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A Reminder to Remember

Former Grace College & Seminary president Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) remembers that beautiful fall day, a year ago last September, like it was yesterday. “It was a Friday, and my wife Barbara (C 06) wanted to go out to breakfast,” he recounts. Barbara’s illness had grown more serious in 2016, and Ron knew any improvements in her health would only be temporary. After they finished breakfast, they took a drive to a cemetery they’d been considering to choose burial plots.

After driving the grounds, Barbara identified the spot she liked best, and Ron said, “OK. Let’s do it.” She handed him the checkbook, and before the morning was over, they owned two burial plots.

It was the last major piece required to bring their will up to date. “If we had waited two more weeks, I’m not sure Barbara could have signed it,” Ron says. They began redoing their will in April 2016, and finished it in October, about two months before his beloved entered heaven.

In a way, the details of the conversations the Manahans had together over the last year of Barbara’s life feel too intimate to hear. But sharing this important final chapter of their story is exactly what Ron is spending his time doing these days. He’s attended too many funerals where people haven’t made plans, and the legacy they hoped to leave was lost.

“I’m so thankful we took that year and did the planning we needed to do,” he adds. “People spend their whole lives passionate about certain things. Why wouldn’t we take the time to write down what we want to happen to the resources God gave us to steward?”

Ron enthusiastically meets with friends, donors and alumni of Grace College & Seminary, talking with them about their wills and estate plans. “My agenda isn’t just to make sure Grace is in someone’s will,” he explains, which he says takes the pressure off the conversations.

“I want people to remember how formative college is to the rest of life.” Convicted that what Grace is offering young people truly matters, he says, “Faculty members are in students’ lives, face to face, developing relationships with them during what I consider to be one of the great human journeys ... How wonderful would it be if that faculty member who got to influence that student was also someone who cared about God?”

It mattered in Ron’s own life that he went to a Christian college, and he’s seen it influence the life trajectory of countless other students. “It’s a reminder to me that what matters is investing in places where there is a possibility for a person’s life to be changed by God forever.”

For more information on estate planning, contact Dr. Ron Manahan at 574-372-5100, ext. 6492 or ron.manahan@grace.edu.



On the front cover of this issue is a beautiful image of our ceremonial mace, a relatively new ornament and symbol we've added to our graduation ceremony. It leads our administration, faculty, staff and graduates into the ceremony, and its symbolism is grand. From our firmly rooted beliefs about the Refiner's fire that develops character (the flame), to the source of absolute truth and competence (the Bible), to our call to go and selflessly serve our world (the globe) — these are some of our most deeply held and precious beliefs. They are affixed to the Grace seal, which holds our institution's founding reference, Ephesians 2:8-9.

These beliefs stand in stark contrast to the crisis of belief in higher education. It's an understandable wariness as many institutions fail to deliver on their promises. Our society now watches as several generations of graduates are disheartened at the outlook of their futures.

It's no wonder that Christian families are tempted to lower their expectations and assume the option for a Christ-centered college experience is beyond reach. They have unilaterally been forced to make the choice between faith and financial responsibilities. And that is heartbreaking to me. The core of my passion is to innovate in higher education: that no family would ever have to choose between those important values.

At Grace, ours has been a different story. Sustainable Affordability is one of four of our strategic plan priorities. You'll see a reflection of that in the pages of this magazine. They are filled with people whose experiences at Grace were not only meaningful and orienting, but whose preparation and personal transformation have engendered strong beliefs and convictions about where they go and what they have been called to do in the future.

I know that in this issue of *Two, Eight & Nine*, you'll hear stories that will make you believe.

And what will you believe? That a Grace education is still an option to access it all: the transformation of your character, the confidence that comes with competence and the eyes to see a world in need of your heart for service. Not to mention graduating with substantially less debt.

Nearly a decade of enrollment growth tells us we're onto something. Families are believing what we're offering. As always, I am excited to share those stories with you. So turn the page, and praise God with me for what He is doing.



Bill Katip

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

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Bryce Glock (BS 16, MBA 16) earned his bachelor's and master's degree in four years. Read how his experience at Grace not only clarified his calling, but also launched him into a thriving career with a company he loves.

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Lost in Translation. Found in Transition.

Third culture kid Tenli (Andersen BA 14) Hunter came to Grace from her home in a small Mexican village to earn an affordable education that would equip her with the tools she needed to live and work in the U.S. Read how she graduated debt free and acquired the social and career skills she needed to thrive.

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Take a look (and rejoice with us!) at Grace's financial report for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Plus, meet the newest Grace Board of Trustees members, and get the latest on our Aspire Campaign efforts.






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Institutional Mission

Grace is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence and preparing for service.

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Pictured is the Grace College & Seminary ceremonial mace. The design elements represent the institution's mission of character, competence and service. The mace leads the faculty in procession during commencement, convocation and inauguration ceremonies.

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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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A CALLING

Repurposed

BY BRYAN & CHELSEA THOMPSON

For Bryce Glock (BS 16, MBA 16), attending Grace College was a natural choice. He'd grown up in the area, had many friends and mentors from the school, and won a scholarship to play soccer there. When Glock enrolled, Grace was in its second year of offering an accelerated degree program that allows students to earn a combined bachelor's and master's degree in four years. Glock's experience with this combined degree program reveals a signature Grace story — one where strong relationships and spiritual insight help form a student's understanding of his role in the world.



MAKING PLANS

Nearing the end of his senior year at Grace College and eager to propose to his then-girlfriend, Glock was highly motivated to figure out a plan for life after graduation. During his junior year, he and several other Grace students had participated in a countywide program called Kosciusko Leadership Academy, which included opportunities to tour a variety of local businesses, government groups and nonprofits for insight into how they functioned. One of those tours took place at Poly-Wood, LLC, a Syracuse, Ind., startup in 1990 that over the past 20 years had realized exceptional growth and was located just down the road from Grace.

Poly-Wood was the brainchild of two high school friends who found an innovative use for post-consumer materials — turning recycled milk jugs into exceptionally durable outdoor furniture. Their model has since inspired a number of imitators, but Poly-Wood continues to lead the industry while maintaining their homegrown values and familial culture.

This culture really impressed Glock during his tour. “From my first interaction with the company,” he remembers, “I felt welcomed and appreciated by everyone, even the president went out of his way to acknowledge me.” The following year, when Glock applied to Poly-Wood, his interview process was a further testament to the company’s openness. “They were involved all the way through, from my first initial meeting throughout the entire interview process. I felt valued from the very beginning.” For Glock, this impression quickly crystallized into a career goal. “There wasn’t even a job description I was looking to fit — it was ‘I want to be a part of this company; where can I fit in?’”



Bryce Glock (BS 16, MBA 16) stands in front of a mountain of thousands of recycled milk jugs at Poly-Wood’s facility in Syracuse, Ind. The jugs are one of the primary raw materials Glock’s company uses to build its line of outdoor furniture.



Glock takes a seat in one of Poly-Wood's pieces of outdoor furniture, made out of recyclable plastic, at its showroom in Syracuse, Ind.

This was exactly the type of employee Poly-Wood was looking for. In addition to his willing spirit and enthusiasm for the culture the owners had worked to build, Glock brought with him an impressive résumé, which included a master's degree in business completed concurrently with his undergraduate degree. In today's competitive landscape, an MBA sets candidates apart from the pack. And as an early member of Grace College's four-year bachelor's and master's program, Glock was able to get a jumpstart on life after college. After graduating from Grace on a Saturday in May 2016, Glock showed up for work the following Monday.

DOUBLING THE EDUCATION DOLLAR

One of the most obvious benefits of completing both degrees is the opportunity to make a college education more cost-effective. For Glock, this was a powerful draw toward the program. There's no getting around the inconvenient truth that private colleges tend to be more expensive than

other options. But when Glock ran the numbers, completing a master's in the four-year bachelor's time frame offered significant value compared to a state or technical school. "The ability to graduate with both my undergrad and master's in four years — which would have been a six-year journey in a more traditional setting — ended up coming out more to my advantage."

The financial aspect, he adds, is only one part of the equation. "The tight-knit community, the one-on-one attention from the faculty, the freedom to incorporate Jesus and the Bible into everything, those are all things that play into the value of choosing Grace."

Even with the heavier course load that attends this combined degree program, the online class model gave Glock a level of scheduling flexibility that other undergraduate students didn't have. "The professors were there when I needed them, but I enjoyed working at my own pace. It opened up a lot of time for me during the day, as compared to being tied to a class schedule."

Glock says that what really anchored his success was his clear set of goals for finishing his education early. While for some students, attending college is more of a vocational exploration, Glock seized the plan to complete a bachelor's and master's together as a rare opportunity to focus and achieve at an accelerated pace.

"I really don't mind being in control of my learning process, to dig in and find answers to my own questions. The program is designed so that you get out of it what you put into it."

AN UNEXPECTED CALLING

Along with the financial and timespan advantages, choosing this option gave Glock a new way of thinking about his calling.

Glock initially entered college with his sights set on church leadership. However, his Bible professors and business professors alike encouraged him to explore his gifts and interests further, to take business classes alongside the Bible classes and see where his skills could best be applied. Following their advice led Glock to a revelation:

"I was of the mindset that working in a church had more value to God, that it was a higher calling. But a lot of those relationships at Grace — with other students as well as key professors — helped me understand that

every major, every profession has value in the same way. We all serve different roles, but we ultimately all have the same mission."

Allowing God to define his path opened a whole new avenue of opportunities for him. One opportunity was hatched with the help of Dr. Jeff Fawcett, dean of the business school. Glock and another classmate, Mike Shank (BA 16), worked with Dr. Fawcett to create Oikonomia (Greek for "stewardship"), a fellowship group within the business school.

"The goal was to help everybody know that God has a role for all of us, and we all have a very important role to play in this life."

The concept became so popular that it soon outgrew the business school and became a gathering place where Grace students in every department came to learn, discuss and encourage each other in the grand scheme of what God is doing around the world.

"God doesn't want everybody to be a pastor," Glock laughs. "That wouldn't work out so great for society. Once I got out of that limited thinking, it really opened my eyes to evaluate my skills and abilities."

Since joining Poly-Wood, Glock's affinity for business has only become more apparent. In just over a year, he has been tasked with a series of more creative leadership roles, from structuring the company's direct-to-business sales team to spearheading the company's commercial/contract sales. His enthusiasm for the company is matched by a pragmatic humility about his rapid growth within it. He says simply, "I have a very important role to serve here, and Grace reinforced that." And for Grace students currently exploring where their calling might be, Glock offers a lesson that goes far beyond the classroom: "Be open — what God wants for you might not be what you expect." ■

A photograph of four people, three women and one man, standing in front of a brick building with large white columns. The woman on the far left is wearing a pink top and pants, a large necklace, and has her hands on her hips. The woman next to her is wearing a blue top and dark pants, also with her hands on her hips. The woman in the middle is wearing a pink shirt and black pants, with her arms crossed. The man on the far right is wearing a light blue shirt, a white tie, and light-colored pants, sitting on a stool. A large pink semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title text.

THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR STUDENTS' DEEPEST CONCERN

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Pictured (from left to right) are Grace College Admissions Team members Rachel (Elsner BS 16) Miller, senior admissions counselor; Sara Sharik, senior admissions counselor; Alessa (Smith BS 15) Tracy, assistant director of admissions; and Dr. Mark Pohl (BS 04, MMin 07), dean of admissions.



The admissions team at Grace is its frontline. They carry, communicate and promote the value of a Grace education day in and day out. They talk to hundreds of prospective students and parents over the course of a semester and hear firsthand what their needs are.

The first concern most families express? Affordability.

Two, Eight & Nine sat down with some members of Grace College's admissions team to consider the dilemma most higher education institutions are facing: how to offer a valuable education for less.

Meet Dr. Mark Pohl (BS 04, MMin 07), dean of admissions; Alessa (Smith BS 15) Tracy, assistant director of admissions, Sara Sharik, senior admissions counselor; and Rachel (Elsner BS 16) Miller, senior admissions counselor.

Admissions Team members (left to right) Sara Sharik, Rachel Miller, Alessa Tracy and Dr. Mark Pohl gather outside of Westminster Hall.

2|8|9: What do prospective students and their parents care about most?

Alessa: Almost every family I meet with is concerned with affordability. It's impossible not to talk about it. What's great about Grace is that its affordability measures actually characterize Grace. It's at the top of our talking points not just because families care but because it's at the heart of Grace's desire for our students and why sustainable affordability is part of our strategic plan.

Mark: We host Lancer Days at Grace regularly. Large groups of prospective students visit campus, and we get them acquainted with who we are. I always begin by saying: "Grace is doing big things to address your biggest frustration in higher education ... which is? And they always spontaneously respond, "Cost!"

2|8|9: What is Grace doing to address families' biggest frustration?

Mark: When we launched what we call the Measure of Grace initiative in 2011, it was game changing. Students can earn any undergraduate degree in three years; their tuition is never higher than their first year; they get free textbook rentals; and we even offer a way for students to earn their bachelor's degree and master's degree in four years.

2|8|9: Aren't other colleges offering an accelerated degree option?

Mark: Surprisingly, not very many. Some offer a variation of it. It might be available for a handful of majors. Often those that do offer an accelerated option force students to cram in a lot of credits and sacrifice student life. Or, the degree doesn't actually cost the student less — they can just earn it faster.

Sara: Right. Our three-year degree program costs the students about 25 percent less than it would if they earned that same degree in four years. The credits they earn in the summer through online classes are tuition free. Add to that the extra year of earnings that comes from getting into the job market a year earlier — it's hard to beat. Over and above that, students can earn their bachelor's degree *and* master's degree in four years for the cost of a bachelor's degree alone.

Alessa: Grace is definitely the best at most effectively delivering the accelerated degree options. We've found the balance between an effective and expedited education. We don't sacrifice the quality, and we don't sacrifice the student experience.

Rachel: Case in point: Students who graduate in three years still earn all of the applied learning credits — practical, on-the-job experiences — as they would in the four-year program. Grace partners with over 250 businesses all over the region to provide our students with hands-on, practical experience. Nothing gets shortchanged on the accelerated track.

2|8|9: What surprises our families most about Grace's efforts in affordability?

Rachel: One of my favorite parts of sharing about Grace's affordability efforts is when I tell students and their parents they don't have to buy books. We provide free textbook rentals to all undergraduate students. The look on their faces. It's disbelief.

And when we tell parents that their students don't need a certain number of dual credits to be eligible for the three-year degree program, they are so grateful.

And then when we tell them that their students can use their undergraduate

financial aid if they want to earn their bachelor's degree and master's degree in four years — they say, "How can that be? That's too good to be true!"

This is why I love my job. I get to say, "It is true." And suddenly a Christ-centered, excellent education becomes a reality for that family.

2|8|9: Why do students end up choosing Grace?

Alessa: I think it's this brilliant combo of quality and affordability.

Sara: When students come and visit Grace, they get to meet with professors who exude such a care for them right from the start. Students can imagine themselves learning under this person who is excited about their field of study and will remember their names.

Rachel: Prospective students love visiting chapel too. They rave about it. They see the whole campus there and engaged. They feel the power of a community of believers coming together to worship God.

Alessa: Our faith is the lens through which we see, understand and respond to the world. It's our purposeful lens at Grace. Everything we do is subject to it. That is holy. Students know that if they choose Grace, their spiritual roots will deepen, their heart for the world will enlarge and they will be equipped to go and follow God.

Rachel: Not only do students get this Christ-centered, excellent education, but we work with each student individually as he/she works through the process of financial aid and scholarships. We help them navigate the entire process.

Mark: One of our favorite tools to utilize with families as they are figuring out their most affordable college option is the

Affordability Calculator on our website. It provides students a cost comparison among their choices. Guess what? Grace is almost always the most affordable.

2|8|9: Many of you are Grace graduates. Did Grace make good on its promise of quality plus affordability?

Sara: I'm the only person on the admissions team that isn't a Grace graduate, but I grew up in Warsaw, and my dad worked at Grace for nine years. After I graduated from another college, my brother was starting at Grace as a freshman. One of the reasons I wanted to be an admissions counselor at Grace was because of its affordability proposition. What I can say is true about Grace's affordability, I couldn't say about my own alma mater. And I am proud that my younger sister started as a freshman at Grace this fall too!

Alessa: My older sister went to a state university and my parents were expecting me to follow in her footsteps. When I wanted to go to a faith-based, out-of-state school, they were supportive but hesitant to let me get too excited because they didn't think we could afford it. I fell in love with Grace when I visited the campus, and after my parents heard about the three-year program and how I would save an entire year of tuition and room and board, they were sold.

And I *did* graduate in three years. My dad still goes on and on about the beauty of our accelerated program. I get to tell my own story to students: "This three-year degree program is not a ploy to get you to sign on the dotted line. I did it. It works." And if I could do it all again, I'd make the same decision to attend Grace. I'm a different person than I was five years ago. Grace changed my life. It helped me put a stake in the ground about who I wanted to live my life for. ■

Give Any Way You Can



Luke Leiter

MAJOR: Psychology **CLASS:** 2018

Luke is a third-year student at Grace who is excited about the school and community. "I love the Grace community. It is a safe environment to be yourself and express your faith. Where else can you see fellow students stopping on a sidewalk to pray for each other?"

As a student, Luke has donated to Grace. According to Luke, "Even as a student (and as an alum) you can give with your talents, financial gifts, strengths and prayers. I think giving to Grace is not about how it affects you; giving should be a selfless act."

"I wouldn't have been able to attend Grace without receiving scholarships. A Grace degree is valuable. I've learned that even a \$20 gift means a lot. It's all about giving to support future students."

You can support students like Luke and future students at Grace by giving to the Grace Fund.

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lost in
TRANSLATION
found in
TRANSITION

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Tenli (Andersen BA 14) Hunter grew up in a small village in Mexico where her parents were missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She picked up Spanish slowly, but the cultural norms of Mexico began to take root and shape her worldview. “In Mexico, your identity and value are in your pack — your community — not as an individual,” Hunter says.



Hunter's watercolor painting, "Christ Condemned by Sanhedrin," was displayed in January and February 2017 at Community Bible Church, Marietta, Pa., as a part of a collaborative show of the Scriptural Stations of the Cross.

Anticipating that college would be a significant and formative time where her relationships would play an even larger role in shaping her future, Hunter knew the transition to college (and the right college) would be as profound as her transition to the United States. While she suspected there might be some culture shock, she also had a very astute plan: "I thought it would be wiser to go to a Christian college, where I wouldn't have to navigate the extra layer of secularism."

Since she knew her uncle, Dr. Jared Burkholder, professor of history, worked at Grace, she went for a visit. She also explored several other private colleges,



but it ultimately came down to finances for Hunter. At Grace, she won one of the presidential scholarships, was awarded a small amount because her parents were in ministry and also joined the Millennial Scholar Academy. Plus, she says, "I knew I could enroll in the accelerated degree program. Saving 25 percent of the cost of my schooling was a huge motivation," points out Hunter.

Hunter enrolled and began classes in January 2010. She knew she loved to work with her hands. In Mexico, she used her free time to crochet, draw and create clay sculptures. "Although I loved the arts, I didn't have many art classes in high school and didn't have any benchmark for knowing if I had any talent in it." But when she discovered that Grace offered an illustration major, she thought it could be the right fit, and it was.

She excelled in her classes and managed to navigate the accelerated course cycles without difficulty. Hunter added a minor in business administration, and it gave her the valuable skills she would need to secure a job after graduation. Her first business principles class "whipped me into shape," laughs Hunter. "It's like boot camp. I learned what it took to succeed in the American

business culture. We had to dress up for class, be there early, and we were graded on how we performed in our group work.” The experience gave her a confidence that she readily carried into post-graduation interviews. “I knew what would be expected of me, and I learned how to go above and beyond.”

But on the social front, Hunter felt like she was failing at Grace. “I had several

close girlfriends, but not one group I was associated with,” she recalls. She had a friend from her art class and one from her hall, and one she’d met at an extracurricular event, but from her cultural perspective, she didn’t have the kind of friendship circle that in Mexico indicated a sense of belonging. “I had to come to learn that in the U.S., that was OK. Having individual relationships are meaningful, even if we aren’t operating as a group.”

“Christ Before Pilate,” another one of Hunter’s watercolor paintings, was also on display in January and February 2017 at Community Bible Church, Marietta, Pa., as a part of a collaborative show of the Scriptural Stations of the Cross.



Although Hunter felt insecure and socially afloat at first, Grace provided her with a safe environment to learn and grow. “Grace is a very affirming place, especially the professors,” she says. As Hunter earned good grades and began to grow socially, she gained more self-assurance. “I entered college believing I was a nobody and didn’t know what I wanted. Coming out of Grace, I had what I needed to survive. I had developed friendships I knew would last, friends who loved me and whom I loved too.”

Grace turned out to be just what Hunter needed to transition to American culture and equip herself with the academic and social tools needed to be successful. “That was the best thing that happened during my time at Grace. My experience gave me what I needed to make it in the U.S. as a friend and employee.”

After Hunter graduated, she interviewed for and was offered a job with Christiane David Gallery in Lancaster, Pa., where she managed the gallery’s marketing. Wanting to increase her job experience, she also took a part-time job as the graphic designer at her church, Community Bible Church (Marietta, Pa.).

Hunter’s immediate offers and subsequent job experiences are proof that her Grace education was invaluable. “This is the field I was trained for. I got all the tools I needed at Grace for a lot less and a lot quicker than I could have at other institutions.”

This year, Hunter opened a gallery at the church she works for and has created several of the art pieces for various exhibitions. She’s also put together a curriculum that she teaches about art and faith.

“My years at Grace were the perfect time for me. It was a safe place for me to adjust to the culture, emotionally transition and build my confidence before heading out into the world.” ■



Incoming freshmen (from left to right) Jacob Mishne, Megan Cardin, Lukas Rife, Chris Morehead, Kayla Anderson and Tim Rata dangle their feet in Winona Lake.

More Students Choose Accelerated and Blended Degrees

Grace College & Seminary welcomed 1,278 undergraduate students to its Winona Lake campus this fall – the second-largest undergraduate enrollment in Grace history. A growing number of students are choosing to pursue accelerated and blended degrees.

Since 2011, Grace College has offered a three-year bachelor's degree in all of its 70-plus majors. This year, nearly one-third of Grace undergraduates are on track to earn an accelerated bachelor's degree. In addition, a record number of students are taking advantage of the Blended Program – earning a bachelor's and master's degree in four years.

Nontraditional students, including online, graduate and seminary students, number 877 for the 2017-18 academic year. Grace continues to offer Jump Start and dual credit for high school students as well as a bachelor degree completion program, GOAL (Grace Opportunities for Adult Learners), both online and on campus.

Grace's online master's degree programs include nonprofit management, athletic administration, clinical mental health counseling, ministry studies, business administration, higher education, intercultural studies, local church ministry and divinity. Online graduate enrollment is up more than 13 percent this year.

"We are very pleased to again have a strong entering class of more than 400 students," said Cindy (Scott BA 77) Sisson, vice president of enrollment management and marketing. "We've made this benchmark for six years in a row now," she said. "It's encouraging to see an increasing number of students choose accelerated and blended degrees. It seems clear that our efforts in innovation and affordability are paying off."



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Grace Launches New Orthopaedic Graduate Program

Grace and OrthoWorx are pleased to announce a new, updated curriculum for the Master of Science in Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs (ORCA) program. The updated graduate program will be offered in an accelerated four-semester format beginning January 2018 at Grace's Winona Lake campus.

After six years of successful operation and more than 100 graduates of ORCA, it was time to revise the program, explained Dr. Steve Grill (BA 70), dean of community education. "As regulations in the orthopaedic industry constantly change, ORCA must change with them," he said. "We know that orthopaedic companies depend on ORCA graduates receiving the highest-quality, relevant education in the industry. We're committed to living up to that reputation for the long haul."

ORCA is the only master's degree program of its type in the country. What makes it particularly unique and valuable to orthopaedic companies is Grace's partnership with industry catalyst OrthoWorx. Brad Bishop, executive director of OrthoWorx, was an integral adviser in developing ORCA's new curriculum.

"The original ORCA program addressed a critical industry need to meet rapid changes in the regulatory environment and increases in the demand for clinical outcomes data," Bishop said. "Those factors are still in place, so it was important that we pair industry experts with Grace College to keep ORCA responsive to the talent needs of our members."

Paul Voorhorst, vice president of clinical research at DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction, served on the ORCA industry advisory group. "I am pleased with the new format of the ORCA program which follows the regulatory and clinical touch-points throughout the product lifecycle," he said. "I think people who come out of the program will be well-suited for a role in regulatory or clinical affairs."

Voorhorst went on to say that the program also offers an excellent development opportunity for individuals already in the industry. "The global regulatory and health care environments are evolving rapidly, creating a greater demand for these skill sets, and the ORCA program is targeted at developing that talent," he said.

For more information, visit www.grace.edu/orca.

Grace Partners with Our Daily Bread Ministries

This fall, Grace College & Seminary launched a new degree offering in coordination with Christian University GlobalNet (CUGN) from Our Daily Bread Ministries: The Associate of Science in Ministry Leadership is a one-of-a-kind program that blends relevant CUGN certificate courses with applied learning through Grace College.

All course content is available online and requires no traditional textbooks or classroom time. Students will enjoy meaningful interaction with Grace College faculty online through tailored projects, papers and presentations. In as little as two years, students can earn an accredited associate degree from Grace College, ready to embark on or redirect their professional ministry.

"We are thrilled to offer this practical and accessible associate degree program in partnership with Christian University GlobalNet," said Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "We know that students are looking for this – that is why we developed the program. Young people who are considering a career in ministry, people of all ages currently serving who desire more education to propel their ministry, and many others, will find this program extremely useful and beneficial for their future," he said.

Fourteen distinct Grace College courses totaling 60 credit hours comprise the Associate of Science in Ministry Leadership. Courses include Christian Leadership Development, Introduction to Old and New Testaments, Foundations of Theology, Church History, Ministry and Management, and more. All courses are offered at an affordable cost; the degree can be earned for as little as \$7,500. Financial aid is also available.

Rick DeHaan, president of Our Daily Bread Ministries, looks forward to the lives changed and ministry impacted through the new partnership with Grace College. "This degree program will serve well both church and lay leaders who wish to further their education. We greatly value the vision Grace College has shown in creatively developing a program that many students want and who will now find affordable and accessible," he said.

For more information, visit www.grace.edu/odb, call 888-249-0533 or email online@grace.edu.



Briscoe Named Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year

In June, Grace's Chad Briscoe was recognized for his outstanding work when he was announced as the Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year. Briscoe, who also won the award in 2010, served Grace, the Crossroads League and the NAIA on a number of levels during the 2016-17 year.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award. I greatly appreciate and enjoy the friendships among the ADs in the Crossroads League," Briscoe said. "I share this honor with the administration from Grace College and the incredible group of professionals that I get to work with every day."

Briscoe served as the chair of the league's athletic directors and fulfilled part of the league commissioner responsibilities while the national search for a new commissioner commenced.

"Chad has been incredibly helpful to me personally during my transition to this new role, and I'm happy that he is being honored with this award," said Crossroads League Commissioner Larry DeSimpelare. "Chad is extremely well-respected among his peers, and he has served Grace and the Crossroads League very well over the years."

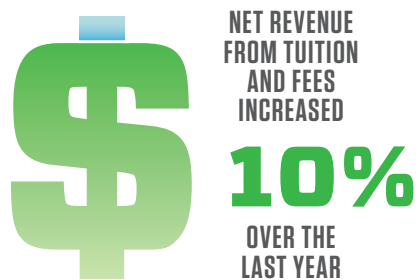
At the NAIA level, Briscoe has helped begin several "Champions of Character" initiatives, starting various sportsmanship summits for the league and local high school conferences. He currently is the league's representative on the NAIA National Administrative Council and is the vice chair for the Championship Committee on the NAIA-NAC.

Under Briscoe's leadership, Grace was approved as host of the NCCAA Division I Men's and Women's National Basketball Championships until 2020. He was also elected second vice president of the NCCAA this summer and was honored with the NCCAA Meritorious Service Award.

"Chad leads our athletic department in an exemplary fashion. His passion and dedication for Christian excellence is contagious, and our teams, coaches and student-athletes benefit every day from his leadership," said Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "We are blessed to have Chad lead our athletic department at Grace College, and this honor is very deserving for the type of servant leader that Chad is."



\$58,944,889 TOTAL REVENUE



12%

OVER THE LAST FISCAL YEAR FROM
\$37,264,377 TO
\$41,804,885

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Recent Grace Board of Trustees Election

The Grace Board of Trustees exists to define the mission, and to influence, support and nurture the development and accomplishment of the institution's vision by the administration, faculty and staff. In September, the corporation members of Grace College & Seminary voted for trustees to serve on the Grace Board for a three-year term (2017–20), and six members (either new or incumbent) were elected. In addition, two new members, Mr. Randy Lake and Dr. Gregory Howell, were appointed to fill unexpired terms this year. Lake joined the board in the spring. Mr. James Grady and Howell joined the Grace Board for the first time this fall.



Mr. James Grady recently retired as the owner and president of Grady Farms Dairy, Inc. The large farm, located in Waterloo, Iowa, was established by his great-grandfather in 1875 and produced hay, corn and soybeans and raised a variety of livestock. Grady and his wife, Jeanette, are parents of two children (both graduates of Grace College) and attend Grace Fellowship Church (Waterloo, Iowa), where Grady serves on the elder board. He also serves on the board of Friendship Village, a retirement facility.



Dr. Gregory Howell is the senior pastor at Community Grace Brethren Church in Goldendale, Wash. He has served in that role for the last 36 years and was named FGBC Pastor of the Year in 2009. He is a three-time graduate of Grace Schools (BA 76, MDiv, 79, DMin 07). Howell serves on multiple boards and committees, including the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers Board, the FGBC Fellowship Council and the Ezra Bible Institute. He also is an instructor for Grace Bible Institute of Sierra Leone, West Africa. Howell and his wife, Colleen, are parents to nine children (five are graduates of Grace College) and grandparents to 15 grandchildren.



Mr. Randy Lake is chief executive officer of Oldcastle Materials, Inc. Headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., it is the largest vertically integrated construction materials company in North America. He and his wife, Kelly (Murray BS 88), are the parents of seven children and attend Lebanon Baptist Church in Roswell, Ga. Lake earned his MBA from Marymount University and is a graduate of Grace College (BS 88). He serves on the board of directors for Camp Conquest and Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Region.

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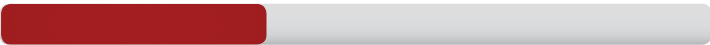
GOAL : \$11M RAISED TO DATE : \$9.06M

Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex



RAISED TO DATE: \$7.94M GOAL: \$8M

Academic Programs



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.12M GOAL: \$3M



CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

Culture of Innovation

GOAL : \$6M RAISED TO DATE : \$6.86M

Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams



RAISED TO DATE: \$6.05M GOAL: \$5M

Deploy Seminary Program



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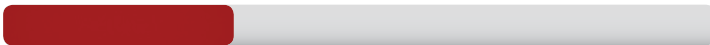


CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

Connected Community

GOAL : \$10M RAISED TO DATE : \$5.18M

Third Spaces



RAISED TO DATE: \$2.27M GOAL: \$7M

Athletic Facilities



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.58M GOAL: \$1.5M

Student Programs



RAISED TO DATE: \$1.33M GOAL: \$1.5M



CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

Sustainable Affordability

GOAL : \$10M RAISED TO DATE : \$9.07M*

Grace Fund



RAISED TO DATE: \$3.40M GOAL: \$5M

McClain Heritage Society and Endowment Support



RAISED TO DATE: \$4.13M GOAL: \$5M

*Total includes \$1.54M of undesignated campaign gifts.



Grace College to Host the NCCAA Track and Field Championships Through 2019

In July, the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) announced an agreement with Grace College to host the Track and Field National Championships in 2018 and 2019. The championships will be held on Grace College's campus at the sparkling new Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex.

Grace is experienced at hosting NCCAA National Championships, having served as host for the Division I women's basketball tournament since 2009 and the men's basketball tournament since 2012.

"The NCCAA is so thankful to Grace College, [Grace President] Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and [Grace Athletic Director] Chad Briscoe for their willingness to

host the 2018 and 2019 NCCAA Track and Field National Championships," said NCCAA Executive Director Dan Wood. "Grace has significant experience and a passion for hosting NCCAA events and will elevate this event for all participants and spectators."

Each year in May, these championships will feature student-athletes from across the country competing in 22 events. Men's and women's events will be held over a two-day period. Student-athletes and coaches will also have the opportunity to serve the local community through a Christian Service Project (CSP).

"This is a great day for our athletic department, campus and community,"

Briscoe said. "We are humbled to be selected by the NCCAA to host the track and field championships for 2018 and 2019. We will work diligently with Coach Jeff Raymond to create a national championship atmosphere that generates great memories for the participants, fans and our community."

Raymond, who has been Grace's track and field head coach since 2010, added: "As someone who participated in the NCCAA Track and Field National Championships more than 30 years ago and has coached at the meet for several years, it is truly an honor to play a part in hosting this great event. We are committed to making this championship a great experience for student-athletes, coaches and fans."

NAIA Honors Grace for Academic Aptitude

For the first time in Grace College history, every Lancer team received recognition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for academic success.

Every varsity team on campus was named to the prestigious NAIA Scholar-Teams' list. Grace had the 12th-most Scholar-Teams for the 2016-17 academic year, breaking the school's record set a year ago. To be included on the list, an athletic program must record a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Eleven of the athletic programs finished in the top 25 for their specific sports, and seven concluded the academic year in the top three in the Crossroads League per sport. As a whole, the Grace College athletic department ended the year with a 3.35 GPA.

The Lady Lancers' volleyball squad led the way inside the classroom, finishing the year with a GPA of 3.75. Out of every NAIA varsity team, coach Katie Van Hofwegen's squad had the 19th-best GPA nationally and fourth highest in the sport.

Coach Jim Kessler's (BS 70) men's basketball team beat every other school

in the Crossroads League. The 3.49 GPA-wielding team climbed 12 spots from a year ago to finish third overall in their sport and claim the conference academic championship.

Three additional programs clipped the 3.50 GPA mark. Under coach Jeff Raymond's guidance, women's indoor (3.53 GPA) and outdoor (3.56 GPA) track and field had a successful academic campaign. Women's soccer, coached by Michael Voss, earned a 3.54 GPA. Those three teams finished in the top 25 of their sport and second in the Crossroads League.

"The academic excellence that our athletic programs achieve can be credited to the commitment and dedication of our coaches and student-athletes," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "Our programs strive for Christian excellence in all areas, which includes both the academic and athletic realms. The Scholar-Team distinction for our programs is a tremendous reflection on Grace College. Our faculty play an integral role in the academic and spiritual growth of our student-athletes, and we are incredibly thankful for their work."



Grace's volleyball team, (from left to right) junior Marta Bleed, senior Sierra Smith, senior Sara Miller and junior Kelsee Zuidema, huddles together after a great play.



Grace's Website Named Best in the NAIA

Grace's Athletic Department took home eight awards at the annual NAIA-SIDA Convention in June. The Lancers' website (www.gclancers.com) highlighted Grace's award haul when it was named the No. 1 site in the nation. The site, powered by SIDEARM Sports, was redesigned in February. Four months later it was voted as the NAIA's best site.

"Our goal in the new site was to showcase the unique aspects of Grace College and to present a unique, memorable viewing experience compared to anyone else in the collegiate athletic landscape," said Assistant AD/SID Josh Neuhart (BS 11), who oversees Grace's athletic communication and website content.

"Chad Briscoe (Grace athletic director) and Kelly Sharp (Grace Athletics Office manager) were instrumental in this design process," Neuhart said, "and we had great feedback from several focus groups to help us meet our objectives during the redesign. The website provides a great platform for us to share the stories of our incredible student-athletes and coaches."

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NOTES

CLASS NOTES

1971

Dr. Karl Kloppmann (MDiv 71) announced his retirement from 46 years of pastoral ministry on Aug. 1, 2017. During his pastoral ministry, he was the shepherd of four churches. His last church was New Beginnings Bible Church (Overland MO), formerly Brentwood Bible Church (Brentwood MO), which he led in a relocation and building program. During this time, he also was an adjunct professor at Brookes Bible College (St. Louis MO). He is very grateful for the excellent training that he received at Grace Seminary, which equipped him for an enduring and fruitful ministry. Dr. Kloppmann resides in Ballwin MO.

1976

Dr. James A. Borland (ThD 76) retired in June 2017 after 40 years of teaching at Liberty University and was bestowed the honor of professor emeritus of New Testament and theology. Dr. Borland joined the Liberty faculty in 1977 where he taught in both the undergraduate and graduate divinity programs. He earned his bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) from Los Angeles Baptist College in 1966, Master of Divinity (magna cum laude) from Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary in 1969, Master of Theology (summa cum laude) from Talbot Theological Seminary in 1971 and Doctor of Theology from Grace

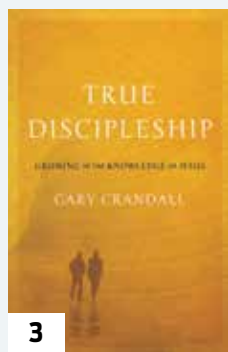
Theological Seminary in 1976. While completing his doctorate, Dr. Borland also studied at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem from 1972 to 1973 and has since led a number of trips to the Holy Land. He has taught in Costa Rica, India and Trinidad/Tobago and travelled to 20 other countries. In 1989, Dr. Borland served as president of the Evangelical Theological Society, followed by 17 years as its secretary-treasurer and 23 years on the executive committee. He has written six books, seven commentaries and over 100 articles and reviews. He is currently serving his second elected, four-year term as Spring Hill District Supervisor in Campbell County, representing over 8,000 constituents. He also serves on the board of Horizon Behavioral Health. Dr. Borland and wife Linda have eight children and 26 grandchildren. In his retirement, Dr. Borland plans to continue his teaching duties at Thomas Road Baptist Church, mentor young scholars and men in the ministry, travel and write. JABorland@aol.com

1977

Dr. Karen (Thomas BA 77, MACSA 87) Olsen retired from Christian education as a curriculum writer and director at Troy Christian Schools in Troy, Ohio, in 2012. Presently, she maintains a blog and is re-writing her dissertation in order to publish a more engaging form of it as a book to encourage Christians. Her doctoral project is entitled "A Taxonomic Theology of Suffering



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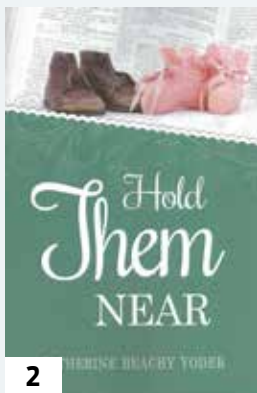
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and Joy Designed to Assist in Christian Growth." It is available through TREN.com (Theological Research Exchange Network). Karen earned her Doctor of Religious Studies from Trinity Theological Seminary (Evansville IN) in August 2016. Karen would love to hear from anyone interested in the further development of a theology of suffering and joy. JourneyNorthCharacter.wordpress.com kltolsen@gmail.com

1984

Dr. Kim Parcher (MDiv 84) received his MBA in 2007 and his PhD in global leadership in 2014, both from Indiana Institute of Technology. Kim and wife **Denise** (**Hammond** C 83) reside in Asbury IA where Kim has served as chair of the Business Administration Department at Emmaus Bible College (Dubuque IA) since July 2015. ksparcher@yahoo.com

02 Catherine (**Beachy** BS 84) **Yoder** recently published "Hold Them Near," the story of her grandmother, Sara Beachy. As an Amish mother of five, Sara's world turned upside down when two children died in January of 1946. The years of poverty, illness and a recurring mysterious genetic ailment that followed severely tested her faith. Sara's victory is an encouragement to all who struggle. The book, published by Christian Aid Ministries, is available on Amazon or directly from the publisher. bookworm@bnin.net

1986

03 Reverend Gary Crandall (MDiv 86) has written a book, "True Discipleship: Growing in the Knowledge of Jesus," that will be available through www.christian-book.com in February 2018.

2000

Stephen Hoffert (BS 00) began employment with Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics (WWL) (Chattanooga TN) as a vehicle processor/distribution driver in June 2017. hoffersj@hotmail.com

2004

04 Dr. Mark (BS 04, MAMin 07) and **Vanessa** (**Sizemore** BS 13, MACMHC 15) **Pohl**: Eva Eliza Rose, July 25, 2017. Eva joins her bother and sister, Roman (2) and Nora (2) at their home in Winona Lake IN. pohlma@grace.edu

2007

05 Eric (BA 07) and **Deborah** (**Burkett** BME 10) **Bradley**: Married June 3, 2017. Their family includes Neil (7), son of Eric and the late **Melanie** (**Ticen** BA 09) **Bradley**. The Bradleys call New Paris IN home. burketda@gmail.com

2010

Marcellyn "Liz" Baker (BS 10) has been teaching math at Southside Christian School (Simpsonville SC) since August

2017 and calls Greenville SC her home. liz.baker0324@gmail.com

06 Grace College & Seminary board member, **Letitia Williams** (MMin 10), graduated cum laude from Grace Theological Seminary, has a Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Wayne State University. Letitia received her professional credentials through the State of Michigan police academy and State of Michigan fire academy. She is a 20-year veteran of law enforcement, having served 15 years as police chief and director of public safety of the largest most comprehensive private institution in Michigan. Letitia is the founder of Self Discovery Solutions, which provides career and life coaching services and facilitates coaching and choice empowerment workshops. In addition to serving on Grace's board, she serves as board member of CE National SUM's board of advisors, board member at-large with Michigan Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators, member of Detroit Police Chief's Advisor Board and board member of Wayne State University Alumni Association. Letitia was recognized with a Commendation for Professional Excellence from the Pontiac Police Department and a Human Service Award for Professional Service for

her contributions to a Welfare-to-Work Program in MI. She was also inducted into the International Who's Who Historical Society for Professional Management. Some of Letitia's volunteer experience includes church initiatives aiding children in foster care and children of incarcerated parents. She supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and has mentored minority at-risk college students and students preparing for their college-to-career transition. Letitia recently published her first book, "Fruit in the Garden Clubhouse." It is a story about a young girl, Madison, who discovers that grapes have mysteriously grown in her backyard. This enchanting discovery of fruit changes the lives of two families and empowers a community with the knowledge to live forever. lwilliams420@outlook.com

2011

07 Andrew (C 11) and **Lydia** (**Scoles** BA 11) **Simms**: Moira Wendi, Oct. 6, 2016. The Simms family resides in Marysville OH. lydiamarie88@gmail.com

2012

08 Joe and **Bethany** (**Klein** BS 12) **Pasztor**: Married June 3, 2017. Bethany has worked in human resources at Ambassador Enterprises (Fort Wayne IN) since February 2015. The couple resides in Kendallville IN. bethkuipo@gmail.com

Ron Henry Holds Announcing Record



Ron Henry (BA 58, MDiv 62), former Grace history professor and dean of admissions, holds the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA) record for most years being a P.A. announcer at 61 years. He began his 62nd year this fall when he announced the opening football game for Warsaw Community High School.

Henry began announcing in 1956 and has covered basketball, football, men's soccer, baseball and women's volleyball. He was a junior at Grace College when he was asked to run the P.A. system for the men's basketball program. Henry agreed and spent 40 years in the job before he retired. During his last 14 years announcing at Grace, he was also announcing for Warsaw Community High

School's football and boys' basketball teams. Henry continues to announce for these teams and, in the last ten years, also began announcing for both the girls' basketball and boys' baseball teams at Warsaw Community High School.

Henry's highlight from his college announcing years was being Grace's public address announcer when the men's basketball team won the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship in 1992.

Henry plans to continue announcing for the foreseeable future. "I have a granddaughter who is a freshman in high school who plays basketball," Henry says. "I'm looking forward to announcing her name in the near future."

2014

09 Caleb (AA 14, BS 16) and **Grace** (Beight BA 16) **Thompson**: Married May 21, 2016. The couple welcomed Joel Matthew into their home on March 7, 2017. grace.carolynn94@gmail.com

2015

10 Benjamin (BA 15) and Hannah **Hutton**: Married March 5, 2017. The couple now calls Maineville OH home. bnhutton@gmail.com

2016

11 Cody (BA 16) and **Alexandra** (Sanford BA 16) **Koontz**: Married April 8, 2017. The couple has settled in Parker CO where Alexandra started medical school at Rocky Vista University in July 2017. sanfordalexandra@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Wayne Seelye Flory (BDiv 51) passed away on July 8, 2017. He resided in Lakewood CA at the time of his passing. Dr. Flory was ordained to Christian ministry in 1951 and then served as a chaplain (First Lieutenant) in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He was a tenured professor

at Biola University, where he taught full time from 1972 to 2004. He also served as vice president of Brethren Schools (Paramount CA) from 1967 to 1972 and as executive field secretary for Los Angeles County for Christian Endeavor from 1959 to 1963. Dr. Flory served as pastor at the First Brethren Church (South Gate CA), Los Altos Brethren Church (Long Beach CA) and Community Brethren Church (Whittier CA). He was a graduate of Westmont College (BA, New Testament Greek); Grace Theological Seminary (MDiv); Talbot Theological Seminary (ThM, New Testament); California State University Los Angeles (MA, History); and University of Southern California (PhD, First Century Roman History). He is survived by wife Jaquelyn; daughters: Kathleen, Linda and Maureen; son Richard; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother Lee; and sisters: Carol and Julieanne.

12 Larry J. Mohler (BA 64) of Tijeras (Albuquerque NM) and formerly of Warsaw IN went to be with Jesus on July 6, 2017, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Larry was a twin to **Gary Mohler** (BA 64); both were members of the Golden Graduate Class of 1964. After graduating from Grace College, Larry earned his master's degree from Saint Francis College (now

University of St. Francis) (Fort Wayne IN). He taught at Judy School, a one-room schoolhouse north of Warsaw and then sixth grade at Madison Elementary School (Warsaw) until he entered the United States Border Patrol in 1970. Larry was a 28-year veteran of the United States Border Patrol where he attained the rank of deputy chief patrol agent. His last duty station was in Artesia NM where he was the first head of the Border Patrol Advance Training Center. Larry loved to fish and camp, but his passion was hunting. He was very involved with action pistol matches. In earlier years, when able, he was active in church activities. He loved his children and grandchildren. Left with memories to cherish are: wife Diana Beth Sheets Mohler (Tijeras NM); daughters: Jill Mohler (Tampa FL) and Krista (Rob) Quinnelly (Campbellsville KY); one grandson; four step-children; five step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; brother Gary (**Bobbie** (**Spencer** BS 14, MACMHC 17)) **Mohler** (Warsaw IN); sister Cheryl (John) Perek (Claypool IN); four nephews; and one niece. Larry was preceded in death by father Dr. Joseph H. Mohler and mother Kathryn Callahan. A memorial service was held Aug. 19 at Faith Baptist Church in Artesia. Larry was honored by the U.S. Border Patrol Honor Guard following the service.

13 Kwang Ja Park (MREd 68) went to be with the Lord on July 31, 2017. Born in Nagoya, Japan, Kwang Ja lived her life fully and well for God's glory. She moved to Korea as a little girl and then to America to further her theological study at the age of 23. Kwang Ja then ventured to the Amazon jungle in Brazil at the age of 29 and back to America for further study in 1975. Later she joined the ministry at Young Nak Celebration Church (Los Angeles CA). After serving as the education pastor and missions pastor for 15 years, Kwang Ja served globally with One Challenge International (OCI). Upon official retirement, Kwang Ja headed out to Japan for what she called "the last chapter of her life" to go and preach the Gospel. She considered this the last assignment from the Lord and faithfully shared Jesus with every person whom she encountered. Kwang Ja returned home four years ago to care for her aging mother. Kwang Ja discovered she had cancer early in 2016. She fought it graciously and hoped to return to Japan. In May 2017 Kwang Ja ceased all treatments and prepared to enter the presence of Jesus. During her last month on earth, she was bedridden, but she never ceased praising God, praying and encouraging each person who paid a visit to her.



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Holding the Rest Note: Verna May Felts



Former music faculty member and faculty emeritus, **Verna May Felts**, passed away on Aug. 25, 2017, at the age of 88. She was born Dec. 15, 1928, to Gustaf and Hazel (Wollman) Miller in Stratton NE.

Verna May received a Bachelor of Sacred Music from Fort Wayne Bible College (later Taylor University) and earned a Master of Music in piano from Indiana University. She took additional study at Indiana University, the University of Colorado and Florida State University. Prior to teaching at Grace, Verna May taught for four years at Asbury College.

On Oct. 17, 1957, Verna May was united in marriage to W. Roland Felts, who preceded her in death on June 14, 2012. Roland worked for the Rodeheaver Music Company for 18 years and served Grace College as a voice and music history instructor for 16 years.

Verna May served the Music Department at Grace for 40 years. She taught part time in the department before coming on full time in 1968 as a piano and music theory instructor and retired as associate professor of music in 2001. She was later awarded with faculty emeritus status. "She was well loved by her students," shares Dr. Ardis Faber, conductor of the Lancer Chorus. Faber recounts how students declared May 1 as "Verna May Day," celebrating her on that date every year. Verna May longed to bring out the best in each of her students and expected their best effort in their lessons and classes.

Verna May attended Community Baptist Church (South Bend IN). In her free time, she enjoyed music and taking care of her garden flowers. She loved her husband and family dearly. Verna May is survived by her children **Jeff** (C 81) (Patty) **Felts** (Millersville MD) and **Alicia** (**Felts** BS 83) (**Allen** (BS 80)) **Wedertz** (Osceola IN), 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters and one brother.

It was my joy and privilege to work with my colleague, Verna May, and to collaborate with her and learn from her as a mentor. Her love for God was lived out daily in all she carried. I always found her to be a 'straight arrow' — speaking the truth in earnest. She was a humorous woman who made us all laugh hard and often!

— Dr. Ardis Faber, Lancer Chorus conductor



Remembering Carol Ann Forbes

Carol Ann Forbes passed into the presence of her Lord on Aug. 28, 2017. On June 28, 1963, she married **Dr. Walter Merwin "Skip" Forbes** (MDiv 72, ThM 74, ThD 81), who survives. Carol was a 1959 graduate of Baptist Bible College (Johnson City NY). She moved to Winona Lake with her husband while he pursued graduate training at Grace Theological Seminary. After he graduated from Grace in 1974, Carol joined her husband in the pastorate at the Bluffton Baptist Church (Bluffton IN). They returned to Winona Lake when Dr. Forbes joined the Grace College & Seminary faculty in 1977.

Carol's professional life included: Westminster Printing in Winona Lake; secretary to the academic dean at Grace College; accounting office staff at Brethren Missionary Herald Company; administrative assistant at Ivy Tech State College (Warsaw); and working as a docent at the Winona History Center at Grace College when she retired in 2008.

Carol was best known for her generous spirit and loving people who were hurting. More recently, she was known for her joyful attitude, faith, courage and her 4 1/2-year battle against breast cancer. Her cancer motto was, "Wearing pink, going public and fighting like a girl."

Carol contributed significantly to her community and received several honors: The Ivy Tech Employee of the Year Award, the Grace Village Volunteer of the Year Award and the Bill Reneker Community Service Award for 2012. With her husband, Skip, she was inducted into the Grace College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015 with the Meritorious Service Award.

Carol was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church (Warsaw IN) for 43 years. She had no biological children, but she will be remembered by hundreds of college students whom she mentored throughout their college years and beyond. She was privileged to be "co-mother of the bride" to three special young women: **Cheryl** (**Lancaster** BS 87) **Lawlor** (Fishers IN), **Lisa** (**Wharton** BS 85) **Moore** (Altavista VA) and **Kathi** (**Foth** BA 90) **Bush** (Round Lake Beach IL). Carol will be greatly missed by her husband and many friends and will live in the hearts of all that she touched.

Carol's life was reflective of what the biblical author James taught: Our faith needs to be accompanied with action. She was not a big upfront person, but always there for others and her best friend, Dr. Skip Forbes, whom she affectionately called 'Skipper.' Sometimes I used to wonder if she, in fact, was the 'skipper,' keeping Skip on course.

— Jim Kessler (BS 70), Grace men's basketball coach

High Honors: Col. Mark Penfold



Col. Mark Penfold (left) is congratulated by Col. John Schumacher (Ret.) at Penfold's retirement ceremony at the Anderson St. Chapel in Fort Jackson, S.C., on March 7, 2017.

In June, Grace College and Seminary alumnus **Colonel Mark Penfold** (BA 83, MDiv 87, ThM 87) became the endorsing agent for military and Veterans Affairs chaplains for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC) and director of the Eagle Commission, the FGBC's prayer and support ministry for its chaplains. Penfold recently retired from active duty in the U.S. Army after serving as a chaplain for 22 years. He replaced Grace seminary alumnus, retired **Colonel John Schumacher** (MDiv 63), who was FGBC's endorsing agent for 22 years, becoming one of the longest-serving endorsing agents, a ministry usually held for eight to 10 years. "Mark Penfold has had a remarkable career in serving God and our country," says Schumacher. "His service to the FGBC as chaplain endorsing agent will be equally remarkable!"

After Penfold graduated from Grace, he says the Lord led him on an amazing journey. "As I looked toward graduation in spring 1987, I desired a ministry that was somewhat 'cross cultural,'" he remembers. The role of military chaplain fit his calling. Commissioned in November 1986, Penfold completed his basic training in the summer of 1987. He returned to Winona Lake, Ind., to become the associate pastor at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, serving under **Pastor Charles Ashman** (MDiv 50) and later, **John Teevan** (MDiv 72, DMin 07). For the next seven years, Penfold simultaneously served in the Army Reserve with units either in Fort Wayne, Ind., or Grissom Air Force Base south of Peru, Ind.



Col. Mark Penfold and wife Robin

In January 1995, Penfold was called to active duty, serving as the chaplain to an infantry battalion at Fort Drum, N.Y. He was deployed to Kosovo during his time with an engineer battalion in Germany from 1998 to 2000. He then served two years as supervisory chaplain in a brigade combat team of about 3,000 soldiers, returning to the U.S. in 2002 to study ethics at Duke University. After graduation, Penfold stayed stateside for another four years as an ethics instructor. In 2007, he was deployed again, this time with an aviation brigade to Iraq, and returned later that year. Since then Penfold has served as the chief of training at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School and the command chaplain at Fort Jackson (S.C.), the largest basic training post in the world.

Penfold treasures the time God gave him serving as a military chaplain, but is excited about the challenges that come with his new role as endorsing agent for the FGBC. "I will cherish the memories of walking the line during late nights to check on soldiers while they trained or visiting those in guard towers protecting our base in Iraq. These soldiers and their families have made such deep sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedom as we do in America," Penfold says.

Penfold and his wife, **Robin (Weik BA 88)**, live in Williamsburg, Va., and are parents to grown children **John (C 02)** and Matthew.

REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

I cherish every opportunity I have to interact with Grace alumni. You all are some of the best and the brightest people I know.

I had a chance over Welcome Weekend in August to host lunch for some of our alumni who are now parents of Grace students! There is no greater evidence of your love for Grace than when you encourage your children, extended family and friends to consider Grace College & Seminary. Thank you for entrusting us with the people who are nearest and dearest to you.

Additionally, I've just met, reconnected and reminisced with many of you at Homecoming 2017, and your "brilliance," which we celebrated in the last issue of *Two, Eight & Nine*, was undeniable. The best part of my weekend was getting to hear how Grace graduates are surrendering their gifts to God and, thereby, increasing the Kingdom. You all are a testament to the value and importance of a Grace education and keep me believing that we must continue to do everything we can to make that education possible for the next generation.

If you weren't able to drop by and see us in October, I want you to know that you are welcome *anytime*. If you live in town or are ever in Winona Lake for a visit, we'd love to see you. The Alumni Engagement Office is located in the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center; stop in for a hot drink, visit with our staff and browse through some of our archives, yearbooks and pictures. We may also be in your neck of the woods sometime soon. We have several upcoming events scattered across the country. You can find out more information about these events and keep up on alumni news and campus happenings via our Facebook page "Grace Alumni Community," and by visiting our website at www.grace.edu and our alumni page at www.grace.edu/alumni.

With a thankful heart,



Dennis

Dennis Duncan (BS 80)
Director of Alumni Engagement

UPCOMING EVENTS

We'd love to see you at one of our upcoming events. For more information, contact Hannah Todd, coordinator of alumni engagement, at 574-372-5100, ext. 6127 or alumni@grace.edu.

Dec. 2, 2017: Mishawaka, IN
Dec. 3, 2017: Cincinnati, OH
Dec. 10, 2017: Grand Rapids, MI
Jan. 26–28, 2018: Long Beach, CA
Feb. 14, 2018: Fort Wayne, IN
Feb. 25–March 2, 2018: Florida
March 10, 2018: Atlanta, GA
May 16–18, 2018: Roanoke, VA
May 20–30, 2018: Portland, OR

ANY NEWS?

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NEW JOB?

RETIRING?

NEWLY MARRIED?

WRITTEN A BOOK?

RECEIVED AN AWARD?

ADDED TO YOUR FAMILY?

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include a photo. You can also submit
a note by emailing it to
alumni@grace.edu.



From left to right: Steven Mundy (BA 69), student council representative; Professor R. Wayne Snider, advisor; Stephen Damer (BA 68), vice president; Linda (Ashman BA 68) Brown, social chairman; Timothy Rager (BA 69), treasurer; Sharon (Malles BS 68) Snyder, secretary; Arthur Frank (BA 68), chaplain; Alan Jackson (BS 68), social chairman; and Daniel Gehman (BA 69), president

Save the Date | Golden Grad Reunion | 1968

If you graduated in 1968, get ready to celebrate your golden graduation reunion – we're rolling out the red carpet! Come back to campus, May 10–12, 2018, to tour the campus, share a great dinner together and be a part of Commencement 2018.

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The Lancer Legacy Lives On

Over Welcome Weekend, Aug. 19-20, Grace College celebrated the arrival of more than 400 undergraduate students. Pictured are just a handful of Grace alumni who dropped off their sons and daughters as a part of the incoming freshman class. Thank you for entrusting your students to us at Grace College. We count it a privilege to teach, disciple and coach them during such a critical time in their lives.

Roommates Revisited



Former Grace College roommates and alumni Melissa “Lisa” (Buriff BS 87) Butler (center left) and Susie (Cahill BS 87) Franklin (center right) embrace in joy over the reality that their sons, Jeremiah Butler (left) and Nathan Franklin (right), will also be Grace College roommates.

Susie (Cahill BS 87) Franklin and Melissa “Lisa” (Buriff BS 87) Butler didn’t know each other when they moved onto the third floor of Alpha Hall in 1983, but they became fast friends and roomed together for the following three years. Thirty-four years later, Susie’s son, Nathan, and Lisa’s son, Jeremiah, met for the first time at Welcome Weekend in August and will be rooming together in Omega Hall.

Although Susie lives in Texas and Lisa lives in Ohio, they’ve kept in touch over the years through phone calls. They didn’t know where their sons would choose to attend college, but when both decided on Grace, they casually suggested to their sons that they might room together at Grace. “Lisa and I learned that our boys seemed similar

in many ways, so we thought that it would be cool if they were roommates. We didn’t want the boys to feel that they were being pushed together, but we also prayed that it would happen!” explains Susie. “In all of their male excitement, they both calmly said, ‘Sure. OK. I guess,’” she laughs.

Susie and Lisa cherished their time at Grace. Lisa says it can be summed up in two words: “learning and laughter.” God taught them countless lessons about Himself while they were at Grace and through it all, they made memories filled with laughter. (Lisa lugged three bulging photo albums to Grace when she came to drop off Jeremiah. They were crammed with memories of her time at Grace, and she and Susie flipped through every page

during Welcome Weekend, “laughing until we cried,” says Lisa.)

Lisa is confident Grace will be a place where Jeremiah “is challenged in his walk with God, grows in compassion for people and develops a godly worldview.”

Susie is too. Her two other children, Rachel (Franklin BA 14) Snow and Jonathan (BS 17), also graduated from Grace. “Every time I attend a freshman parent orientation, a chapel, a graduation or an alumni event, I am just so peaceful about my children’s decisions to attend Grace,” says Susie. “I’m so proud of Grace College and what it represents.”



Betsy (Teach C 97) Skaggs (right) and daughter Lauren



Matt Halbakken (center) with his uncle John Dilling (BS 95) (left) and grandfather Dr. Richard Dilling, part-time faculty member at Grace



Mike (BA 89) and Sue (Herbert BS 88) Deblois and daughter Hannah (center)



Jim (AS 88, BA 95, MDiv 97) and Anne (Bortner BS 88) Brown and sons Josh (BA 14) (left) and Isaiah (right)



David (BS 92) and Cyndi (Boswell BS 90) Marsh and son Tate



Daron (BA 87, MDiv 91, ThM 92) and Melissa "Lisa" (Buriff BS 87) Butler and son Jeremiah (center)



Tim (BS 92) and Jeana (Tharp BA 91) Harley and son Zac (left)



Nathan Franklin (right) with mother Susie (Cahill BS 87) Franklin (right center), sister Rachel (Franklin BA 14) Snow (left center) and brother Jonathan (BS 17) (left)



Matt (BA 94) and Gloria (Beer BS 94) Starrett and daughter Rachel (right)



Mike Jentes (BA 95, MDiv 99) (left) and son Korey



Pictured (left to right) are alumni award winners Michael Mace (BA 80), Dale and Jolie (Eckhardt BS 86) Miller, Geraldine "Gerry" Gagle-Velasco (seated), Jim Banks (MBA 13) and Ashley (Mazelin BS 13) Durand.

Grace College & Seminary Alumni and Parent Awards

Grace College & Seminary presented its 2017 alumni and parent awards at this year's Homecoming celebration.

Jim Banks (MBA 13) was presented with the Alumni of the Year Award. This award is given in recognition of alumni who have enhanced Grace's mission, reputation or campus morale, and who represent the school with professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication.

Ashley (Mazelin BS 13) Durand was given the Young Alumni of the Year Award, which is awarded in recognition of alumni who have made significant contributions to society and/or have made significant professional advancements in their career less than 10 years since their graduation.

Michael Mace (BA 80) was presented with the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, which is given in recognition of alumni who have exhibited Christian leadership and who have displayed extraordinary service to the increased welfare of Grace.

Geraldine "Gerry" Gagle-Velasco was chosen as the Honorary Alumni of the Year Award recipient. This award is given in recognition of non-alumni who have demonstrated a genuine interest in the cause of Christian higher education as represented by and through Grace and who have demonstrated their commitment to the mission of Grace.

Dale and Jolie (Eckhardt BS 86) Miller were given the Parent Distinguished Service Award, which is presented in recognition of parents of a Grace student who have exhibited extraordinary service to the increased welfare of Grace.

**Jim Banks —
Alumni of the Year Award Recipient**

In January 2017, Jim Banks became a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving Indiana's 3rd congressional district. He sits on the committees of House Armed Services; Science, Space and Technology; and Veterans Affairs. Previously, Jim worked as a commercial real estate broker for The Bradley Company in Fort Wayne, Ind., and was a member of the Indiana State Senate from 2010 to 2016.

"I feel a strong calling to serve and make a difference," says Jim. "For me, serving in elected office is about improving the lives of Hoosiers and passing on more opportunities and a stronger country to future generations."

Jim joined the United States Navy Reserve as a supply corps officer in 2012 and attended Grace College where he earned his MBA in 2013. "The Grace MBA program's reputation, location and flexibility made it the perfect fit for me and my career," he explains. Since graduating, Jim says he "deeply appreciated the faith-centered curriculum. Every class I took had an intentional scriptural component. It was the perfect way to weave together my faith with my education."

Soon after graduating, Jim took a leave of absence from the State Senate and deployed to Afghanistan in 2014 during Operations Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel. He received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his military leadership in Afghanistan.

Because of his outstanding service, Jim has been honored by a variety of organizations over the last decade. In 2008, he was named to Northeast Indiana's "Future 40 Leaders under 40" and in 2011, he was recognized as one of the top rising Republican legislators by Governing Magazine. Additionally, Jim received the American Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2013 and 2014 for his work on behalf of Hoosier veterans. In 2014, Jim spoke at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C., after being selected as one of their Top Conservatives Under 40.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan says, "Jim Banks has already made a huge impact in Washington, leading by example in the freshman class. He's really moving the needle on the work his committees are doing, especially the House Armed Services Committee. This Congress, the

conservative movement and the people of Indiana are all lucky to have him."

Jim lives in Columbia City, Ind., with his wife, Amanda, and their three daughters, Lillian, Elizabeth and Joann.

**Ashley Durand —
Young Alumni of the Year Award Recipient**

When Ashley Durand arrived at Grace College, she wanted to be a writer and a missionary. As she wrote for the school newspaper, served as a resident assistant and founded an anti-human trafficking club, Grace's journalism program honed her skills, and her classmates grew her spiritually and emotionally.

Just before graduating (in three years!) with her journalism degree, Ashley landed a job with 212 Media Studios (Warsaw, Ind.) as a content specialist. "As Ashley learned her role in a corporate setting, she always focused on helping the entire team meet its goals," says David Phelps, 212's chief marketing officer. "

Two years into her job, she sensed God was readying her for a new adventure. After sending out multiple résumés and considering law school, Ashley applied for a public relations job with Focus on the Family. Although Focus required five years of experience and Ashley had two, she says, "I wrote what I hoped was a killer cover letter — the kind Prof. Terry White (BME 64) taught us to write — and prayed." Within a month she had been offered the job. She joined Focus in 2015 as a publicist and represents the organization to the media, writes press releases, manages podcast recordings, blogs and facilitates internal communications.

Since working at Focus, Ashley has had the opportunity to influence people with influence. This past summer, Focus hosted Vice President Mike Pence at its 40th anniversary chapel, and Ashley worked with the White House PR team and interacted with a dozen journalists from CNN, Fox, The Denver Post and more to publicize the event. "I love it because I get to be like Aaron and Hur who held up Moses' arms so he could keep his staff raised and the Israelites could win the battle," Ashley says. "People may never know my name, but my posture and position matter."

Andrew Montgomery, director of public relations and guest relations for Focus on the Family says, "Ashley is creative, determined and inquisitive, but what I appreciate most about her is that her love for God and her heart for people drive her. For Ashley, it's not just about coordinating media interviews; it's an opportunity to change lives."

Ashley married her childhood friend, Jon, whom she reconnected with when she moved to Colorado to work at Focus. They were married on June 3, 2017 — "We couldn't be happier!" she says — and live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Michael Mace —
Alumni Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

"I was hooked." That was Michael Mace's reaction after his youth pastor took him and a group of his friends to visit Grace College. When Michael arrived on campus, he joined student senate and began earning his double-major degree in secondary education (mathematics) and business administration. But it was the grace he experienced after making some poor decisions that has made Michael a lifelong champion of Grace College & Seminary.

"In my senior year I drifted off course, and my decisions resulted in expulsion from Grace," he recounts. But God drew Michael back to Himself and to Grace College. He reapplied to Grace and was able to finish his degree a year and half later. "Choices have consequences, and God's standards are firm. Thankfully, He and His people are loving and gracious."

After graduating from Grace, Michael taught for several years, but quickly found himself in the technology industry, learning programming languages and developing applications. For the past 20 years, Michael has been working for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Ohio). He's a part of the development team for two Goodyear websites and is a member of Goodyear's global collaboration services team.

Since graduating from Grace, Michael has committed to praying for the leadership of Grace and encouraging prospective students to consider attending Grace. Michael also contributes financially to Grace monthly — and has for more than 30 years. He has designated Grace Schools as a beneficiary in his charitable remainder trust, and in 2014, he accepted an invitation to join the Alumni Advisory Council.

"Seeing Michael recognized with this award is special for me," says Director of Alumni Engagement Denny Duncan (BS 80). "He and I lived in the same dorm during our time together at Grace. He has always been a leader, and he is a true example of an alum who supports the school with his time, talent and treasure."

"I love Grace Schools and the family of 'Gracies,'" says Michael. "My personal experience has forever set my heart to desire the very best for this place."

Michael has been married to his wife, Gail, for 19 years, and he has two grown stepsons. When he's not traveling with Gail or watching tennis tournaments, he loves to slice and dice in the kitchen. We recommend his chicken marsala or seafood fra diablo.

Gerry Gagle-Velasco — Honorary Alumni of the Year Award Recipient

Gerry Gagle-Velasco doesn't tell anyone her age. "Grace College wasn't around when I was going to school," she says, and then laughs, "You can do the math."

She was born in Portland, Ind., and earned her first degree from Miami Jacobs Business College (Ohio) in 1940. She worked for a loan company in Dayton, Ohio, for 19 years before returning to Miami University (Ohio) to earn her bachelor's degree in education, attending night classes while she continued to work. After graduating, Gerry moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1962 where she taught fourth grade for 19 years and earned her master's degree in education from Arizona State University.

She eventually met her husband, Gilbert Velasco, in 1996, and they moved to New Lebanon, Ohio, where they were married for 13 years before Gilbert passed away in 2009.

When Gerry came to know Jesus as her Savior as a young girl, she attended occasional services at North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, where she heard preachers including Dr. Louis S. Bauman and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt (ThM 39, ThD 46, BDiv 50). "I liked what I heard," she remembers, and when she moved to Phoenix, she began

attending Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix, Ariz., and teaching fourth-grade Sunday school. She loved the Grace Brethren Fellowship and kept her network in the Midwest, visiting Winona Lake for Grace Brethren conferences. By association, she got to know Grace College & Seminary, and became a stalwart promoter and supporter of the institution.

Gerry welcomed Grace faculty into her home as they were often traveling through her area and, in the past, organized multiple conferences at her local church where Grace was promoted.

Besides being a proud member of the McClain Heritage Society, Gerry has also loyally followed the creation work of Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83), professor of physics at Grace. "Gerry prays for and gives gifts to Grace faithfully, and she is keen on ensuring Grace maintains its historic position on biblical creation," says DeYoung.

Grace alumnus Jerry Abbitt (BS 84) remembers sitting under her tutelage as one of her fourth-grade Sunday school students in Phoenix. When she learned Abbitt was attending Grace, she was thrilled and even made it to his graduation. "As a faithful supporter of the school and the Grace Brethren Fellowship, she was always interested in comparing notes with me on what God was doing and how He was blessing the work at Grace," Abbitt says. "Gerry has always been full of life and learning, loving Grace Schools and serving others faithfully."

Dale and Jolie Miller — Parent Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Dale and Jolie Miller are deeply invested in Grace. Not only is Jolie a Grace graduate, but both of the Millers' children attend Grace: Pam is a junior and a member of the Women's Basketball team and their son, Sam, is a freshman and a member of the Men's Basketball team.

While at Grace, Jolie played on the softball and basketball teams and in 2011 was inducted into the Lancer Hall of Fame. "Jolie now serves on the Lancer Hall of Fame Committee," says Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, who appreciates the Millers' tremendous support to the athletic

department over the years. "The Millers offered major support to the softball field upgrades several years ago. They have a love and passion for the impact athletics at Grace can have on the lives of athletes." You can find one of the Millers at most home sporting events across all of the sports teams and during the summer, they support the youth Lancer camps. "I love Grace," says Jolie. "I bleed red and white," she laughs.

Jolie and her husband, Dale, are owners and operators of Miller Cattle Company in Claypool, Ind. They began their cattle operation in 2011 to raise natural, locally farmed beef. Dale is also a team member with Silveus Insurance Group (Warsaw, Ind.) where he's worked since 2002 and specializes in whole farm and crop insurance markets.

In the midst of all their professional responsibilities, they find time to serve on the Grace Parent Council, where Jolie is also the chair. Additionally, the Millers employ Grace students at their farm, and you'll regularly find students at their home doing laundry and at their dinner table. They've housed Korean students for the education department too.

Dr. Laurie Owen, dean of the School of Education and longtime friend of the Millers, sees how the Millers serve Grace students firsthand. "They're not only outstanding and engaged parents to their own children but to many other Grace students and alumni as well. For the 26 years Jolie was a teacher, she had student teachers from Grace in her classroom," says Owen. "They care deeply for the mission of Grace and for all who are a part of the Grace family."

**We invite you to submit nominees
for the 2018 Alumni Awards at
www.grace.edu/alumni/awards.**

Four Retirees Honored for Service

This year, Grace College & Seminary said farewell to four gifted and faithful employees who recently retired from active service with the schools. You might recognize one of them as a person who nudged you closer to Jesus, inspired you in your studies or cheered you on to the graduation finish line. Join us in celebrating their remarkable service, and if you want to drop them a line of thanks, email us at 289@grace.edu.



Leana Allison has faithfully served in Grace's campus post office for 29 years. This summer she retired as the campus post office supervisor and is looking forward to devoting more time to her volunteer work at Fellowship Missions (Warsaw IN). Allison's love for Grace students was always

evident and her thoroughness ensured her office operated seamlessly. "Leana's dependability and conscientious nature have helped the post office run smoothly for many years," says Dr. Carrie Yocum, vice president of administration and compliance. "We'll miss her gentle spirit, godly example and compassion for others."



Frank Benyousky retired in May from full-time teaching in the Languages, Literature and Communication Department after 32 years of service. During that time, Benyousky taught English, communication and film courses, directed the interdisciplinary studies program and served as the

director of Grace's Prison Extension Program for 15 years. Under his leadership, the prison program grew to over 300 students and helped countless incarcerated men find hope for a better future through Christian education. "Among Grace English alumni, Prof. Benyousky's classes on CS Lewis & The Inklings — often taught in his home over steaming mugs of coffee and tea — are legendary," says Dr. Lauren Rich, chair of the Languages, Literature and Communications Department. "We hope to continue his legacy of sharing with our students the pleasures of reading and discussing good literature together." The English Program celebrated Benyousky's retirement with a literary-themed costume party (the guest of honor came dressed, appropriately, as Gandalf the Grey). Despite looking forward to retirement and traveling with his wife, Holly, Benyousky has agreed to continue teaching part time at Grace.



Dr. Tom Stallter (BA 74, S 76) has retired after 19 years of full-time service at Grace College & Seminary. Stallter has served as professor and chairman of the Intercultural Studies and World Mission Department as well as the executive director of the Center for Korean Studies. "Dr. Stallter has demonstrated the

rare combination of being a true expert in his field of intercultural studies along with consistently manifesting a kind, humble spirit, which has made him an approachable professor and a wonderful colleague," says Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82), vice president and dean of the Seminary. Stallter will continue teaching part time at Grace and overseeing the Center for Korean Studies.



Carol Vosberg (BS 73) retired in August after serving the School of Education for 23 years. Vosberg has served Grace College through her excellent work as an administrative assistant, course instructor, advisor, the director of the Education Resource Center and as a well-informed and

encouraging mentor to School of Education candidates and faculty. "We typically introduced Carol to our students and stakeholders as the glue that held together the 'mixed up' pieces of our department and as the guru of 'all things education,'" says Dr. Laurie Owen, dean of the School of Education. "We are sad to see her go, but we wish her many relaxing days travelling and spending time with her husband, loving on her children and grandkids and of course, cheering on the Cubs!"

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THE PERFECT CIRCLE

Grace students gather to pray before leading their classmates in worship at the student-led chapel on Sept. 21.

