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Upending and Mending

BY DR. BILL KATIP (BA 74)

It has always amazed me that as Christians, mourning and celebration can happen in the same context: how you can at once feel weak and fragile, yet strong and resilient. I think it's because we trust a God who has perspective on both, and we know He sees beyond the circumstances. He sees the bigger picture. The whole story.

On Feb. 18, 2018, Aiden William Katip, my grandson, was in a tragic early morning house fire in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After extensive smoke inhalation he went into cardiac arrest. He was revived after about a half hour, but two different teams of doctors declared Aiden to be brain dead around noon on Feb. 21, 2018. So began the journey of processing and grieving this unthinkable loss.

His parents, Mike (C 01) and Melanie, in the midst of their own grief, decided to donate Aiden's organs. The hospital immediately had matches for several of his organs (including his precious heart), and we are overjoyed to think that his death will allow several others to live! We pray those souls, who may remain unknown to us, will be completely known by Christ.

The prophet Isaiah recorded these words for us: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9). It is truths like this to which we still cling.

Now I can tell you that even though I believe these truths with my head, my heart doesn't always cooperate in the moment. And when one's daughter,

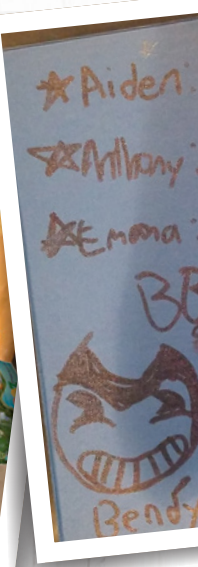
son, granddaughter or grandson passes into eternity before you, it is one of the most intimate challenges to our faith.

It upends everything we know for a moment. But it is at precisely that moment that we either draw upon the extensive provision we've been offered in Scripture as promises from our Savior, or we grow bitter and hardened in disbelief.

While we've made a conscious choice to walk by faith, not by sight or feelings, it isn't easy. It often means stretching ourselves. My wife showed this faith in a very tangible way during Aiden's memorial service.

Debbie (Cahill BA 74), as many of you know, prefers to let me be the upfront guy. She made me promise

Left photo: Aiden Katip snuggles with his dad, Michael (C 01). Center photo: Aiden (right) with his grandparents, Bill (BA 74) and Debbie (Cahill BA 74) Katip, at Fort Wayne Children's Zoo (Indiana). Right photo: Aiden's business poster, representing the small business he and his friends began.



when I took the role of president at Grace that she wouldn't have to get behind the podium to speak publicly. But a milestone as significant as this, and a grandson as dear as Aiden, prompted her to want to speak at his service. In faith, she responded. Her words that day still ring true and continue to strengthen us: "We know Aiden is in that most perfect of places with the Ultimate Comforter named Jesus — who loves all the itty-bitty children with a perfect love we can only dream of — where there is no sorrow, no tears — only joy and smiles and love — forever!"

Then, there are still other joys we've been surprised by in the midst of this season of suffering.

Aiden was in third grade at Concord Elementary, where he was in the Gifted Program. Full of eight-going-on-18-year-old ideas and plans, he was always creating and thinking way beyond his years.

Our daughter, Holly (BS 11), Aiden's aunt, gave him a kit to craft pictures out of beads for Christmas. They spent a lot of time making different items when Mike and Aiden were here for Christmas and New Year's weekend in 2017. When he got home, Aiden decided to "go into business" and recruited a couple of friends to join him in selling his beaded pictures

at school. They called their new enterprise "The Big, Bold Business." They even created an organizational chart with the top position being "boss!" Guess who held that role? Several of his teachers told us about affirming this very serious startup by buying several of their artistic offerings and helping them build momentum. Little did we know how even this small snapshot of his young life would eventually affect countless others.

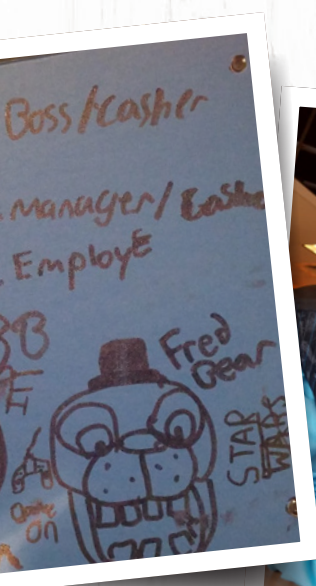
Earlier this spring, several Grace board members approached Debbie and me, wanting to establish a scholarship in memory of Aiden and his young entrepreneurial spirit. It was only fitting that we made it a business scholarship to help students pursue their own enterprising ideas and education. Grace's Business School is experiencing phenomenal growth, and three of our faculty members have been recognized by state and national organizations for excellence in their fields. Additionally, the department recently became a candidate for ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs) accreditation. The new scholarship fund already has donations of \$22,200 and will bless dozens of students in the years to come. What a perfect memorial for which we are so grateful.

So much Scripture has been speaking to us, but perhaps Romans 8:26-27 from "The Message" says it best right now. "Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves ..."

I would be remiss if I didn't underscore how thankful we are for this community. I know Debbie agrees with me that without your cards, texts, checking in on social media and warm, affirming words, we would have shouldered a much heavier weight. When God allows us to carry a burden, His Word says that He provides a way that we can bear up under that burden. A community submitted to Christ and lifting together is how we bear it.

It's where our strength comes from.

To give to the Aiden William Katip Memorial Scholarship and support the entrepreneurial spirit in future Grace graduates, contact Vice President of Advancement Drew Flamm at 574-372-5100, ext 6121 or drew.flamm@grace.edu.



Right photo: Aiden (left) with his aunt, Holly (BS 11) Katip, creating the beaded artwork which inspired his business plan. Left photo: Aiden accompanies his mom on "Go to Work" day — a natural!

UNITED

Anytime people live, learn, work and worship together, where they exchange ideas and participate in each other's stories ... wherever their hearts, minds and lives intersect — this is where we find real community.

But true community can expose us to both soaring joys and searing pain as we do life together.

"Community" has always defined Grace College & Seminary. It's a place where

I've found myself among dear friends and colleagues while trusting God through some of the most poignant moments in my life and leadership.

This spring has been a tough season for our family and for Debbie (Cahill BA 74) and me personally. Normally, I use other outlets like Facebook to communicate personal stories, but I think it is appropriate to do so here because it is this very community and the outpouring it lavished upon us in these recent months

that serves as the perfect illustration of what it means to be a part of the Grace community.

Many of you know that our grandson, Aiden William Katip, went to be with Jesus on Feb. 21, in a moment that, while we know was perfect timing from heaven's perspective, was all too soon for those of us who loved him so dearly. I can tell you it is one of the most difficult trials Debbie and I have had to face. (You'll find more of my thoughts on Aiden on the Inside Flap.) Although our



Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74)
with his grandson, Aiden,
enjoying a boat ride out
on Winona Lake.

emotions are still raw and tender, God's awesome provision has been on display, and we are so thankful for His extraordinary goodness through it all. He used so many people in our community to demonstrate His grace in our lives.

The theme of this issue of *Two, Eight & Nine* is "united." It's a word that succinctly represents what we mean in our strategic priority of "connected community" (being joined together by a common purpose and belief). You see, much of the power and transformation that happens in a student's life (and in all of our lives as administrators, staff and faculty, and as Christians) happens through the solidarity and support of the people around us. It is the feeling of being known and never alone.

It's the kind of community Debbie and I have known throughout our tenure at Grace and most recently and acutely when our only grandchild died. It's having people committed to marching through the

mess life sometimes produces and being endeared to them in eternal bonds. It's why so many relationships will be lifelong.

We are united because of the choice we've made to call Jesus our Lord. He is faithful to use the love, the giftings, the shared experiences, the sacrifice and the encouragement of a thousand voices around us to shout when we need to be championed and cheer us on in the last lap. But He often uses that same multitude to whisper to us one by one in a consistent voice when we are hurting and need to be reminded of His hope and presence in the midst of trial. The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians that we are to bear one another's burdens. That's exactly what you have done for us. Debbie and I have experienced that in a beautiful way this year.

LeAnne (Bundenthal BS 10, MBA 14) and Derek Lavender will also tell you their story about the warm care and

provision of their community after a tragic motorcycle accident. And Chester Marshall (BA 86) will share how providing services for African-American males who have experienced trauma has been so rewarding. Kris Klosinski (BS 88) shares about her lifework serving "the least of these," offering hope and a future to those who are incarcerated. I hope these stories bless you.

We are so proud of how our graduates become seeds for growing spiritual communities all around the world.

IN THAT, WE ARE UNITED.



Bill Katip

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

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The Pains to Find Purpose

Chester Marshall (BA 86) is founder and CEO of the Institute for African Man Development Inc. in Washington D.C., which provides a wide range of mental and social services to African-American boys and men who have experienced trauma or previously been incarcerated. Read how God used Marshall's own childhood trauma to prepare him to offer help and hope to others.

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A Life Behind Bars

Lieutenant Kris Klosinski (BS 88) has been serving the men of Elkhart County Jail for the last 25 years, and there's no place she'd rather be. She oversees a myriad of rehabilitation programs for the inmates and recently added Grace Community Education's hospitality program to the list. Discover why initiatives like this fuel Klosinski's passion to serve "the least of these."

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For Worse For Better

After just three years of marriage, LeAnne (Bundenthal BS 10, MBA 14) Lavender's husband, Derek, was in a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. After months spent in the intensive care unit and rehab facility, the Lavenders are now adjusting to life in their new home and have chosen to allow Derek's disability to enrich their lives and minister to others.

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Homecoming 2018

Come home Oct. 5-6 and join us for a variety of gatherings including: the dedication and open house of the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex; the Lady Lancers Reunion; the Back in Five Reunion; the Homecoming Parade; class reunions; the Coach Phil Dick Field Dedication Ceremony and more! Explore the schedule of events and visit www.grace.edu/homecoming2018 to RSVP.



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LeAnne (Bundenthal BS 10, MBA 14) and Derek
Lavender in front of their home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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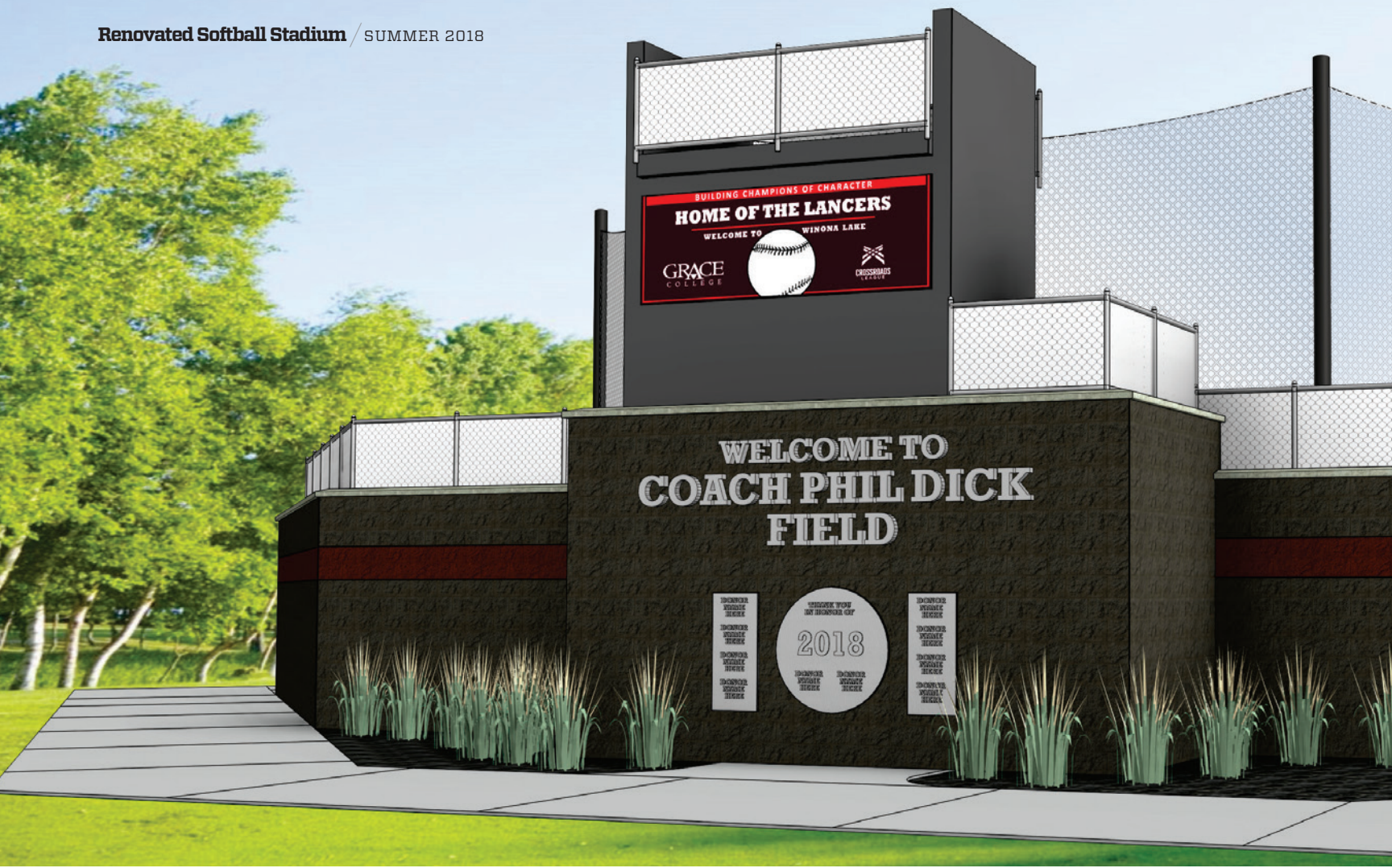
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What's In A Name?

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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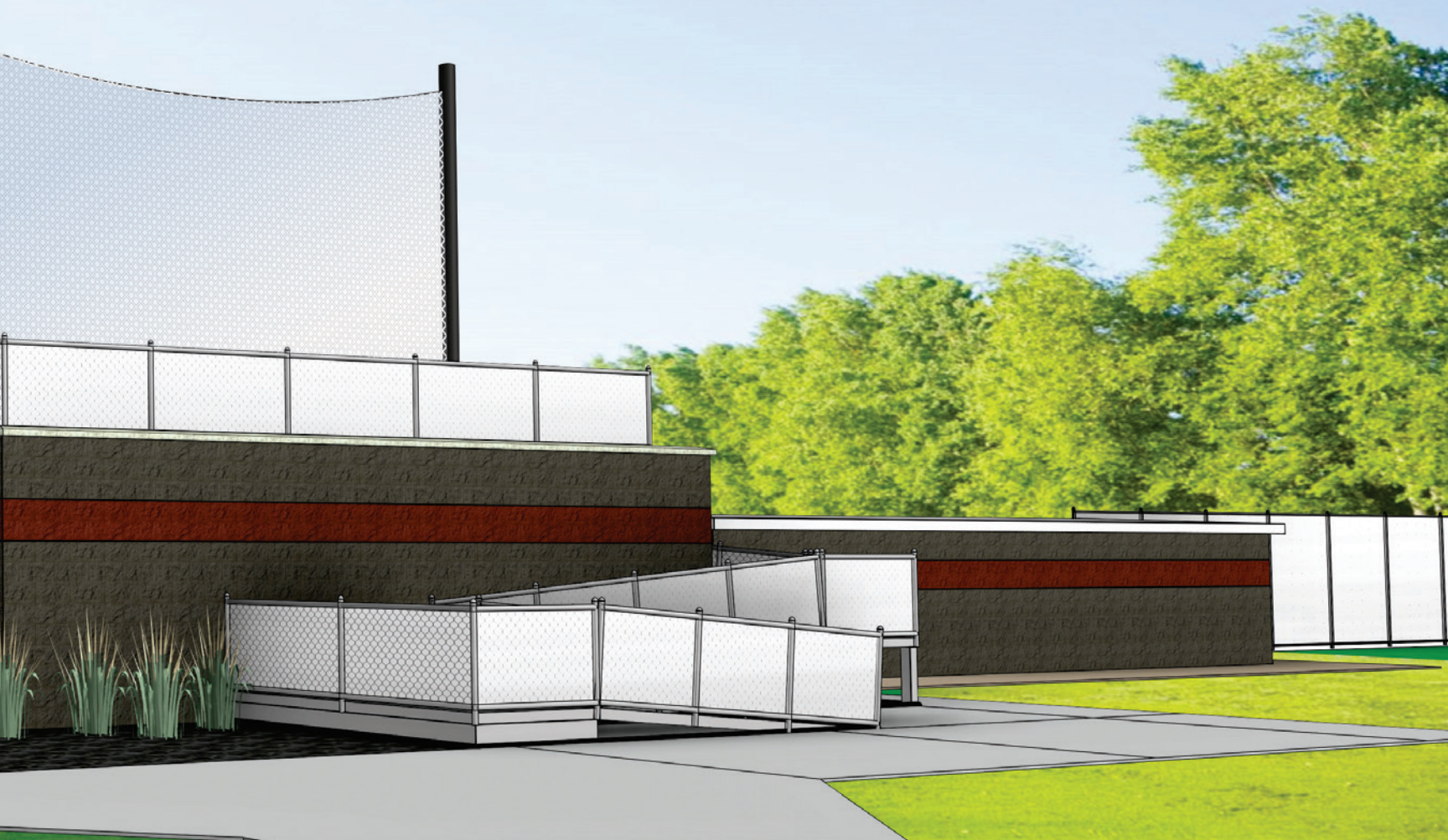




Phil Dick's (BA 65) family along with Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and Grace board member Janine Zeltwanger (BS 85) gather during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new softball stadium, Coach Phil Dick Field.



Phil Dick's wife, Becky (Crawford BS 66) (left), hugs Grace softball player Hannah Harless at the stadium's groundbreaking ceremony.



Grace Breaks Ground on Renovated Softball Stadium

On April 27, Grace College celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for the new softball stadium at Miller Athletic Complex. The renovated softball stadium, christened the Coach Phil Dick Field, will honor the late Coach Phil Dick (BA 65) and strengthen the student-athlete experience for years to come.

Coach Dick led the Lady Lancers' softball team to 252 victories from 1984 to 1994, making him the coach with the most wins of all time in program history. He also led the team to its only NAIA tournament appearance in 1994 and served as athletic director from 1981 to 1994.

"We are thrilled to have the chance to enhance our athletic department with this new softball

stadium," said President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "Coach Dick was an important figure in our history, and we are excited to continue his legacy for future generations of Lady Lancers."

The project includes grandstand seating behind home plate, a new press box, upgraded fencing, protective netting and a four-foot padded wall to border the complex's backstop.

Additionally, the project will install new graphic banners and construct a sidewalk leading into the complex to create a dynamic, visual walkway to the field. Signage to honor Coach Dick, his family and donors will also be displayed at the stadium.

"The new stadium to honor Coach Phil Dick will give our athletes a great platform to live and share their faith," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "We look forward to honoring the Dick family and appreciate all the donors who have made this project possible."

Construction on the softball stadium began in June and is projected to be completed by the start of the next softball season.

The dedication for the Coach Phil Dick Field will be at noon on Oct. 6 to coincide with Grace's Homecoming. All softball alumni and fans are encouraged to make plans to attend the dedication ceremony.

THE PAINS TO FIND PURPOSE

BY KERITH
ACKLEY-JELINEK

CHESTER MARSHALL BECAME HIS FAMILY'S FIRST AND ONLY COLLEGE GRADUATE WHEN HE EARNED HIS PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE FROM GRACE COLLEGE IN 1986.

He's since become a two-time Howard University graduate; author of "Black Man Heal" (the second volume of the anthology is set to release this fall); commissioner on Washington D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's Congressional Commission on Black Men and Boys; graduate of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) Academy of African-Centered Social Work; guest speaker on Howard Television, Africa News Vision, CNN and BET; and founder and CEO of the Institute for African Man Development Inc. in Washington D.C.

Marshall's accomplishments, however, are nothing short of miracles, he says. He grew up in Chicago, in abject poverty. "The trauma I experienced in my childhood left me broken," recounts Marshall. Without access to basic educational and social resources and opportunities, he left his home at the age of 17 to join the Marine Corps in 1977. But escaping his home didn't relieve him from the damage of his childhood experiences.

"Let's just say that the military is not a place to go to get healing. The expectation is that you perform and adjust, and if you don't, there are consequences." Marshall says he was so wounded by his past experiences and didn't know how to process his resulting emotions. The rigid requirements of the military only exacerbated his pain. "I was extremely angry and reactionary to the people around me; I couldn't make sense out of my own emotions. It's true: Things planted in childhood manifest in adulthood, and that was me."

While struggling to survive in the military, Marshall began visiting a Christian center during his station in California. It offered Bible studies and recreational activities for service members, and he surrendered his life to Jesus.

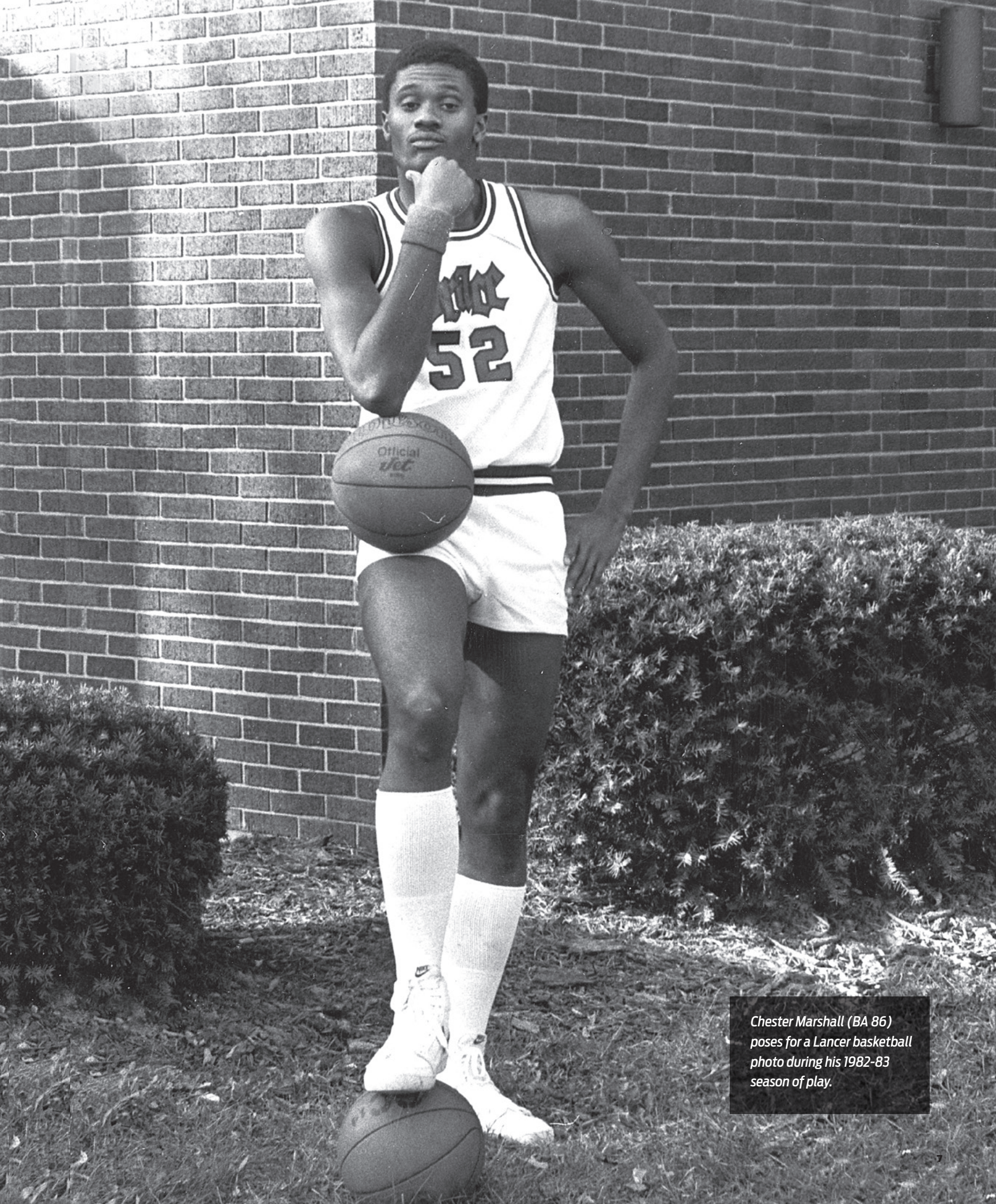
"I was 21 and had a profound sense of emptiness. I didn't know what my purpose was. When Christ came into my life, He put it into perspective." Through Jesus, Marshall began the healing process. "I don't think it would have happened if I hadn't known the Lord. And if my healing wouldn't have started, I really don't think I'd be alive today. I would have self-destructed."

Marshall left the Marine Corps after one four-year tour, returned back to Chicago and began working at Moody Bible Institute as a security guard. Meanwhile, Marshall was anxious to continue his education. He was an avid reader and once Christ found him, Marshall knew his life calling was to offer others a path to healing. So when his community at Moody invited him to attend church at the Chicago Gospel Center and its youth pastor knew of Grace College and its men's basketball coach, Jim Kessler (BS 70), Marshall saw his next step. He went for a visit and met "Coach K."

"There was something about him that drew me to him spiritually," remembers Marshall, plus the school was close enough for him to travel home as he needed. At the age of 24, Marshall enrolled in Grace College, majoring in psychology and playing basketball for Coach K.

While at Grace, God continued to heal Marshall. "When I got to Grace, I was still struggling with ghosts from my past," says Marshall. "My trauma was manifesting itself in my behavior." Marshall's anger was blatant, tempered only by occasional smiles, which Marshall says were the only evidence of Christ in him. "Before Christ, I didn't have a lot to smile about," he explains. But Coach K never judged Marshall's struggle. "Coach K allowed Christ's love to shine through him to me. He was incredibly patient with me; it was transformative."

Bill Gordon, the assistant men's basketball coach at the time who served on Grace's faculty and in a variety of roles for 31 years, loved Marshall in the same way. "I'd only been saved for about a year when I arrived at Grace.



*Chester Marshall (BA 86)
poses for a Lancer basketball
photo during his 1982-83
season of play.*

So to be disciplined by these men in love was profound.” He also made friends on campus, including Lamarr Lark (BS 87), current Grace board member, who is still one of Marshall’s closest friends.

For Marshall, the community at Grace and the education he received prepared him to walk in his calling from God. Grace gave Marshall the solid biblical foundation from which he could fulfill his life purpose. “Grace was the silent years of my ministry,” explains Marshall. “To gain a solid background based on the Word was critical for my personal healing process and for my future work.”

“When I met Jesus, I began to see the connection between what I went through as a child and what my life purpose is. God uses our life story to prepare us for our life purpose. God is not the player of jokes; my life was purposeful even in my childhood struggles. Glory be to God; my life story set me up perfectly for my life purpose.”

After Marshall graduated from Grace, he continued to pursue his desire to serve others who had experienced trauma. He earned his master’s degree in psychology and his master’s degree in social work from Howard University and practiced as a direct service worker and manager in the field of psychology, working with men of color and their families.

In 2002, he founded the Institute for African Man Development Inc. to provide a wide range of mental and social services to African-American boys and men who have experienced trauma or previously been incarcerated. Currently, his organization is serving 200 men and their families through a training curriculum, mentorship, therapy and a host of programs developed to meet the needs of their clients. Marshall spends his days overseeing his managers, fundraising for the organization, writing grants and serving as a speaker at various trainings around the country.

His organization has developed an effective social services approach based on cognitive



behavior principles: How people think affects their behavior; reframing that thinking reframes behavior. “This model is really effective with men of color,” says Marshall. “All of what you hear about black men in media and the image we’ve created in America for them is just not true; most men aren’t in jail, they’re not criminals. They are taking care of their families. So, working under that philosophy, if something has gone wrong, it can be corrected.”

Marshall’s organization teaches men that they have a responsibility to take care of themselves, and they also have the ability to do so. “Our agency is a conduit for reminding them: You have an obligation to take care of yourself. Let us help you access the God-

given skills you already have to do it. Because the reality is, in the midst of whatever their traumatic experiences were, they applied skills necessary to negotiate through it. We help them retrace their steps, identify those transferable life skills and apply them to their current struggles.”

Marshall’s lifework has brought healing and freedom to countless men and their families. But when he thinks about what he’s most proud of, it’s the birth of and relationship he has with his four-year-old daughter. “I can’t take credit for any of my success because it’s all due to the work Christ has done. All good gifts come from above. God gets all the glory.”



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BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

LIEUTENANT KRIS KLOSINSKI (BS 88) REMEMBERS THE FIRST TIME SHE WALKED THE CORRIDORS OF THE WESTVILLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. While the metal detectors, security pat downs, disposal of personal items and clang of the closing gates unsettled most of her classmates, Klosinski was captivated. “It’s where I discovered my passion for ‘the least of these’ referenced in Matthew 25:31-46,” she says.

Grace professor Ken Taylor’s Intro to Corrections class was touring the prison, a course Klosinski was only taking to fulfill a sociology credit requirement. She had originally enrolled in Grace to study computer science, but after taking Professor Taylor’s class, she knew God was calling her to minister to inmates, and she changed her major to criminal justice. “Prior to his class, I’d never had a passing thought

Kris Klosinski (BS 88) has served as a lieutenant at the Elkhart County Jail (Indiana) for the last 10 years.



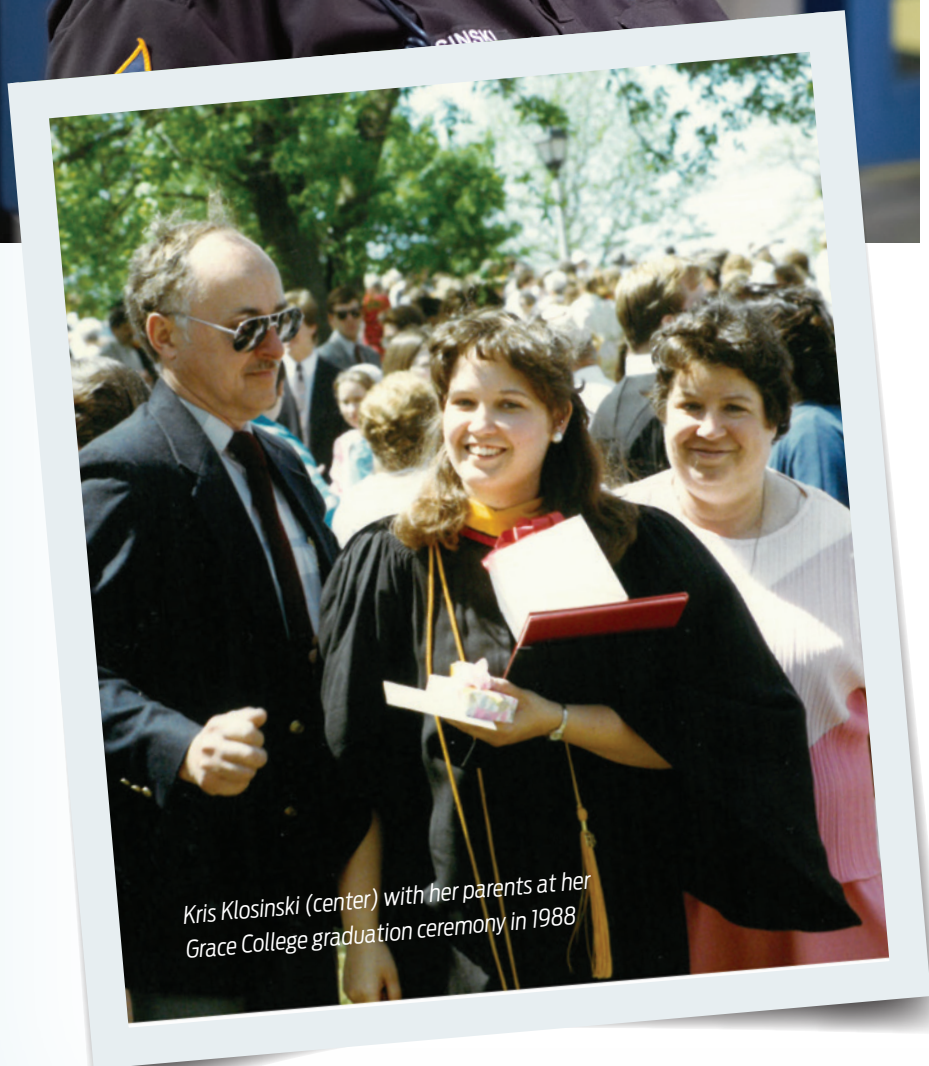
about jails, prisons or inmates; those didn't exist in my vocabulary or in my sheltered world. But after touring the prison, I saw the hurt behind the eyes of the men incarcerated there, the hunger for something more in life and the need for a Savior who could change lives!"

Klosinski's mom wasn't so excited. She suggested Klosinski pursue a law degree instead, worried that corrections work was too dangerous. "I told my mom — and I still believe this — that the safest place in the world for me to be is wherever God sends me. I had no doubt then, and I still have no doubt today, that God was sending me behind bars."

Before Klosinski's mom passed away, her mom became very involved in jail ministry at the Kosciusko County Jail. She wrote letters to inmates, collected and delivered Bibles to them and was affectionately called "Momma K" by many of the men she visited. "God alleviated my mom's worries about me and gave her a passion and ministry of her own. God is good!" enthuses Klosinski.

After graduating from Grace, Klosinski wasted no time following God's leading. With the help of Professor Taylor, she won a scholarship to attend graduate school where she earned her master's in criminology. She then worked at a federal prison in Michigan for two years before joining Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. She's been serving there for the last 25 years, first as a caseworker at the work release center. She was promoted over the years, and since 2008 has served as a lieutenant at the Elkhart County Jail where she oversees all of the programs and classes for the inmates, including Anger Management, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Offender Rehabilitation and Re-Entry Program (ORREP) and a host of others. She also supervises the nearly 500 volunteers who serve at the jail, the library and the Sheriff's Department community service program.

Recently, she's added overseeing Grace Community Education's hospitality program



Kris Klosinski (center) with her parents at her Grace College graduation ceremony in 1988

to her growing list of inmate service programs. “It’s so exciting to be able to offer educational services from my alma mater because Grace is where I discovered my passion and where I received preparation for my career,” says Klosinski.

Tim Van Duyne (BS 79), who had previously served as the education director at Miami Correctional Facility when Grace had a state contract to provide prison education, was on the hunt to stay employed and serving the community after the contract ended last year. Van Duyne, with the input of Dr. John Teevan (MDiv 72, DM 07) — who at the time served as the executive director of Grace’s prison education program — developed the hospitality program that could offer county jails a way to provide their inmates with job training. Van Duyne, now the director of workforce education for Grace Community Education, just completed his fifth round of classes at Elkhart County Jail — under the watchful eye of fellow alumna Klosinski.

The hospitality program, an initiative of Grace’s School of Professional and Online Education, is funded through the Department of Workforce Development, called WorkIndiana. WorkIndiana offers over 30 different programs related to helping

people who have some kind of barrier to get back into the workforce. Van Duyne hopes to expand both the classes Grace offers and the number of jails it serves in the future. In fact, Van Duyne began offering the hospitality program to the South Bend DuComb Center (Indiana) this spring and recently finished a training that will allow him to offer three more certifications in the manufacturing industry this fall.

“We are excited about the possibilities of this program, and I am even more thankful that Grace can continue to minister to those incarcerated as it has been doing for the past 31 years,” says Van Duyne. “I especially want to thank the administration at Grace and Dr. Tim Ziebarth (BS 93, MBA 12) for the support that has been given to the program. Without Grace’s innovative thinking towards education, this program would fail to exist!”

The Grace Community Education hospitality program offers three nationally recognized certificates to those who finish the four-week course. It’s already been a success. Van Duyne has taught a total of seven classes between the Elkhart County Jail and the DuComb Center, and 57 men have graduated. Klosinski says there’s typically a waiting list of 100 or more men for the class at the jail, and an

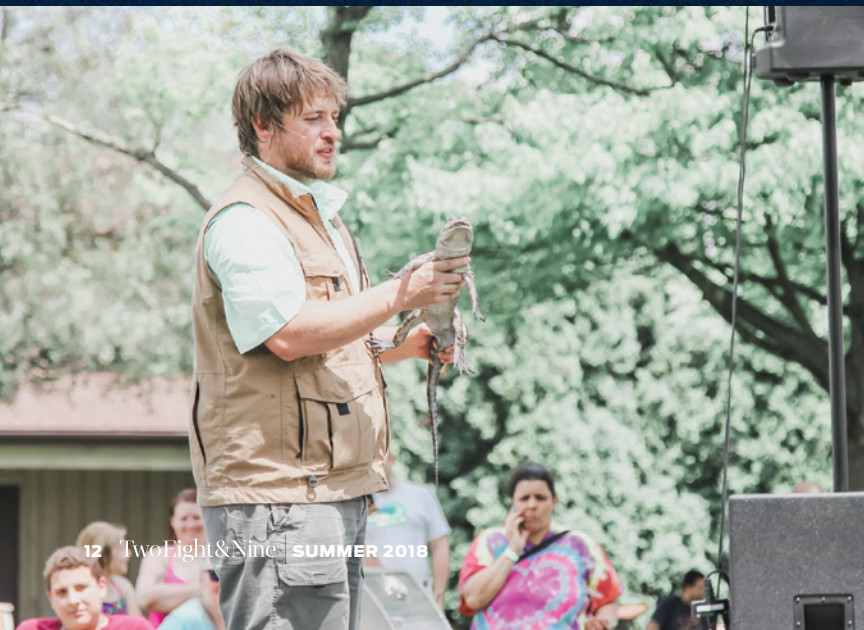
area restaurant has already expressed its willingness to hire anyone who completes the hospitality program upon his release. Van Duyne reports that two of his latest graduates from the South Bend DuComb Center hospitality class have already been hired at a local South Bend restaurant.

“That’s the whole point of this program, and many others that we offer to the men in our facility,” says Klosinski. “My goal is that every inmate who leaves the jail has a job or the skills and tools needed to obtain a job. Employment is a major factor in lowering recidivism rates, and we want to be innovative and proactive in doing that. The partnership with Grace, WorkIndiana and the Elkhart County Jail to offer the hospitality program is a huge step towards helping men prepare for and secure a job when they are released.”

Klosinski is profoundly grateful to Professor Taylor for taking her on that Westville prison tour, over three decades ago, that God used to alter her life course. “I love how God directed my steps even when I thought computer science was my future. Come to find out, I didn’t have a clue, but I’ve learned that God’s ways are far better than my own.” ■



Kris Klosinski interacts with several of the inmates who participate in one of the dozens of educational and social programs she oversees at the Elkhart County Jail.





Lakes Festival Draws Over 6,000 Attendees

The Northern Indiana Lakes Festival, hosted by the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College, celebrated its 10th anniversary over Memorial Day Weekend. A free, family-friendly event, the annual Lakes Festival educates the community on the value of the lakes and how to keep them healthy. More than 6,000 people attended to enjoy activities tailored for every interest, from art to water sports. Visitors also had the opportunity to learn from local environmental professionals, including the Lilly Center, City of Warsaw Stormwater Utility, and Clean Waters Partnership. Saturday's firework show was truly the pinnacle of the event. The special display drew thousands of community members to Central Park at Center Lake. Visit lakesfestival.org to learn more and see evidence of its significant community impact.





Left to right, K21 President and CEO Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16), Grace College President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), Bethel College Nursing Program Coordinator at Grace Kathy Oliver and Grace College nursing student Maria Garcia accept K21's gift.

K21 Health Foundation Grants \$150,000 to Grace for Nursing Equipment

In April, K21 Health Foundation approved a \$150,000 grant to Grace College to purchase equipment for Grace's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in partnership with Bethel College. The funds will be used to acquire advanced simulation mannequins and other equipment to provide enhanced training for future nurse professionals.

"We are grateful for the generous support of K21," said President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "Once again, K21 has stepped up to strengthen health education in our community. With better training comes better care for patients in our county and beyond."

Grace College, through its partnership with Bethel College, is the only provider of a nursing bachelor's degree in Kosciusko County. K21's President and CEO Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16) believes that supporting nursing education will lead to better health care and more well-trained nurses to decrease the current local nursing shortage.

"K21 is pleased to help Grace College expand its nursing program," said Haddad. "We are proud to partner with Grace to offer students the best training possible and ultimately graduate more, well-equipped nurses who will provide excellent care in and around Kosciusko County."

Since 2004, Grace College has partnered with the School of Nursing at Bethel College to provide an associate degree in nursing (ADN). In that inaugural year, K21 provided a grant which allowed the college to purchase its first simulation mannequin and other training equipment. Last year, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredited the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Forty-one students are currently enrolled in the program.

The grant will coincide with developments the college has already made through the Aspire Campaign, which includes new classrooms and labs to expand the BSN program's capacity to 72 students.

The \$150,000 grant from K21 will fund equipment to outfit two simulation labs, a monitoring room and a debriefing room for the nursing program. The most significant purchase will be for new high fidelity simulation mannequins. The mannequins will display neurological and physiological symptoms, injecting greater realism into scenario-based training.

"The advanced technology made possible by K21 is necessary for the next generation of scenario-based learning," said Kathy Oliver, Bethel College nursing program coordinator at Grace. "The new mannequins will present students with a wide range of virtual symptoms, including cardiac failure and respiratory obstruction, along with IV placement. This training will significantly enhance our program."

Grace College is currently accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. For more information about the nursing program, or to apply, visit www.grace.edu or call 866-974-7223.

Kern Family Foundation Gift Funds Blended Seminary Degree Program



Grace College & Seminary received a \$200,000 grant from The Kern Family Foundation in March to expand Grace's blended seminary degree program. In 2014, Grace developed a program track that allows students to earn a bachelor's in biblical studies and a master's in divinity in just five years. That first fall, two students enrolled; for the fall of 2018, 20 students are enrolled. Plus, now students have the option of earning a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies or Master of Arts in Ministry Studies.

Dr. John Lillis, provost of Grace College & Seminary, believes The Kern Family Foundation's generous gift will enable the program to expand at an even quicker pace. "The \$200,000 grant, which will be

dispersed in \$40,000 increments each year for five years, will provide for the hiring of a program director, marketing efforts to promote the program, scholarship dollars and spiritual formation for students," said Lillis.

The Kern Family Foundation, based in Waukesha, Wisconsin, endeavors to enrich lives by developing the formation of good character, increasing educational achievement, promoting the value of work and instilling an entrepreneurial mindset. Betsy Mackett, program coordinator at The Kern Family Foundation, said, "The unique seminary program at Grace aligns very well with our mission as well as our intentional focus on systematic change and long-term programs. We believe students who complete the five-year degree

program at Grace College & Seminary will be well-equipped with the academic skills and virtues necessary to make meaningful contributions in the world."

Lillis is thrilled to have earned the support of The Kern Family Foundation. "This grant will allow us to take the five-year blended degree to the next level," anticipates Lillis, "reaching many more prospective students and ultimately making a significant impact for the Kingdom of God."

For more information about the Grace College & Seminary blended seminary degree program, call 574-372-5100, ext. 6494.

ORIGINS

CAMPUS THEME FOR 2018-19

The campus theme for the 2018-19 academic year is "Origins." Students will be studying the book of Genesis, examining their personal origin story in light of the origin stories of creation, humans, sin, civilizations, diversity and covenants.

DAY OF GIVING RESULTS

Money raised during Day of Giving supports the Grace Fund, which enables Grace to provide scholarships and cutting-edge educational technology. The goal of the event was to raise \$100,000, and we surpassed our goal, with gifts totaling \$143,111.61. The total included a \$25,000 match provided by an alumnus and efforts made from Phonathon. Thank you for participating!

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GRACE.EDU GETS UPGRADED

Grace modernized its website in April. It boasts an engaging new layout, simple navigation, streamlined content delivery and a host of new features. Take a peek at www.grace.edu.



Erica Elliott (right), instructor of marketing, will be teaching digital marketing and marketing courses.

NEW DIGITAL MARKETING MAJOR READY TO LAUNCH

Grace is offering a bachelor's degree in digital marketing beginning this fall. Along with core business courses, digital marketing graduates will develop an understanding of online advertising, email and content marketing, social media strategies, user interface and experience, web design and SEO. Students will be encouraged to obtain the American Marketing Association's Professional Certified Marketer (PCM®) Digital Marketing Certification as part of their course of study.

LANCER LOFTS HONORS ROBERT AND SUE FUSON

In 2014, Shirley "Sue" Fuson donated property on the shores of Winona Lake to Grace as a gesture of her thanks to the school and in remembrance of her late husband Dr. Robert "Doc" Fuson. In honor of her generosity, the Grace residence hall "Lancer Lofts" has been renamed to "Robert and Sue Fuson Lancer Lofts."



GRACE CAMPUS HOSTS NEW WINONA LAKE BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

Zimmer Biomet has sponsored the Ride Warsaw + Winona Lake Bike Share program. The Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Warsaw revealed the Zimmer Biomet-branded bike share bicycles at the 2018 Fat and Skinny Tire Festival in May for employee and community use around Warsaw and Winona Lake. Four stations, each with five customized Zimmer Biomet bicycles, were provided by Zagster, a leading U.S. bike share organization that enables individuals to rent bicycles via a mobile application. The stations are located in downtown Warsaw, Boggs Industrial Park, The Village at Winona and on Grace College & Seminary's campus.



Derek and LeAnne
(Bundenthal BS 10,
MBA 14) Lavender at
the picture window
in their home in
Indianapolis, Indiana



FOR WORSE FOR BETTER

BY BRYAN AND CHELSEA THOMPSON

After just three years of marriage, Derek and LeAnne (Bundenthal BS 10, MBA 14) Lavender underwent an experience that might have torn some couples apart. Their story is a powerful illustration of how being united in mind and heart not only brought them through the darkest of times, but transformed hardship into something beautiful.

GETTING THE CALL

LeAnne and Derek met in Winona Lake, where Derek had grown up and LeAnne was working as an admissions counselor at Grace College. After getting married, they moved to Indianapolis, where Derek was finishing law school and LeAnne continued to work for Grace at its satellite campus. A large group of their friends from Warsaw had migrated to Indy, as well; that group, together with their growing crowd of church friends, created a rich community life. “A lot of our days were house projects, hanging out with friends, hosting parties and bonfires,” LeAnne remembers.

Every weekday morning, LeAnne would wait for a text from Derek, assuring her that he and his motorcycle had arrived safely at work. But on June 15, 2016, that text never came.

“It started out like any normal day, until I realized he hadn’t texted me yet. At 6:40 a.m., I texted him to ask if he was okay — nothing back. I sent another message at 6:50 a.m. — nothing.”



LeAnne and Derek play with their dog, Barkus, whom Derek gifted to LeAnne for her 30th birthday in 2017.

At 7:14 a.m., a call finally came on Derek's phone. But it wasn't Derek — it was a man from the local hospital, informing LeAnne that Derek had been in a serious accident.

"I was dazed and scrambling around the house with zero ideas of what to do next," LeAnne remembers. "Panic set in. I cried. I remember stopping in front of our bathroom mirror. I stood there for a solid 10 seconds taking a couple deep breaths and telling myself to calm down."

The next few hours were a blur, LeAnne says, as she waited at the hospital for someone to give her more information. "The fact that they wouldn't give me any details until I arrived made me fairly certain it wasn't just a broken bone. Finally, they told me Derek was a T4 paraplegic, paralyzed from the chest down."

HAVING A STRONG FOUNDATION

At first, LeAnne says, it was hard to fathom the ramifications of this life-changing news. It wasn't until weeks later that they began to realize what this meant for their hopes, their dreams and their future.

"Our first night at home after five months in the hospital was one I will never forget," LeAnne remembers. "We had put on brave smiles all day, but by evening, the realization was starting to set in. No doctors. No distractions. Just us, an accessible apartment and a wheelchair. We realized this was it. It was brutal. We just sat there and cried together."

Despite these words, Derek and LeAnne share their story today with ease, their voices relaxed and reflective. The first month, they say, was the hardest. But after that, against all odds, things started to get a little easier.

"We were coming from a pretty solid foundation," LeAnne reflects. "We'd been together six or seven years; we had a good marriage and a good relationship with the Lord too."

Derek adds that their expectations about marriage played a big role in their ability to stay united through that difficult time.

"I've always understood marriage to be a commitment, not just a thing that you do

when it's easy and fun," he says. With that perspective, this hasn't really been that big of a change. We're still together to take on whatever, whether it's fun or hard. It was never a question whether or not it would change our commitment to each other."

RELYING ON COMPLEMENTARY STRENGTHS

Another key to maintaining unity was grounding in their complementary character traits.

"Our personalities are a good combination," LeAnne says. "My weaknesses are Derek's strengths, and vice versa. That has worked well for us."

The accident has pushed them to explore new avenues of complementing each other, even in ways that might at first be difficult to accept.

"Before the accident, I was more of a stereotypical guy, when it comes to being able to physically provide," Derek says. "Now, I physically rely on LeAnne for things that I wouldn't have before. That's probably the harder part for a guy in my situation, but

you have to accept it as it is — you can't let pride get in the way. I'm a strong believer that through trials you're strengthened. Our marriage has become stronger because of what we've been through."

REALIZING YOU NEED OTHERS

In the initial weeks after Derek's accident, he wasn't able to even talk. Far from driving them apart, LeAnne says those weeks showed her just how much she needed him. "I was forced to do all these things that he's usually there for, even having to emotionally process the accident without talking to him about it! It helped me from then on not to take him for granted at all."

But in this time where she couldn't lean on Derek as before, LeAnne discovered the incredible resources of a community united in the desire to support them both. The Lavenders were inundated with letters, phone calls, care packages and visits, as well as support from the Grace College staff.

After a month in ICU, Derek moved to a rehab center in Chicago. LeAnne had planned to move into the local Ronald McDonald house, until she received a call from a Warsaw family offering their stunning condo. "It was free of charge, and walking distance to the rehab facility. They said, 'Stay there until Derek leaves.' I remember the first night in the condo sleeping on a real bed and waking

up to an incredible sunrise. I remember just feeling so thankful for the kindness of others and knowing that God had a plan for us."

In addition, Derek's law firm set up a meal train in their Chicago office — twice a week, staff members who had never met the couple would drop off bags of groceries for LeAnne. "It was just incredible how people are so generous when they don't even know you."

Derek adds that knowing LeAnne was being cared for gave him the peace of mind crucial to his recovery. "That's a lot of time, a lot of commitment, from a lot of people. We had family and friends sign up to stay with LeAnne and through the whole ordeal, there was only one night she spent alone. It was an amazing blessing that she was in safe places with people she knows."

A final blessing came in the form of a Grace College GOAL fundraising program timed with their return to Indianapolis, "right when reality started to hit," LeAnne remembers.

"I tried to send out postcards to everyone to thank them for all their help, and it got so difficult to keep up — there's no way to thank everybody."

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

LeAnne was most surprised to realize in the aftermath of the accident that, despite the trial, they wouldn't change their experience.

"The things we've learned through it, the people we can now relate to, we never would have, without going through something like this."

Derek adds that being able to connect with others has changed his perspective. "In the rehab world, there are spinal cord injuries, brain trauma, all kinds of different issues. I have found myself being more sympathetic to others and their struggles. The injury has provided me with a whole new platform to show kindness and Christ's love."

The value of unity, they say, starts with not being afraid of what you don't understand. "Don't let fear keep you from being involved with community," Derek encourages, "or from doing something that could be life-changing. Other people might have something that can help you, but more importantly, you might have something that you can contribute to them as well."

LeAnne adds, "Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it, or to volunteer yourself to help others. Those actions are what build friendships over a lifetime, and the foundation you build through friendships and with the Lord is what carries you through tough times." ■





FORMER IDENTITY



GRACE

LANCERS

JUNE 2018 REDESIGN

Grace Athletics Unveils New Visual Identity

Grace College unveiled an impactful new look for Lancer athletics in June. The Lancers' revamped visual identity establishes a stronger and more modern feel to be featured on uniforms, courts, fields and apparel.

The new look was designed to create a connection between the historical identity of the Lancers while also bringing the brand into a new era. It creates a cohesive look among the Lancers' programs, constructing a more impactful and unique brand for Grace. The Lancers' redesign was engineered by Mongoose Graphics (Denver, Colorado), an accomplished designer of athletics marks.

"We continue to strive for Christian excellence in all areas of our department, and the new Grace Athletics brand is no different," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "We look forward to the bold, new Lancers' brand creating excitement for alumni, student-athletes, fans and community. Thank you to Dr. Katip (BA 74) and the senior administration for their support throughout this process."

The new athletics wordmark was created from scratch, featuring all-new lettering that evokes a robust, dynamic brand. The new "Grace" wordmark will be featured prominently on uniforms and apparel

to establish a consistent look and was designed to work in all digital formats. Each team also received multiple program-specific marks to help identify them among the collegiate landscape while also remaining congruent to Grace's brand.

Athletics at Grace has grown dramatically in recent years, emphasized by newly constructed, top-notch facilities and groundbreaking success on the field of competition. Since 2007, Grace has built an arsenal of new playing arenas, including the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center (basketball, volleyball), 1st Source

Bank Field (soccer) and the Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex. Additionally, the softball stadium is being rebuilt this summer as the Coach Phil Dick Field, ready for competition in the spring of 2019.

"Our goal during this process was to establish a unified and distinct look for Grace Athletics, which was missing," said Grace Assistant Athletic Director Josh Neuhart (BS 11). "We have an exciting future ahead of us in Lancer Nation, and this enhanced visual identity gives us a great step in that direction."

Grace Hosts NCCAA Nationals

Hundreds of student-athletes descended upon Winona Lake May 10–11 for the 2018 NCCAA Track and Field Championships. Grace hosted the NCCAA Track Nationals for the first time in school history, holding it at the brand new Bernard and Linnie Key Track and Field Complex.

Grace got its first big win on day one of the competition when Thomas Hickerson claimed the NCCAA javelin title, clearing 162 feet 6 inches to win the national championship. Hickerson is the first individual NCCAA champion for Grace since 2010, and it's only the eighth time Grace has won an event at NCCAA Nationals.

Grace's track and field team wrapped up the second day of competition with a number of memorable performances. The throwers powered the day for the Lancers, placing well in nearly every event in which they competed. Grace had three throwers place in the men's hammer on the final day of the championships. Isaac Stuckey and Jacob Brown placed second and third respectively to earn All-American recognition. Stuckey threw 188 feet 10.5 inches, and Brown hit 187 feet and 8.75 inches.

Additionally, Walker Hobbs ranked seventh in the event for the Lancers. Hobbs narrowly missed out on All-American honors in the shot put. He threw 49 feet and 10.75 inches for fourth place, less than an inch behind third. His throw also broke one of the oldest school records in team history, bettering Russell Brown's (BS 83) mark from 1983 (49 feet and 3 inches).

Overall, Grace finished eighth as a team on the men's side and 17th on the women's side. The event, which included more than 450 student-athletes, was the largest athletic event in Grace's history.

1. Junior Isaac Stuckey won All-American recognition in the weight throw. **2.** Junior Karla Singer leads a pack in the 10,000-meter race; Singer earned fifth place when she crossed the finish line in 41:46.52. **3.** Sophomore Thomas Hickerson (center) stands with Grace Track and Field Coach Jeff Raymond (left) and Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe after winning the NCCAA national championship in the javelin.



ALUM

Connecting with
our family of friends

NOTES

CLASS NOTES

1972

Dr. Tim Birdsall (BA 72), chief medical information officer at Cancer Treatment Centers of America® (CTCA), was named a Premier 100 Technology Leader by "Computerworld" in 2017. The year's Premier 100 spotlights 100 leaders from both the technology and business sides of companies for their exceptional technology leadership and innovative approaches to business challenges. "The Premier 100 awards program highlights the exceptional work of an elite group of IT executives who are leading their organizations through times of unprecedented change. They are using technology to drive high-stakes business projects and create dynamic growth in their organizations," said Scot Finnie, editor in chief of "Computerworld." "I'm honored to be included with so many talented leaders from across all industries," said Tim. "At a time of rapid change in oncology, with increasing complexity of decision making and a vast amount of information available, technology is more important than ever. I am proud to be a part of what is becoming a paradigm shift for the benefit of our patients and medical staff." As chief medical information officer for CTCA, Tim is responsible for leveraging technology to provide clinical staff with robust, effective and efficient technology to allow them to provide the highest level of care to patients. He is instrumental in bridging the gaps between clinicians and

clinical practice, technology solutions, and administrative process. Tim is responsible for both the strategic leadership and the operational success of the clinical IT function. The Premier 100 program was created in 2000 to spotlight individuals who have had a positive impact on their organizations through technology.

1975

1 Dan Swagerty (C 75) serves as Farmersville High School's (California) athletic director. He has been involved in high school athletics for the past 41 years. The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) state office awarded Dan the male winner of the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for the Central Section. "This award caught me a little by surprise, but it is a great honor to be recognized by the state and local section," Dan said. Every year the CIF awards two athletic directors from all 10 sections with this distinction. It is designed to give special recognition to those who have remained in the CIF the longest. Dan's tenure has taken him all over the state, working at high schools in the Southern, Sac-Joaquin, and Northern sections, with his longest tenure of 11 years and counting, in the Central section. As coach he led seven different sports teams. He coached basketball for more than 35 years and coached baseball for seven years. Dan spent 19 years as a volleyball coach and four years coaching golf. He also had stints as a coach for track, soccer and tennis teams. A current member of the Central Section Board of Managers, Dan



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has also served on the North Section's board and is president of the California Coaches Association. After graduating from Brethren Christian High School (Huntington Beach CA), Dan enrolled at USIU (San Diego CA) and returned to Long Beach City College where he graduated with an associate degree in business before switching his major to physical education. After attending Grace, he finished his undergraduate work at Westmont College (Santa Barbara CA). Dan also received his Master of Arts in Education from Azusa Pacific University (CA).
danswags@msn.com

1978

Dr. Daniel S. Ramsey (BA 78, MDiv 82) is serving as vice president of Carey USA and academic dean of Carey International University of Theology (CIUT) (Orlando FL), which provides training for pastors and leaders in nine countries who are either unable to obtain or to afford a theological education due to limited resources or religious persecution. Daniel has completed the application process for obtaining certification status for CIUT with the Council of Private Colleges of America (CPCA) and is working on the CPCA Candidate status. Daniel and wife **Denise** (Plastow C 78) call Loveland OH home.
dansramsey56@gmail.com

1984

Duane Burgess (CERT 84) offers an internet radio program, "Faith Song Radio – Songs of Faith and Inspiration," which features songs from the '70s to

today. You can stream the station at www.faithsongradio.com or listen at Live365.com (search for Faith Song Radio).

1985

Jonathan Alcorn (BA 85) retired from coaching at Argos High School (IN) after 18 seasons with the varsity girls' soccer team and 31 years overall. He continues as athletic director and dean of students. As a high school coach, he posted a record of 220-101-19, winning 11 conference titles, eight sectionals and four regionals. He was the 2007 and 2011 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Indiana small school coach of the year and a district winner in 2004, 2010 and 2015. He serves on the board of Argos FC travel club (soccer), which he co-founded in 2000, and the North Central Soccer Association (NCSA) league, which serves around 1,800 players. Jon and wife **Jacquelyn "Jacki" (Yoder C 87)** reside in Argos IN and have three grown children: **Kyle** (BS 09), **Kayla** (Alcorn BS 11) **Bailey**, and **Hannah** (Alcorn BA 14) **Euler**. jalcorn@argos.k12.in.us

1988

2 Chuck (MDiv 88) and **Deb Miller**: Married April 13, 2015. The couple resides in Brunswick OH. After Chuck's first wife died in 2010, he met Deb in 2014 through online dating. As a result of his online dating experience, he wrote a book about it from a Christian perspective, titled "Discovering Love Online: Love May Be Closer Than You Think." It's available through Amazon and through the companion website at <https://discoveringloveonline.com/>.

2003

3 Thomas and Stephani (Hart BS 03) Rogers welcomed Kailey Eileen, born July 6, 2008, out of foster care into their family on March 1, 2018. Thomas continues to be a mobile field engineer and Stephani continues to run her own part-time business, Stephanie Sparkles Cleaning. Kailey joins Cohen (7) and Kendrick (1 1/2) at their home in Frisco TX. stephaniandmocha@gmail.com

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Jordan Richards (BSW 08) serves as senior deputy probation officer at San Joaquin County Probation (CA). He and wife Jenna reside in Riverbank CA with their children Grayson (5) and Ava (3).
jrichards0810@yahoo.com

2009

4 Nathaniel (BS 09) and **Christine (Miller BS 09) Foote**: Eli Nathaniel, May 25, 2017. Eli joins sister Adalyn Joy (3) at their home in Mansfield OH.
foote.christine@gmail.com

5 Michael (BS 09) and **Elizabeth "Beth" (Hardy BS 12) Jennys**: Aurora Avriel, Nov. 5, 2017. She joins sister Elinor Lirael (3) at their home in Manchester MI.
jennysmd42@yahoo.com

2010

6 John and Jessica (Hatfield BS 10) Estep: Thessalon, July 2017. He joins brother Alastair (3) at their home in Columbia City IN.
jessica.hatfield.estep@gmail.com

2011

7 David (BS 11, MAIR 13, MAMHC 15) and **Nina (Ferry BS 13) Lantz**: Married on Dec. 31, 2016. The couple relocated to Mequon WI from Winona Lake in July 2017 where David serves as resident director at Concordia University, and Nina is a special education teacher at Carmen High School of Science and Technology in inner-city Milwaukee WI. nina.c.lantz@gmail.com

2014

8 Ryan Scott (BA 14) taught English in France near the Alps in Bourg-St-Maurice, Savoie, for one year. He now recruits students across the world for Christ through the vehicle of education. He continues his passion for travel at Greenville University (IL) while serving as international admissions specialist. He attended his first international event in Vietnam in March 2018.
scotttw92@gmail.com

2015

9 Nathan (BS 15) and **Rebekah (Coolman BA 15) Mason**: James David, March 23, 2018. James joins brother Adam (1 1/2) at their home in Crawfordsville IN.
rebekahsmason@gmail.com

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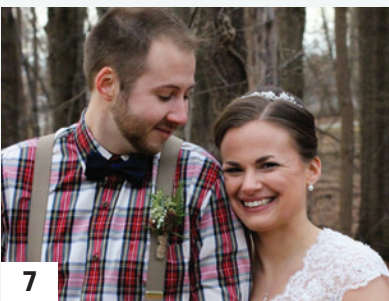
10 Samuel and Ashlee (Fern BS 16) Eda: Married on Aug. 19, 2017. The couple calls Westport CT home.

Ashley Petitt (BS 16, MSHE 16) will begin serving as fiscal manager and adviser in the Fairleigh Dickinson University Office of Student Life where she will monitor the campus organizations' budgets and financial decisions to ensure accuracy and compliance with the student government organizations' policies. She is grateful for her experience gained while completing her blended masters in higher education at Grace. Ashley calls Shelbyville IN home.
ashley.petitt@yahoo.com

John Sproul (BS 16) serves as operations manager at Clearwater Car Wash (Warsaw IN) where he sees his work as a place to impact the lives of young men and women who work for him but also to be a blessing to his community. Clearwater has received several awards from the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce, and John has been recognized as an emerging leader for the International Car Wash Association. To him, Clearwater is more than just a business; it is a platform to be Christ to his employees and the hundreds of people who come through its doors every day.
john@cwcarwash.com

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Ray Pierson (MDiv 58) went to be with his Savior Jesus Christ on March 15, 2018, after a sudden illness. Ray attended Colorado State for one year and then transferred to Bob Jones University (Greenville SC). After graduation, he was drafted into the US Army, where he trained at Fort Leonard Wood (MO). Ray was then stationed in South Korea where he worked with the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG), which helped train and provide logistic support for the Republic of Korea Army. He served as development administrator at Montana Bible College (Bozeman MT). He is survived by wife Winifred and their children: sons, Bruce, Eric, Jay and Robert; and daughters, Jennifer, Patricia and Raye.



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11 Joan Elaine (Lesh BS 72) Hoke went home to be with the Lord on March 30, 2018. She taught school in Iowa, North Carolina, California and worked at Grace Seminary West until moving to Winona Lake (IN) in 1990 to work in the Grace College & Seminary Advancement Department. For a number of years she worked as an administrative assistant at Grace Brethren International Missions (now Encompass World Partners), and most recently she had been working at Carey Excavation (Warsaw IN). She was an active member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, serving as a beloved Bible storyteller for its SPLASH children's

ministry. Joan loved people, especially her family. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 13 years, **Noel Hoke** (BA 63) (Warsaw IN); three daughters: **Kelli (Hoke BS 93)** (Scott) **Schneider** (Winona Lake IN); **Kaylin (Hoke BS 96)** (Emil) **Dragan** (Fort Wayne IN); **Karla (Hoke C 97)** (Don) **Cosgrove** (Winona Lake IN); and three grandchildren: Luke, Katie and Evan. Also surviving are two brothers: Jeff (Sheri) Lesh (La Porte City IA); Jerry (Karen) Lesh (Marion IA); and sister: **Julie (Lesh BS 82)** (Ron) **Smith** (Pittsburgh PA). She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson Ben.



John Reichard (AS 01, BS 03) passed away on March 21, 2018. John was program manager at The Change Life (Indianapolis), which seeks to significantly reduce the recidivism rates of individuals returning to Marion County from incarceration in the Indiana Department of Corrections and the county jail system through life skills training coupled with transitional jobs program.

12 Colleen (Yoder BS 13) Cordill and Marla Jane Cordill, Colleen's daughter due to join their family in July, went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2018, following a brief illness. Colleen was raised in Marion, Ohio, where she loved participating in show choir and didn't miss performing in any of their musicals and plays. Colleen enjoyed a meaningful internship during her years at Grace at Dr. Mark Piacentinni's, helping counsel those battling addiction. Becoming an addiction counselor became a life goal of hers. Following her Grace graduation, Colleen worked as a case manager with Buckeye Health, helping patients find the best treatments available to them. Colleen married Aaron Cordill on July 16, 2016. In her teenage years, she developed a strong belief in her Lord and Savior, and she loved singing to God with all of her heart. Loving everything about musicals, Colleen always wanted to see a Broadway show. She was so excited when Aaron recently took her to New York City to enjoy the show "Chicago." She also loved watching "Wicked" many times with her mother at the theaters in Ohio, and singing karaoke every chance she could. Having a very nurturing and mothering

heart, Colleen was always "the mom" of her friends. She was the most supportive and loyal friend you could ever want, and she had a way of always bringing everyone together. Left to cherish their memory of her are husband and father Aaron Cordill; parents and grandparents: Amanda "Amy" (Arthur) Miltz (Marion OH) and Bryan "B.J." (Nancy) Yoder (West Liberty OH); brother and uncle Ethan Yoder; grandparents and great-grandparents: Dick and Gloria Bear and Flo Yoder; and many great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Colleen and Marla were preceded in death by their grandfather and great-grandfather Carl Yoder.



A Family Full of Grace

THE ENTIRE BRADLEY FAMILY CROSSED THE STAGE ON COMMENCEMENT 2018 WEEKEND.

From left to right: Timothy Bradley (BS 16) will earn his master's in nonprofit management in August; his wife Cindy Bradley, office manager for the Grace Admissions Office, earned her master's in higher education; their daughter-in-law Mary Bradley earned her bachelor's in environmental science; and their son Timothy Bradley Jr. earned his bachelor's in environmental science.





Golden Grad Reunion | 1968

The Golden Graduate Class of 1968 returned to campus for their 50-year reunion May 10-12 where they enjoyed a variety of planned activities in their honor including a welcome reception, campus bus tour, luncheon and reunion banquet. The celebration was highlighted by their participation in the commencement ceremony where they led the processional for the graduating Class of 2018. The Golden Graduates are planning to continue their 50-year celebration over Homecoming 2018, Oct. 5-6, so we hope those of you who couldn't attend in May will join us then!

Class members pictured are (front row, left to right): **Jeane (Foote BS 68) Gillenwater, JoAnn Rosbrugh (BS 68), Becky Grill (BS 68), Carolyn (Witzky BS 68) Parrett, Ramah Lee (Harris BA 68) Stewart, Carol Bergmeier (BA 68), Nancy (Saucerman BS 68) Perdw, Pam (Osborn BS 68) Shipley.** Back row: **Martha Peiffer (BA 68), Pat (Armentrout BS 68) Taylor, Terry Howie (BS 68, S 72), Alan Jackson (BS 68), Jim Shipley (BME 68, BS 92), Frank Merckx (MDiv 68), Ron Weimer (BA 68, MDiv 72), Vivian (Byers BS 68) Weimer, Kathy (DeArmey BS 68) Hiler, Bonnie (Pauley BS 68) Young, Linda (Ashman BA 68) Brown, Chuck Sauders (BA 68), Douglas Quine (BA 68, MACSA 79).**

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8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Lower Concourse Entrance](#)

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

9 a.m. Coffee*

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Bill and Ella Male Hospitality Suite](#)

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

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Chapel

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center](#)

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

2 p.m. Grace Campus Bus Tour*

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Lower Concourse Entrance](#)

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

3:30–5:30 p.m. Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex Open House

[Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex](#)

Stop by and tour the new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex! Meet some of our faculty, staff and students, and hear how the new space will foster new opportunities for innovation.

4:45 p.m. Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex Dedication Ceremony

[Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, Main Lobby](#)

Join us for the dedication of the building and to honor Dr. Dane A. Miller, as well as the many donors who made this facility possible.

5 p.m. Lady Lancers Reunion*+

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Lower Concourse Entrance](#)

Calling all Lady Lancers! Join us for a dinner celebrating women's athletics at Grace College. Following the dinner, we will have a variety of desserts available in the Hospitality Suite for you to enjoy during our women's varsity volleyball game.

7 p.m. Varsity Women's Volleyball Game (versus Taylor University)

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center](#)

Head over to the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center (MOCC) to cheer on our Lady Lancers as they take on the Taylor University Trojans!

Midnight Back in Five Reunion

[McClain Auditorium](#)

Join us for a Back in Five Reunion show featuring current and former group members. This will be a show you will not want to miss!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

[Alpha Hall Dining Room](#)

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

8:30 a.m.— 4 p.m. Registration

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Lower Concourse Entrance](#)

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9 a.m. Lancer Athletic Hall of Fame Breakfast*+

[Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center](#)

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

10 a.m. Baseball Game

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

Please join us for our annual alumni and player scrimmage.

10 a.m. Softball Game

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

Please join us for our annual alumni and player scrimmage.

10 a.m. The Mike Grill Tennis Alumni Tournament

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade

[Winona Lake Park](#)

The homecoming court, alumni award winners and various student and community groups will headline this festive event.

12 p.m. Coach Phil Dick Field Dedication Ceremony

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

Join us for a short program to dedicate our new softball field and honor Coach Phil Dick (BA 65).

12 p.m. 10-Year Class Reunion (2008)*+

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends.

12 p.m. 20-Year Class Reunion (1998)*+

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends.

12-2 p.m. Tailgate Lunch & Activities*+

[Miller Athletic Complex](#)

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

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

[Miller Athletic Complex, 1st Source Bank Field](#)

COME HOME 2018

2:30 p.m. Shooting Sports Club Open*

Kosko Shotgun Sports Complex, Warsaw IN

Join our students and coaches for the Shooting Sports Club Open, a 50-target sporting clays fun shoot. There is no cost to participate, and club guns and ammunition will be available. Participants of all skill levels are welcome!

4:30 p.m. Grace's Golden Gathering

(Reunion for classes 1950-1968)*+

Westminster East Banquet Room

For those who graduated 50 or more years ago, this event is to honor you and your long-standing relationship with Grace. Come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with your former classmates and friends. This reunion was known last year as the 50+ Reunion.

5 p.m. 30-Year Class Reunion (1988)*+

The Hub at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church

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

5 p.m. 40-Year Class Reunion (1978)*+

Westminster West Banquet Room

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

7:30 p.m. No Name Quartet**

Winona Heritage Room

Come hear the "No Name Quartet," an all-alumni singing group, including Bob Jackson (BS 91), Jeff Secaur (BS 81, S 84), Mike Yocum (BS 79) and Tim Yocum (BS 84), perform.

* RSVP required | + Fee to attend |

** RSVP according to the invitation

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

www.grace.edu/homecoming2018

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

We're hosting a "Back in Five" Reunion over Homecoming, (pictured here is the crew from 2014), and you won't want to miss it!



REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

I hope you were able to take a few minutes and read alumnus Chester Marshall's (BA 86) story on Page 6. Chester returned to campus in 2017 when Steve Gerber (MDiv 97), Grace's director of development, invited him to speak at chapel over Homecoming Weekend 2017.

It was Chester's first time back to Grace since he'd graduated three decades earlier, and he was awestruck. "Coach K brought me to Grace, and Steve helped me find my way back," Chester says. "To come back here after all of these years and to see all God is doing, it really floored me. For Steve to reach out to me and get me back on campus, I was overcome with emotion. I got to speak to the people who had altered the trajectory of my life — people I hadn't talked to for 30 years. I know I just happened to be at Grace over its Homecoming, but it was truly a homecoming for me."

I hope you'll consider coming back to campus this year for Homecoming. Maybe you've been back recently, or maybe you haven't been back since you walked across the stage and received your diploma. We want to give you an opportunity

to reconnect with the people who impacted your life — fellow classmates, faculty and staff. To have a moment like Chester.

This year, we're hosting our class reunions as well as two first-time reunions: one for all of our female athletes and one for all alumni who participated in "Back in Five," Grace's improv comedy group.

It's going to be a weekend full of nostalgia, celebration and connection. We want to bless you, so mark your calendars, and join us Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5–6.

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



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**JEFF (BA 93) AND TRACY (BYERS
BS 93) WERTZ (CENTER) MET
ON A BLIND DATE DURING THEIR
JUNIOR YEAR AT GRACE COLLEGE**

and married the summer after they graduated. This summer, 25 years later, they — along with their daughter, Kathryn, and son, Nathanael — are preparing to drop off their middle-born child, Philip, at Grace for his freshman year, where he'll also play baseball.

"We're so excited that he'll obtain a solid spiritual foundation and be surrounded by faculty who personally care for him," said Tracy.

"Not only did I have a Bible professor who was like a father to me," said Jeff, "but Tracy and I also gained an understanding of our true identity in Christ. We're so excited for Philip to have the same gift."

We hope you'll consider sending your daughter or son to Grace too. And any child (or grandchild) of a Grace alum is guaranteed a minimum of \$3,000 in Grace student aid. Just contact admissions@grace.edu, and we'll get the ball rolling.