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Greetings, Friend. We might have startled you with the dramatic change to our cover in renaming our “Two Eight & Nine” magazine to “Grace Story,” but I assure you, it’s purposeful, and we know you’ll appreciate the thought behind it. Let me elaborate a bit.

Eight years ago, we named the magazine “Two Eight & Nine” as a reminder of Ephesians 2:8–9, the verses that undergirded the beginnings of the Seminary in 1937. Although these verses still remain foundational to us, we wanted the name of our magazine to be more immediately affiliated to our institution.

Grace College & Seminary has a story on which it’s based. It’s a well-known story. You might say ... the predecessor of all stories. It’s one that’s central to the life of this college and this president.

The Bible will continue to be a differentiator for us in higher education. We are strengthening our grip on truth as we hold fast to God’s Word. While we are committed to innovation, imagination and improvement in every area, the Word of God and His “Grace Story” are foundational to our faith and the founding of this school.

A loving, infinite, creator God, in His perfect wisdom, authored a plan to create us, father us and know us. We fractured the relationship, we struck discord, and He grieved over our sin. Unthinkably, He set aside glory and stepped into our story. He put on flesh and walked among us.

His life was brief, blameless and yet burdened by the weight of our transgressions and the penalty it carried. He shouldered it all, as our Savior, in an ultimate act of mercy. He hung and bled and died on our behalf. Buried in a borrowed tomb, three nights seemed long, but morning broke. A grave

lay empty. A stone lay aside. And the power of His resurrection unleashed over death. The promise of eternal life as sons and daughters of God is ours if we but ask.

This is our Good News. This is our Grace Story. And the Grace Story changes everything.

All of our graduates know this story well because it permeates everything we do here. We strive to find parallels in our classes and relationships. We purposely blur the line between learning and worship, hoping that it draws us close to this story at every turn. We want our students to view themselves as integral to this story God is telling.

When our graduates find success or significance and live out stories of their own, we hope to illustrate and share them vividly with you in this magazine. We believe each life, each outcome and each story we tell isn’t just a part of our story, but a part of the larger Grace Story which is worth returning to again and again.

One thing you’ll also find in our storytelling is a common thread — an underlying truth we hope you might dwell on after reading each issue. This month we noted the quality of those who’ve said “yes” to God even in the midst of uncertainty, sacrifice, discouragement or even danger. They are all **undaunted** in their obedience and faith. What does undaunted faith look like for you?

We hope you enjoy this publication. We are thankful for these folks. They represent the Grace Story well.



*Bill Katip*

William J. Katip, Ph.D. (BA 74)  
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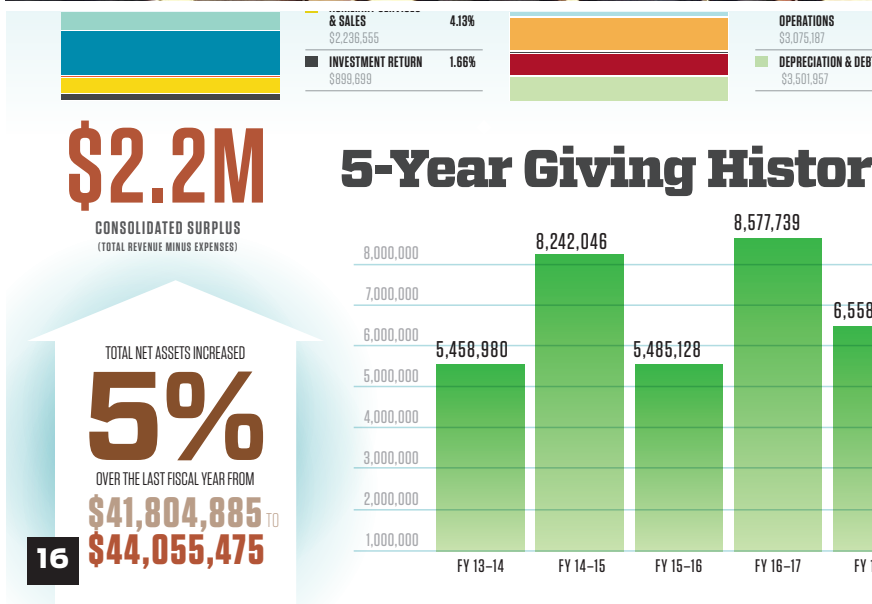
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# MY FATHER GOES BEFORE ME

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

**It was May 7, 2017, when Lindsay Anderson (BS 09) received a heartbreaking phone call.** She was sitting in a hotel room in Port Au Prince, Haiti, listening to one of her brothers explain that their dad had suffered a stroke. Her brother handed the phone over to their dad. "I heard my dad's voice speak like the dad he had always been," remembers Anderson, "a man in a physical trial who was still anchored in the Lord knowing that God was in control and faithful. His faith was always unmovable. It settled me even though I was 3,000 miles away."





Anderson was in Port Au Prince dropping off a ministry team at the airport; she didn't have her passport with her, or she would have immediately jumped on a plane home to Indiana. Instead, the next day, she made the seven-hour bus ride back to her home in Jeremie, Haiti. When she arrived, she received another call from her family, advising her to get to the U.S. as quickly as possible. She immediately headed back to the Port Au Prince airport, and was in Indiana the next evening, climbing up the stairs of her home to see her dad. "I lay on the bed next to him, and he woke up and we talked for a good while. He was weak but resolute in spirit. This man, my dad, modeled his whole life with this kind of steadfastness of faith."

He would meet Jesus face to face 24 days later.

It's hard for Lindsay to express how close she was to her dad — in fact, her whole family. Anderson is the eighth of nine children and there is a strong bond among her whole family. As siblings, they grew up knowing Jesus and reflecting their parents' strong faith. Financial resources were tight early on — no one with more than one pair of shoes, and Anderson, the family's first college graduate — but she witnessed the value of family. For Anderson, it's true, that "blood is thicker than water," she says. "We pull together, no matter what."

Leaving her family to live and work in Haiti has, in some ways, been more daunting to Anderson than the rigor of the mission field and living among and serving people who perpetually live in a state of survival.

So the news of her dad's death was devastating. She'd been living in Haiti, thousands of miles from him, for the last six years. The loss of time was unrecoverable.

"The reality was, I missed out on those years with my dad, and I wondered whether being here in Haiti was worth it," she recalls. "I realized I'd given up those last memories with him."

But six months prior, God spoke the words of comfort and affirmation to Anderson that would come rushing back to her in the early days of her profound grief. "I was sitting on a rock that was overlooking the city, thinking, 'The cost is so much to be here instead

of home with my family. I have 30 nieces and nephews. The youngest ones don't even remember my name. I don't know what grade they're in. I'm missing them grow up.' But God was like, 'You know ... your family is My family.'"

In that moment, Anderson was reminded that she would have an eternity to spend together with her family — including her dad. "My dad had just arrived where I'll be going in not so very long," recognized Anderson.

Her dad's death forced her to consider the truths that convinced her to minister in Haiti in the first place: "I want to be faithful with my days. Life is short, even if you suffer for all of it."

Anderson remembers learning these biblical principles during her years studying at Grace. As a senior during chapel, she listened to a woman who went to Papua New Guinea, initially for two years, and ended up staying for 20 years, translating the Bible. "I was in such awe of her life sacrifice and knew it was a life spent well." Anderson desperately wanted that to be true in her life too. "I wanted to see the miracles of Jesus in my life, to see evidence of what He promised when He said we would do even greater things than He (John 14:12). I wanted to do something eternal, because life is only a vapor."

Six months after Anderson graduated from Grace, a 7.3 magnitude earthquake ravaged Haiti, killing more than 230,000 people, injuring 300,000 residents and displacing 1.5 million people.

Just days after the quake, Anderson's brother, Todd, and his friend and pilot, Tyler Silveus, were flying down medical supplies and aid, and Anderson invited herself on the trip. Within two hours, she'd packed her bags and was on the plane. Wheels had barely touched down and Anderson was running a pharmacy out of a mobile clinic, treating the wounded in neighborhoods where the hospitals had been leveled. On a good day, they had one decent meal, living in the same survival conditions as those they came to aid. The devastation was harrowing. She could sense the hopelessness in her spirit. "It wasn't that I wished these people could live like me, as an American. It was that I wished they knew the hope of Jesus that would set them free from spiritual poverty."





Three of Anderson's students practice printing their letters at her boarding school, Academy HSMS (Heart Soul Mind Strength).



Anderson briefly returned to Warsaw, Indiana, this summer to join in on the fun at The Lake Games, an ultimate challenger event and fundraiser for HSMS Haiti, hosted by Grace College & Seminary.

Anderson knew God was calling her to stay, and over the next several years she remained in Haiti, serving in a variety of capacities with different organizations and churches. She learned Creole, worked with adults teaching English, facilitated job creation opportunities, managed countless building projects, served meals, taught Bible studies, and all the while, God was revealing His vision for her.

Anderson saw the future of Haiti in the eyes of its children. But in stark contrast to their potential was an obstacle they faced. "The education in Haiti is appalling; there's no comparison whatsoever to it in the U.S.," explains Anderson. With her experience teaching and working in orphanages, she saw God leading her to open a boarding school that would meet the physical and educational needs of children while instilling in them the Gospel message and discipling them to become spiritual pillars and witnesses in their communities.

In the fall of 2017, she opened Academy HSMS, which fittingly stands for Heart Soul Mind Strength. It's a bilingual school unlike any other in the entire country where students receive a premier education that rests entirely on the Bible and its truths. In the spring of 2018, she secured a larger facility that gives her and her staff of eight the ability to disciple children

and house a number of them during the week. "We're teaching students how to do chores, resolve conflict, worship and pray, and serve in the community." This fall, they have 33 enrolled. "The goal is for these students to be a light in their homes and to be leaders and influencers," says Anderson.

Not only does Anderson manage and teach at HSMS, but she is its primary fundraiser, generating support for the school's operational costs and finding donors to sponsor scholarships for students to attend.

Just this past summer, she and several of her siblings with the help of Grace College & Seminary, hosted The Lake Games for the second summer in a row. The ultimate challenger event included a CrossFit competition, trail run and obstacle course. Nearly 280 attendees competed, raising \$10,000 for HSMS, and Anderson hopes the event will continue to grow in future years.

Anderson has experienced God's provision in miraculous ways, and His promises keep her persevering even when things are, as she says "far from a fairytale." On the surface, there have been hope-crushing circumstances and instances when her trust has been broken, money was stolen, gossip was harsh, loneliness

loomed and her work seemed fruitless. But in these moments, she tries to see things with spiritual eyes, not physical eyes.

"When I want to be done because it's too hard, I remember that God would never have me leave this work only because it 'got too hard.' It's time to go when my work is finished. God always has a purpose He is working out, and I trust in His way. It's a life of constant surrender."

Even in the recent loss of her dad, Anderson is constantly reminded that this world is neither his nor her permanent home.

"I can't say I've been as resolute as my dad, but he gave me an example of what true faith actually looks like. I'm learning the truth that being an overcomer means persevering not just in the good times but also the hard times. I've made it seven years [in Haiti] not because it's easy here or because I'm so strong, but because I have a lineage started by my dad to never lose faith in my Father no matter how foolish or how costly — even unto death." ■

**To find out more about HSMS or to support a student, visit [www.hsmshaiti.org](http://www.hsmshaiti.org). You can also keep up with HSMS' daily happenings on its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/hsmshaiti](https://www.facebook.com/hsmshaiti).**





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Christi Ziebarth (BA 95) designed and facilitated the creation of the art wall panel gracing the lobby of the new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex.

## Grace Alumna's Vision Adorns Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex Entryway

Rising 22 feet above the central lobby of the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, the art wall panel assemblage titled, "Creation," reflects the act of creation by God, the Master Artist, bringing all things into being by His word and His light as recorded in Genesis 1.

In a spirit of collaboration, designing artist Christi Ziebarth (BA 95) invited youth and adult artists with disabilities to realize the joy of bringing beauty to their community by contributing to her work. Artists served by RedBird Art Studio of Cardinal Services (Warsaw, Indiana) shared their love of abstracted color by spinning 200 concentric circles cut and adhered as the mosaic tesserae. Art students of Lakeland Christian Academy (Winona Lake, Indiana) added their talents to the construction phase.

Funded by the Dekko Foundation (Kendallville, Indiana), similar finished works now complement the entryways of Joe's Kids Achievement Place (Warsaw, Indiana) and Parkview Warsaw YMCA. Select panels furthered the story of occupational and art therapy benefits in hospital gallery exhibitions. In fact, the panels displayed at the Medical Mile facilities (Grand Rapids, Michigan) received the Youth Collaboration Award of \$2,500 from the ArtPrize international competition (Grand Rapids) in October.

Ziebarth never imagined that a community project aiming to serve students and artists with disabilities would gain synergy as interior décor in a growing number of commercial spaces. "It's a win-win," she says. "Organizations want custom artwork that's endowed with meaning. There are big walls to fill and big impacts to be made."





Pictured are author Kwame Alexander (right) with musician Randy Preston (left) and Dr. Lauren Rich, chair of the Department of Languages, Literature and Communication during Alexander's book reading and signing at Grace.

## Grace Hosts The New York Times Best-Selling Author Kwame Alexander

Grace welcomed poet, educator and The New York Times best-selling author Kwame Alexander to campus in October as part of his "Swing" book tour. More than 150 students, staff, faculty and community members attended the event, including educators and librarians who traveled from as far away as South Bend and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"Mr. Alexander is one of the most sought-after voices in young adult literature in the country," said Dr. Lauren Rich, chair of the Department of Languages, Literature and Communication. "His writing reaches across boundaries of genre, race and more to appeal to a wide variety of readers."

Alexander is perhaps best known for his hip-hop and jazz-inflected verse novels for young adults, and his book "The Crossover" — which Rich teaches in her Young Adult Literature course — is "beloved" by her students. Alexander is the recipient of numerous literary awards, including the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Prize and three NAACP Image Award Nominations.

During the event, Alexander read selections from "Swing," his newest verse novel, while guest musician Randy Preston accompanied him with guitar and song, drawing on a wide range of musical

styles and genres from jazz to rock. Alexander and Preston's performance interwove poetry, humor and music, and it concluded with questions from the audience. After the performance, Alexander and Preston visited with audience members, and Alexander signed books for fans.

The Kwame Alexander lecture and book signing was made possible by the support of the Elener R. (Norris BA 58, S 63) Grossman Fund. "It's only because of the vision and generosity of the Grossmans that we were able to host such a renowned guest," said Rich.





Ryan (BS 07, MAIR 12) and  
Neena (Kishan BS 09) Burgher  
in Winona Lake, Indiana



# The Goal is 'Yes'

BY BRYAN AND CHELSEA THOMPSON

## IT COULD HAVE BEEN A SUNDAY MORNING LIKE ANY OTHER.

But that day in the spring of 2012 turned out to be the day when Ryan (BS 07, MAIR 12) and Neena (Kishan BS 09) Burgher decided to follow God's calling, not with a step but with a flying leap.

Their pastor, Kondo Simfukwe (BA 00, MDiv 04), was preaching on the importance of following God's calling. He cautioned against the regret of looking back and wondering what might have happened. If God was telling you to do something, he said, you should do it.

"I looked at Neena that day," Ryan remembers, "and said, 'We're going to do a free soccer camp.'"

It was an idea that had been hovering in his head for some time. A lifelong soccer player as well as a native of Warsaw, Indiana, Ryan had a passion not only for the sport but also for the community. Since his conversion during his time at Grace College & Seminary, he also had a passion for impacting others for Christ. For some time, the soccer camp had occupied his imagination as a way to bring those passions together.

Though he knew soccer quite well, and had even spent five years coaching the women's soccer team at Huntington University, Ryan had no experience starting or running a camp. Nevertheless, Ryan and Neena, stirred by their pastor's message, were determined not to look back with regrets. Ryan recalls that they looked at each other and shared an instant resolve: "We just said 'yes.'"

## HOW SOCCER BECOMES A "WELL"

Ryan had experienced firsthand the way sports can open the door to spiritual connections. He had enrolled at Grace as a nonbeliever, with the sole purpose of playing soccer — growing his walk with God had nothing to do with it.

"I was not the poster child for Grace College," he admits with a laugh. "But soccer gave people opportunities to pour into my life, where it wouldn't have been a conversation I might have had before. Playing soccer at Grace was how I found faith."

As his college career progressed, Ryan was discipled by a group of strong believers — especially Ryan Rollefson (BS 02) — some of whom he joined on missions trips to Jamaica and Japan. On both trips, he saw how soccer could be used to share Christ with people. "Wherever you're at on your spiritual walk, when you throw a soccer ball out, it doesn't matter at that point."

Those experiences were foremost in his mind when he envisioned the soccer camp he wanted to start in Warsaw.

"We were thinking about Jesus' story of the woman at the well. She was at that well for water — that's all she wanted — and Jesus gave her so much more. We look at the sport as the well. People are coming to our camps looking for sports, but we want to give them so much more when they get there; that's the ultimate goal."

## UNEXPECTED GROWTH

Two months after that Sunday morning in April, Ryan and Neena hosted their first camp. They called their organization AGAITAS, a combination of the Greek word for love (agape) and the Latin word for truth (veritas). Their goal was simple — to provide a free summertime activity for local kids who couldn't afford to go to any other camp, and use that as a venue for sharing the Gospel.

The first camp hosted 37 kids — a respectable number, by any measure. Fast forward just six years, and AGAITAS soccer camp is now serving 250 players from kindergarten through sixth grade. The organization has also branched out into multiple sports, thanks to a number of volunteers who, like Ryan and Neena, heard God's calling and responded with a simple but immediate "yes."



"I don't think we ever planned on doing anything besides soccer," Neena reflects. "It was never our intention to make this a big thing. We said yes to a soccer camp. Then a high school kid said he wanted to impact kids through baseball, so we said yes to that." The first baseball camp had 20 kids; this year, it has not only grown to 125 kids, but has attracted the participation of former major league players. AGAITAS also partnered with Ryan (C 02) and Jessica (Zaugg BA 03) Bricker and added basketball and RISE Athletic Development to its offerings.

"We have a team of people now," Neena says. "The amount of volunteers who want to help serve kids in our community, it's just amazing. None of this was what we were planning."

### BACK TO THE BEGINNING

The AGAITAS pop-up camps, launched this past summer, are yet another example of the spontaneous growth that came of saying "yes" to God's calling. The AGAITAS Board of Directors noticed that after the first year or two, their camp sign-up list was being filled (sometimes within the first hour) by families outside their initial target group. As a result, some of the kids who most needed the sport — and the message — weren't getting the opportunity to participate.

In response, Ryan and Neena determined to take the camp directly to those kids. They packed up their gear and headed to a trailer park on the outskirts of town.

"We had to go door to door," Neena remembers, explaining that they were there to teach soccer to anyone who wanted to play and that there would be a snack and a story afterward. The promise of food, they remember, was enough to draw a decent crowd of children to the camp.

On the first night of camp, Ryan shared the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. He mentioned that the campers and counselors could put together all the food they had, and it wouldn't have fed the number of people Jesus did. One camper spoke up and agreed, "That isn't much," referring to the amount of food that they had. At that moment, Neena received a text message from a church friend, offering to bring dinner for all the kids the next night. The surprise and gratitude was palpable for the kids, as well as their parents; it was even greater when dinner showed up in the hands of another friend the following night and again on the last night.

Today, the pop-up camps continue, with a Bible story and dinner supplied by volunteers after every session. "A lot of

kids at our bigger camps know stories of the Bible," Neena says. "But at these pop-up camps, you could tell for some kids it was their first time hearing them, and they were just blown away. It got back to why we started it in the first place."

### BIGGER THAN THEY IMAGINED

Looking back on just the few short years since they started, Ryan and Neena are still in awe of how much came out of a simple "yes."

"This whole AGAITAS thing didn't come from an 'aha!' moment," says Ryan. "It was simply saying 'yes' to something when I felt called."

"We were thinking we'll do a soccer camp for one year," Neena agrees. "Everything is so much bigger than what we ever imagined."

Ryan and Neena both have full-time jobs, volunteering their time to run AGAITAS. "Whether it's at your job or a passion you pursue outside of it," says Ryan, "just go for it. It might impact five people, or five thousand, but as long as you're doing what God gave you a passion for, it's perfect." ■



**IN PHOTOS:** ❶ Pictured are the campers and staff from the 2018 AGAITAS soccer camp. ❷ Ryan (center) takes a moment with his campers to share a Bible story during their week of AGAITAS camp. ❸ AGAITAS campers gather for a group hug during their week of camp.







## Emeritus Status Conferred Upon Faculty

During Convocation Chapel in August, Grace College & Seminary honored six former faculty members with faculty emeritus status in recognition of their contributions and accomplishments: William P. Gordon, Dr. Richard A. Dilling, Dr. Marcia V. Lee and Dr. Donald B. DeYoung (MDiv 83) as well as Dr. Richard E. Jeffreys and Dr. E. Michael Grill (BA 67) posthumously. Collectively, these faculty members served Grace 237 years! If you'd like to express your gratitude to them, email us at [gracestory@grace.edu](mailto:gracestory@grace.edu), and we'll pass it along to them or their family member.

*Pictured at the celebration luncheon are (left to right) Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83); Kathy Jeffreys, wife of Dr. Rich Jeffreys; Dr. Dick Dilling; Dr. Marcia Lee; Bill Gordon; and Becky (Flick BS 68) Grill, wife of Dr. Mike Grill (BA 67).*

## Three Faculty Members Retire

This year, Grace College & Seminary said farewell to three gifted and faithful faculty members who 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 [gracestory@grace.edu](mailto:gracestory@grace.edu).



**DR. DON DEYOUNG** (MDiv 83) retired in May 2018 after serving the Department of Science and Mathematics for 46 years. DeYoung joined the Grace faculty in 1972, teaching physics, astronomy and mathematics courses. His writings have appeared in many periodicals, and he has also written more than a dozen books on Bible-science topics including object lessons for children. DeYoung has been a member of the Indiana Academy of Science and the Au Sable Environmental Institute and served as the president of the Creation Research Society. He has spoken on a broad range of creation topics and has been an advocate for the belief that the details of nature are a powerful testimony to the Creator's care for humankind.



**DR. MARCIA LEE** retired in May 2018 after 41 years of service. She began at Grace in 1977, teaching a single course, but as the Department of Biology grew, so did her course load, her influence and her reputation. Lee's love for the Lord, passion for teaching and a gratification of seeing students experience the thrill of learning about the intricate details of God's creation made her an effective and popular teacher. It also led her department to send countless graduates on to post-baccalaureate training in medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, nursing and more.



**DR. ROGER PEUGH** (BA 65, BDiv 68, DMin 06) retired in May after 29 years of service to Grace. Prior to joining the Grace faculty in 1989, Peugh and his family served 20 years as missionaries in Germany. Throughout his years at Grace, Peugh served in a variety of roles, including: professor, chaplain, dean of students and director of recruitment for seminary. He also spent numerous hours counseling students and staff. But many would argue his greatest impact on campus came through his Principles and Practice of Prayer course because of how he exemplified the truths he taught. Over Peugh's tenure at Grace, he became the champion of prayer, facilitating student-led prayer groups and prayer movements on campus.



# GRACE ATHLETICS

## GAINS **New Hires to Grow Programs**

As part of the Aspire Campaign initiative "Connected Community," Grace is prioritizing resourcing our student-athletes, who make up just over 20 percent of our student body. Not only are we seeking to meet this goal through facility additions and improvements, but also through additional staff. Grace created two new strategic positions, assistant athletic director and athletics admissions recruiting coordinator, to assist in growing our programs.

### **CAROL MCGREGOR**

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



This August Carol McGregor, who has worked at four collegiate athletic departments throughout her career, was named Grace's new assistant athletic director. Working closely with Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, McGregor will assist in overseeing the development of strategic growth within Grace's athletic department, including varsity, junior varsity and club programs.

She will also be the lead assistant coach on the sidelines for Grace's women's basketball team under new head coach Dan Davis. McGregor has a wealth of experience playing and coaching basketball at a high level. She comes to Grace after serving two seasons as an assistant women's basketball coach at NCAA Division I Purdue Fort Wayne.

After graduating from NorthWood High School (Nappanee, Indiana) as an Indiana All-Star, McGregor went on to play collegiately at Purdue University, earning four varsity letters. She helped the Boilermakers win two Big Ten Tournament championships in 2003 and 2004 and reach the NCAA Tournament all four seasons.

After Purdue, McGregor made coaching stops at Northwestern University (2006-08), Murray State University (2008-10), University of Saint Francis (2015-16) and Purdue Fort Wayne (2016-18). McGregor earned her bachelor's degree in English at Purdue and her master's in sports administration from Northwestern.

"My deepest gratitude extends to Chad Briscoe for the opportunity to grow and develop the department," McGregor said. "I am prepared to hit the ground running and look forward to working with the entire athletic staff!"

### **MARCUS MOORE**

ATHLETICS ADMISSIONS RECRUITING COORDINATOR



Marcus Moore, who serves as head coach of Grace's women's tennis program, was hired this fall as Grace's athletics admissions recruiting coordinator. In this new strategic role, Moore will assist all 17 varsity programs in recruitment and will focus on growing junior varsity teams and club sports on Grace's campus.

Moore will aid in all aspects of recruiting prospective student-athletes, including facilitating campus visits, coordinating tours and scheduling meetings with coaches and professors. Additionally, he will continue coaching the women's tennis program, which he has done since 2017.

Moore was a star basketball player from Grace from 2004-08. He was an NAIA and NCCAA All-American who graduated as the No. 2 all-time leading scorer in Grace's history with 2,351 points.

"Grace is a special place and has had a big role in my life over the past two decades," Moore said. "I look forward to the challenges of this new position, and I'm eager to see a large number of future Grace College athletes experience our growing campus."



# Sarah Harman Joins Softball Program as Head Coach



Grace College is pleased to announce Sarah Harman as the next head coach for the Lady Lancers' softball program. Harman comes to Grace with a wealth of coaching experience, including stints at three NCAA Division I programs and 16 years of coaching overall.

Most recently, Harman was the head coach at Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) in Waxahachie, Texas. Harman helped transform SAGU in just three years. Harman improved the team's averaged eight wins per season to a 30-win season in 2018 in the competitive Sooner Athletic Conference.

As an assistant, Harman served at three NCAA Division I programs: Dayton (2009-14), Norfolk State (2005-07) and Ball State (2003-05). Additionally she served as an assistant coach at NCAA DII West Texas A&M from 2007 to 2009.

Harman was an accomplished two-sport player at Defiance College (Defiance, Ohio). She earned All-American status in both softball and volleyball and was inducted into Defiance's Hall of Fame in 2013. A native of Port Clinton, Ohio, Harman obtained her bachelor's degree from Defiance in 2003 and her master's degree in physical education from Ball State in 2005.

"There is a rich tradition with this program, and I'm excited to continue building on that momentum," said Harman. "I look forward to providing our student-athletes with a Christ-centered, positive academic and athletic experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives."

# Dan Davis Is New Lady Lancers' Basketball Head Coach



Dan Davis, the new head coach of the Grace women's basketball program, is fresh off a successful 10-year stint at Auburn University-Montgomery (AUM). As the head women's basketball coach at AUM, he led the Warhawks to a pair of appearances at the NAIA Division I National Tournament. He was also named Coach of the Year in the Southern States Athletic Conference.

Davis recruited and coached five All-American players while at AUM, most notably the 2015-16 NAIA National Player of the Year

Jatoria Carter. In the Warhawks' final two years in the NAIA before transitioning to NCAA Division II, Davis led AUM to a record of 23-10 in 2015-16 and 21-10 in 2014-15.

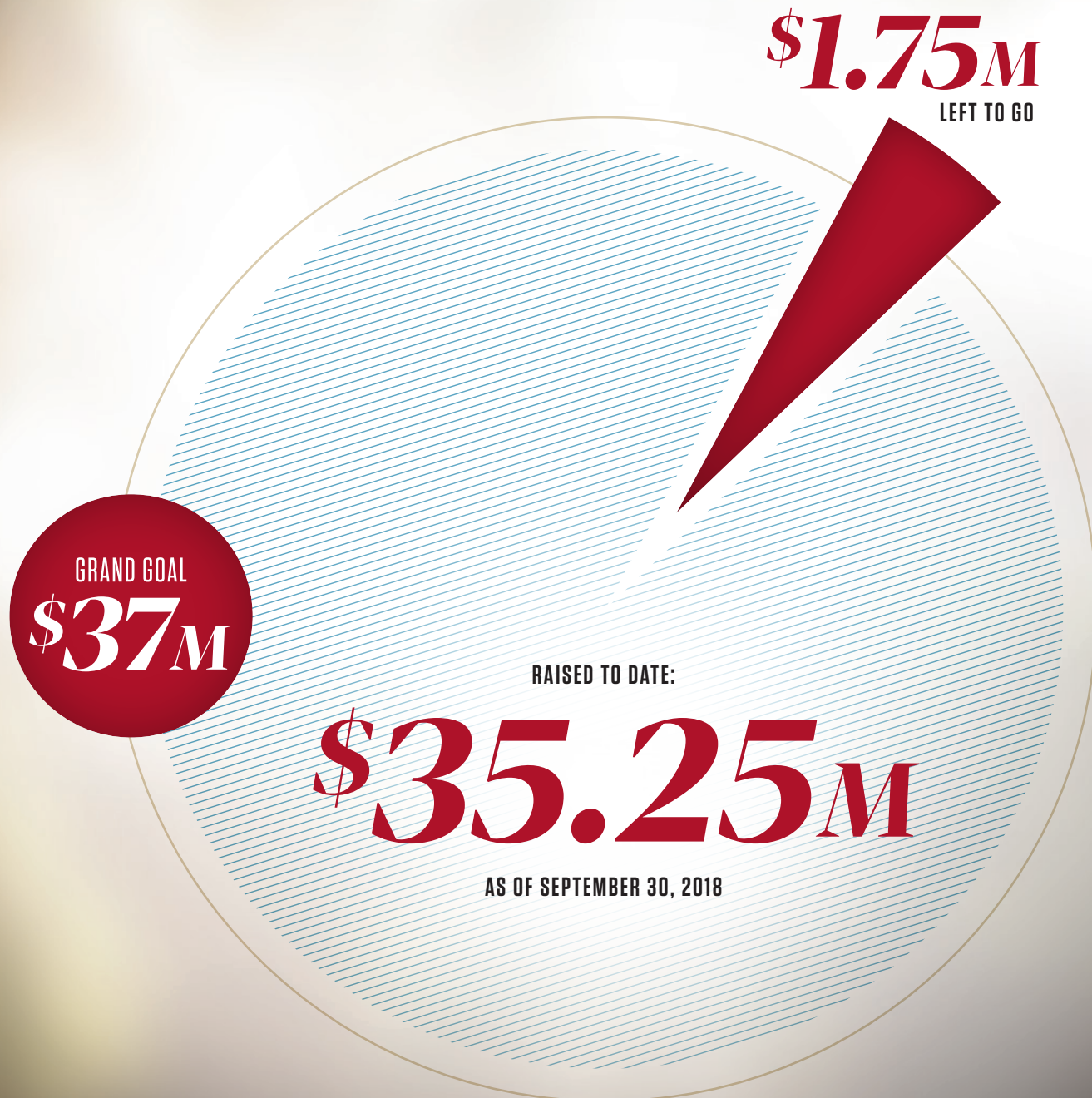
Davis graduated from AUM in 1999 after studying social sciences and secondary education. He played for four seasons on AUM's men's basketball team, helping the team win conference and NAIA regional championships and advancing to NAIA Nationals.

"I can't wait to start building the kind of relationships it will take to be champions on and off the court," said Davis. "We will be working hard to get the basketball alumni involved and provide an exciting brand of basketball to watch."





THE ASPIRE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



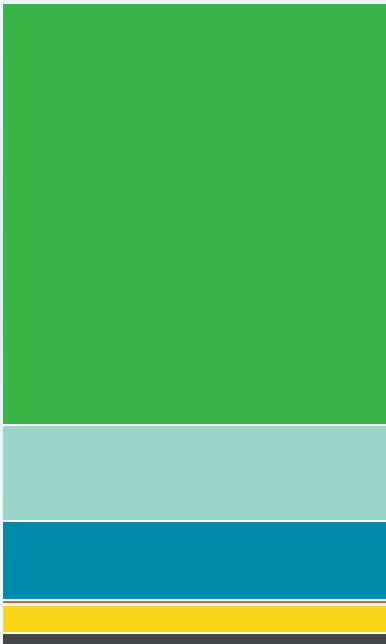


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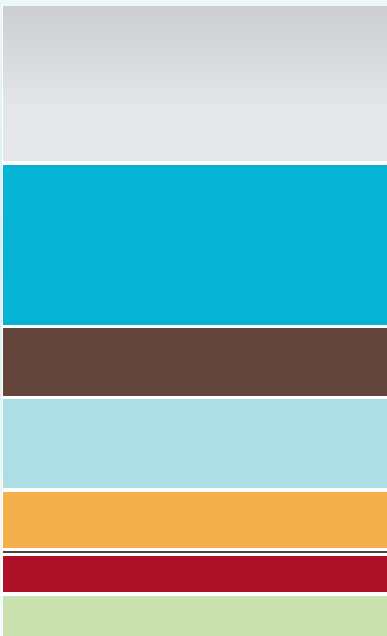
# Financial Activities

\$54,096,625  
TOTAL REVENUE

\$51,846,035  
TOTAL EXPENSES



TUITION	66.85%
\$ 36,162,716	
ROOM & BOARD	14.96%
\$8,093,680	
FUNDRAISING	12.12%
\$6,558,516	
GRACE COMMUNITY EDUCATION	0.27%
\$145,459	
AUXILIARY SERVICES & SALES	4.13%
\$2,236,555	
INVESTMENT RETURN	1.66%
\$899,699	

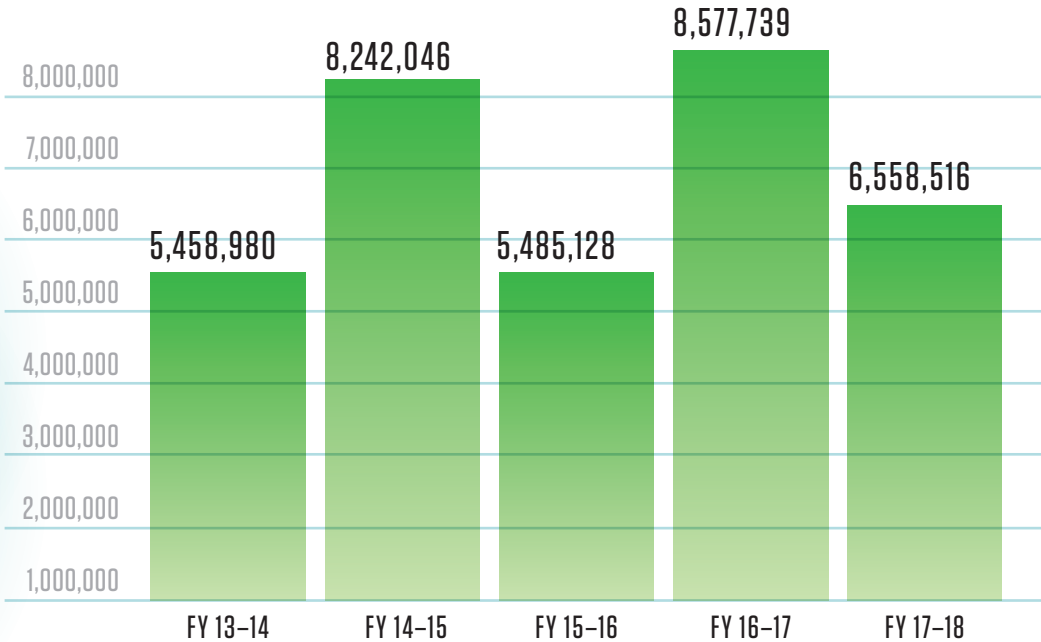


STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS	25.60%
\$13,272,243	
INSTRUCTION & ACADEMIC SUPPORT	26.44%
\$13,708,940	
STUDENT SERVICES	11.15%
\$5,782,361	
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	14.66%
\$7,598,309	
AUXILIARY EXPENSES	9.24%
\$4,789,904	
GRACE COMMUNITY EDUCATION	0.23%
\$117,134	
PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS	5.93%
\$3,075,187	
DEPRECIATION & DEBT	6.75%
\$3,501,957	

\$2.2M

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS  
(TOTAL REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES)

## 5-Year Giving History



TOTAL NET ASSETS INCREASED  
**5%**  
OVER THE LAST FISCAL YEAR FROM  
\$41,804,885 TO  
\$44,055,475



# 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 (2018–21), and 11 members (either new or incumbent) were elected, including Daniel Sandoval and Ray “Butch” Shook (BS 72), who joined the Grace Board for the first time this fall.



**Daniel Sandoval** is executive director of Spanish World Ministries, which assists local churches in the Spanish-speaking world to communicate the Gospel and edify those who believe. Sandoval earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Central America Theological Seminary in Guatemala. He has pastored churches in Guatemala and Mexico and planted Hispanic Bible Church in Warsaw, Indiana. Sandoval and his wife, Reyna, reside in Winona Lake, Indiana, and have two sons. They attend Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church.



**Ray “Butch” Shook** (BS 72) is executive director emeritus of the American Welding Society after serving as its executive director and CEO for 15 years. He has spent more than four decades in the welding industry and garnered experience in financial management, contracts administration, product development and promotion, and strategic planning. Shook is a graduate of Grace College and a former member of the Grace Alumni Advisory Council. He has served in various capacities in his local church and has served on and chaired the Chamber of Commerce board (Troy, Ohio). Additionally, Shook has served as a board member and vice president of the International Institute of Welding, which is comprised of 58 member countries. Shook and his wife, Sandy, live in Bradenton, Florida. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

## Grace Schools Board of Trustees

Mr. Matthew Abernethy (BS 03)  
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 Mr. Robert Bishop (BS 69)  
 Mr. William Burke (MAMin 07)  
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 Mr. Ray “Butch” Shook (BS 72)  
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 Dr. John F. Smith (DMin 03)  
 Mr. Robert Vitoux  
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 Ms. Janine Zeltwanger (BS 85)  
 Dr. William J. Katip (BA 74)



# MILLER SCIENCE COMPLEX COMPLETE

*We got this campus renovation down to a science*

Students began enjoying the newly opened Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex this fall – including its 22,500 square feet of renovated space and 13,000 square feet of new space, which houses updated and brand new labs, classrooms and offices, as well as the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams. The Miller Science Complex boasts an 875-gallon hexagon aquarium, an augmented reality sandbox and a virtual fresh water aquarium, which are wonderful visual and interactive tools for educating the next generation to care for our lakes and streams. Through the generosity of alumni, the community and friends of the college, we surpassed our \$8 million goal.

Over Homecoming Weekend in October, we celebrated the opening of the facility with hundreds of community members, Grace students and alumni, and friends of the late Dr. Dane Miller. During the open house and dedication ceremony, a group of community and college leaders conducted a unique science experiment to illustrate the contributions of the many people and organizations to the new Miller Science Complex. President of Grace Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), Chair of the Science & Mathematics Department Dr. Chad Snyder, community leader and lead donor Mrs. Mary Louise Miller, Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer of Zimmer Biomet Mr. Dan Florin and President & CEO of K21 Health Foundation Mr. Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16) contributed ingredients to make ice cream for the celebration.

Dr. Katip recognized the community leaders by saying, “Without each of you and your organizations we wouldn’t be here. You saw a vision and met it with your generosity.” Katip also gave special thanks to general contractor Weigand Construction, BHDP Architecture and artists Christi Ziebarth (BA 95) and Mary Pat Wallen.

Katip noted that nearly 1,000 alumni have graduated from Grace with science and mathematics degrees to date, and because of the new Miller Science Complex, “hundreds more will now be equipped to serve our world and make a difference in the fields of medicine, research, education and more.”



1 The Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex contains 22,500 square feet of renovated space and 13,000 square feet of new space. 2 The 875-gallon hexagon aquarium in the Miller Science Complex lobby is home to six species of local fresh water fish. 3 Pictured is one of two new multi-purpose learning labs. 4 Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer of Zimmer Biomet Mr. Dan Florin, President of Grace Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), community leader and lead donor Mrs. Mary Louise Miller, President & CEO of K21 Health Foundation Mr. Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNM 16) and Chair of the Science & Mathematics Department Dr. Chad Snyder celebrate the grand opening of the Miller Science Complex. 5 A green roof was recently installed atop the new circle classroom of the Miller Science Complex.





# UNEXPECTED LANDING

## IN A NEW FIELD

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Tobe Forshtay (BS 12, MBA 17), founder of the nonprofit Raise the Dough Inc. and program director of Grace's new agribusiness program





**On May 2, 2018, Tobe Forshtay (BS 12, MBA 17) was holed up in the cabin of a small aircraft with three colleagues, wondering if he was going to live to see tomorrow.**

Heading home to Warsaw, Indiana, after closing a business deal in Montana, the flight was scheduled to stop two hours into the four-hour trip to refuel. “But when we got over the landing strip,” recounts Forshtay, “the landing gear wouldn’t deploy.”

A flight indicator alerted the pilot, but he wasn’t sure whether the signal was faulty. The only way to determine the reality of their situation was to do a low, slow flyover so ground control could inspect the gear. As the pilot headed to Fort Wayne where they could get the best feedback, a storm came up, making it impossible for them to continue safely. “We all moved to the front of the cabin and strapped in to take pressure off the rear wheel,” says Forshtay. “We had no other option but to land where we were.”

In that moment of mortality, an unexplainable peace descended over him. “I realized if God is allowing our landing gear to fail, He who is sovereign has a plan, even if that means I’m headed to heaven now. I mean, I wasn’t ready to say goodbye to my wife and kids, but I knew no matter what, it would be OK.”

With the nose of the plane heading into the storm, the pilot lined up for a landing at the Warsaw airport. “God took our plane and landed it as if we were on a cloud,” says Forshtay. The landing gear engaged perfectly.

Forshtay is in tears as he recounts the story, but not because he’s reliving the fear of the moment. Rather, when he stepped out of that plane, and went home to his wife, Jaci (BA 04), and their kids, he had a renewed trust in

God, confident that He is in complete control of all things.

The next morning, God asked Forshtay to exercise his renewed faith.

“He had been stirring in me a sense that change was on the horizon, but I had been shoving it down for quite some time,” confesses Forshtay. He knew that morning he couldn’t ignore God’s clear directive to quit his job — his dream job — at Silveus Insurance (Warsaw, Indiana), where he’d been employed for the last 10 years. He had family-like colleagues, professional opportunities and security. To leave it looked like the most foolish move he could make. Especially since it was a miracle of provision when he initially got the job.

Ten years earlier, Forshtay found himself sitting with the vice president of Silveus Insurance, praying he’d get a job in which he had zero experience. In fact, he didn’t even have a college degree.

Forshtay grew up one of five boys, knowing there would never be enough money for college. “We weren’t rich by the world’s standards, but we were rich in the Lord,” says Forshtay, whose parents faithfully showed him the value of a relationship with Christ.

So after he graduated from high school, he had plans of getting an apprenticeship in a trade, but God used a spontaneous trip to visit a friend at Grace, to change his course. “I thought I was just going on a fun road trip,” Forshtay says. “I had no idea I would fall in love with Grace College.”

Two weeks later, Forshtay was back on campus — as a freshman. While he was there, he met his future wife, Jaci, and they were engaged after Forshtay’s sophomore year. But in order to provide a more stable future for them, he withdrew from Grace before



Forshtay takes his agribusiness students to visit and learn from Tom Farms, a family-owned organization known for its global crop production in northern Indiana.

finishing his degree. Forshtay married Jaci soon after, in 2004, and became a proficient electrician, contracting with a company that installed video production systems. But when the company decided to move to Oklahoma City in 2008, the Forshtays didn't want to leave Indiana. "Jaci attended a prayer meeting pouring out our hearts and needs," recalls Forshtay. "I don't think either of us realized how that night would change our lives." Cassi Silveus was at that prayer meeting and went home to convince her husband, Tyler, the vice president of Silveus Insurance — the nation's leading private crop insurance agency — to hire Forshtay.

So there sat Forshtay with Tyler. "It was a ridiculous idea," says Forshtay. "I wasn't qualified to sell insurance to farmers, but when Tyler called, I took the meeting." At the

end of it, Forshtay had a job. A quickstart, he learned the insurance business fast and began to understand the business model of a farmer and risk management technology. Shortly after he was hired, Forshtay heard about Grace's GOAL (Grace Opportunities for Adult Learners) program, which enables people to finish their degrees while still maintaining their ongoing professional and personal responsibilities. Ten years after deferring his education, he finished his degree in 2012.

God continued to grow Forshtay's unwavering trust in Him. In 2015, Forshtay was promoted from a project manager at Silveus to the director of sales support. Wanting to strengthen his skillset, he took advantage of Grace's online MBA program. "I knew based on my GOAL experience at Grace that I would be able to continue working and

be present with my family while earning my degree."

Forshtay took on the role of director of executive initiatives at Silveus while finishing his MBA, and after graduating in 2017, he planned to stay there for the rest of his career. "I had every intention of hanging my hat up on the Silveus coat tree," quips Forshtay.

But following his near-death experience on the plane and God's ensuing directive to leave his job, Forshtay met with his boss and said what he never imagined saying: "I can't stay. I don't know why, but I know I can't. It's hard to explain, but it was like it wasn't my choice; God had made that decision for me."



The Forshtays had just bought a farmhouse and a new minivan, and now it was all on the line. “I didn’t know what God was going to ask me to give up next, but I was willing to follow Him wherever He was leading.”

A call from Dr. Jeff Fawcett, Grace’s dean of the School of Business, soon provided some answers. Fawcett inquired about Forshtay filling the program director and instructor position for the new agribusiness program at Grace. “Three minutes later, I walked across campus and was sitting in his office.” Preparing students to become Christ-like leaders in the agricultural industry was a perfect fit with his education and experience.

Forshtay’s plans never included graduating from college (twice!) or landing a job with the leading crop insurance agency or starting a “delicious” nonprofit that would fund adoptions (see sidebar story) or teaching undergraduate students. And, as an introvert, he was hesitant to share his story with a broader audience, but Forshtay desperately wants others to experience “living recklessly for Christ.”

For some, he says, “that may mean digging down deep to help a neighbor, a friend or family member. It may mean you need to stand up when everyone else is sitting down. It may mean walking away from your dream job to pursue a challenge you believe God is calling you to. Whatever the call, my hope is that you will listen. What is God calling you to today?”

Forshtay remembers one of the early truths he gleaned from a yearlong study on the book of Job he did while at Grace. “A man makes his plans and sometimes the Lord causes us to walk on a path we didn’t prescribe for ourselves, but you can trust Him anyways.” That’s what life following Jesus’ flight plan looks like. ■



Pictured are just a few of the children who have been adopted by families who were financially assisted by Forshtay’s nonprofit Raise the Dough Inc.

During his tenure at Silveus, Tobe Forshtay (BS 12, MBA 17) contributed to the company’s fun-infused culture by celebrating National Doughnut Day. On the first Friday of every June, Forshtay led this holey tailgate in the parking lot, frying up his famous homemade doughnuts. Each year, the party grew. Employees started bringing their families, friends and neighbors, and their clients did the same. Before he knew it, this celebration of deliciousness was being shared locally with over 100 people.

In June 2014, when Forshtay announced his annual Doughnut Day plans, he told the story of friends who were open to adopt but lacked the resources and asked attendees to make donations for their doughnuts. Between Doughnut Day and a handful of other fundraisers, the community raised \$10,000 in six months.

After word got out, Forshtay received several phone calls recommending other families who could benefit from a similar fundraiser. So in the spring of 2015, Forshtay created a nonprofit called Raise the Dough Inc. whose annual events and donations have enabled 11 families to successfully adopt, with an additional 14 new applications from families who are seeking to adopt in the future. In September, Raise the Dough hired its first executive director, Grace alumna Katie (Puckett BS 13, MSHE 16) Jacobson. “It’s been a joy to have a front row seat to God’s generosity,” says Forshtay.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RAISE THE DOUGH  
OR SUPPORT A FUTURE ADOPTION, VISIT  
[WWW.RAISETHEDOUGH.ORG](http://WWW.RAISETHEDOUGH.ORG).**

# ALUM

Connecting with  
our family of friends

# NOTES

## CLASS NOTES

### 1966

**William "Bill" Clawser** (BA 66) has retired a second time after 33 years at one high school, six months at the elementary school level and 11 years at a Christian academy as an art teacher. During his 44 1/2 years in education, William assisted with 71 stage productions in 91 positions as technical or drama director. He and wife Bonnie have four children and 14 grandchildren. They have served most of their 54 years together in church ministries in a musical, teaching or administrative capacity. The Clawsters call Shamokin Dam PA home.

### 1978

**Daniel Newton** (BA 78) and wife Renee relocated to Wichita KS in May 2018. Daniel is project manager at XPO Logistics. sfgiants5@aol.com

### 1983

**Dawn (Maiellano BS 83) Crocco** has owned Dawn Crocco Counseling and Consulting in West Chester PA since January 2004 and is the primary therapist. dawncroccocounseling@gmail.com

### 1996

**[01] Toby and Rebecca (Hulten VanDerVoom BS 96) Williams:** Married July 1, 2017. The couple, along with their children Noah (14), Tori (13) and Alexis (11)

VanDerVoom and Rileigh (14), Ryann (12) and Miles (10) Williams, reside in Sugar Grove IL close to Kaneland High School where Rebecca is a math teacher. 2beatagain@gmail.com

### 2003

**[02] Lee** (BS 03, MDiv 07) and **Stephanie (Moore BS 05, MACMHC 14) Compson:** Tate Wesley, Jan. 5, 2018. The family resides in Winona Lake IN. lee.compson32@gmail.com

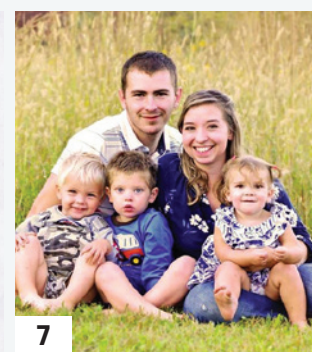
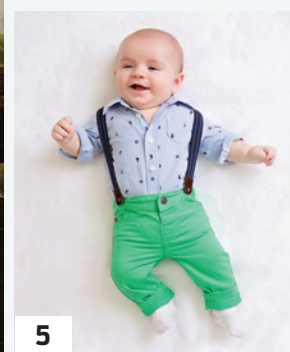
**[03] Dr. David Robertson** (BS 03) earned his Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Supervision from Ball State University in 2009 and his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Indiana State University in May 2018. He has served as assistant superintendent of Warsaw Community Schools (Warsaw IN) since July 2014. He and wife **Meredith (Simpson BS 03)** reside in Warsaw with their children Anna, Kathryn, Elijah and Alexandra. davidrobertson425@gmail.com

### 2005

**[04] Gary and Debra (Weaver BS 05) Heydt:** Married June 3, 2018. The couple, along with children Timothy (18), Myriah (16) and Daniel (11), resides in Temple PA. debraehydt@gmail.com

### 2006

**[05] William and Emy (Krebs BA 06) Lorigan:** Ryne Michael, Feb. 14, 2018. Ryne joins siblings Wrigley (5), Maddux (4) and





Raley (2) at their home in Jeffersonville IN. willandemy@hotmail.com

## 2007

**06** Chris and **Jennifer (Triggs BS 07) Foreman:** Aaron, June 23, 2018. Aaron joins brother Zachary (2) at their home in Cambridge City IN. jforeman2012@gmail.com

## 2008

**07** **Jeff Bornes** (C 08) has started a small business consulting firm called Small Business Concepts LLC (www.sbcconsulting.net), which is dedicated to helping entrepreneurs with business planning, growth plans and marketing. He and wife **Joan (Milich C 07)** reside in Kendallville IN with their children Azaniah, Jeffery III and Cadence. jbornes@sbconsulting.net

## 2010

**Marcellyn "Liz" Baker** (BS 10) earned her Master of Education in Teacher Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2015. She began as a math teacher at Coleman Middle School in August 2018. Liz resides in Duluth GA. liz.baker0324@gmail.com

## 2011

**08** **Stephen Copeland** (BS 11) signed copies of his new book, "Where the Colors Blend," at the Interstate Church of God Softball Tournament in Roanoke VA in August 2018, where all proceeds were donated

to benefit missions work in Paraguay. The book, which officially releases this month, has already debuted on Amazon as the No. 1 New Release in Spirituality & Mysticism, indicating the book will have an impact beyond the Christian sphere. Stephen calls Nashville TN his home. Pictured is Stephen, right, with Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe, at the tournament. communications@copelandwrites.com

**09** **Brian** (BS 12) and **Emilyn (Donley BS 11) Shively:** Llewyn Jasper, March 25, 2018. Llewyn is the couple's first child and was welcomed into their home in Carmel IN. joyforalifetime@gmail.com

## 2012

**10** **Lauren Johnston** (BS 12) earned her Master of Arts in Education: Intervention Specialist Moderate/Intensive from Muskingum University (Concord OH) in May 2018. Lauren calls Gahanna OH her home. johnston.laurene@gmail.com

**11** **Philip** (BAN 12) and **Michelle McGuire:** Makiya Rose, Aug. 28, 2017. She joins siblings Jonah (5), Naomi (4) and Joash (3) at their home in Bonners Ferry ID where Philip serves as registered nurse at Life Care Center (Sandpoint ID). philmcguire@mcguireclan.org

**12** **Vincent** (BS 12) and **Andrea (Tucker ASN 15) Sell:** Theodore Lee, Feb. 10, 2018. Theodore was welcomed into their home in Warsaw IN and is the couple's first child. vinctsell@aol.com

## 2013

**13** **Dylan Stillman** (C 13, MAMS 16) earned his Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in May 2018. Dylan currently serves as associate pastor of Nappanee Brethren in Christ Church while also serving as a senior admissions counselor at Grace College. He and wife **Megan (Dufrenne BSN 14)** reside in Winona Lake IN. stillmdd@grace.edu

## 2015

**14** Leandro and **Sarah (Leichty BA 15) Dos Santos:** Married July 15, 2018. The couple met while Sarah was teaching at an international school in Chengdu, China. The couple now serves as missionaries in Northern Thailand with a Brazilian missions organization, using soccer schools, elementary school outreaches, prison ministry and English teaching as evangelistic tools and for training missionaries from a variety of nations. lilacs-psalm103@hotmail.com

## 2016

Derek and **Teresa (Pohlman BS 16) Gephart:** Married July 21, 2018. Teresa has

been lead pre-K teacher at King's Kingdom Child Care Center since February 2018. The couple calls Decatur IN home. tkpohlman95@gmail.com

## IN MEMORIAM

**15** **Reverend Martin M. Garber** (ThB 52) passed away on Aug. 1, 2018. On Oct. 18, 1946, he married Beverly Jean (Wooley) Garber, who survives. Martin proudly served as a medic in the U.S. Army during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1946. He graduated from Westmont College (CA) before attending Grace Theological Seminary. Martin was a resident of Kosciusko County (IN) for the past 28 years and spent his life as a pastor. He served the Lord as a missionary in the Central African Republic for over 40 years and at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church (Modesto CA). He was a past member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and New Horizon Community Church (Winona Lake IN), where he served as an elder. Most recently he had been attending Oak Grove Community Church (Warsaw IN). He will be lovingly remembered by wife of 71 years, Beverly (Winona Lake IN); son John (Kelly) Garber (Warsaw IN); daughters: Joyce Garber (California) and **Lynda Garber**



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Join Stephen Copeland's book release and signing at Barnes & Noble in Jefferson Pointe (Fort Wayne, IN) on Wed., Nov. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m.



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(BS 93) (Winona Lake IN); seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**16 CDR Kenneth Raymond Liechty** (BA 61), of Orange Park FL, entered the presence of His Lord and Savior on Sat., July 14, 2018. A 20-year veteran of the United States Navy, with service in Vietnam and other foreign and domestic duty stations, Ken was a P-3 pilot and meteorologist. After his retirement from the Navy, Ken served the local community as a mathematics teacher and assistant principal in the Clay County School System (Green Cove Springs FL). For over 40 years, Ken was a faithful member of First Baptist Church (Orange Park FL) serving in many ways, including as deacon, committee member and Sunday school teacher. Following his second retirement, he enjoyed service and leadership roles with BASCA (Building Abilities of Special Children and Adults). Ken is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda Liechty; daughter Kayla (Jason) Paulk (New Mexico); son Greg (Kara) and their children, Samuel and Sarah Grace (Oregon); brother Edward (Freeda) (California); and sister Marge (Ohio).

**17 Donald "Don" Ralph Taylor** (BA 62, BDiv 66) passed away on April 27, 2018. He grew up in Pennsylvania and lived in Michigan before moving from Flora IN to the Warsaw IN area in the early 1980s. On Nov. 21, 1989, he was married to Lee Ann (Sturgill) Peters who survives. He formerly served as pastor in Trout Lake MI and Flora IN, taught school in Michigan and retired from Kosciusko County (IN) Maintenance Department. He was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church (IN)

where he was part of Fight Club. He is survived by wife Lee Ann; seven children; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

**Reverend Michael "Mick" J. Rockafellow** (MDiv 72) went to be with his Lord and Savior on Dec. 8, 2017. Mick served the Lord as pastor in Grace Brethren churches for over 40 years in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia and Michigan. He retired from full-time ministry in 2010. He continued to operate his fishing charter business, Erie Eyes Sport, fishing aboard the "Rollin' Rock" for several more years. Mick graduated from Michigan State University in 1967 and taught Vocational Agriculture at Maple Valley High School (Vermontville MI). Mick then decided to go into full-time ministry so he studied at Grace Theological Seminary and began his ministry in Flora IN. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bonnie (August) Rockafellow; children: **Andrew** (C 95) (Stephanie) **Rockafellow** (Lansing MI), Daniel (Sarah) **Rockafellow** (Dimondale) and **Kristen** (C 99) (**Jonathan** (C 97)) **Jarvis** (Grand Rapids MI); three grandchildren; and three siblings.

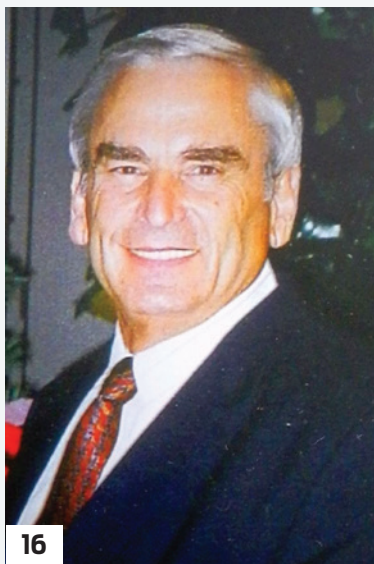
**18 Dawn Loree (Lehnhart C 74) Bowman** died on July 3, 2018, after a long battle with breast cancer. On May 12, 1973, she married **Philip Bowman** (C 74) with whom she celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Dawn was artistic and creative, using her skills of oil painting, furniture restoration, floral arrangements, needlepoint and quilting. She was a certified Master Gardener and also completed her certification in permaculture in 2013. She was known for her kind, gentle spirit and selfless generosity to

others. Dawn dedicated her life and talent to her family. She is survived by husband Philip Bowman (Calera AL); son John Bowman (Andrea) (Hoover AL); daughter Brittany (Cole) Adams (Oklahoma City OK); father Alvin Lehnhart (Mansfield OH); sister Cheryl (Matt) Kline (Mansfield OH); brother Matthew (Miriam) Lehnhart (Mansfield OH); and grandson Evan Bowman (Hoover AL).

**Joann "Josie" (Rassi BA 77) Hueni** went to be with her Lord on Aug. 22, 2018. On Jan. 3, 1977, she married **Jon C. Hueni** (BA 77) in Bremen IN. Josie was well known for her exceptional talent in interior decorating and has left her mark in homes all around the community. She also had a passion for hospitality and used her gifts and beautiful home to serve family, host friends and welcome missionaries from all over the world. She devoted herself to her children, pouring years of her life into homeschooling, cheerleading at sporting events and supporting their careers. She was always encouraging with her contagious optimism, wise counsel and Godly perspective. Though it was only for a short time, she loved her role as Mimi and enjoyed every second she had with her two granddaughters. She was a loving and faithful wife for 41 years, supporting her husband in his ministry at Grace Fellowship Church (Bremen IN) but extending to conferences all over the world. Above all, she loved her Lord and Savior, and her trust in Him never wavered. She is survived by loving husband Jon; children: **Kari** (BS 06) (Paul) **Giarrizzo** (Mesa AZ), **Juli** (C 07) (Tom) **Zeltwanger** (Bremen IN), Jonathan Hueni (Bremen N) and Krenten (Bremen IN); and two grandchildren Gia and Jada Giarrizzo.

She is also survived by parents Lowell (Mary Ann) Rassi (Milford IN) and siblings: Clark Rassi (Dallas TX); **Doug** (C 96) (Kris) **Rassi** (Syracuse IN); and Clay (**Becky** (**Matheny** BS 96) **Rassi** (Syracuse IN).

**19 Jackie "Jack" G. Hicks** (C 79) of Winona Lake IN went home to be with the Lord on June 16, 2018. On May 1, 1964, he was married to Retha Sue (Livingston) Hicks, who survives. After graduating from high school, Jack spent three years in the U.S. Air Force. Jack worked in tool and die at Chrysler in Kokomo IN after his military service, before attending Prairie Bible Institute (Three Hills, Alberta, Canada) and then transferring to Grace College & Seminary. After a year at Grace, he started in tool and die at Zimmer Biomet (Warsaw IN). After retiring from Zimmer Biomet, he was the Warsaw store manager for Bontrager Pools. In his very recent retirement, he enjoyed motorcycling, ballroom dancing, gardening, working in the yard and spending time with the family. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 54 years, Retha (Winona Lake IN); sons: Phillip (Kasey) Hicks (Nappanee IN), Jay (Keri) Hicks (Warsaw IN), Dru (Erin) Hicks (Warsaw IN) and Tim (Nicole) Hicks (Franklin IN); and daughters: Kelly Hicks (Winona Lake IN), **Jackie** (BS 94) (LaMont) **Craig** (Indianapolis IN), and Polly (Jason) **Engel** (Oklahoma City OK). Also surviving are 27 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters and one cousin and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, three brothers and his granddaughter, Aislin Caley Engel.



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Pictured are senior class officers Dan McCaulley (BA 69), Mark Pifer (BA 69), Randy Gillenwater (BA 69), Joan (Silvius BS 69 deceased) Baughman, Dian (Horein BA 69) Black and Sharon (Richards BS 69) Mumma with Assistant Professor of Psychology Charles "Chuck" Henry (BA 60).

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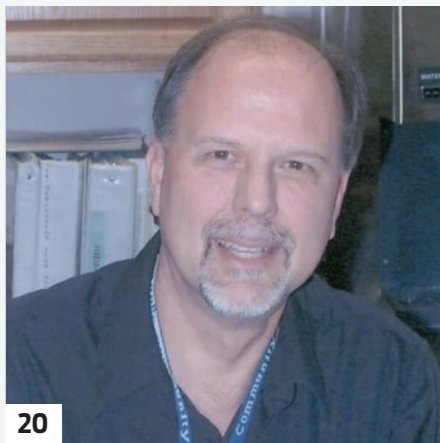
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**20 Randall "Randy" L. Packer** (MDiv 93) passed away on Sept. 1, 2018. He married Nancy (Frost) Denney on June 29, 2010, who survives. Randy's life was dedicated to his love of healthcare, music and community service. Randy graduated from DuBois Area High School in 1970 and Houghton College in 1974, where he majored in music education. He later attended Grace Theological Seminary and graduated magna cum laude. Randy taught music at Wheaton Christian Academy (Wheaton IL) and Scottsdale Christian Academy (Scottsdale AZ). He used his talents leading music ministries at churches he attended. Eventually this passion to serve led him to the mission field where he spent two years in Singapore with his family where he led a music ministry for seven churches, teaching and directing choirs. Randy began his professional involvement in the healthcare field in 1979 as one of the founders of DuSan Ambulance Service (DuBois PA). He served as a Deputy Coroner of Kosciusko and LaGrange (IN) counties for many years. He was most recently employed at Parkview LaGrange Hospital as a social worker until he retired in 2016. A pastor for many years at Oak Park Evangelical Free Church, he went on to serve as president of the Kosciusko County Ministerial Association. He loved to make people laugh and enjoyed going on cruises, camping with family, golf and cheering for his western Pennsylvania teams. He is survived by wife Nancy; sons: Nathan (Amy) Packer (Nashville TN), Chris (Carlotta) Denney (Fort Myers FL) and Chad (Beth) Denney (Elizabethtown KY); daughters: **Kelly** (BA 03) (Diego) **Basalo** (Warsaw IN) and Kelli Shelton (Elizabethtown KY); brother Doug (Julie) Packer (Sierra Vista AZ); and 10 grandchildren.

**Chase Logan Higgins** (BA 09) passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 18, 2018. Chase graduated from Warsaw Community High School in 2004 and was a 2009 graduate of Grace College. He was studying pharmacology at Manchester University (IN). Chase was an avid reader and lover of music, sailing and travel. He was also deeply interested in cooking and at home in nature. Chase was a loyal friend, always ready to offer heartfelt counsel and a listening ear. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He will be lovingly remembered by his mother Rebecca Burger (Winona Lake IN); father Patrick Higgins (Warsaw IN); brother Zach Burger (Muncie IN); and sister Kayla (Evan) Readle (Warsaw IN). Also surviving is his grandmother Betty Higgins (Warsaw IN) and uncle and aunt Mike and Sue McCall (Goshen IN).



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# REACHING OUT

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

It was great to reconnect with so many of you over Homecoming Weekend in October. I continue to be amazed at how our alumni are interconnected through churches, neighborhoods and careers. We are a powerful network, and the stories I hear of our alumni connecting one another to personal and professional resources is astounding.



We hope to make it even easier to support one another through a new job platform we've joined called "Handshake." It enables college students and alumni to find job opportunities worldwide, with ease, professionalism and customization. (It's the Netflix of job posting apps!)

There are currently 300,000 employers using Handshake to post job opportunities with 100 percent of Fortune 500 companies using it. If you're working for a company you love already, you can create an account and leave a review, and you can even see if Grace alumni are working in an organization you may be interested in exploring.

To join, simply visit [grace.joinhandshake.com](https://grace.joinhandshake.com) and create a profile as a Grace graduate. You can also do so by downloading the Handshake app. You'll have access to search and apply for jobs, upload your resume, create job alerts and more.

If you're on the hunt for a job or looking for a new career opportunity, we hope this is a key resource for you in the process.

As always, we'd love to see you anytime you're in the neighborhood. The Office of Alumni Engagement is located in the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center; stop in for a hot drink, visit with our staff and browse through our yearbooks and pictures.

If I can serve you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me at [duncandl@grace.edu](mailto:duncandl@grace.edu) or (574) 453-8625.



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

Duncan with two of his grandkids at Homecoming 2018





Pictured (left to right) are alumni and parent award winners Patrick Lee (BS 08), Suzie Light, Dr. Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler, Janet (Hammers BS 61, MAMS 17) Minnix, and Dan and Renee Keiser.

# Grace College & Seminary Alumni and Parent Awards

Grace College & Seminary presented its 2018 alumni and parent awards at this year's Homecoming celebration.



## DR. KELLY MANAHAN GEISLER

### **Alumni of the Year Award Recipient**

*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.*

When Dr. Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler enrolled at Grace, she planned on reaping the benefits of a Christian liberal arts education — but just for the first year. She'd received a scholarship to go to the

University of Chicago and planned to transfer there and pursue medicine. Instead, Kelly stayed at Grace, wooed by its community of faith and rigorous biology department.

Kelly says the preparation for med school she received was outstanding. "I was attending Indiana University School of Medicine's courses with students from Big Ten universities who didn't have the familiarity with the subject matter that I did," she recalls.

After graduating from Indiana University in 1994, Kelly was named Chief Resident in 1998 during her residency at Medical School of Ohio (Toledo, Ohio). She went on to specialize in gynecologic oncology when she was awarded the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship at University of Michigan, becoming the first student from the Medical School of Ohio to pursue the field of gynecologic oncology. Kelly demonstrated her exceptional aptitude when she was awarded the prestigious Galloway Fellowship in Gynecology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

and was named Outstanding Resident during her training.

Kelly currently serves as the director of gynecologic oncology at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA), Atlanta, where she diagnoses and treats complicated female cancers. Judy Miller, who grew up in Warsaw, Indiana, and married Jim (BA 66) Miller, was referred to Kelly after she was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2004. "Her kindness was just unbelievable and in my opinion, she is the best doctor I've ever associated with," says Miller, who was a registered nurse for nearly 40 years.

On top of seeing patients every day (and earning her MBA from the University of Georgia in 2017), Kelly and her husband, John, who is also a gynecologic oncologist, conduct research and present at conferences nationally and internationally, publishing their findings in medical journals.

Throughout her noteworthy achievements, Kelly and her husband have prioritized supporting Grace and its endeavors. In honor of their financial contributions to the new Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex, they have a biology lab named after them. Kelly has also given of her time by serving on the Aspire Campaign Cabinet and offering her expertise to Grace students who are interested in attending medical school.

Perhaps it goes without saying, but part of Kelly's deep affection for Grace is because of her dad's unwavering commitment to it. Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) sacrificially served as Grace's president for 20 years because of the Kingdom impact he believed a Grace education could have on future generations.

Kelly and John live in Athens, Georgia. They have three children and became grandparents for the first time in September. Out of all of her achievements, Kelly is most proud of her kids.



**PATRICK LEE**  
**Young Alumni of the Year Award Recipient**  
*This award recognizes 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.*

In January 2018 — at the age of 32 — Patrick Lee (BS 08) made partner at his firm Kruggel Lawton CPAs. "It's a rare feat to become partner at a public accounting firm at such a young age," says Kruggel Lawton partner Bill Heffelfinger (BS 87). "Patrick exhibited the traits we look for in a partner: He is an expert in his field of practice, passionate about developing team members, driven to grow our practice, and he exemplifies our firm's values."

After graduating from Grace in 2008, Patrick began his accounting career with RSM, a national firm specializing in tax, audit and consulting services. In 2011 he joined Kruggel Lawton CPAs as a senior staff accountant. The firm, established in 1956, has four offices in Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee and offers a wide range of services, from tax and accounting compliance to estate planning to business valuation. Named Best Accounting Firm (Greater South Bend/Michiana) by Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly in 2018, Kruggel Lawton is committed to living out its company's values: excellence, respect, integrity, innovation and balance.

As a part of Kruggel Lawton's strategic planning team, Patrick helped determine the firm's values and business goals. "I am so thankful for the ability that Kruggel Lawton affords me to live out a work-life balance," he says. "I'm able to invest in my church (First Baptist Church of Goshen) and its youth as a youth leader and serve as a board member on two local nonprofits (Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart and Elkhart Christian Academy) while prioritizing the most important people in my life at home — my wife, Ruth (Ziegler BS 07), and our four children: Lydia, Caleb, Rachel and Selah."

Patrick won the statewide Emerging Leaders Award from the Indiana CPA Society in 2016. He's also developed a niche practice area at the firm in fiduciary tax services, which focuses on trust and estate tax compliance and estate planning, and has directly contributed to the firm's growth — Kruggel Lawton has doubled in size over the past five years.

In the midst of his personal and professional growth, Patrick has also found ways to give back to Grace, visiting classes and events to speak to current accounting students. As a fellow Grace alumnus, Heffelfinger says it's rewarding to have Patrick as a business partner. "His character shows through in how he handles himself professionally, and he is well equipped to be an effective leader now and in the future."



**JANET MINNIX**

**Alumni Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

*This award is given in recognition of alumni who have exhibited Christian leadership and who*

*have displayed extraordinary service to the increased welfare of Grace.*

Early in the summer of 1957, a men's quartet visited Janet (Hammers BS 61, MAMS 17) Minnix's Grace Brethren church in Seattle, Washington. She had just graduated high school, and after meeting one of its travelers, Grace Professor Don Ogden (BD 54), she learned more about the Christian liberal arts education Grace offered, and Janet enrolled. While at Grace, Janet came to deeply value the benefits of an education built on the foundation of God's Word. "Godly faculty members invested in me and had a powerful influence on my walk with the Lord," remembers Janet.

After graduating from Grace, Janet spent a majority of her career serving at Women of Grace USA (WGUSA), a national ministry of the Charis Fellowship (formerly Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches) for 30 years — the last 17 years as president until she retired in 2014. Viki (Cover BA 77) Rife, the current executive director of WGUSA, met Janet in 2001 when Rife joined the WGUSA Board and quickly came to respect her. "Janet is practical in stewarding talents, time and resources, but she is also very willing to take a risk that could further God's kingdom," says Rife.

Additionally, over the past 12 years, Janet has served on the board of trustees for Grace College & Seminary, which gave her an opportunity to encourage and support Dr. Christy Hill, Grace professor of spiritual formation and women's ministry.

During her tenure at WGUSA, Janet, with the support of Rife and Hill, forged a partnership between Grace Theological Seminary and WGUSA to help develop a series of six weekend classes that would take seminary training to women in churches around the country, equipping them for effective ministry leadership.

Those six weekend classes in turn served as the building blocks for what would become the Women's



Leadership Studies concentration of Grace's Master of Ministry Studies degree. Just five years later, Janet enrolled in the program, formally taking courses built on the concepts and structures she and Hill had developed. Janet earned her Master of Arts in Ministry Studies with a concentration in Women's Leadership Studies in 2017.

Janet also continues to serve at her church, where she's chaired the missions commission, been a member of the leadership council and worship team, and served as the women's ministry coordinator. Janet lives in Roanoke, Virginia, with her husband, Odell. They've been married for 55 years and have two sons and three grandchildren, including Ashmine Minnix, who graduated from Grace in May 2018.



**SUZIE LIGHT**  
**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.*

Suzie Light, befittingly nicknamed "Ms. Kosciusko County" by Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), has served as the CEO and executive director of Kosciusko County Community Foundation (KCCF) for more than two decades, cultivating a culture of philanthropy that has grown the foundation's assets from \$400,000 to over \$57 million. "You'd be hard pressed to find anyone that is as well connected and catalytic as Suzie Light," remarks Katip.

Suzie grew up in Kosciusko County and hasn't only watched Grace emerge as an innovative institution, but she's been instrumental in making it possible. In 1994, Suzie attended the inauguration of Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) as Grace's president. It was one of her first official functions after joining KCCF in 1993. Her first project with Grace happened one year later, when KCCF had a donor who wished to support the renovation of Westminster Hall.

As she witnessed Grace's growing desire to serve and partner with the county, Suzie's respect for the institution swelled. Most recently, Suzie has served as the impetus for the creation and expansion of the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams — an endeavor that has allowed Grace to serve its community and grow

its educational offerings. The Lilly Center's beginnings are rooted in an email Suzie sent to Manahan back in 2006, when she inquired whether Grace might be interested in meeting a donor's request to measure and monitor the water quality in the county. "Thank heavens Dr. Manahan said, 'Yes!'" recalls Suzie.

Although Suzie attributes the existence of the center to Manahan, Manahan along with Dr. Nate Bosch, director of the Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, credit Suzie entirely. "Suzie brought together a donor's vision for education and research related to our local lakes with Grace College's desire to serve our community in tangible ways," says Bosch.

Suzie continues to inspire and support Grace, serving on hiring committees, offering input in strategic planning efforts and assisting with campaign strategies. But her greatest joy is witnessing Grace's mission accomplished through the lives of its students.

One of her most beloved Grace memories happened as she drove by campus last year. "Three students and another adult, probably a professor, stood together with their heads bowed in prayer," she remembers. "The words of Matthew 18:20 whispered in my mind, 'For wherever two or more are gathered in My name, there I am.' God felt very present."

Suzie and her husband, Steve, reside in Warsaw, Indiana. They are parents to two grown children and delight in their one grandchild.



**DAN AND RENEE KEISER**  
**Parent Distinguished Service Award Recipients**  
*This award is presented in recognition of parents of a Grace student who have exhibited extraordinary service to the increased welfare of Grace.*

Dan and Renee Keiser are the proud parents of Lauren, who was Grace's first female golf recruit four years ago. "My parents have supported Grace from the day I decided to make this place my second home," says Lauren.

It was Coach Denny Duncan (BS 80) who introduced the Kesiers to Grace, and once they visited, Renee says, "Lauren was sold pretty quickly. The strong atmosphere of faith at Grace and the kind, compassionate staff and faculty were immediately evident to us. Since then it's been a joy to watch Lauren grow and be successful academically and athletically."

In the past four years, Dan and Renee haven't missed a single one of Lauren's tournaments, regardless of the distance. "We are crazy Grace Women's Golf fans," confesses Renee happily. "We have loved being a part of this team." The Keisers have hosted the women's golf team for numerous tournaments, eagerly helped Coach Duncan in recruiting efforts and participated in various golf fundraisers for the team. Additionally, Dan served as a chaperone on the golf team's trip to Scotland in May 2018.

It's no wonder Coach Duncan, who also serves as the director of alumni engagement at Grace, can't think of a more perfect choice for this award. "It's impossible for me to overstate their contribution to our golf program," says Duncan. "They provide meals and host our team when we're in Ohio, they are a constant presence at every tournament, and they've been a tremendous help to me in recruiting."

Dan and Renee have also utilized their business, Keiser Design Group (KDG) (Columbus, Ohio) to serve Grace. Dan, the principal architect, founded the firm in 1995, and Renee serves as the director of business management there. Not only has KDG consulted on various construction projects on campus, but it also donated design services for the indoor golf practice facility.

Further, the Keisers have served on the Grace Parent Council since its inception in 2015, volunteering at Family Weekend and at Welcome Weekend events. "We pray regularly for students, staff and other prayer needs we receive," says Dan. "It's been a pleasure to serve Grace in this capacity and to enhance the partnership between Grace College and parents."

But no one has felt more supported by Dan and Renee than Lauren. "Their support has impacted my experience at Grace more than they know. I am so proud of my parents for the selflessness they consistently demonstrate not only towards me, but to Grace College as a whole."

We invite you to submit nominees for the 2019 Alumni and Parent Awards at [www.grace.edu/alumni/awards](http://www.grace.edu/alumni/awards).



# Homecoming 2018 Photos

**1.** Grace junior Cody Boerema looks to advance the ball in the first half against Taylor University. **2.** Ryan Kline (BS 08) (center) and Matt Simms (BA 08) catch up with their former classmates at their 2008 10-year class reunion. **3.** Pictured are members of the Class of 1988, celebrating their 30-year reunion: (back row) Kevin DeGraff (BS 88), Joe Goeglein (BS 87), Eric McGinness (BA 88), Dr. Mark Huntington (BS 88), Dr. Kip Cone (BA 90, MDiv 96, DMin 18), Jason Guillems (BS 89) and Beth (Luster BA 87) Guillems; (front row) Heidi (Hoover BS 88) DeGraff, Polly (Abbott BS 88) Goeglein, Dave Terry (C 80, MABC 87, MDiv 91), Denise (Stanley BS 88, MABC 89) Terry, Dawn Comstock (BS 88), Mary (Hicks BS 88) Cone, Pam (Mullinix BS 88, MABC 89) Fair, Sandra (Hochstedler ASN 88, BS 88) Straits and Gregg Straits (BS 83, MDiv 89). **4.** Pictured are the 2018 inductees into the Lancer Hall of Fame: (left to right) Becky (Crawford BS 66) Dick, Kris (Doron BA 97) Calizo, David James (C 94, BS 15) and Val (Lundgren BS 77) Weinstein. **5.** Pictured are alumni from the 50+-year reunion: (left to right) Sherill (Vincent BS 63) Kammerer, Kenneth Koontz (BA 59, BDiv 62), Janice (Grubb BA 59) Koontz, Daryl (BA 60, S 62) Umbower, Esther "Essie" Moeller (BA 58, BDiv 62), Marie (Sackett BS 60) Umbower, Dolores (Jordan BA 56) Byers, Glenn "Chet" Kammerer (BA 64) and Becky (Crawford BS 66) Dick. **6.** Pictured are choir members from the Class of 1978 at their 40-year reunion: (left to right) Christi (Coldren BS 86) Barlow, Janet (Carey BA 78) Leigh, Dave Rank (BME 79), Deb (Bozendorf BA 78) Nevarez, Bruce Barlow (BA 78, MABC 86), Rich Wroughton (BA 79, CERT 87), Elise (Jacobson BS 79) Martin, Cathy (Brauchler BS 78) Byler, Beth Kaufman (BS 80), Karen (Stiffler BME 78) Berry, Susan (BA 78) Toirac-Stump and Sherilyn (Smith BA 78) Rank. **7.** Community members and alumna Gladine (Rupp C 77) McCall (center) interact with the augmented reality sandbox in the new Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams Learning Lab. **8.** Current and former student-athletes from Grace's softball team join the family of Phil Dick (BA 65) during the dedication of the new Coach Phil Dick Field.

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Joe (BS 87) (left) and Polly (Abbott BS 88)  
Goeglein and son Caleb



Collette (Lehman BS 90) Olson (left)  
and daughter Sophie

## THIS FALL, GRACE COLLEGE WELCOMED MORE THAN 450 NEW STUDENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

Pictured are just a  
handful of Grace alumni who dropped  
off their sons and daughters over  
Welcome Weekend as a part of the  
incoming freshman class. Thank you  
for entrusting your students to us!



Summer Voss (BS 18) and son Cole



Jeff (BA 93) (left) and Tracy (Byers BS 93)  
Wertz and son Philip



Cathy (Shiple BS 93) (left) and Trent  
(BS 94) Lehman and daughter Calyssa