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In Scripture, we see God's handiwork on display again and again — from the creation account in Genesis to David's awestruck account in Psalm 19, which proclaims, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

These passages, and countless others, point to the fact that our God is not a God of happenstance. He does nothing by mistake; everything He creates is done with purpose and intentionality.

These passages point to the fact that our Creator God is The Great Designer.

In this issue of Grace Story, we highlight several stories around the theme of "design." We celebrate the way our alumni have designed products that solve problems and reimagine solutions. We champion the way they see their work as a vehicle to serve others and ultimately image the Great Designer.

This summer at Grace, we too, are fully immersed in the world of design. Alpha Dining Hall is officially under renovation, new pergolas, fire pits and lounge areas are being erected all around campus and a new ice rink is under construction just down the hill from campus.

One of our greatest joys is coming alongside students — the created and equipping them for the good work for which they were designed. As you read the words on the pages that follow, it is my prayer that you will be reminded that you also have been created by the Great Designer and that you will be encouraged to do the good work prepared specifically for you.

"For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." -Ephesians 2:10



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BY MADISON COWMAN



In the middle of the global health crisis in 2020, Kathryn Joachim (BS 09) managed to increase the revenue of her boutique design agency, Créme, by 24%.

Even more impressive, Créme is already on track to more than double last year's revenue.

Joachim's successful career as a self-employed artist began many years ago with a visual communication design degree from Grace College.

In 2004, when Joachim started looking for colleges, Grace College was one of few small, Christian colleges in the Midwest with graphic design. When she found out about the Presidential Scholarship Competition, she signed up, competed and won the top scholarship prize — a full-tuition scholarship. This made Grace an easy choice.

"I'm so grateful for that," Joachim shared. "I don't think I realized how much money that was at the time."

The following summer, Joachim packed her bags in Racine, Wisconsin, and moved to Grace's campus where she unleashed her creative gifts and passions.

Joachim is quick to cite numerous professors who were instrumental in refining her design skills. She recalls Professor Tim Young's tough grading and the way he pushed her to spend more time in the studio. He taught her that art was a process. "This was a critical learning curve for me. I was a student who liked to check the boxes and earn the A," Joachim says. And Joachim speaks with utmost admiration for her professor and adviser Professor Art Davis (S 79). "Professor Davis was the kindest man. He always took time to sit and talk with students. He saw potential in them that they didn't see in themselves," Joachim remembers fondly. Davis recommended Joachim for an internship at Paragon Medical through Grace's Orthopaedic Scholarship Institute.

The internship program, spearheaded by Dr. Michael Harstine (BS 90), was an ideal way for Joachim to practically apply the knowledge of art theory and design composition she had acquired over the past three years. Her advisers at Paragon gave her great support and freedom to run with her design projects which included newsletters, image editing and print ads. "That internship assured me that design was absolutely what I wanted to do. I felt so fortunate to get that opportunity while at Grace," Joachim reflects.

As her senior year came to a close, Joachim leaned on the services of the Center for Career Connections to help her touch up her resume and put her best foot forward in applications. Through the process, Joachim found, applied for and landed a part-time job with Moody Publishers as a graphic designer.

After only a month on the job, Joachim was offered a full-time position with Moody. Over the next five years, she gained valuable experience designing book covers as well as doing marketing design. Through her projects, she was introduced to the wedding industry — a natural fit with her artisanal, feminine design style. The more she was exposed to wedding planners and companies, the more she discovered a significant need in the industry. "These companies were not marketing themselves at the level they could be," says Joachim. "I saw a huge opportunity to visually elevate companies to align with their sales goals' potential."

And thus, Créme was born.

Now, nearly eight years later, Joachim serves as a designer-meets-strategist. She oversees a team of six, ensuring that all of the working pieces are coming together for one unified vision. A large portion of her time is devoted to interfacing with clients, fielding their questions and helping them clarify their purpose. Yet, she still makes time for her first love — designing logos.

"The past eight years have been full of wonderful clients and lots of learning experiences," says Joachim. "I am most proud of the confidence our clients get from branding. I will never get tired of seeing the 'before and afters' of our clients — not just of their websites or products, but of them, as people." To date, Créme has a 5-star rating on its Google business page. Joachim has designed for more than a hundred clients across the country, including New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors, and her design work has been featured in print in Whitespace Magazine and Cottage Hill Magazine. While Créme has a long list of accomplishments, Joachim does not plan to slow down any time soon. Looking forward, she hopes to design for Sephora as well as boutique and travel brands around the world.

But most importantly, Joachim has strong intentions to keep her business as people-focused as possible — a value she came to know and appreciate while at Grace.

"At the heart of Grace are really strong relationships," reflects Joachim. "I look back fondly and feel that Grace was exactly what I needed in that season. It was a safe space to grow, to develop skills and to get the support that I needed fresh out of high school. I am still so grateful for all that Grace did to put me on the path to my career and life. I came to highly value kindness and community at Grace, and those are now core values in my business."

You can learn more about Créme at **WWW.CREMEBRANDS.COM**











Department of Engineering Secures \$150,000 Grant

The Grace College Department of Engineering has received a \$150,000 grant from the Don Wood Foundation to purchase industrial-grade robotics and update the system controller for its testing frames. These equipment additions and updates will increase the program's industry relevance and enhance its partnerships with industry experts.

The new equipment will be used in classes, labs and projects and will allow the engineering students to run their own tests with equipment that is commonly used on the manufacturing floor.

"Grace College is grateful for the

generous support of the Don Wood Foundation as we expand the impact of our engineering program. We look forward to seeing the rippling effects of the new equipment for our students, for elementary and high school students in the community, for local startup businesses and for industry partners," said Grace College President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "With the motto 'engineered to serve,' our engineering students and faculty are always looking outward," he said.

Based in Columbia City, Indiana, the Don Wood Foundation exists to grow and strengthen the manufacturing sector in the region by bolstering educational opportunities between students, community and industry.

"Few schools are blessed to have the industry interactions that we have at Grace, and this grant is only going to build upon the relationships that we already have," said Dr. Fred Wentorf, chair of the Department of Engineering. "I'm exceedingly grateful to the Don Wood Foundation for investing in our students and partnering in our mission to produce wellrounded graduates who are ready to tackle the complicated world of engineering with confidence, humility, and a heart for service," said Wentorf.

Grace Offers New Health & Fitness Programs

Grace College will offer its students three new healthcare degree options this fall. A Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (MHA) and a Master of Science in Integrative and Functional Medicine will be offered in partnership with John Patrick University of Health and Applied Sciences in South Bend, Indiana. Grace will also introduce a new public health minor. These new degrees come in response to an increasing demand in healthcare which is projected to grow 15% in the next eight years, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Never have we needed reliable healthcare more than now. We are at a pivotal point in our country's history in which the population is getting grayer while we are still stumbling through the fog of a pandemic. Even before COVID-19, certain parts of our country had only limited access to healthcare," said Dr. Joseph Frentzel, chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics. "Grace hopes to impact this shortfall with a renewed emphasis in healthcare-related programming," he said.

Additionally, the Exercise Science Program added a fitness and nutrition concentration.

"The field of fitness and nutrition is evolving and growing at a rapid rate. And in our fitness-driven culture, everyone claims to be an expert. This degree is intended to train and equip fitness and nutrition professionals by exposing them to evidence-based practices and modern techniques within the industry," said Christina Walters, exercise science director. The concentration will pave the way for students to become personal trainers, coaches and nutrition coaches. It also sets students up to earn their certification in nutrition and is an ideal springboard for those who want to become registered dieticians.

"At the heart of it, this program is all about developing strong leaders. The goal is that students graduate from the program capable of leading their clients, leading in their workplace and, most importantly, leading others toward Christ through the platform of healthy eating and living," said Walters.



Ice Rink and Pavilion Coming to Winona Lake

Tabernacle Lawn, the former site of the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, will soon be the home of a 20,000-square-foot community ice rink and pavilion. The Village at Winona hosted a groundbreaking for the project on Friday, March 19, and construction of the facility is now underway.

"The opportunity this pavilion brings to the community is limitless," said Nick Hauck (BS 04), director of The Village at Winona.

The rink will be open for skating between November and early March, and the pavilion will be used year-round for music festivals and concerts, community holiday celebrations and even weddings. It is intended to be a gathering place for Winona Lake and Warsaw residents, visitors from surrounding communities and Grace College students.

"I'm excited to have something fun to do in the winter time!" says Kyrsten Newlon, a Grace College student, "I can't wait for the rink to open."

In 2019, the K21 Health Foundation made a \$1 million pledge to see an ice rink solution in the community, and in early 2020 awarded a grant of \$1.5 million to the \$6.5 million project.

"K21 Health Foundation has had a desire to see ice skating available in our community for 15 years," says Rich Haddad (BS 87, MSNPM 16) president and CEO of the company. "We believe that an ice rink facility will not only bring a real solution to winter activity, but also improve the culture of wanting to live a healthy life," says Haddad.

Hauck explained that the ice rink will hopefully bring in more visitors during the winter months which will help support the independent shops and restaurants in the community. The rink will also be a welcomed destination to point prospective Grace students and their families to on-campus visits.

The rink/pavilion is projected to be ready and open to the public for this coming winter.









Alpha Construction Underway

On April 15, Grace College broke ground on its Alpha Dining Hall renovation and expansion. The groundbreaking ceremony was led by Grace College President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and included remarks from Grace College senior administration, students and board members.

"If there is one thing that has become undeniable to me in the last year, it's that we are designed to be together," said Grace College President Dr. Bill Katip. "Our campus is absolutely thrilled about this Alpha Dining project because it underscores our mission to give students a place to come to the table and find belonging in the body of Christ," he said. Grace's Student Body President Kiersten Martin expressed her excitement about the new memories to be made in the revamped space.

"A conversation that turned an acquaintance into a friendship, winning a prize while watching baseball on opening day — those are the memories that we're going to be talking about, and this new space allows community life to happen, every single meal, every single day," she said.

Grace's annual Day of Giving, held on April 29, brought in the final \$200,000 to meet and exceed the total project goal of \$5.5 million. "We were blown away by the way our Grace family — alumni, faculty, staff and community members — came to the table to partner with us in the Alpha project," said Dr. Drew Flamm, executive vice president. "Alpha holds fond memories for many, and it's been neat to hear story after story of the impact of time spent there and meals shared," he said.

The renovation and expansion are on track to be complete in time for the students' arrival for the 2021-22 school year.

> To learn more or to make a gift to the Alpha project, visit www.grace.edu/alphaproject







The Grace College men's track and field team holds up a "number one" in celebration of their firstever national championship title.





(Pictured L-R) David Sandi, Francisco Margaria, Mauricio Corty, Ramiro Candia, Facundo Paredes, Milan Savic, Fabricio Galvan, Max Rozas, Ivan Antinori, assistant coach Diego Zamora, head coach Andy Lewis

Two National Championships

Friday, May 14, was a historic day for the Grace College Lancers. The men's tennis team secured its first-ever NCCAA national championship in Mobile, Alabama. Later that same day, in Greenville, Illinois, the men's track team claimed the NCCAA national crown. These victories go down as the fifth and sixth national titles in Grace College history, joining men's basketball (1992-NAIA), volleyball (1995-NCCAA), women's golf (2019-NCCAA) and men's soccer (2020-NCCAA).

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis swept Judson 4-0 in the championship title game, completing an undefeated 4-0 week through the national tournament.

"I told the boys that it was the best I've seen them play all year. Judson was fired up, but our team was not going to be denied," head coach Andy Lewis (BS 88) said.

Ramiro Candia, Max Rozas and Fabricio Galvan put Grace in a prime position for the win. The Lancers won the initial doubles' point, something they had lost to Judson during pool play just three days before. The victory was Grace's third of the season against Judson.

"I'm so excited for the guys. They have worked so hard to get to this point, so it's great to see them bring home the fifth national championship for Grace," Lewis said. "The guys are so proud to wear that Grace name on their shirts. God shined on us today, and we are so thankful."

Following the NCCAA tournament, the team remained in Mobile, Alabama, to make its first appearance as a full team in the NAIA tournament since 1988. The Lancers fell 4-0 to No. 1 Georgia Gwinnett in the second round, ending No. 16 Grace's season with a sterling 26-6 record.

TRACK AND FIELD

May 14 wasn't just a record-breaking day for men's track and field — the women's team finished as the national runnersup, the best finish for the women in team history.

"There were so many highlights this week that I wouldn't know where to begin. A wide range of athletes stepped up and performed at a really high level for us," head coach Jeff Raymond said. "The men's

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championship is a great boost for our program and is hopefully something our team can continue to build on for the future. Our women coming in a close second place is a major accomplishment as well."

Grace's men won eight of the 22 events at the outdoor track and field championships and finished second on eight occasions. Grace scored 214 points in the meet, beating out Bethel as the closest competitor with 186 points. Notable individual accomplishments:

Isaac Brown was named the NCCAA Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet after winning the high jump and javelin competitions. The men's 4x100 team, Isaac Findley, John Green, Michael Williams and Braden Smith, set a school record with a time of 41.87, which also hit the NAIA "B" standard. Dimitri Margaritidis finished first in the 1,500; Kyle Smith impressed to win the 800, and Isaac Beatty claimed the title of national champion, winning the 3,000 steeplechase with a school-record time of 9:38.17.

For the women, the 4x400-meter relay team, Ashley Stoltzfus, Nordia Campbell, Julia Malson and Lyne Camara qualified for NAIA Nationals. The 4x100 team, Campbell, Camara, Gracious O'Connor and Zoe Huley, also won the national title. Campbell was also the national runnerup (and All-American) in both the 100 and the 200. In the women's 1,500, Heather Plastow and Elizabeth Moore both claimed All-American status.

After the meet, Grace's coaching staff was named the NCCAA National Coaching Staff of the Year. For Raymond, who is retiring from coaching at the end of this season, this meet is one he will never forget. "This championship is especially meaningful to me as I step away from coaching next





year," Raymond reflected. "I was able to be part of two NCCAA championships as an athlete, so to come full circle and win the title this year is very special to me."







Grace Takes Home NCCAA Presidential Award

For the first time in school history, Grace College was awarded the NCCAA Presidential Award. Grace President Dr. Bill Katip and Director of Athletics Chad Briscoe were present at the 2021 NCCAA national convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to receive the allsports award.

"This accomplishment is a direct reflection of the dedication to Christian excellence from the Grace College administration as well as our coaching staff," Briscoe said. "We deeply believe in the message of the NCCAA as we seek to build champions of character on and off the field of competition, so we are honored to receive the Presidential Award."

The Presidential Award is calculated based on team finishes at NCCAA national championship events. Grace had a memorable year at NCCAA competition, claiming three national championships. Men's soccer won the NCCAA crown in the fall. Men's tennis and men's track and field won their respective NCCAA banners on the same day during the spring. In addition to the national championships, Grace received runner-up points for women's soccer and women's track and field. Women's golf, men's basketball, volleyball and women's basketball also earned important points en route to Grace's Presidential Award.

Grace earned 83.5 points across all sports with Dallas Baptist in second place with 78.



Dan Schlatter (BS 95), Marla (Rueck BA 95 MAIM 03) Schlatter and Chris Manduka (BA 05) stand outside of the Cable Bullet warehouse, designed by Dan.

Cable The Silver Bullet

BY MADISON COWMAN

Dan (BS 95) and Marla (Rueck BA 95, MAIM 03) Schlatter have strikingly similar stories of coming to Grace. They both grew up on the mission field: Dan in Brazil and Marla in Austria; they both came to Grace for its strong education program; and they both needed a school that would accept their abundance of Bible credits. But for Dan, there was one more thing. He was also drawn to Grace, in part, for its liberal arts identity.

"I valued a broadened education that would allow me to understand the world through different disciplines. Some of my favorite classes at Grace were outside of my major: Appreciation of Fine Arts and Philosophy. These classes opened the world to me from a different perspective," said Dan. And it was this very approach to things — looking at old problems with a new perspective — that led to a silver bullet idea. Precisely, a cable bullet idea.

AN UNEXPECTED PATH

Dan and Marla met at Grace. Marla lived off campus with Dan's older sister, Karen (Schlatter BS 94) Fontanilla, and Dan would make frequent visits to their apartment to do his laundry. In return, he would fix anything that needed to be repaired. Between Dan's frequent laundry visits and their participation in Mu Kappa, a group for international students and missionary kids on campus, the two fell in love and were married in 1994. They graduated the next year. After a short stint teaching in Maui, Hawaii, the couple returned to Warsaw. In 1998, Dan circled back to construction, a trade that he had practiced on and off since high school. While Marla had returned to Grace College to serve as a German instructor and eventually the study abroad coordinator, Dan started his own construction company, Inglenook, which he still owns today. The company found early success and grew as Dan became the only one in the area to obtain his Certified Professional Business Design (CPBD) certification. Over the years, Inglenook shifted its focus away from construction and more towards design, specializing in



Dan designed this bullet-shaped tensioner for cable railing which can be installed in metal, wood or masonry.

site-based design, integrating the house designs into the space around them.

He was looking for a silver bullet.

After years of iterations, Dan landed on a design that was promising. The tensioner, shaped like a bullet, could be used on both the left or right side, straight or sloped cable. The same piece could be installed in metal, wood or masonry. "At that time, I had a strong sense that what I had designed solved problems in the market," said Dan. "I had a strong feeling that it would go."

That was just the start of "Cable Button," which would come to be known as "Cable Bullet."

A BETTER WAY

Curious by nature, Dan was constantly trying new things at Inglenook, but in 2007, he was working on a modernist-style home that called for something new to him — cable railing. He found some railing online, but it was a mess to order, the installation was cumbersome, and the hardware was very industriallooking with frayed wires and bulky tensioners. "The system was just very clunky," Dan reflected. "After that experience, I thought, 'There's got to be a better way to do this.'"

Dan went back to his garage and started tinkering. And while he tinkered, he began looking for new perspectives and asking the right questions. "How can I do this as simply as possible? How can I take the original concept and peel out all of the things that create unnecessary complexity and bog down what could be?" He spent hours upon hours ideating, conceptualizing, prototyping, tweaking and reiterating. He was insistent on designing a tensioner that was sleek in style, easy to install for the customer and cost-effective. He was intent on creating a single product that solved a host of problems.

THE PROVERBIAL BASEMENT STARTUP

After working with machine shops and refining the process to get it where he wanted, Dan reached out to his friends and former Inglenook clients, Chris (BA 05) and Kristi (Bontrager CERT-TT 08) Manduka, about coming on as partners. Chris was working in marketing and internet sales at the time, and Dan needed Chris' skillset to create a web presence for this new startup. Kristi jumped on board, too, working on the provisional patent and other legal work. Marla did the bookkeeping, and Dan worked with manufacturers to ensure the product was made correctly. "It was a total team effort to get it up and going," recalled Dan.

During the initial days, the Mandukas' basement was for all intents and purposes a fulfillment and packaging plant. They hired their first part-time employee, Jenny Flowers (BS 08, CERT-TT 10, S 15, MACMHC 19), who was a trusted family friend. Chris would come home from his nine-to-five job and immediately start filling orders in the basement. He would deliver the packages to UPS in Columbia City on his way to work the next day. "That was never designed to last," said Chris with a laugh. Soon the company moved from the basement to the garage. But only six months later, the company outgrew the garage and began leasing space in a strip mall.

"When we outgrew the garage, it was starting to dawn on me that this was more than a side hustle. I was late to the game there," Chris confessed. Chris quit his job and focused all of his attention on the startup that was showing great potential.

GROWING PAINS

Once at the strip mall, they hired their first full-time employee, Phil Johnston, Jr. (BA 07), in 2019. Within the same year, they made several more hires to keep up with the company's growth. Once again, it became apparent that they were in need of a larger space. Sales were increasing and the product demand was hard to fulfill.

"Everyone we hired in that first year had a shared understanding that Cable Bullet was a startup and that their day-to-day work would change week to









This fall, Grace College's new Alpha Dining outdoor patio space will be framed by Cable Bullet's clean, sleek cable railing thanks to their generous donation of posts, railing and installation. "It was an easy decision internally," Chris said of the donation. "I have many fond memories of time spent at Alpha Dining. We are thrilled to be a part of it." week," said Chris. "A lot of the processes we would come up with had a shelf life of about three months."

In 2019, Cable Bullet purchased a lot on Eastlake Drive in Winona Lake for Dan to design Cable Bullet's new home. In the middle of construction, COVID-19 wreaked its havoc and created an ordering and manufacturing nightmare. The move-in date was pushed back several times. "At one point we even moved our shelves outside, and we were packaging orders in the parking lot," said Marla with a laugh. In September 2020, the team finally was able to move into its new home. Over the course of that year, 10 additional employees were hired. With the exception of the early years, the company has consistently grown 100% year-over-year.

BEATING THE ODDS

According to Dan, the odds that a business idea becomes a viable, market-based company are 3,000:1. Dan's silver bullet idea in 2007 has defied the odds. But that isn't all. The startup company weathered a global pandemic, remained loyal to local and U.S. manufacturing, and most impressively, launched and executed the operation completely debt free.

"I'm proud that we have been able to make choices that reflect our values instead of just profitability and short-term thinking. When you focus on what you should be doing, it makes for a strong company that is profitable," said Dan.

Looking forward, the company is gearing up to make several more hires, expand their building and launch a new vertical cable product line — yet another product that came about through an intentional, holistic approach to design. As the company continues to grow and product development expands, Dan will continue to look at multiple perspectives and ask the right questions in order to find that silver bullet solution.

Learn more about Cable Bullet at **WWW.CABLEBULLET.COM**



Nearly half of Cable Bullet's employees are Grace College alumni. (Pictured) Dan Schlatter (BS 95), Andrew Jeffreys (BA 17), Marla Schlatter (Rueck BA 95 MAIM 03), Casey Hershberger (BS 17), Chantell Martin (BS 20), Jonah Stouffer (BS 17), Jimmy Elsner (BA 14, MACMHC 17), Phil Johnston, Jr. (BA 07), Isaac Miller (C 13) and Chris Manduka (BA 05).

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Sticker Blitz has printed a wide variety of stickers for all sorts of industries, including many e-commerce vendors.

A Venture that Sticks

BY MADISON COWMAN

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RECYCLE

Sometimes, in the middle of a busy workday in his warehouse, Matt Stephens (BS 18) will take a moment to pause, look up and take in all that is going on around him — people diligently working and equipment running at full tilt. He takes it all in and thinks, "Wow. This is pretty awesome."

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Matt and his younger brother Josh, of Warren, Michigan, have had an unquenchable thirst for entrepreneurship since they were young boys.

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The brothers' first startup was a knot-tying app. The application was downloaded more than 100,000 times, bringing in "a decent chunk of change," according to Matt. That was just the beginning. Matt and Josh could rattle off a litany of entrepreneurial endeavors that followed: selling screen protectors on Amazon, generating solar leads, pitching mobile oil changes and creating another app to generate ad revenue. While some of these ventures gained traction, for one reason or another, they did not materialize into viable businesses.

It wasn't until years later that they finally found a venture that stuck.

Matt attended Grace at the same time as his older brother, Daniel Stephens (BA 18), who encouraged him to pursue illustration and visual communication design. After graduating, Matt was offered a full-time graphic design job with Quicken Loans. During that time, Matt and Josh did what they do best — they launched a business reselling stickers with another pair of brothers. The orders started rolling in and never stopped. As the business grew, keeping up with the inventory and limited sticker offerings was tough.

It didn't take them long to realize the vendor they were working with had some issues. As they started looking for other partners, the brothers had a novel idea — what if they cut out the middleman and made the stickers themselves? They began to investigate the feasibility of this idea and scheduled dozens of phone calls with industry leaders and salespeople for printers and cutters. Matt and Josh would be the first to admit they had their fair share of bumps in the road.

"No one took us seriously," Matt recalled. "They treated us like we were just kids trying to print stickers that weren't worth their time. It was a long, daunting process, but we eventually were able to acquire the equipment we needed at the quality we were looking for," he said.

Once the company, named "Sticker Blitz," found a home and obtained the resources it needed for operations, the brothers began to build out their brand and put their individual skills to work. Matt drew up the graphics for the company, and Josh developed proprietary technology that enables Sticker Blitz to offer print on demand, meaning orders of up to 10,000 stickers are printed and shipped the next day.

"In business, the rule of three suggests you can't have speed, quality and price. But I think it's in-the-box thinking to assume that is how it's going to be. We strive to hit all three," said Matt.

Sticker Blitz's commitment to providing high-quality stickers in a timely manner and at an affordable price has won them a corner of a robust market. "At first glance, it doesn't seem like that big of an industry, but when you think about it, there are labels and stickers everywhere," said Matt. "A lot of local printing companies don't want to touch stickers because they can be difficult to print, so we are competing nationally."

Given the industry size and the growth they've experienced so far — Sticker Blitz isn't going away any time soon.

The brothers, now 23 and 25, think back to their early business ventures and shake their heads in disbelief at the notion that they are now business partners. Josh and Matt both admit that being partners was always a dream, but they didn't expect it to happen this soon. "It's not like we necessarily planned it, but we always hoped that one of our business ideas would gain enough traction for us to work together," said Matt.

The key? Finding an idea that sticks.

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We are absolutely thrilled to invite you to our 2021 Homecoming festivities. After our 2020 "Homestaying" events, I am confident that this year's Homecoming will be sweeter than ever before. So mark your calendars for October 1-2, and if you haven't already, check out the schedule on the next page!

One thing is for sure. Homecoming would not be what it is today if it weren't for the fun and engaging ideas of Denny Duncan (BS 80), director of alumni & community engagement. When Denny took the role in 2015, he had 32 years of experience with the Warsaw Community Schools under his belt — 18 of those serving as the principal of Jefferson Elementary School. After that, he served as the director of correctional education at Grace and oversaw the G.E.D. prison education program for four years. The point is — Denny stepped into the job already having a long, fruitful career. Many of us would have coasted. But Denny did the exact opposite.

Over the past five years, Denny has taken our alumni engagement to the next level, always seeking to find new channels to connect with you and adding experiential opportunities to make your memories of Grace last a lifetime. Denny's leadership led to record giving and participation for our Golden Grad celebrations, and he has planned and led numerous alumni trips (including the upcoming trip to Israel in the summer of 2022).

It has always been evident that Denny has Grace's best interest at heart. We are indebted to Denny for the good work he has done while here.

All that to say, Denny is retiring this fall, so Homecoming 2021 will be his last one as director of alumni & community engagement. Join me in making a special effort to honor him and the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

P.S. We are thankful that Denny will still be a part of Grace College and continue as coach of the women's golf team.



Drew Flamm, Ph.D. Executive Vice President

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Check-In

Upper Concourse Entrance, Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

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

9 a.m. Welcome Coffee

Alumni Office, Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

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

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Chapel

Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

Join us for the presentation of the College and Seminary Alumni Awards.

2 p.m. Grace Campus Bus Tour*

Lower Concourse Entrance, Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

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

2 p.m. Campus Tours w/ Student Ambassadors*

Main Entrance, Mount Memorial Hall

First time back to campus in a while? Join some Grace College Student Ambassadors on a walking tour of new spots across campus, including our new dorms and Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex.

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Alpha Dining Hall Open House & Dedication

Alpha Dining Hall

Stop by and tour the newly renovated Alpha Dining Hall! Join us at 4:45 p.m. for the dedication of the building and to honor the many donors who made this facility possible.

5:30 p.m. Seminary Alumni Awards Dinner*+

Westminster Hall East Banquet Room

All are invited to gather together during our Seminary Alumni Awards Dinner. Enjoy food and fellowship while we honor our 2020 and 2021 Seminary Alumni Award winners.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

Alpha Dining Hall

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

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Check-In

Upper Concourse Entrance, Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

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

8 a.m. Lancer 5K & Virtual 5K*

Miller Athletic Complex

Join us for a 5K on Grace's campus or wherever you are!

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.

9 a.m. Alumni Tennis Game Miller Athletic Complex

Men's and women's tennis alumni are invited to the Miller Athletic Complex tennis courts for an alumni match.

10 a.m. Alumni Softball Game

Miller Athletic Complex

Join the current softball team for an alumni game.

10 a.m. Alumni Men's Basketball Game

Gordon Health & Wellness Center

Join the men's basketball team for an alumni reunion and basketball game.

10 a.m. Homecoming Parade

Winona Lake Park

Join us for family activities outside of Winona Heritage Room (Rodeheaver Auditorium) beginning at 10 a.m. Starting at 11:15 a.m., the parade will come down Park Avenue. The homecoming court, alumni award winners and various student and community groups will headline this festive event.

10:30 a.m. Alumni Men's Soccer Game

Miller Athletic Complex, Practice Field

Men's soccer alumni are invited back to campus for an alumni match. The team will meet at the practice soccer field, near the Bernard & Linnie Key Track & Field Complex.

11:30 a.m. Greek Reunion Luncheon

TBD

Join us for a luncheon to reconnect with other Greek alumni and hear from renowned speaker, Daniel Wallace. All alumni are welcome.

12 - 2 p.m. Tailgate+

Miller Athletic Complex

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

12 p.m. Young Alumni Gathering (2006-2021)*+

Miller Athletic Complex

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends. Families are welcome. Activities will be available for kids (weather permitting).

1:30 p.m. Men's Soccer Game

Miller Athletic Complex

Stay after reunions and the tailgate to cheer on our Lancers as they take on Spring Arbor!

3:30 p.m. Campus Tours w/ Student Ambassadors*

Main Entrance, Mount Memorial Hall

Not able to make the tours yesterday? First time back to campus in a while? Join some Grace College Student Ambassadors on a walking tour of new spots across campus, including our new dorms and Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex.

3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer Reunion Miller Athletic Complex

Join the current men's soccer team and men's soccer alumni following the Homecoming game for a casual gathering.

5 p.m. Grace's Golden Grad Gathering (Reunion for classes 1950-1976)*+

Alpha Dining Hall

For those who graduated 45 or more years ago, we are hosting an event to honor you and your long-standing relationship with Grace. Come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with a group of your former classmates and friends.

5 p.m. 30-Year Class Reunion (1990-1991)*+

Alpha Dining Hall

The classes of 1990 and 1991 are invited to come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends.

5 p.m. 35-Year Class Reunion (1985-1986)*+

Alpha Dining Hall

The classes of 1985 and 1986 are invited to come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends, organized by fellow classmates.

5 p.m. 40-Year Class Reunion (1980-1981)*+

Alpha Dining Hall

The classes of 1980 and 1981 are invited to come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends.

5 p.m. 20-Year Reunion (2000-2001)*+

Alpha Dining Hall

The class of 2000 and 2001 are invited to come and enjoy an evening filled with great food and fellowship with former classmates and friends.

6 p.m. Baseball Legacy Banquet*+

Westminster East Banquet Room

Join the current baseball team and other Lancer baseball alumni for a night of reconnection. Meet the current team, honor current and past players and join the team as they prepare for the upcoming season.

7 p.m. Symphony of the Lakes Celebrations Concert*+

Winona Heritage Room (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

The Symphony of the Lakes returns with celebratory music of light classics, dance and selections from movies and musicals.

- * **RSVP** required
- + Fee to attend
- ++ RSVP according to the invitation

To RSVP and find complete details, including costs, visit: www.grace.edu/alumni/ homecoming

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 to plan what places you'll visit when you come for Homecoming and Family Weekend.

ALUM NOTES

Connecting With Our Family of Friends

Class Notes

1977 Lynn (Mackaben C 77) Brown

has been published in papers and magazines such as Times-Union, Moody Monthly and Toastmaster. Lynn has two books in production with "History Is Awesome!: Christmas Celebration," a devotional coming in 2021, and "Furs and Fevers," to be released in 2022. lynnbrownwriter@hotmail.com

1983

Gary Harris (BA 83, S 88) was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) on April 16, 2020. After 22 years living in Alaska, he and his wife, **Rita Kristina** (**Varner** C 84), moved to Ocilla GA in Sept. 2020 to be closer to Gary's family. On Aug. 8, 2021, Gary and Kris will celebrate 40 years of marriage. You can look Gary up on Facebook and/or send him an email if you would like to be added to his "E-ticket Ride" email list. mixnmangle@gmail.com

1985

Darrell Herb King II (BS 85) was recently voted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. King has spent 30 years as a head coach in Indiana at four different high schools (North Putnam, South Decatur, Rockville and Seeger) and carries a 184-141 career overall record with four sectionals, two regionals and a semi-state. He has been named Motorola/Colts Indiana Coach of the Year (2008) and Griddy 1A Coach of the Year (2007). He coached 28 All-State players including Matt King who was named an Old Spice Red Zone National Player of the Year (2008). King is married to Nancy, and they have children Matt (Cornell College OC), Molly (former football manager), Ashley and Robbie (former football player). A celebration is being planned for the summer of 2022 to which all former players, managers, coaches and friends will be invited.

1990

Dr. W. Gene Crouch (ThM

90) recalls that several of his undergraduate Bible and theology professors at Biola (CA) and at Talbot (CA) had at least a ThD from Grace and several had more. He was determined that if he went beyond the MDiv, he would go to Grace for his Master of Theology, and he is so glad he did. He and his wife Janice have served in missions and the pastorate. In the latter years, he has taught at the Grace Indianapolis campus and the College of Biblical Studies (formerly Crossroads Bible College).

1992

1 Capt. Timothy Mouw (BA 92) earned his PhD in General Psychology with an Emphasis in Cognition and Instruction from Grand Canyon University (GCU) in February 2020. He also holds a Master of Science in Professional Counseling from GCU (2014). Tim has worked for Bell Textron (Amarillo TX) since June 2008 and serves as Lead H-1 Production Test Pilot. Tim and wife **Amy (Rehbine** BA 92) and children Tristan (19) and Andrew (16) reside in Amarillo. chairman369@gmail.com

1998

2 Levi and **Marlise** (**Shaffer** BS 98) **Burkholder**:

Married August 16, 2019. The newlyweds reside in Wakarusa IN. marlise116@gmail.com

2002

3 Kruggel Lawton CPAs South Bend office announced **Stephen Varner** (BS 02) as the firm's newest partner, effective Jan. 1, 2021. After graduating from Grace, Stephen completed an MBA from the Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics at Indiana University South Bend. He holds an active Indiana CPA license, along with memberships in the Indiana CPA Society and the American Institute of CPAs. Prior to joining Kruggel Lawton, Stephen worked at a local Mishawaka firm and a national firm in its Elkhart and South Bend offices. He and wife **Freya (Pappas** BA 01) and their six children live in Bremen IN. In 2016-2017, Stephen and his family served in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with Africa Inland Mission.

2008

Dr. Ronen H. Kim (DMiss 08) holds a ThM and PhD in Biblical Studies from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Kansas City MO). He and wife Elianne reside in Anaheim CA. ronenhkim@gmail.com

2013

Tim and Heidi (Schroeder BS 13) Roesch: Naomi Susanne, Aug. 12, 2020. Naomi joins sisters Madison (4) and Olivia (3) at their home in Littleton CO. heidimroesch@gmail.com

2015

5 SYM Financial Advisors (Winona Lake IN) recently promoted Shane Bradley (BA 15) to serve as a financial adviser. Bradley earned a master's degree in financial planning from the College for Financial Planning and holds the Certified Financial Planner designation, one of the most demanding credentials in the investment industry. Upon graduating from Grace, Shane joined SYM the same year. SYM Financial Advisors is an independent wealth management firm with \$2.7 billion in assets under management.











Adam and **Emily** (**Gruber** BA 15) **Westgerdes**: Married Oct. 10, 2020. Emily has been at Southwick Elementary School (Fort Wayne IN) since Sept. 2016 where she serves as an ESL teacher. The couple calls Fort Wayne IN home. emily.gruber15@gmail.com

2016

Z Ben (BA 17, MACHMC 20) and Allyson **Key**: Monroe Leigh Key, March 26, 2021. Monroe joins the couple at their home in Wooster OH. keywedding2018@gmail.com

2018

8 Justin and **Ashley** (**Maust** BS 18) **Carle**: Married Dec. 12, 2020. Ashley earned a Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis (2020) and serves as a junior program manager at Lighthouse Autism Center. The couple resides in Goshen IN.

Alexander George (Johnson) and Lily (Van Loh BS 18) Telloyan: Married October 15, 2020. Upon graduation, Lily worked at Madison Elementary School (Warsaw IN) for two years and then returned to Michigan to teach for an online Christian academy, The Potter's School. Alex and Lily chose the last name "Telloyan" to honor Lily's great-grandparents, survivors of the 1914 Armenian Genocide. The couple resides in Charlotte MI.









In Memoriam

1958

Esther Marie Moeller (BA 58, BDiv 62) passed away on Jan. 28, 2021. In June of 1968, she earned a master's degree in education from St. Francis College (Fort Wayne IN). She taught for more than 30 years, having taught for many of those years at Randall School (Maconaquah School District, Peru IN). For many years, she taught children's classes with Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries until Feb. 2020. Esther was a member of Lakeland Grace Brethren Church (Warsaw IN).

1960

Michael J. Mecurio (BA 60, MACSA 82) went to his heavenly home on March 3, 2021. While at Grace, he played baseball. During college, he met **Ethel** (**Spahr** BS 63), and they were married June 15, 1963. For three years, Michael taught at his alma mater in the Mansfield City school system and in 1964 moved to teach in the junior high at Mansfield Christian School where he also served as the JV basketball coach and cheerleader adviser. He later became the high school principal at MCS before retiring in 2006. For years, he was the chairman of the board of Child Evangelism Fellowship, and he was active with Trail to Life Camp which taught teens survival skills in their life, the wilderness, and their faith. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Ethel (Mansfield OH); sons Matt (Dawniel) and Marc (Maryam); grandsons; brother; sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1963 Chaplain Colonel John W. Schumacher (U.S. Army, Retired) (MDiv 63) went to his heavenly home on Feb. 5, 2021. He married Martha Ann (Catching) on June 8, 1957. John graduated from Bob Jones University with a degree in education which he used for three years before he attended Grace Theological Seminary in preparation for Army chaplaincy. During his 30 years of active military service, he also earned a master's degree from Long Island University. He had two combat tours in Vietnam and was a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and of the United States Army War College. He served in several senior chaplain positions and authored "A Soldier of God Remembers." After his retirement from the Army, the Schumachers moved to the Phoenix area where John served as a chaplain for three different law enforcement agencies. He also represented the Charis Fellowship's Eagle Commission for 22 years as the Endorsing Agent with the Department of Defense. He is

survived by his wife of 63 years; children Laurie (Lou) Huesmann, Julie, John (Christine) and **Eric** (C 95) (Janetta); eight grandchildren; one great grandson and a sister, Phyllis Smith (Winona Lake IN).

1966

Darlyn A. Barnett (BS 66) passed away on Jan. 21, 2021. She was a second-grade teacher in the Griffith City Schools (IN). Barnett loved teaching and passed on her passion to many student teachers. Her pastimes included reading and doing crossword puzzles and traveling. More than anything, she loved helping others, especially the needy. Darlyn is survived by a brother, 11 nieces and nephews and seven great-nieces and nephews.



1967

Susan F. Bowman (BA 67) passed away on March 18, 2021. Sue was a professor of physical education at Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion IN) from 1970 to 2015. During 42 of those years (1970-2011), she coached basketball, field hockey, softball, and track and field. For a number of years, she also served as assistant athletic director. Under her watch, the IWU softball team won four MCC regular season championships. Sue was honored by the Grant County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 and was a member of the inaugural IWU Hall of Honor Class of 2017. Sue also invested countless hours in IWU student mission trips. Outside of IWU, Sue served on the board of the American Red Cross, the YMCA and the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. For years she was a Kids Hope Mentor. She was active at College Wesleyan Church.

1969

Darell O. Elliott (BA 69, S 70) went to be with the Lord Feb. 5, 2021. He was born to Chester and Pearl (Owen) Elliott. Darell is survived by his wife, Judy (Roice), whom he married Feb. 8, 2014; children: Robert (Rose) (Canton OH), Julie (Richard) Yokel (Warren MI), **Jason** (BS 01, Beh Sci CERT 02, MAC 09) and (**Becca (Hensley** C 03)) (Ft. Wayne IN); two step-daughters; ten grandchildren; two sisters; and his mother Pearl (Ashland OH).

1972

On March 26, 2021, John Howard Prichard (MARE 72) was promoted to heaven. He is survived by: his wife of 50 years, S. Marie; son Steve (BS 96) (Christine) and daughter, Ann M. (C 97); two sisters; six grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews. After earning his BA at Rowan (formerly Glassboro State), he earned a Master of Religious Education at Grace. John had a 22-year career in education. Many who attended Plumstead Christian (PA), Atlantic Christian (NJ), Huntington Christian (CA), Lancaster Christian (PA) or Perry Hall Christian (MD) can attest to his dedication to making their school the best it could be academically. After 25 years in education, he transitioned to a second career as a financial adviser, eventually finishing as a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley. He was also passionate about teaching Sunday School, preaching and serving as God led him. After he retired, John served as an interim pastor.

1988 Anthony "Tony" Allen Simboli

(C 88) passed away Jan. 30, 2021. Tony was an ironworker for the Local #17 (Cleveland OH) for the past 30 years. He was a graduate of Open Door Christian School where he excelled in athletics. He went on to compete with the men's soccer team at Grace. Tony was fun loving and treasured the time he spent with his children and family. Those who will cherish his memory are his longtime partner and girlfriend Andrea 'Poo' Kistner; daughter Maddy (Tyler) Montague (Moab UT) and her mother Jacque Simboli (Elyria OH); son Hunter L. Simboli (Elyria OH); son Hunter L. Simboli (Elyria OH) and his mother Beth Simboli of Elyria; brother James (Karen) Mezatasta (Parma OH); sisters: Lorraine (Tony) Kruman and Jacqueline Mezatasta (both of Lorain OH); and his nieces and nephew.

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Acknowledgement

1 Former Grace biblical counseling faculty, Dr. Lawrence J. Crabb, passed away on Feb. 28, 2021. Crabb earned a BA in psychology from Ursinus College (PA) and an MA and PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Illinois. He spent a few years teaching at Florida Atlantic University and then opened his own counseling practices in Boca Raton FL. He then began publishing his work: "Basic Principles of Biblical Counseling" in 1975 and "Effective Biblical Counseling" in 1977, which sold more than 200,000 copies. Dr. Crabb served on the faculty at Grace from 1981-1989. "Dr. Larry Crabb made a huge impact

in my life both personally and professionally. He helped shape how I both view and counsel those struggling with the pain of life in a fallen world, and he fostered a way of living out my theology in a real and authentic way. I am forever grateful that God orchestrated our paths to cross," states Dr. Tom Edgington (BA 79, MABC 83, MDiv 85). Crabb then took a position at Colorado Christian University in 1989 and remained at the school until his retirement. In 2018, the school established Larry J. Crabb Center for University Counseling, which provides counseling services to the university's students. Crabb also started NewWay Ministries and a school of spiritual

direction, equipping about 120 people a year to engage in "soulshaping" conversations and help them listen to God. Dr. Crabb is survived by his wife, Rachael, and sons Kep (Kimmie) and Ken (Lesley), and his grandchildren.





Journey for a Cause

Grace College junior environmental studies student Eddie Gill IV secured a \$137,000 boat sponsorship with Parker Boats for his "Journey for a Cause," a 10-day, 700-mile trip from Evansville, Indiana, to Navarre Beach, Florida, to promote inclusion in outdoor sports.

Gill's journey, which took place June 1-10, garnered attention from several news stations and raised \$11,500 for various nonprofit organizations striving to create a more diverse and inclusive outdoors.

"The boating and fishing industries are not very diverse and inclusive. I want to create change in these industries because your skin color shouldn't have any impact on what you love to do," he said.

To learn more about Gill's journey, or to support the cause, visit **JOURNEY4ACAUSE.COM.**



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