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We want students to see that an omnipotent God takes an immense personal interest in their present and their eternity. He has created them with a remarkable capacity to effect change in this world and with a call that is, first and foremost, to influence hearts toward Christ.

We also believe that God has gifted and graced each person with unique burdens for the world. These deep and urgent longings to participate in something meaningful usually become evident in the years between college and the start of careers, ministries, missions and marriages.

I love this issue's "Boundless" theme because it perfectly expresses the character of God and the potential we hope infuses every degree for every graduate who takes "the walk" in May.

Our vision for Grace College & Seminary is to be an exemplary, Christ-centered educational community characterized by innovation, affordability and real-world preparation. That's why one of the four priorities of our strategic plan is "culture of innovation." We are choosing to invest in this educational environment of trust, transparency and flexibility now in anticipation of immediate and unknown needs. As educators and administrators we underscore the need to be agile in response to a future that includes one certainty: change.

This issue will showcase some of our best hopes for that future and our efforts as an institution to be inventive in the ways that we educate our students. As you read about the many alumni who are exceeding our expectations, please pray with me that these stories we celebrate continue to stream in and confirm our mission of strengthening character, sharpening competence and preparing hearts for service.



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

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Joshua (BA 17) (left) and John (BA 15) Hanlon, brothers and co-owners of Beyond the Brick, tinker with their Lego structure at their studio office in Osceola, Indiana.

BEY

BROTHERS BECOME BRICK-MAVENS

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

NEARLY 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL VIEW JOHN (BA 15) AND JOSHUA (BA 17) HANLON'S LEGO VIDEOS THIS WEEK.

Their YouTube channel, Beyond the Brick, has garnered 250,000 subscribers, and they've posted nearly 1,500 videos over the last six years. Its viewership is so significant that the ad revenue Beyond the Brick generates now supports John and Joshua full time.

Legos and their infinite possible configurations have mesmerized Joshua since he was a boy. He joined the Lego community online as a teenager, and since he was homeschooled, Joshua says it afforded him the time and freedom to explore his curiosities. In 2011, at the age of 15, Joshua created a podcast, eventually christened "Beyond the Brick," to interview Lego builders. A "builder" is anyone who takes Lego pieces (aka "bricks") and makes a custom creation with them. "There's a massive community," explains Joshua, "but at the time, no one was really getting a behind-the-scene look at how builders were coming up with their ideas and putting them together. And no one was telling the builder's personal story."

When Joshua had the opportunity to attend one of the biggest Lego conventions in the world in Chicago, his mom drove him and his older brother John, who tagged along with his video equipment. "We started walking up to builders and asking them how they do what they do, filming their projects and responses," says John. It birthed their first series of videos, and within a year of starting the podcast, the brothers transitioned Beyond the Brick into a YouTube channel. John's videography skills allowed Beyond the Brick to showcase the actual work of the builder — from modular castles to life-size sculptures to fullsize cars — making YouTube a perfect medium for their storytelling.

Before they knew it, the Hanlons were attending more and more Lego shows, traveling to Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Washington D.C. Meanwhile they were poring over YouTube's algorithms, trying to figure out how to create better content and to reach more people with their videos. "We didn't even know we could be popular enough to make any money," laughs John. "It was just our passion project."

Two years into their passion project, John enrolled at Grace College. "So many of our family members graduated from Grace," reports John. (It's true: their grandfather, Walter Claeys (BA 55, BDiv 60); mom, Christy (Claeys BA 83); and older brother, Nicholas (BA



Joshua (left) and John Hanlon stand by their YouTube award for reaching 100,000 subscribers, a number they've since doubled.

14), and sister-in-law, Lindsey (Herron BA14). Plus their younger sister, Nicole, is set to graduate this May.)

Additionally, since Indiana was already home to John and Grace College offered the communications and journalism majors he was interested in, John knew it was the place for him. "The three-year degree was a huge factor for both of us as well," cites John. Joshua followed in his brother's footsteps two years later, and both graduated from the accelerated program.

While attending Grace, John worked part time as a journalist at WNDU television in South Bend. After graduating in 2015, he moved to Indianapolis for a job at WISH-TV. By day he put to use his communication and journalism skills for the news stations, and by night he worked on Beyond the Brick, editing and releasing as many videos as he could.

By the end of 2016, the Hanlons were publishing at least one video every day, seven days a week. "One of the ways YouTube's algorithm works is by rewarding you for the amount of content you put out. Releasing content consistently is really important," explains Joshua. Beyond the Brick's four-to-six minute-long videos were garnering more and more followers, and from 2016 to 2017, its subscribers doubled from 100,0000 to 200,000.

After Joshua graduated from Grace with a history degree in May 2017, John resigned from his broadcasting job, and both brothers began working full time on Beyond the Brick. "YouTube's ad revenue supports us both," says John. You'll see YouTube's ad at the start of each Beyond the Brick video. "YouTube takes half the revenue they pull from advertising, and we get the rest," he explains. "And it all depends on how long somebody watches the video, how many views it gets. YouTube does all the work with the advertisers; we just provide the videos."

Besides getting to do what they love full time, one of the greatest perks of the job is the amount of traveling they do. Lego conventions happen all over the world, and the Hanlons go to as many as they can, amassing content for their channel.

"We travel about half of the year," says John. In 2017 the brothers visited 14 U.S. states and spent two months in Europe. This year, they'll return to Europe and also visit Asia.

"We meet these fascinating people from all over the world and get to find out what inspires them and their creative process," says Joshua. The guys are really proud of the content they publish too. "We try to create content to inspire people to use their imaginations in a decent way. We take this very seriously. We want our videos to bring families together. We're creating content from a Christian perspective."

John agrees. "It was the Christian foundation that brought us to Grace in the first place." They've also benefited from the skills they acquired at Grace. While studying history, Joshua saw the value of understanding different points of view and the importance of people's personal stories. "I have a much better understanding of cultures and an appreciation for them because of Grace," he says. John grasped the building blocks of news media while at Grace: how to write effective content and work within the various streams of media. "All of those skills play into what I'm doing today," he says.

The Hanlons are using their global audience and platform (their videos have been viewed in every country in the world) to serve others too. They've raised \$17,000 for charity through an annual 24-hour live stream event they created and host over Thanksgiving. They chat with Lego builders throughout the 24 hours, and for every hour they're on the air, various organizations and individuals donate Lego sets, or money to purchase them, for children's hospitals.

The brothers' success means they field a lot of questions from others looking to follow in their footsteps. "If you're passionate about it, do it," says Joshua. "If you're enjoying it, others will see your passion and appreciate it."

When John and Joshua look back on the last seven years of Beyond the Brick, they're awestruck. "It's blown our wildest dreams," says Joshua. "To think that we reach 1.5 million people a week through our videos. We started with no one. It's a crazy thought," says John.

You can find the Hanlon brothers' Lego YouTube channel at YouTube.com/ BeyondtheBrickTV.

POIGNANT RANTS ON SALTAND LIGHT BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK



Brian Rants (BA 01), IBM's Watson Marketing lead for internet & media companies, attends a work conference at IBM's office in Atlanta, Georgia.

IN 2011, IBM PUT ITS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SYSTEM, WATSON, UP AGAINST TWO OF "JEOPARDY'S" MOST SUCCESSFUL CONTESTANTS. Watson beat them handily, although not without some humorous errors, and IBM demonstrated to the watching public just how useful and powerful AI could be.

Watson's capabilities have grown since, and its capacity to process large amounts of data to produce insights, identify trends and make relevant recommendations has made Watson a significant tool in every industry sector with businesses around the world.

"Watson is like a brain," explains Brian Rants (BA 01), Watson Marketing lead for internet & media companies. "Watson learns from your data and becomes an adviser to you, giving you the insights you need to become more successful." Companies interested in using Watson to solve business problems often meet Rants first — like Ticketmaster. Rants has worked with the company for over a year, helping Ticketmaster evaluate and select Watson Marketing solutions. "It's humbling to have the opportunity to innovate with industry leaders. But the truth is, all of us are struggling with the same challenges — trying to overcome obstacles and turn failures into successes."

Rants knows this firsthand. He wasn't always pitching Watson Marketing to high profile companies.

Rants' dad was a Grace Brethren pastor in Kent, Washington, and his older sister, Melissa (Rants BS 98) Simfukwe, came to Grace College to play volleyball. So enrolling at Grace seemed like a natural fit to Rants, who acquired a love for music from his mother (a harpist) and thought becoming a worship pastor might be in his future.

Poignant Rants on Salt and Light / BRIAN RANTS









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1 & 2. Brian Rants speaks at IBM's 2018 Sales Academy, "You to the Power of IBM" in Washington, D.C., in January 2018. 3. Brian with his wife Shannon (Haskins BS 01, MAIR 03, MA 06) and their three boys, from left to right, Josiah (1), Elijah (6) and Noah (3). Photo courtesy of Andrea Laurita. 4. IBM's Watson computer before its "Jeopardy!"appearance. "The beauty of Grace is how it wraps around you with people who care about you and with the knowledge of the Word," says Rants. "At Grace I got equipped to go out and be salt and light."

He also met his future wife, Shannon (Haskins BS OI, MAIR O3, MA O6), at Grace, and armed with his theology degree, Rants took a job with Grace's physical plant while volunteering as a worship leader at a local church. But he found himself floundering. "T'm an artsy-fartsy guy, but leading worship wasn't clicking," remembers Rants. He's also a self-described nerd, who spent his free time coding websites (before websites were a thing).

One evening, Shannon poignantly asked Brian, "What has God made you to do?" Rants knew God had made him to be creative. "I love to start things and take risks," Rants says, and so he found a job doing web design and learning Adobe Creative Suite. Eventually he started his own web design business, even managing Grace's website for a year and a half. Soon after, Rants and his wife moved to Denver where he built his firm, employing eight others. "I was in my 20s, stumbling along the way, learning how to do sales and marketing, but I loved it."

Even though he had a theology degree, business came naturally to him, and Rants saw them as interconnected. "Grace taught me how important it is to see people. They have souls and families and burdens on their back. Treating people with dignity and understanding, serving them like Jesus did, that's being salt and light."

Rant used his people skills to win over new business clients. He remembers the first time he stood in a skyscraper, getting ready to meet the CEO of an energy company, thinking "How did I get here?"

But he calls his greatest success his largest failure.

When the economic downturn happened in 2008, Rants lost it all. "I had to lay people off and shut it all down. I couldn't fulfill my contracts. It was crushing. I was humiliated, and it was a dark time for me emotionally, mentally and spiritually." To help change his perspective, Rants found a nonprofit whose work he was passionate about and became their executive director. "It was really good for my soul. I stopped thinking about myself and how my company had ended."

When he and his wife found out they were expecting their first child, Rants needed a larger income and after working for a few agencies, was hired by a firm to direct a digital marketing team. As his department grew, Rants' boss suggested he move into sales. "I'm still embracing my role in sales," says Rants. "As a pastor's kid, nothing ever quite measures up to a 'ministry' calling. It can feel like anything else is a step down." Rants knows it's not true, but he finally experienced his equally valuable calling for the first time when he stepped into sales. "This is what God made me to do," says Rants assuredly.

When he accepted the sales position, Rants entered a season of roaring success. He found a way to operate in his spiritual giftings. "Sales allows me to shepherd people through a process. I take people on a journey. I care for them every step of the way. It's highly underrated to genuinely care about people. People can tell when it's more than a transaction."

Rants has also found a way to take complex ideas and communicate them in ways that others can understand. So when IBM offered him a job — to sell software he worked with at his former company — he jumped at the chance. After his first year at IBM, he was named sales Rookie of the Year. Last year, IBM asked him to begin selling Watson. And this year, Rants got the opportunity to share at a conference of global IBM sellers how his faith and his background with a biblical studies degree has inspired his approach to sales."

Now Rants gets to help companies through times of difficult transition, having walked that path himself. "It's funny, but in sales, you get to dig into the biggest messes. People are coming to you because 'this is not working.' They've come up against an obstacle that's creating stress and tension. I get to say, 'Offload it. Put your burden on my shoulders. I'm going to help you come up with a solution."

This article reflects only Brian Rants' thoughts and does not necessarily represent the positions, strategies or opinions of IBM, his employer.

A Marriage of Ministry and Innovation / JEFF AND HEIDI BOGUE

IGHGEAR

Jeff (BS 93, MAMin 01) Bogue proves his strength to wife Heidi (Johnson BS 93), owner of CrossFit High Gear in Medina, Ohio.

A Marriage of Ministry and Innovation

BY BRYAN AND CHELSEA BATTEN

Jeff (BS 93, MAMin 01) and Heidi (Johnson BS 93) Bogue can trace the start of their innovative approach to ministry to a beat-up minivan in the parking lot of Grace College.

"Jeff and I would lead groups of students on these trips to inner-city Chicago," Heidi remembers. "We'd take the keys, go figure out how to do ministry and come back with stories to share." She laughs. "I don't think that would happen today."

It was, Jeff agrees, those outside-theclassroom experiences at Grace that marked them — the opportunity to follow their hearts, experiment with new interests and adapt to unique situations. It kindled a value for innovation that is now a hallmark of their ministry.

"AT GRACE, I GOT TO GET MY HANDS ON THINGS AND SEE HOW THEY REALLY WORKED. IN MY HOMETOWN, I DIDN'T HAVE THOSE KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES. THE CULTURE OF LEARNING WAS LIFE-CHANGING FOR ME." - JEFF

For Jeff and Heidi, the original post-college plan was to find social work jobs that would allow them to continue ministering in the inner city. But during their senior year, a pastor from Norton, Ohio, called them with an invitation to lead his church's youth ministry. When Jeff and Heidi visited Grace Church for the first time, they were stunned to meet former alcoholics, addicts and prostitutes who were now active, committed members of the congregation.

"We loved the realness, the authenticity," Jeff says. "If your life was broken or messed up, you came here as you were — no façades or masks."

For Jeff and Heidi, this was an entirely new context for church, and it called to their hearts in a profound way.

Heidi says, "We wanted to go into social work to help people change their lives. But once we were exposed to that at Grace Norton, we realized we could have that same impact at a church level."

"THIS CHURCH WASN'T PLAYING CHURCH — THEY WERE REAL ABOUT REACHING PEOPLE, LOVING THEM, THEN TAKING THEM WHERE THEY NEEDED TO GO." — JEFF

The Bogues have been at Grace Church ever since, and Jeff has served as senior pastor since 2000. Their love for people resulted in Outreach Magazine listing Grace Church Akron among the top 100 fastest growing churches in the U.S. for two years in a row. In 2017, it was also ranked as one of the top 100 largest churches in America.

Jeff credits their remarkable growth to a mindset of innovation.

"We wanted to reinvent how church was presented to the next generation weekend services, children's ministry, young adult ministry, how we communicate, the type of music we use and the culture the church is going to have."

From their first day, Jeff and Heidi organized their ministry and services around the least likely person in North America to attend church — a person in their mid-20s, not raised with religion as part of their lives. "We thought if we could reinvent how we did church, within a scriptural context, maybe we could reach this person."

Their efforts worked. Today, Grace Church has six campuses in Ohio and two in Atlanta, Georgia, that serve as a church home to 12,000 people. In that time, Jeff says, they have seen 6,000 individuals accept Christ and undertake discipleship. The median Grace Church attendee's age is 26.

They call it "dechurching" church.

"We went back to the Bible for the basic things necessary for church — what God has told us it should be. Everything else music, communication, programming — is cultural. We tell all our campus pastors that their job is to proclaim the gospel, and their second job is to figure out how to make Jesus make sense to the community they're located in."

Heidi readily adds that, over time, they have come to depend on younger generations, including their children, to help them stay in touch with what the current culture needs from them.

"When we first started here, we were the 24-year-olds," she recalls. "Eighteen years later, we have a young staff that keeps us in the loop of what's current." She laughs. "Our kids tell us, 'You know, mom, that's not cool anymore."

Nevertheless, one of the Bogues' most innovative outreaches came through Heidi's personal interest. As a top 40 CrossFit Masters Division athlete, Heidi found the gym to be a natural outlet for her missionary heart. Seeing the hunger for community among her fellow "CrossFitters," in 2015 she and Jeff started the gym, CrossFit High Gear, with two partners.

"At church, we do life groups — you take people who are going to church and put them in the community. At CrossFit, it works backwards," says Heidi. "We already have the community — it happens every day as we grunt through a workout together. What we're missing is the faith part of it."

Every Sunday, CrossFit High Gear holds a free gym event called FUEL. The coaches lead a 20-minute workout, followed by a livestream broadcast of Grace Church's morning service. At the end, Heidi and her coaches bring together the athletes in a huddle to take prayer requests and close their time together.

"God has really blessed it," Heidi says. "Built off that service, we now have life groups that are held at people's homes. We even had a baptism at the gym, which was super cool." She adds that their goal is always to guide people toward church, not to have them stay at FUEL forever.



Heidi Bogue, who recently ranked in the top 99 percent worldwide after winning the CrossFit Open in the Central East Region, instructs her CrossFit class.



Jeff Bogue, senior pastor of Grace Church of Greater Akron, preaches at the Bath Campus location, one of Grace Church's six campuses in Ohio.

"SO MANY TIMES A WEEK, I HEAR SOMEONE SAY, 'THERE'S SOMETHING SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PLACE. I CAME HERE TO LOSE WEIGHT, BUT I FOUND COMMUNITY AND FAITH."" - HEIDI

In the midst of creating church communities in some nontraditional ways to reach young people, Jeff says that some have wondered how Grace Church stays true to biblical teaching.

"If you listen to our teaching, we're very conservative doctrinally. But we're very liberal with our methods. We don't water the gospel down — we try to make it make sense to the lost. We believe that the purpose of the church is to help the world understand and interact with Jesus. Every time there's a new generation, we have to innovate."

Another innovative program at Grace Church started with a twofold desire in Jeff's heart. Inspired by the timeline in the book of Acts, he and Heidi hatched a vision for planting 30 new Grace Church campuses in the next 30 years. With the committed support of their church family, they began raising funds to train leaders, construct buildings and support programs. "At the same time as we were planning for 30 new churches," Jeff says, "we wanted to raise up leaders to lead those churches. So we looked back to where we had been trained and dreamed about bringing Grace College a couple hundred miles to Grace Church." With a few calls to the leaders of Grace College, the "Grace at Grace" program was underway. Forty undergraduate students are currently working toward a ministry degree on-site at Grace Church, while simultaneously receiving hands-on ministry experience.

The vision, Jeff says, is for these students to become the future staff of Grace Church's future campuses. "With Grace College's help, we have created an ecosystem that we're able to expand upon in the years to come."

Jeff and Heidi see the call to innovation as essential to being a Christ follower. The same should apply to students trying to discern God's call on their lives.

"What are you already naturally bent to do? What are the gifts and abilities God has given you, and how can you use them to further His kingdom? We have to think outside the box to find ways that make that happen in a natural way," says Heidi. Jeff agrees, "Necessity is the mother of invention. The necessity is that people need to know Jesus. The solution is innovation."

He adds, "Depending on the setting — an office, a job site, a classroom — the answer to the question, 'How do I reach these people with the hope and love of Jesus?' will be different. But if that question drives you, you will naturally innovate."



Students can earn their bachelor's degree in biblical studies at Grace Church while being mentored by ministry leaders and gaining on-site practical ministry experience. For more information, visit **akron.grace.edu** or contact Caleb Nichols, Grace College Akron director, at **caleb.nichols@grace.edu**.

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Want a Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry or a Master of Divinity? Deploy is a competency-based theological education model delivered online and onsite at your local church. It's ministry training where you are already ministering.

Twelve students began the program in January, and another half dozen will start in the summer. "We've had dozens of inquiries since January," says Gabe Tribbett (MDiv 10), associate director of Deploy, "and we anticipate the program growing exponentially this year."



Deploy is the first seminary program of its kind to be accredited by both the Higher Learning Commission and The Commission on Accrediting for the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Just as Grace College reimagined its undergraduate program in 2011, creating its three-year accelerated program and setting recurring enrollment records when growth seemed difficult for other schools, Grace Theological Seminary has been on a quest to reinvent how to effectively train the next generation of church leaders.

"We're more committed than ever to teaching the doctrines of Scripture, but we knew we couldn't do it sustainably through the traditional seminary delivery model alone," explains Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82), vice president and dean of the seminary. "Offering Deploy alongside of our residential program allows us to reach and train more people."

"It's seminary at the speed of life," says Gill. It's designed to minimize disruption to ministry, work and family priorities. It doesn't require students to leave their current ministry or community or uproot their family. Instead, students can continue investing in their ministry work, job and life while gaining the theological training they need to be better equipped in their ministries. Deploy has five differentiating features:

1. A LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP: While Deploy utilizes an online platform and on-site modules, much of the program is contextual training and mentoring on-site in students' own local churches. The program also minimizes unnecessary vacancies in church staffing by keeping these students engaged as practitioners.

2. AN ACCELERATED TIMELINE: A traditional seminary degree can take four to six years to complete, but degrees earned through Deploy can be accelerated in a number of ways. Students' professional and ministry experience may enable them to demonstrate and complete competencies more quickly, or test out and move on, without having to wait for the rest of a cohort. Proficiency expedites pace.

3. **THREE MENTORS**: Each student is assigned an academic mentor, a credentialed Grace faculty member, who works with students on academic content and progress. Students are also matched with a ministry mentor and a formation mentor who provide regular feedback related to ministry skill development and the personal and spiritual development of each student.

4. **A HANDS-ON PRACTICUM**: All students participate in service opportunities at their local church where they document and unpack their experiences with their ministry mentor, sharpening their skills in discipleship, teaching and leading.

5. **A FREE DIGITAL LIBRARY**: Students receive a Logos digital library which includes a wealth of academic and pastoral resources. These e-resources give students the tools necessary to complete their academic work and a toolset they port with them after graduation.

Deploy is about pursuing mastery without pausing ministry. For more information on Deploy, visit www.grace.edu/deploy or call 888-790-8754.



EARLY ENDORSEMENTS

1 Beau Stanley Training & spiritual growth pastor, grace polaris church deploy spiritual formation mentor

The use of the local church as a greenhouse for theological education is wise, and the methods by which Deploy carries this out are creative and acknowledge the realities of life. The robustness of the mentoring relationships within Deploy provides the student with ready access to real-world, applied knowledge from the mentor. I wish my own M.Div. program had fostered this level of student/mentor interaction in the context of theological study. My mentee and I have now had four meetings, and these meetings have been encouraging to both of us and come at a great time in his ministry and spiritual development.

2 Ryan Russell

PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP, Woodside Bible Church Deploy Ministry Mentor

This seminary program is trailblazing in amazingly unique ways. Not having to put life on hold to pursue formal theological training is the single largest asset of this program in my opinion. And the mentorship facet allows my mentee access to all of my mistakes that have caused me to learn many valuable lessons over the years.

3 Roy Yanke executive director, pir ministries deploy spiritual formation mentor

I am passionately interested in helping the next generation of ministry leaders step into their role better prepared for the realities of ministry life and to craft a healthy way to do ministry. PIR Ministries is focused on renewal and restoration – especially for those who have experienced an exit from their ministry role. We hope to get in front of that train by building into the lives of those in seminary. Mentorship has often been a missing piece in seminary training; being able to talk about how the rubber meets the road is critical. I am delighted to be a part of this program and appreciate Grace Seminary's commitment to changing the paradigm of theological education. **4** John Smith Lead pastor, grace church at willow valley deploy ministry mentor

I have always had a heart to encourage and equip men for life and ministry. I don't know everything there is to know about pastoral ministry, but I know a lot more than when I began pastoring. I hope I can pass some of this life and ministry experience (and I hope wisdom!) to my mentee. Further, because Deploy operates on-site, it allows me to observe my mentee daily and helps me speak into his life and ministry throughout the week. I really wish that when I went through seminary, a program like Deploy would have been an option for me.

5 Dan Stewart

CAMPUS PASTOR, Woodside Bible Church in Algonac Deploy Spiritual formation mentor

One of my greatest joys is to walk with people in their spiritual development and see them embrace the calling to serve the Kingdom. I love how Deploy integrates church ministry with formal training, and my mentoring role has allowed some great opportunities to discuss ministry realities with my mentee. The student and I are just beginning this journey, but we are already experiencing the benefit of this format.

6 Adam Swift Associate pastor of family and

WORSHIP MINISTRIES, Grace Church at Willow Valley Deploy Student

Deploy has not only encouraged me to learn new aspects of theology and practice, but has also helped me to understand myself better as a pastor and follower of Christ. The professors and mentors combine to make this educational journey formative for the whole person. As a pastor, I'm grateful for this opportunity not only to be truly equipped for ministry, but also to focus upon my own soul. 7 Jason Stanek Member/Lay Leader, woodside bible church deploy student

Deploy is an answer to prayer. I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to participate in this competency-based program. I am a firm believer that practical application is where every educational experience should be focused. Right out of the chute, I'm being challenged to draw nearer to our Savior, depending more on Him and less on me.

8 Vicki Rife National ministry leader, charis fellowship women for grace

Grace Theological Seminary has been a wonderful partner with the Charis Fellowship as we have worked together on our training activities for women's ministry. The Deploy program takes training for ministry to a whole new level, and we are excited to continue our partnership with Grace in this strategic new venture.

B Lamarr Lark Pastor, Connection Church

Deploy is very creative and acknowledges the realities of life and ministry. I'm a pastor and business owner and have had the opportunity to be a part of the team helping Deploy to launch successfully. The program works in church and parachurch settings, with a robust mentorship experience for students. Students in urban and suburban contexts will be well served by Deploy, and I've been encouraging those in my circle of influence to become Deploy students.



2017 CROSSROADS LEAGUE

Lancers Win Historic League Title

History was made on the evening of Nov. 11, 2017. In the 98th minute of the Crossroads League Tournament championship game, Nikola Djordjevic's goal clinched the win for Grace's men's soccer team, who came from behind to beat Spring Arbor.

With the score tied 3-3 late in the first overtime period, Joshua Coupar sent a cross into the middle of the penalty box. Djordjevic, who broke his finger earlier in the match, reached behind and deftly backheeled a shot, which lofted softly over SAU's goalkeeper into the back of the net.

The Lancers and the large contingent of fans who braved the 32-degree weather spilled out onto the field in mass euphoria. Grace won its first championship in 25 years and secured an automatic bid to the 2017 NAIA National Championships. "The guys went into the game with confidence, and we knew what we could accomplish," said Grace head coach Matt Hotchkin after the win. "This team has seen a lot of growth this year and not just on the field. God has been doing a lot in all of our lives, and we can only thank Him for the opportunity."

Grace's win ended an impressive 33-match home unbeaten streak for the Cougars, dating back to the 2014 season.

The Lancers began their season with an influx of international talent. Hotchkin recruited players from 10 countries, who made up just over half of the 27-man team. The tremendous diversity only unified the squad. It "brought life to the team," said Hotchkin, along with a hard-working attitude and skill to the field. Pictured are 15 players, representing 11 countries, who helped earn the men's soccer team its first championship title in 25 years.

Represented on Grace's team were players from Serbia, Brazil, Sweden, Zambia, England, Mexico, Colombia, Japan and Trinidad and Tobago. Many of the newcomers proved to be significant contributors, including starters Ulisses Miranda (Brazil), Togo Narusawa (Japan), Joshua Coupar (England), Zeb Johansson (Sweden), Marcelo Talamas (Mexico) and Shemar DeGannes (Trinidad and Tobago).

The blending of fresh talent and experienced returners gave Hotchkin one of the largest rosters in program history. The 27 players represent "the greatest amount of quality depth that we've had since I've been here," he said.

After winning the Crossroads League Tournament championship, Grace made its first appearance since 1982 — 35 years ago — at NAIA Nationals, narrowly losing 2-1 to No. 5 Baker.

Tennis Twins Launch Business 'Language Matters'

Grace tennis players Arturo and Lucas Fonseca are identical twin brothers hailing from Temuco. Chile. Besides carrying a full course load as entrepreneurial management majors and competing on the tennis court, they're also Spanish tutors at Grace's Learning Center and volunteer at a local elementary school, assisting Spanish-speaking students and their parents. To boot, they cofounded and launched Language Matters in December, an organization that teaches its clients Spanish or English through carefully crafted, personalized lessons that accelerate language acquisition. Each client receives coaching from a two-person multicultural tutoring team who leads tutoring sessions via Skype or in person.

Through tutoring on campus, Lucas says they "learned a lot about how English speakers learn a language faster." The brothers realized they could turn their love of helping people learn another language into a business. The Language Matters team of 13 is currently tutoring several clients and even has a waiting list.

Grace Assistant Professor of Management Dr. Roger Bingham has mentored the Fonsecas as they refined their business proposition and converted it from an idea into a company. Bingham says Arturo and Lucas reflect the opportunities afforded students at Grace College. "In the old days," he noted, "business students would get some education and then garner many of their skills on the job. Now college students benefit from experience while they're in the classroom. It gives them the competitive advantage they need to secure jobs after graduation."

The brothers' business launch doesn't surprise Andy Lewis (BS 88), their tennis coach. "They always give 100 percent effort, and their play is improving due to their hard work."

You can find out more about the Fonsecas' business venture at **www. lanuagemattersprograms.com**.



Lucas Fonseca (left), president of Language Matters, and his twin brother Arturo co-founded Language Matters, which provides clients with personalized Spanish or English lessons.



Grace golfers practice their swings in their new training facility.

Grace Golf Showcases New Indoor Golf Facility

Grace's golf programs are pleased to unveil a dynamic, state-of-theart indoor facility. The training facility, located at Grace's Gordon Recreation Center, will be home to Grace's men's and women's golf teams with a number of innovative facets.

The facility features a custom putting green, launch monitor and chipping fringes to prepare the Lancers during the offseason.

"We are incredibly excited to utilize this new facility," said Grace women's golf coach Denny Duncan (BS 80). "It will be a tremendous competitive advantage in recruiting, and it allows our current players to improve throughout the winter."

The 400-square-foot putting green has five holes, carefully designed to allow for creativity. The green has perfectly flat surfaces as well as subtle breaks in other areas to simulate a wide variety of approaches, up to a 22-foot putt.

The launch monitor features a video analysis center for players to hone their swing. The system can take a golfer through every club, analyze each swing and print out detailed data.

"The new indoor facility will be one of the most complete indoor facilities in the area," said Grace men's golf coach Denny Hepler. "We are excited to offer our players a very realistic place to work on their games in the winter, and I know this will reap benefits for years to come."

Ben Eagle, a member of Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS), gives a classroom workshop during AFTLS's visit to Grace.

Dominic Gerrard (right), a member of Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS), coaches students on their accents as they prepare for Grace's fall play, "The 39 Steps."

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Shakespeare at Grace with Actors From The London Stage BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK



Elener R. (Norris BA 58, S 63) Grossman, who taught English and journalism at Grace College, is the inspiration behind the Elener R. (Norris) Grossman Fund, which her family established to sponsor unique cultural and educational experiences.

On Oct. 17–21, Grace College hosted Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS), one of the oldest and most established touring Shakespeare companies in the world. The team of five performed "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare in Grace College's Little Theatre.

In addition to its performances, AFTLS conducted a weeklong residency program at Grace. It was all part of Grace College's "Shakespeare at Grace" — a series of events, including live theatre, lecture and discussion, designed to inspire and develop appreciation for William Shakespeare's renowned literature.

"We were thrilled to host some of the world's most innovative Shakespeare performers and share their talent with the community," said Dr. Lauren Rich, chair of the Languages, Literature and Communication Department at Grace College, whose department planned and oversaw the week of events.

Sir Patrick Stewart founded AFTLS in 1975, and the dual-focus residency program is housed and workshopped in England. AFTLS tours the United States in the spring and fall, visiting nearly 20 universities per year. Grace College is one of eight schools AFTLS visited on their fall 2017 tour, including Notre Dame, University of Texas and University of North Carolina. The troupe is made up of a rotating cast of classically trained British actors from such prestigious companies as Shakespeare's Globe, the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. The actors performing at Grace included Peter Bray, Ben Eagle, Dominic Gerrard, Wela Mbusi and Anna Wright.

While at Grace, the team of AFTLS actors provided workshops and other learning experiences to classes all over campus and at some local high schools. Following each of its "Measure for Measure" performances, Grace College's student-led Cinematic Conversations (GC3) club facilitated discussions with the actors to delve into the play's weighty content.

In addition to the Languages, Literature and Communication Department, sponsors for Shakespeare at Grace included Grace's Office of Faith, Learning & Scholarship, and the Elener R. (Norris BA 58, S 63) Grossman Excellence in Languages, Literature & Communication Fund.

"Without the support of the Elener R. (Norris) Grossman Fund, we would not have been able to invite AFTLS to our campus," said Rich. "We are deeply grateful for Elener's family, who continues to support enriching educational experiences for our students." The Elener R. (Norris) Grossman Fund honors Grace alumna Elener "Ellie" Grossman. Ellie was a lifelong learner and consummate educator who taught English and journalism at the college and high school level for nearly a quarter of a century, including several years as an assistant professor at Grace College, from 1959 to 1963. Although Ellie battled cancer off and on for 31 years, she never stopped serving the Lord. After retiring, Ellie participated in 24 short-term overseas mission trips, mostly in literature and bookstore ministries, before the Lord called her home in March 2005 at age 68.

To honor Ellie's life, her husband Gilbert established an endowed journalism scholarship in her name. After his death in 2016, their son Luke and daughter-inlaw Dawn worked with Grace to expand the endowment's beneficiaries. The new fund embraces a broader investment in the students and faculty of Grace College by sponsoring unique cultural and educational experiences.

"Shakespeare at Grace not only gave our students an opportunity to see Shakespeare's work brought to life by world-class performers, but also to learn from professional actors in an intimate class setting," said Rich. "We look forward to offering our students more distinct learning experiences in the future."

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CLASS NOTES

1970

Dr. Glenn Firebaugh (BA 70, S 72) has retired after 29 years on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University where he was the Roy C. Buck Endowed Chair in sociology and demography. Firebaugh began his academic career as an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University in 1976. He also taught at the University of Michigan and was a visiting scholar at Harvard. In 2016 he was a visiting professor at Oxford University. firebaugh@psu.edu

1973

01 Dr. John Bratcher (BA 73) has been announced as an inductee into the Cornerstone University (MI) Hall of Honor, which includes former CU student-athletes, coaches, teams and special contributors whose accomplishments have brought prestige and honor to the community. John served as men's soccer coach from 1980 through 1989 and compiled an overall record of 119-34-10. He led the Comets of Grand Rapids Baptist (now Cornerstone University) to four NCCAA district championships in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1988 and helped the first ever GRBC team to the national tournament, where they finished third on three different occasions. He was recognized as the NCCAA National Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1985 and was the 1985 Michigan NAIA Soccer Coach of the Year. What stood out to those who were part of the nomination process were the mission trips to Jamaica in 1980 and 1989 that John led while in Grand Rapids. John also served as athletic director from 1985 to 1989 and was coach for track and field and wrestling during his time at GRBC. Away from the playing field, John finished his career at GRBC as division chair for physical education and health. After his time at GRBC, John went on to have impressive coaching careers at Indiana Wesleyan University and Lee University (TN). johnbratcher512@gmail.com

1974

Linda Franks (BS 74) has retired after 42 years of teaching. Linda resides in Surprise AZ. linda.franks@cox.net

1979

Reverend Ken Houghton (MDiv 79) is now serving as European coordinator with Baptist Mid-Missions at a church on the southeast coast of England. ken@pilgrimhis.org.uk

1981

Susan (Quillen BS 81) Fontaine began working as a special education teacher at Clark County School District in July 2017. Susan and husband Kevin reside in Las Vegas NV. mickeysmama1957@msn.com

1984

Dale Mason (BS 84) authored his newest book, "The 10 Minute Bible Journey,"



published by New Leaf Press in August 2017. The illustrated, hardbound book is an apologetics-infused devotional summary of the Bible. broken into 52 chronological reads that take less than 10 minutes each. It reveals the gospel of Jesus from creation to heaven in a way that both adults and teens enjoy. It is endorsed by Ken Ham, Tim Wildmon and numerous other Christian leaders nationwide. It is available from www.answersbookstore.com. Amazon and many other bookstores. Dale has been employed by Answers in Genesis since March 2004 and serves as vice president of media and product distribution. Dale and wife Karen (Taylor BS 83) call Burlington KY home. mmlj724@gmail.com

1986

D3 Pete Mischo (BS 86) recently published a Christian novel, "Daybreak at Penuel," on Amazon. It is a story of a young man's struggle with the biggest questions in life. When he meets an older man who seems vaguely familiar, he is not sure if his new friend's unorthodox ideas are helping him or are leading him further from the truth. This is his emotional and intellectual journey, filled with fear, death, tragedy, deep love and hope. It is dedicated to everyone who grapples with God. Pete and wife Krista (Plant C 87) reside in Wausau WI. pkmischo@aol.com

1992

04 Shelley (McDowell BS 92) Johnson created and founded Losing Coach, a spiritually-based international weight loss coaching company in July 2010. Since her 90-pound weight loss, she has been featured in various publications: "Oxygen Magazine," "First for Women Magazine," "Woman's Day Online," "Good Housekeeping" and "Redbook." Her story was also featured in Tosca Reno's best-selling book, "Your Best Body Now." Recently, Huffington Post named Shelley a Reader's Choice Top Online Weight Loss Coach in the world. Losing Coach trains the brain and heals the heart for weight loss through truth, humor, dignity and love. Shelley teaches these seven principles: power, truth, love, faith, hope, self-control and grace. Women all over the world are losing weight through "The Seven Step Process to Weight Loss Mastery" she created. Shelley calls Dublin OH home.

shelley@thelosingcoach.com

1993

Corey Rose (BS 93) started the women's soccer program at Tyler Junior College (Tyler TX) in August 2008. In 10 years, he has built a team who attended Nationals seven times, made five appearances in the championship game and won three national championship titles. Corey has been nominated National Coach of the Year three times, with the most recent time being in January 2018 at the United Soccer



1997

Karla (Hoke C 97) Cosgrove and husband Don have traveled since they married in 2012 while he was a travel nurse. They have lived in South Dakota, Wyoming, South Carolina, Michigan and Indiana. Don still travels with nursing, while Karla is at home with their three German shepherds. Since they breed champion bloodline shepherds, Karla also enjoys training them and the pups. The Cosgoves have enjoyed being back in the Winona Lake/Warsaw area and have made Indiana their home base since many of their family members live nearby. karlitayaya@yahoo.com

2003

Tony and Holly (Jones BA 03) Signorino: Married Aug. 19, 2017. The couple resides in Copley OH. hollyberry1278@yahoo.com

2004

D5 Jonathan (BS 11) and Magothy (Thompson BS 04) Shipley: Felicity Joy, Aug. 15, 2017. Felicity joins big sister Jocelyn (5) at their home in Warsaw IN. magothyshipley@gmail.com

D6 Benjamin (BA 06) and Danielle

(Morgan BA 04) Tomell: Juliet Lauren, Dec. 22, 2016. Juliet joins siblings Tristan (8) and Cordelia (6) at their home in Fort Wayne IN. Ben has been teaching German at Northrop High School for six years. tomelldr@gmail.com

2010

D7 Kyle and **Jamie** (**Jones** BS 10) **Finecy**: Riley Anne, Sept. 16, 2017. Riley is the couple's first child. The family resides in Grand Island NE. mimiaholic@yahoo.com

The Worthington Christian High School boys' golf team coached by Zac Hess (BS 10, MDiv 13) was recognized on the floor of the Ohio Senate on Nov. 15, 2017, after



winning their first DIII state championship in the history of the school. The team's first-day score of 306 was a single-day record for DIII boys' golf in Ohio. They finished 17 strokes better than the runner-up after two days. Zac serves as young adults pastor at Grace Polaris Church. He and wife Sarah (Anglea BS 11) live in Columbus OH with their children Jacob and Caroline. hesszd@gmail.com

DB Andrew (BS 10) and Sara (Melcho BA 10) Larson: Hugh Andrew, Aug. 20, 2017. Hugh joins siblings Oliver (4) and Eleanor (2) at their home in Louisville KY. Andrew received his Master of Divinity in Christian Ministries from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2017. Andrew has since accepted a pastorate call to Baptist Church of Northville (NY). saranlarson09@gmail.com

Dyier Phillips (BS 10) was promoted to small business lending officer at Lake City Bank (Warsaw IN) in September 2017. Tyler, who has been with the bank for five years, manages a small business loan portfolio and underwrites all new loan requests for the bank's 49 branches. He also volunteers with Combined Community Services and United Way. ty.phillips.87@gmail.com

2011

Cody and Emily (Anderson BS 11) Hall: Married May 6, 2017. The Halls are missionaries with Sonset Solutions in Elkhart IN where Cody is a mechanical engineer specializing in developing water monitors for clean water wells for developing nations, and Emily works in the finance/donations department. eanderson1287@gmail.com

2012

10 Ryan and **Emily (Metcalf** BA 12) **Austin**: Married Jan. 3, 2017. The couple resides in Winona Lake IN. emilykmetcalf@gmail.com

11 Luke and Rebecca (Keys BS 12) Grzybowski: Married Oct. 7, 2017. The couple calls Allendale MI home. keysra12@gmail.com

12 Hallie Schaefer (BS 12) has written her first children's book, "The Dream Train," and her first novel, "Rise: To Find Hope in the Darkest of Places," was released Dec. 1, 2017. She is also a columnist for "Grace as Justice," a magazine about joining hands with the world to end human slavery and trafficking. Hallie calls Fishers IN home. https://hallieschaefer.com hallie.schaefer1@gmail.com











Dr. David Dockery Elected as ETS President, Honored with Prestigious CCCU Award



Dr. David S. Dockery (MDiv 79), president of Trinity International University, was elected by the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) to serve as the organization's president for the 2017-18 academic year. "It is a great privilege to serve the larger evangelical world in this way," Dockery said. "I am genuinely grateful for and honored by this special opportunity of service, which I trust will also be good for the work of the Trinity community."

Since the late 1970s, Dockery has participated actively in the life of ETS, making presentations at both regional and national meetings. He delivered a plenary address at the 2001 ETS meeting in Colorado Springs and published articles and book reviews in the Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society. In the 1980s, he served as chair of ETS's Southwest Region, and in the 1990s, he chaired the Southeast Region. During his time as president of Trinity and Union University (Jackson TN), Dockery has served in key leadership roles for a number of other organizations, including serving as chair of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), the Consortium for Global Education and the Christian College Consortium. In addition to his service on the Executive Committee of ETS, Dockery has served on the boards of Christianity Today, Prison Fellowship (where he held the Carl Henry chair), the King's College and the Manhattan Declaration, among others.

Dockery was also honored as the 2018 recipient of the John R. Dellenback Global Leadership Award at the International Forum on Christian Higher Education in Dallas, Jan. 30–Feb. 2. "Dr. David Dockery is a giant in the world of Christian higher education," said CCCU President Shirley V. Hoogstra. "Not only does he lead by example, but he gladly shares his insights with colleagues from around the world and has mentored many leaders over the years."

Named for John Dellenback, a former U.S. Congressman from Oregon, former director of the Peace Corps and former president of the CCCU (1977-88), the award is considered one of the highest honors that can be given to a Christian educator. "David Dockery is highly respected as a scholar, author, leader and friend in Christ-centered higher education," CCCU President Emeritus Robert C. Andringa said. "No one is as deserving as David to receive this distinguished award." The Dellenback Global Leadership Award is not an annual award, and the CCCU has conferred it only five other times since 2006. "To say the least, I have been overwhelmed since receiving the notification that I was to be the 2018 recipient of this prestigious and meaningful recognition," Dockery said. "I am immensely grateful for this most undeserved honor. I am thankful beyond words to all who were involved in all aspects of this special recognition ... It has been a joyful privilege and an incredible gift from God to serve the Christian higher education community in a variety of ways through the years," Dockery said.

Dockery is the second Grace Theological Seminary graduate to be elected president of ETS. **Dr. James Borland** (ThD 76) served as president of ETS from 1989 to 1990, followed by 17 years as their secretary-treasurer and 23 years on the executive committee.

2013

13 Ernesto and Kristi (Davis BA 13) Camarena: Married Dec. 17, 2016. The couple resides in Lafayette IN. kkdavis116@gmail.com

14 Nate and Katie (Graham BA 13) Moran: Dakota Michael, July 19, 2017. Dakota is the couple's first child. Katie received her Master of Science in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. katie.anne.graham@gmail.com

15 Jonathan (BA 14, MACMHC 17) and Lindsay (Devereaux BA 13) Rex: Married Oct. 1, 2016. The couple moved to Dominican Republic in November 2017 to minister with Crosswinds Caribbean Mountain Academy where Lindsay serves as in-house staff and Jonathan as a therapist. devereln@gmail.com

16 Tim and **Heidi (Schroeder** BS 13) **Roesch**: Olivia Penni, Nov. 19, 2017. Olivia joins sister Madison (1) at their home in Littleton CO. heidimroesch@gmail.com

17 Sean (BS 13) and Brittany (Boyd BS 13) Truesdale: Sean Michael Truesdale II, Sept. 9, 2017. Sean is the couple's first child. The family resides in Elsmere KY. brittanybelle22@gmail.com

2014

Jacquelyn Seal (BA 14) began working as a BestSemester admissions counselor at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (Washington DC) in October 2017. She is currently enrolled in Grace's Master of Science in Higher Education and will graduate in May 2018. sealj20@gmail.com



2015

Austin Beer (BS 15) has joined Brock Grain Systems as a design engineer. As a member of the engineering team, Austin will be updating equipment and developing new components for Brock's storage bins and grain handling systems. Austin paired his Grace Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Management from Trine University (Angola IN). Prior to joining Brock, Austin worked as a design engineer for commercial vehicles and marine products. austin.d.beer@gmail.com

18 Lynk (BS 15) and Kaylene (Martin BA 15) Current: Gideon Levi, Sept. 19, 2017. The family resides in DeGraff OH. current.kaylene@yahoo.com

19 Josh (BS 15) and Julia (Marsh BA 15) Peterson relocated to Roanoke VA since Josh began serving as head pastor at Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church in October 2017. Josh completed his Master of Divinity from Liberty University in December 2017. jdpeterson34@gmail.com

Chris (BA 15) and Becca (Meyer BS 16) Chapman: Married April 22, 2017. Rebecca has worked in marketing at Compassion International since June 2016. The couple resides in Colorado Springs CO. bmeyer@us.ci.org

2016

20 Jared (BS 16) and Samantha (Johnson BS 16) Mitzelfelt: Married May 8, 2016. The couple resides in Round Rock TX. ssmitzelfelt@gmail.com

2017

21 Jordan (BA 17) and Clarissa (Knight BS 17) May: Married Aug. 5, 2017. Clarissa is assistant softball coach at Grace College. The newlyweds call Warsaw IN home. maycn@grace.edu

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend John W. Zielasko (BDiv 50, ThM 79) of Winona Lake IN went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Jan. 27, 2018, at his residence at the age of 96. On July 22, 1944, he married F. Jean (Beveridge) Zielasko, and they were married for 69 years before she passed away in 2013. John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945. He earned his bachelor's degree from Millersville (PA) prior to attending Grace Theological Seminary. From 1952 to 1966, he, along with his wife and family, served as missionaries in Brazil under Grace Brethren Missions (now Encompass World Partners). John also served as general director of the Grace Brethren Foreign Missionary Society from 1966 to 1985. He was a member of the American Legion Post 253 (North Webster IN) and a longtime member of Lakeland Grace Brethren Church (Warsaw IN). He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his four children: John R. (BA 70) (Sharon) Zielasko (Hemet CA); Ann (C 73) (H. James (BS 71)) Tallman (South Bend IN); James (BS 79) (Terri (Miller (C78)) Zielasko (Winona Lake IN); and Janet (BS 84) (Dr. Thomas (BA 78)) Ryerson (Corona CA). John also leaves behind 14 grandchildren: Corrine A. Tallman, Clinton (Lenka) Tallman, Chad (Anastasia) Tallman, Tyler (BS 02, MAC 05) (Kari (Berkland C 04)) Zielasko, Christopher (BS 04) (Crystal (Peters BS 06)) Zielasko, J. Douglas (Ladeen) Zielasko, Kendra (Sean) Smith, Evan (Kathryn) Ryerson, Elyssa (Andrew) Harootian, Elena (Jonathan) Le, Elliot (Jessica) Ryerson, James (Tiffany) Hatch, Jeffrey (Sel) Hatch and Jerod (Rachael) Hatch. He is survived by 22 great-grandchildren. Other survivors are his brother Ned Zielasko (Ephrata PA) and sister Jeanette Gauntlet (York PA). He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and daughter-in-law Suzan (Goodman C 74) Zielasko.

Rachel (Austin C 57) Entz passed away on Oct. 8, 2017. Rachel worked her way through nursing school and later attended Grace College where, in addition to her full-time studies, she worked as the school nurse. Rachel met her husband Lewis in Winona Lake and both had a desire to be missionaries: him in Africa and she in South America. In June 1957 they were married in a double-wedding with her older sister Joyce. Because of Rachel's struggle with multiple sclerosis, the mission made them wait a year before going to Africa where they served two, four-year terms. Lewis built and ran transmitters for the Christian radio station, which broadcasted the Gospel throughout Africa while Rachel worked as a nurse at the missionary compound. Their family returned to lowa in 1968 where her husband built transmitters, and she worked at a local hospital on weekends. In 1973 they joined Far East Broadcasting Company in California. In 1976 they moved to Seoul, Korea, where Rachel worked at the mission office, studied the Korean language and taught English classes to the locals using the Bible as their textbook. They furloughed in California for one year and, in 1980, returned to Korea with their boys for another four-year term. Returning to California in 1984, Lewis continued to work for FEBC until they both retired to Kansas in 1997. Rachel always had her ladies' Bible classes and five-day kids

clubs in California and Kansas. In retirement, she accompanied Lewis on mission trips to Alaska. Lewis passed away in 2008. Rachel always put others, especially her family, before herself.

Lieutenant Jack W. Lowe (ThD 57) went to be with the Lord after a brief illness on June 13, 2017. Jack joined the Navy as an enlisted man, remaining on active duty until 1946. He eventually served aboard the USS Wilkes-Barre as a corpsman when it sailed into Tokyo Bay at the time of the Japanese surrender, and was later deployed to China. He remained in the Naval Reserve while attending Eastern Michigan University. Upon graduating in 1950, he became a line officer in the Naval Reserve and, subsequently, attended Grace Theological Seminary from 1954 to 1957 to become a Navy chaplain. He fulfilled his passion of serving as Navy chaplain on active duty from 1957 to 1965. He was stationed at Naval Training Center San Diego twice, with other tours, including amphibious ships out of San Diego, Military Sea Transport Service (San Francisco CA) and the U.S. Marines' Cold Weather Training Center (now Mountain Warfare Training Center) (Bridgeport CA). One of his proudest accomplishments was being one of the first Navy officers to go through the Marines' grueling Escape, Evasion and Survival School in the cold of the Sierra Nevada. After leaving active duty in 1965, the family relocated to the Detroit area for one year before returning to San Diego where Jack taught at Ramona Unified School District until 1977 and then taught and served as a school administrator in the Concord-Walnut Creek area until 1982. Loved ones are: wife Shirley; brother Don (Gloria); daughter Jacklyn; and sons Gary (Dianne), Wayne (Sue) and Scott (Margaret) as well as 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.



Reverend Ivan Emerson Felton (MDiv 62) passed away on Oct. 17, 2017, following an extended illness. After graduating from Columbia Bible College (Columbia SC) and Grace Theological Seminary, he pastored churches in Indiana and Florida before settling in Miami where he was the longtime pastor of Grace Bible Church. After his retirement, he moved to Alachua (FL) to be near family. Ivan was known for his graciousness, his good nature, his infectious wit, his love of family, his dedication to preaching the Bible and his devotion to serving God. He served as a Bible teacher at the First Baptist Church of Alachua. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sandra Haley Felton; daughter Lucy Townley (Covington GA); son Rev. Douglas Felton (Alachua FL); sisters: Sylvia Crowe (Okeechobee FL) and Lois DuBose (Murfreesboro TN); and four grandchildren.

22 Daniel G. Miller (BA 70, MDiv 74) went to be with the Lord on Dec. 26, 2017. Dan served the Lord at Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Kettering (OH), Myerstown Grace Brethren Church (PA) and Rio Grande Bible Institute (Edinburg TX). Dan was also deeply involved in the family business, Daymont Printing Co. (Dayton OH). While attending Grace, Dan was a member of the track and field team for two years and became pole vault record holder for several years. Dan loved his years at Grace and formed friendships that will last into eternity. He felt it was a privilege to sit under the teaching of so many learned men of God. Dan was an active member in the Patterson Park Church (Beavercreek OH) from 1975 to the present where he served the Lord as Sunday school superintendent, children's church coordinator, Sunday school teacher and most recently, choir "groupie." Dan was preceded in death by his father, Eugene E. Miller. He is survived by his mother, Carol; wife Penny (Puls BA 71); sons Nathan D. (Sarah) and Jonathan D. (Kristen); sister Sharon (Ron); brother Asher (Polly); and several nieces and a nephew.

23 Reverend Chad A. Woodburn (MDiv

76) passed away on Aug. 12, 2017. He graduated from Florida Bible College (Coral Gables FL) in 1970 prior to attending Grace Theological Seminary. Chad pastored at New Salem Church of the Brethren (Milford IN), Alief Community Church (Alief TX) and Faith Baptist Church (Kissimmee FL). He also taught at the Spanish Bible Institute (Barcelona, Spain) and was president of Florida Bible College (Kissimmee FL). He especially loved ministering to young adults, many of whom are now in full-time Christian service. Chad's love for music was expressed through playing cello, piano and guitar as well as his rich, deep bass voice. He not only composed his own music and lyrics, but he also wrote a book and had three other books in process. He is survived by wife of 48 years Virginia (Ginny), their four children and their spouses and children.

Edward Scofield Krynock (BS 01) went to be with his Savior on Dec. 10, 2017. Ed accepted the Lord as his Savior at a young age and was a member of Community Church at Murphy's Landing. Ed worked as a microbiologist at Eli Lilly. He is survived by wife Carmel (Staley C 01) Krynock: children: Edward "Eddie" Scofield, Kaitlyn "Katie" Rose and Benjamin "Benji" Reed; father Rev. Roger Krynock (MDiv 77); siblings: Kelsey (Krynock BS 98) (Tim (BS 97)) Boucher and Stuart (BS 04) (Abby (Hillier BS 05)) Krynock; grandmothers: Junie Scofield and Geneva Krynock; mother-in-law Angi Herrington; brother-in-law Tom (Melissa) Staley; grandparents-in-law Eugene and Coral Washburn; several nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother Susan (Scofield C 73) Krynock; and grandfathers: Edward Scofield and Joseph Krynock.





REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

I think there are a lot of Grace alumni who would love to support their alma mater, but we assume "support" equals "financial donation," and many of us may not be in a place right now to give.

But the reality is, the most significant way you can support Grace is by telling your children or grandchildren or any person contemplating college that Grace College & Seminary might be the right place for them. The best thing you can do for Grace is to refer potential students to us.

We know you know some bright and gifted people. Maybe they're colleagues or neighbors or family members. They've seen how a Grace education has benefited you, and they're interested in pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree.

Tell them to begin their search for the right college with Grace. Or, if you want us to contact them, email us at **admissions@grace.edu**, and we'll get in touch with them.

Not only will you be supporting Grace, but you'll be offering your referral an opportunity to obtain a Christ-centered education characterized by innovation, affordability and real-world preparation.

Plus, if an alum's child or grandchild attends Grace, we will guarantee a minimum of \$3,000 in Grace student aid. Additional aid may be available for students who qualify.

It's the season for applying to colleges, so don't hesitate to broadcast our name to as many people as you know.

Many thanks for the ways — whatever they may be — that you support Grace.



Dennis Duncan (BS 80) Director of Alumni Engagement

TELL US

If you're a Grace graduate, completed a certification or attended classes, we want to hear from you. Tell us about your career history, accomplishments, how Grace influenced you, what you are doing with your college education today and/or how God is using you for His purposes. If you know a former classmate or alum who has a story you think *Two Eight & Nine* should feature, go ahead and share his/her story!

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Maybe it's a new job, ministry or retirement. Maybe you've written a book or received an award. Maybe you've found the love of your life or become a parent for the first time — or the seventh time! Tell us the latest news in your life at www.grace.edu/alumnotes and choose to publish it as an Alum Note in an upcoming edition of *Two Eight & Nine*. You can also submit a note by emailing it to alumni@grace.edu.

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Congratulations, Class of 1968. It's your Golden Graduation! Plan on returning to campus May 10–12, 2018, to celebrate your golden graduation reunion. Over the past 50 years, a lot has changed: We've built new facilities, added new programs and hired some new faculty. But the Grace family bond is as strong as ever, and we know you'll be encouraged and inspired by what God continues to do through Grace College & Seminary. You are an essential part of history, and we want to honor your place in our family. Don't miss it!

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Remembering Dr. Richard E. Jeffreys



Retired science professor, **Dr. Richard E. Jeffreys**, met his heavenly father on Dec. 7, 2017, after an extended battle with cancer. On Aug. 28, 1965, he married Kathy J. (Becilla) Jeffreys, who survives. Jeffreys earned his bachelor's degree, his master's degree and his PhD in biochemistry from

West Virginia University. Affectionately known as "Dr. J," he always challenged his students in order to prepare them for their future career, whether it be a health profession or other discipline. His passion for learning and training up multiple generations of health professionals was a hallmark of his tenure since he joined the Grace faculty in 1975. Like a proud father, he kept a personal record of his students who graduated from Grace, where they attended medical or graduate school and where the Lord led them after they completed their education. Jeffreys retired as chair of the Grace Biology Department in 2015 after 40 faithful years. He was a member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and the church choir. He also participated in the Warsaw Community Choir and enjoyed gardening and walking. But most of all, Jeffreys loved his family. Jeffreys will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 52 years, Kathy (Warsaw IN); son Dwight "Doug" (BS 88) (Leslie) Jeffreys (Warsaw IN); and daughter Rachel M. (Jeffreys BS 90) (Jeff) Grose (Warsaw IN). He also leaves behind seven grandchildren (all of Warsaw IN): Lucas (Emily) Grose; Derek, Jack and Lauren Grose; Kyrsta (Adam) Lenon; Andrew (BA 17) (Hannah (Shields BA 16)) Jeffreys; and Brenna Jeffreys; great-grandchildren: Daniel, Jacob and Oliver Lenon; and Alden Jeffreys; and brothers: Robert E. (Sandy) Jeffreys Jr.

(Hopewell VA); Edward D. (Barbara) Jeffreys (Vero Beach FL); and Daniel L. (Sheila) Jeffreys (West Virginia).

"Dr. Rich Jeffreys put Grace College on the map by mentoring students in medicine and related fields. Dr. J's ambitious teaching and advising schedule was built for two full-time people, and he always gave 100 percent. In addition, he always made time for family, community choir and area science fairs. I will always be grateful for his example and dedicated service to Grace."

— Dr. Don De Young (MDiv 83), Grace professor of physics

"I can picture our own 'Dr. J' sitting at the feet of the Great Physician, asking questions and learning all he can about our Lord. Dr. Rich Jeffreys loved his Lord, Grace College and our students. Over the course of 40 years, Rich mentored dozens of students into health professions and was tenacious in his pursuit of excellence and dedication to prayer."

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

Ivan 'Deano' Sandy Passes



Ivan Dean Sandy passed away Nov. 15, 2017. He was a resident of Winona Lake for 60 years and worked in the Grace College cafeteria for 44 years. He was often seen riding his moped cycle or golf cart regardless of the weather. Though faced with various challenges from birth, there was hardly anything he didn't think he could do (or at least give his best shot). He was cheerful, thoughtful and never met a stranger. Dean especially loved singing, children and dogs. His favorite sport was watching the Grace Lancers play basketball, along with being their videographer. His favorite privilege was singing the national anthem at sporting events or singing "How Great Thou Art" in the Grace College chapel services. He was also known for singing while he worked in Alpha Dining Hall. He was an active member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, served as an usher, worked in children's ministries and loved anytime there was something to eat. Dean faithfully attended early morning church services at Kosciusko County Jail, as well as chapel services at Grace Village Health Care. Every time and every place, he was ready to sing a solo (to the delight of many). He left an indelible mark on people from all walks of life. He is survived by brother **Dr. Brent** (BA 69, MDiv 73) (Cheryl) **Sandy** (Winona Lake IN); nephews: Jason (London, U.K.) and Jaron (Dijon, France), their wives and five children. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Rollin** (BA 74) and Omega Sandy. His body has been donated to science.

Dean's family has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his life and legacy at Grace. The family has donated \$20,000 from Dean's estate to create the Ivan Dean Sandy Scholarship and is looking to raise additional funds. The Ivan Dean Sandy Scholarship will provide scholarship support to students at Grace with physical disabilities. For more information on how to contribute to the Ivan Dean Sandy Scholarship, contact Vice President of Advancement Drew Flamm at 574-372-5100, ext. 6121 or drew.flamm@grace.edu. "Dean, who many of us called 'Deano,' spent his life serving others. At the campus dish room, the Dairy Queen, in the jail ministry, at Grace Village chapel and with the basketball team. There existed no bigger fan of Grace Basketball than Deano. He would even ride his golf cart to and from the gym in subzero weather so he wouldn't miss a game. His generosity was beyond his means. He remains one of the top financial supporters of the basketball program, often dropping by my office after payday to give me a \$5 bill or a \$20 bill. Deano's love for his family, his friends, his Savior, the jail ministry, Grace College, his church, Awana kids and the Lancer basketball team goes unmatched. I will miss him."

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

"If you knew Dean, you knew how much he loved to sing, and I know he is really bellowing it out right now in Heaven in the direct presence of our Lord and his parents! What a joy it was to have Dean work on campus for 44 years and bring joy and happiness to hundreds of students."

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

Grace College Launches Engineering Program

Grace College's first offering from its new Department of Engineering will be a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Kosciusko County, Indiana, is a prime location to train future engineers. "With the concentration of orthopaedic and manufacturing companies in our county and state, engineering college graduates are much sought after," said Dr. John Lillis, provost of Grace College & Seminary. "We're eager to better meet the needs of our region with a robust engineering department, and we couldn't be more pleased to have it led by Fred Wentorf."

Dr. Fred Wentorf will serve as the chair of the Grace College Department of Engineering and assistant professor of engineering. He comes to Grace from Zimmer Biomet where he has worked since 2007, most recently as principal engineer. Wentorf holds a doctorate in biomedical engineering from the University of Minnesota. In addition to extensive industry experience, Wentorf has authored more than 30 articles in scientific journals and six book chapters. He also holds three biomedical patents.

Wentorf began his role with the new department in February. Grace previously partnered with Trine University to offer a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Management. While the partnership was successful for many years, growing demand for engineers and increased interest from current and prospective students led Grace to pursue its own engineering program for 2018. Wentorf is passionate about mentoring the next generation of engineers "from a Christian perspective, with practical application." He is currently working to develop an advisory board and finalize the new engineering curriculum. "It's extremely important to me that our advisory board – comprised mostly of industry leaders – will help guide our program now and long into the future to ensure that the education we provide is relevant and sought after by employers," he said.

The Grace Department of Engineering will provide a variety of internship and cooperative experiences as part of each bachelor degree program. Wentorf is also exploring partnerships with local school districts to provide another avenue of learning and application for college students while giving back to the community and "hopefully inspiring a younger group of aspiring engineers," he said.

The new engineering program was created as part of Grace's strategic plan for Educational Excellence. "Academic distinction and real-world preparation are hallmarks of a Grace College education," said Lillis. "These are the standards prospective students and parents can expect from our new engineering program," he concluded.

Grace College is now accepting applications in the Department of Engineering for fall 2018. For more information, or to apply, visit www.grace.edu or call 800-544-7223.

Dr. Fred Wentorf, Grace College's new chair of the Department of Engineering and assistant professor of engineering



Grace College has reformatted its bachelor degree completion program, GOAL (Grace Opportunities for Adult Learners), to utilize open educational resources, or OER, for its online degree curricula. OER replaces traditional textbooks, providing students immediate access to the latest, most relevant learning resources. Currently, Grace offers four online OER degree completion programs: business administration, management, human services and quality management.

"We are excited to utilize open educational resources for all of our online GOAL curricula," said Tim Ziebarth, executive dean of the Grace College School of Online and Professional Education. "It was a big undertaking to rewrite all of our courses to align with OER and eliminate textbooks, but we're certain it was the best decision for our students and their learning experience."

Ziebarth says the transition to OER is consistent with Grace's innovation priority. "OER allows us to make the most up-to-date learning resources available to students 24/7. Students appreciate the accessibility, and faculty like the ability to hand-select the best documents and media for their classes," he said.

OER materials are housed on a learning management system which allows students to

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share and digitally archive resources — capabilities that aren't possible with textbooks. Professors are also able to adjust course content in real-time, keeping pace with the "real world." In addition, OER provides the ability for students to hit the ground running on day one of class — without waiting around for textbook delivery.

If you are interested in completing your bachelor's degree in quality management, business administration, management or human services, call 800-823-8533 or visit online.grace.edu.



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Day of Giving April 12, 2018

You know Grace makes a difference in the lives of its students. Now you can make a difference in their lives too by supporting Grace College & Seminary on our fourth annual Day of Giving, Thurs., April 12. This special day was created to inspire you — our students, alumni and friends to make a difference at Grace. Money raised during the Day of Giving supports the Grace Fund, which enables Grace to provide scholarships and help keep tuition affordable. You can join us online on April 12 or by visiting www.grace.edu/dayofgiving today.

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Jermaine Chaney: Special Adviser to the President for Multicultural Student Affairs

Jermaine Chaney joined Grace in November 2017 as special adviser to the president for multicultural student affairs. Chaney is a former two-sport (track and football) college athlete and running back for the NFL, CFL and NFL Europe. After retiring from the Indianapolis Colts, Chaney worked for a financial firm for four years before starting Chaney Financial Group (Indianapolis) in 2004 where he serves as the president and chief operating officer. As an alumnus of Indiana University, Chaney has served for many years on the Indiana University Big 10 Advisory Committee – a committee created to monitor the graduation rates of minority student athletes. In 2017, his business experience coupled with his passion for young people compelled him to found Professional Athletes of Indiana, a scholarship-granting organization that works with donors and schools to offer academic scholarships to students K-12.

At Grace, Chaney acts as mentor and confidant to minority students and helps guide the diversity and inclusion priorities on campus. Grace students are already benefiting from the dozens of lessons Chaney learned from his experiences as a college and professional athlete. ("Injuries are some of the best character revealers and builders.") But also the insights he gained as he struggled to transition from football stardom into a sustainable career. "A win for me," says Chaney, "is to be the students' go-to sounding board for whatever the concern, conflict or question might be."

By the numbers:

- + GREATEST JOB: Husband to Shera and father to four, ages 14, 11, 7 and 4
- + TRACK RACE HIGHLIGHT: 200-meter race in the NCAA
- + FAMOUS PERSON CITING: Peyton Manning, who was the first person I met after signing with the Indianapolis Colts
- + LIFE LESSON LEARNED ON THE FIELD: How do I respond in crisis situations? Am I poised, sporadic, flustered? Self-control is powerful.

- + JOB, IN-BETWEEN FOOTBALL DRAFTS: Slinging shoes at Foot Locker
- + BEST GRADUATION GIFT: My high school coach gave me my first Bible
- + LIFE-ALTERING TRAVEL: Mission trip to Budapest
- + CURRENT SPIRITUAL REVELATION: Do I want God to bless what I'm doing, or do I ask Him first, 'Lord, what would You have me to do?' And then when He tells me, do I say, 'What else do You have for me? Can I spin the wheel again?' Or do I say, 'Yes, Lord'?

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Tamika Catchings (back row, center) is joined by the women's basketball team after speaking at Grace chapel.

Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) (right) introduces Tim Tebow at Grace chapel. (Photo courtesy of Mike Deak)

RENOWNED ATHLETES CATCHINGS AND TEBOW SPEAK AT GRACE

The Center for Career Connections (CCC) hosted its annual Career Week in February, providing resources for students to help prepare them for successful careers after college. As part of Career Week, Tamika Catchings, who played in the WNBA for 15 years on the Indiana Fever, spoke at Grace on Feb. 14. Catchings is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and holds the record for most all-star appearances and most consecutive playoff appearances. She now owns a tea shop, Tea's Me Café, and is director of player programs and franchise development for Pacers Sports & Entertainment. CCC also hosted Heisman Trophy winner and inspirational speaker Tim Tebow on Feb. 16. Tebow is a college football analyst for the SEC Network, a contributor for ESPN and a best-selling author. Both Catchings and Tebow spoke during chapel at Grace, encouraging students to face their fears, persevere through challenges and stand firm in their faith.