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## **Campus Scene**



**OUTSTANDING PROF:** Dr. John Krupczak of the engineering faculty was presented the 45th "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating Class of 2009 during Commencement on Sunday, May 3.

The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College

educator.

Dr. Krupczak has been a member of the faculty since 1994 and has been actively involved in enhancing technological literacy among non-science students throughout his time at the college. He developed and teaches "Science and Technology of Everyday Life," in which more than 1,500 non-engineering students have enrolled since it debuted in 1995.

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## EXEMPLARY DIVERSITY PROGRAM:



The Phelps Scholars Program has been recognized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as an exemplary diversity program in higher education.

Hope is one of 32 institutions featured in the AAC&U publication More Reasons for Hope: Diversity Matters in

Higher Education.

The Phelps Scholars Program—an academic/ residential program for students interested in race and culture—is celebrating its 10th anniversary. *More Reasons for Hope* features the program for its ability to create a holistic educational experience through collaboration between student affairs and academic affairs.

A feature about the Phelps Scholars Program is on pages 18-19.

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JAPANESE BOOKS: Hope is one of a select number of institutions in the United States chosen by the Nippon Foundation of Tokyo, Japan, to receive a collection of books intended to serve as useful guides for those who want to understand present-day Japan.

Through the program, "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan," the foundation is providing English-language books that consider Japan from the perspective of topics including foreign policy, business and management, society and culture, films and animation, classic and contemporary literature, and history. The foundation is making the collections available to a total of 300 selected key libraries, universities and other institutions in the U.S., planning to expand the initiative to other nations and regions in future years.

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**GOLDWATER HONORS:** Four Hope science students have received national recognition from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Seniors Mark Lunderberg of Grandville, Mich., and Blair Williams of Fenton, Mich., each received Goldwater Scholarships for



2009-10, out of only 278 awarded nationwide. Seniors Joel Blok of Schoolcraft, Mich., and Paul Frybarger of Muskegon, Mich., each received honorable mention, out of only 175 students to be accorded the recognition. (Pictured left-toright are Williams, Lunderberg, Frybarger and Blok, with Dr. Moses Lee, dean for the natural and applied sciences and professor of chemistry, at center.)

The scholarships—up to \$7,500 per year for one or two years, depending on the recipient's year in school—were awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,097 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

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**PSYCHOLOGY AWARDS:** Hope students have earned three national and regional awards for excellence in research from Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Krista Mehari '09 Grand Rapids, Mich., is receiving one of only four undergraduate research awards being presented nationwide by Psi Chi during the national convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto,



Canada, in August. Nova Hinman '09 of Portage, Mich., and Ross Knoll '09 of Grand Haven, Mich., each received Regional Research Awards during the April 30-May 2 annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Several Hope students have received national Psi Chi recognition for research through the years, most recently in 2006, and this was the 10th consecutive year that Hope students won regional awards. Hinman, Knoll and Mehari all received regional recognition in 2008.

Mehari is pictured above. Hinman and Knoll were featured on the cover of the October issue of *News from Hope College* with Dr. Charlotte vanOyen Witvliet, associate professor of psychology.

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**NOAA SCHOLAR:** Junior Megan Haserodt of North Olmsted, Ohio, has received a highly competitive, two-year Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA presented the awards to approximately 100 undergraduates to further academic studies related to NOAA science, research, technology, policy, management and education activities. Haserodt is double-majoring in geology and chemistry with a minor in environmental science, and as a career is interested in hydrogeology or some sort of water quality work.

The awards total up to \$29,050, and include academic assistance for full-time study during the recipients' junior and senior years and a paid, 10-week internship position during the summer of 2010 at a NOAA facility.

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**COMPUTER SERVICE:** Dr. Herbert Dershem, who played a leadership role in developing the department of computer science, is being recognized through a lasting tribute with a fitting focus: a student research fund in his name.

Alumni and faculty colleagues announced

the "Herb Dershem Summer Research Fund" on Saturday, April 18, during a reception scheduled in celebration of the department's 35-year anniversary. Once fully endowed, the fund will provide support for a student to conduct research full-time



during the summers, joining students who are supported through other external and internal sources.

Dr. Dershem (pictured with colleagues Dr. Ryan McFall '93 and Dr. Mike Jipping) is a professor of computer science and director of institutional research. He has taught at Hope since 1969.

Fundraising is ongoing. Those interested in providing support may obtain additional information by contacting the office of college advancement at (616) 395-7775.

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**HOPE IN PICTURES:** Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries

organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. Pictured is a moment from this year's "Spring Fling," the student celebrationpicnic (and shopping cart race) marking the conclusion of spring



semester classes with a Friday-afternoon respite before the following week's final exams. More ONLINE & www.hope.edu/pr/gallery

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