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Hope is... Vision

Hope College has a vision of a bright future.

We live in challenging times. Each day Hope College is challenged to provide a first-rate educational environment for the needs of today's students. Hope in turn challenges students as they mature in mind, in character, and in spirit. Hope offers students the kind of challenge that they need to become the hope of our tomorrow. Hope provides

ample resources to help students to grow by responding to the challenge of a vibrant academic program and college community.

Rooted in worthy tradition, striving for excellence in all that it does, open to the challenge of a rapidly changing world, Hope holds out a vision of a future made bright by the promise of the young men and women who are the students and alumni of Hope.



DR. JOHN H. JACOBSON 10TH PRESIDENT OF HOPE COLLEGE



Hope is... Faith

College-age people today are searching. Searching for truth. Searching for meaning in life. Searching for identity and worth. Searching for intimate relationships. Searching for dreams and skills that will shape their future. And searching for God.

At Hope College, faculty and staff work toward the fulfillment of these goals. As a Chaplain staff, we have found an increasing hunger for spiritual reality in students. Chapel services are filled with students who hunger to worship the

Living God through a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Small group Bible studies in residence halls help to create a learning environment where students can discover God's character and will for their lives.

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). There has never been a more exciting time to seek and to find.



DOLORES NASRALLAH HOPE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN



Hope is... Challenge

Hope College offers students a challenging but supportive environment. Hope's outstanding faculty challenge themselves and each other to excel as teachers, scholars and artists. They also challenge students to achieve their full potential.

Students are challenged to:

question assumptions

· be skeptical of easy answers and simple solutions

· discover new ways of asking old questions

expand the limits of their imagination
see the familiar in new and wonderful ways

enlarge their perspective on other cultures
consider how the Christian faith can inform and enrich one's understanding of the world

· articulate a personal philosophy of life

· accept the obligation to live not only for self but also for others

The faculty and staff of Hope College provide strong models for being faithful to the challenge to live in service to God, to each other, and to society. Wouldn't you like to be part of this challenging but caring community?





JACOB E. NYENHUIS PROVOST AND PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS

Hope is... Commitment

Webster's Dictionary defines commitment as "a declared attachment to a doctrine or cause." In my career as a Hope College student. I have been fortunate enough to be committed to the Athletic Training Program, the women's varsity soccer team, the Gospel Choir, and the Youth Fellowship at the First Presbyterian Church of Holland.

My commitment has been possible because of the talents with which

God has blessed me, along with the opportunity that Hope has given me to do all of these activities while continuing to work hard as a student.

I might not know what the future holds for me, but the commitments I have made at Hope are providing me with a foundation on which to build. "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3).



KATHRYN G. NICHOLS CLASS OF 1999 BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY



Hope is... Preparation

Sweat, sore muscles, squeaky sneakers, the swish of the net = The Preparation. The fun of another basketball season is spawned. Seasoned souls of the hardwood floors know there is a price to pay in preparation if one wants to play above the rim. Wisely, they use the brief pre-season time to put rhythm and tenacity into their game preparation which, when completed, makes a confident statement to all oncoming opponents: "Welcome...we're ready for you!"

So it is as students at Hope prepare in

quest of a career that will enable them to become the faithful persons God wants them to be. I see students preparing "big," which in essence means being visionary, productive, industrious, bold, faithful and confident about their futures. Good for them. Press on. Stand tall. Go for the dunk! Go hard after your goal. For within this focus, I continue to see a supportive Hope community that intentionally prepares students to be leaders, exalting God's goodness in the Church and in the world.



Dr. Glenn Van Wieren is coaching the Hope Flying Dutchmen for his 20th season.



Hope is... Giving

The smell of freshly cut evergreens, the Christmas carols and the candlelight of Hope's Christmas Vespers are a highlight of the holiday season on our campus. It is a true gift by students and faculty of Hope.

As a student, I've learned it is more rewarding to give of my time than physical things. This is evident to me in the Habitat for Humanity projects I've worked on, my Student Congress involvement, and even the service projects my sorority holds for a Big Brother/Big Sister program in Holland.

God didn't give us a store-bought present; he gave himself. Through Hope's Summer of Service, an intensive discipleship program of the chaplain's office, I learned the importance of His example.

Being at Hope has taught me to appreciate my parents who have sacrificed for me. They have shown me that there are better ways to give than with fancy paper and a bow. I share my own challenge of the holiday season with you: give something you can't wrap.



SHANNA TENCLAY, CLASS OF 1999 GRANDVILLE, MICHIGAN



Hope is... Growth

The college years are a significant time for personal and professional growth for any individual. A time of exploration, a time to develop a sense of who you are, who and what is important to you, and the direction your life will take.

Hope College is a community that fosters growth. There are many opportunities for personal growth through challenging and stimulating in-class and out-of-class learning experiences. There are relationships that you develop with fellow students, faculty and staff that will influence the person you will become,

and will develop into friendships that will last a lifetime.

There are opportunities that provide for growth through a wide range of overseas study programs, off-campus and local internships and volunteer experiences as well as opportunities to develop important leadership skills in a broad cross section of student organizations.

Hope College is committed to your growth for the most important years of your life. Growth that will impact the rest of your life.



DALE AUSTIN DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES



Hope is... Nurturing

I recently learned that a Hope professor spent twenty minutes with each student reviewing the first course exam results. This amounted to twenty hours of dedicated personal feedback! Such commitment is certainly nurturing to students.

Along with the nurturing that comes from excellent instruction, today's students appreciate an institution where genuineness, consistency and encouragement are valued by faculty and staff.

Nurturing requires valuing each student's gifts and characteristics.

It is also shaping and strengthening students, holding up expectations of academic excellence and responsible living among others within the campus community. And when life gets tough, it also means that students can count on us to be there.

As faculty and staff, and as a College as a whole, we do not stand alone. We are graciously nurtured by our Christian faith and through so many friends within the Reformed Church of America dedicated to the mission of this institution.





DARELL J. SCHREGARDUS, Ph.D. ASSISTANT DEAN FOR HEALTH AND COUNSELING DIRECTOR, COUNSELING CENTER

Hope is... Technology

Interactive multimedia, World Wide Web, Distance Learning... These and other technologies profoundly impact our world, and Hope College as well, where students learn technology to use while they use technology to learn.

The use of technology is not new. Artists have always used technology to create, musicians to perform, managers to make decisions, teachers to teach, and writers to write. The difference today is that new technologies are predominantly electronic and rapidly changing. Hope prepares students to use both modern and classical technologies as appropriate and to both design and use the technologies of the future.

At Hope we also use technology to support the learning process, providing novel ways to approach and examine ideas. Hope students use modern technology to study ideas as old as ancient biblical texts and the calculus. Virtually every subject is taught using technology that did not exist 20 years ago.

Technology at Hope does not reduce the key faculty-student interaction, but rather increases it by enhancing the speed, scope, and modes of communication. Thus technology allows Hope to keep doing what it has always done, and to do it better.



HERBERT L. DERSHEM
PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



Hope is... Tradition

For Tevye, in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, there was a tradition for everything. For me, tradition at Hope College can be spelled:

T otal Commitment to Excellence

R ich Heritage

A rtistic and Dramatic Offerings

D edicated Professors

I mpressive Growth

T he Rich Relationship with the Reformed Church in America

I ntegrity of the Intercollegiate Sports Program

O bedience to the Call of Christ

N umerous Traditions — the Pull, Nykerk, Christmas Vespers

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.....Hope College continues to build traditions. Are they a part of your life?





JENNIFER LIGGETT, PRESIDENT HOPE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Hope is... Creativity

Creativity is alive and thriving at Hope College. It is an integral part of a student's liberal arts education. Creativity spreads across the curriculum because different fields of study demand different strengths. Hope fosters an environment which enables students to discover unleashed ideas and talents. Students feel free to experience new ways of thinking, reacting, and working in imaginative and idiosyncratic ways, characterized by innovation, originality, divergent thinking, and risk taking.

The students are provided with the opportunity to work through their creative processes guided by caring faculty. Students are nurtured and encouraged to

develop their creativity. Hope's philosophy is that creativity is a personal matter and cannot be forced or rushed. Perseverance is at the heart of the creative process. Creative growth depends on experience, confidence, and time. This allows creative students to make connections where connections were not previously apparent.

New ideas, new works, or products result when a student develops confidence to rethink, reconsider, reprocess, rewrite, and reconceptualize.

If you are interested in broadening or enriching yourself creatively, Hope College will provide you with challenges needed to fulfill your goals.





