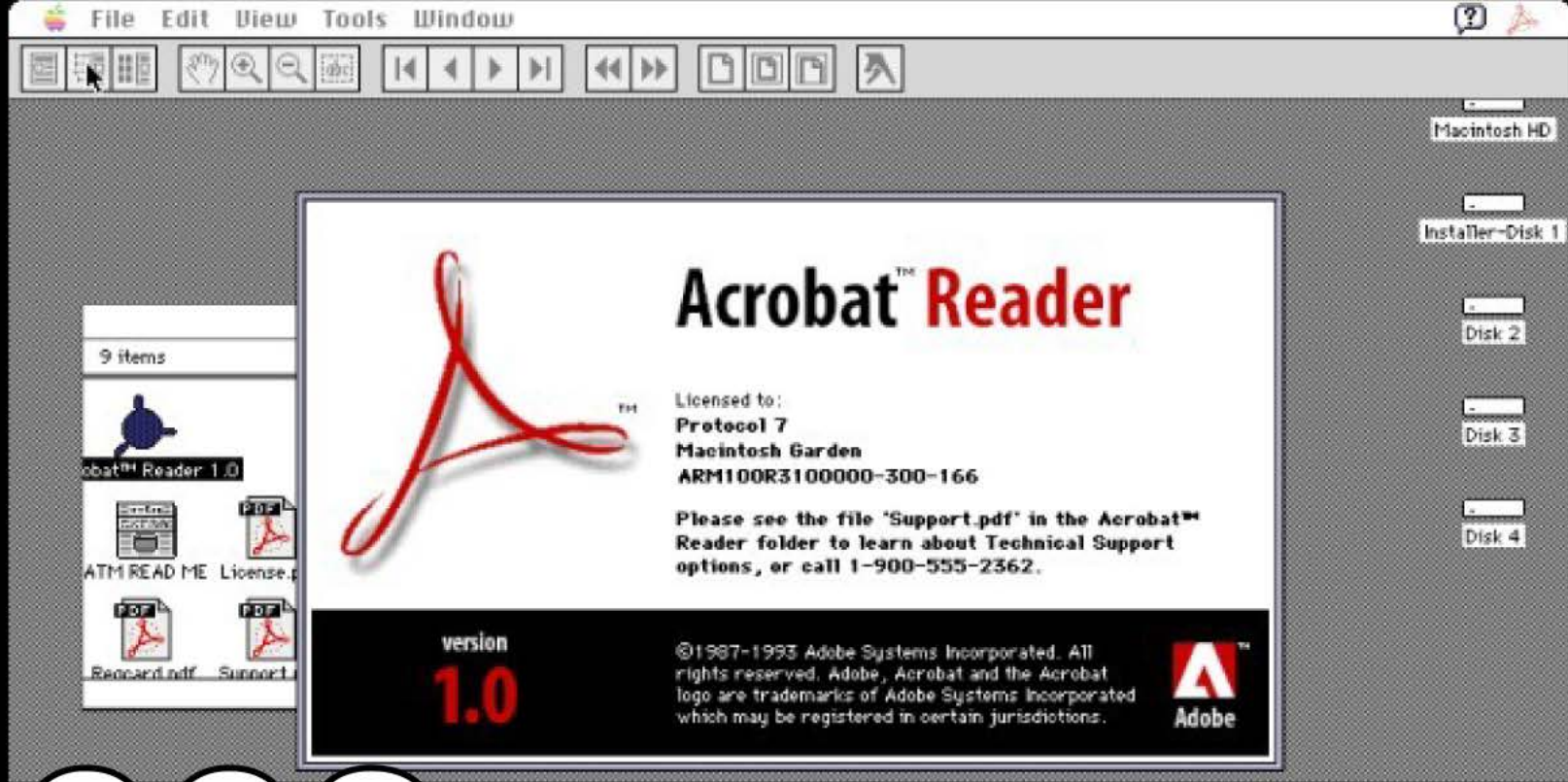


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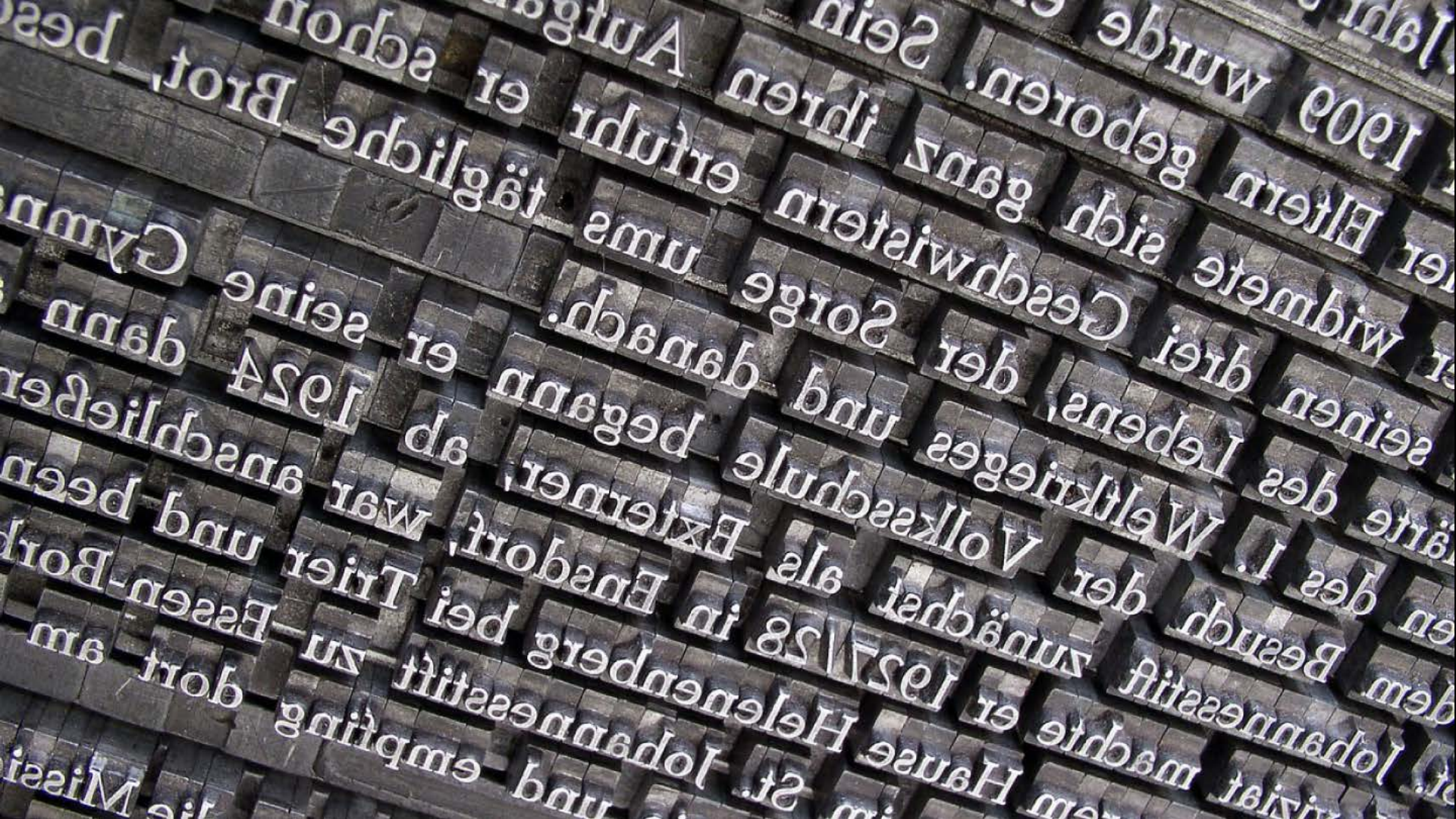
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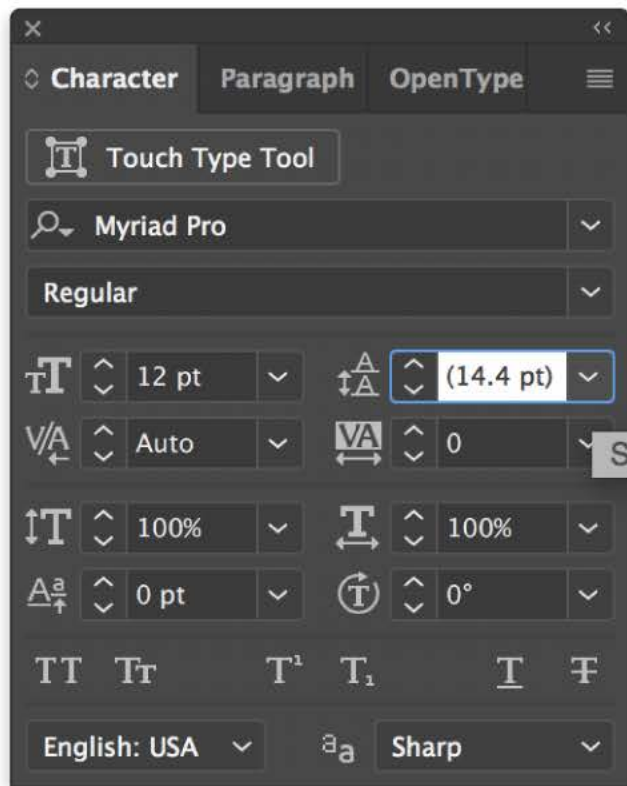
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# GENERATION SPARK

By Josh Beckler



TO REALLY WRAP YOUR MIND AROUND THE WORK OF GENERATION SPARK, YOU FIRST NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THE NONES AND THE DONES.

Let's start with the "NONES." It's the name for the people in the United States who are neither affiliated with any religion nor with any church. In other words, they don't see the need for "one" here. "Many of these people are young people ages 18 to 29 who grew up in the church but didn't stay involved."

THE "DONES" is a term that's far less common. Donees are people age 40 and older who in the words of Greg Gault, director of Generation Spark and director for Hope College's Center for Leadership, "have been in church programs for a long time, but they've grown more and more disaffected by the church, but they've grown more of the involvement." They're done.

**T**he ones and the dones. You could disagree and argue that getting the same picture after spending years in the church people are leaving. **GENERATION SPARK AIMS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.** Supported by a 2017 grant of \$425,000 from the United Methodist Board of Christian Education, the intergenerational mentoring program with a focus on North America and the National Church in America administration. Additional denominational bodies already expressed interest in using the model.

One year into the grant period and several months into the pilot program, five pairs of young leaders have brought church members from the same generation and the same denomination into formal mentoring relationships, with each pair supported by a younger partner.

The relationships also helped the mentoring model to help by giving young people meaningful relationships with older adults — and giving older adults an opportunity to share their life experiences and influence the younger generation — each group would be an active member of the other's defining participation in each other's lives.

That's one of the reasons "Inter-Pass Ministries in Michigan, Michigan, and beyond." The work is to help, Michigan, and beyond. "We were inspired by the idea of the intergenerational relationship and how much time you could spend with each other's lives. We've had a great time with the program and we're looking forward to having more people involved and more life." with North America's director of the church's "Inter-Pass" program.

"Intergenerational mentoring is very popular right now," Gault said. "But the problem is that when you take a 20-year-old and put them with a 40-year-old, it's not natural world. They have nothing in common."

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Professor Bruce McCormick explores  
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Pottery by Cheryl Roberts, artist, New Hyde Park, New York

### Robert De Haan Heads GLCA Project

A glowing start marks Hope's involvement in the new Great Lakes Colleges Association program in Philadelphia, according to word received recently from Dr. Robert De Haan, who is responsible for on-site administration of the program.

Dr. De Haan, who is chairman of the Department of Education at Hope, was chosen by GLCA officials to be director of the innovative and exciting educational program.

Dr. De Haan, who coordinated the early planning and development of the Philadelphia Project, is spending this semester in Philadelphia directing thirty-five GLCA students, including seven from Hope. Dr. David Clark, Hope history professor, is Hope's on-campus coordinator.

Hope students presently participating in the job's "urban semester" are Jo Ann Dunnigan, Clifton, N. J.; Julie Heget, Berwyn, Ill.; Glenn Looman, Holland, Mich.; Stephen Lundquist, Carlisle, N. J.; Nelson Murphy, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; Sandra Nagy, Plainfield, N. J.; and James Suberstedt, Rochester, N. Y.

School officials in the transitional Germantown area of Philadelphia, where the program is being implemented, and the GLCA Faculty Council are enthusiastic over the program and look for the semester to be mutually beneficial.

The program, which affords GLCA students and faculty an "urban semester" in both study and action, encompasses a



Glenn Looman (left), Hope senior from Holland, discusses Philadelphia Project with Professor Robert F. De Haan, Director of the new GLCA program and chairman of the Hope department of education.

required semester called "The City" and several directed study projects and activities dealing with student teaching, student behavior, community-school tuition, communications, and computer-assisted instruction. Semester credit is given by the home colleges. Expense for student housing is assumed by the Philadelphia Board of Education.

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Dr. C. A. Vander Weef, President of Hope College

*Hope College occupies a special place in the vast array of educational opportunities in the United States. It makes its contribution to the vitality and diversity of American higher education through the distinctiveness of its educational philosophy and program. For more than a century, Hope has cherished the conviction—as it does today—that life is God's best to man; a trust which each of us is called to activate personally by an intelligent concern for intelligent involvement in the human community and its problems.*

*Hope's reason for being is each individual student; its purpose is the growth and development of each student as a competent, discriminating, effective, creative, compassionate, responsible, and committed human being; its design is to foster, to encourage, and to provide full opportunity for the fulfillment of each individual student, not for his own self-gratification, but for what he can give to others in service to God and man.*

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Hope's First Family—Dr. and Mrs. Van Wyke and children David, Sarah, Stephen, Elizabeth and Brady.

### HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Schedule of events

Thursday, Oct. 12

8:15 p.m. All-College Convocation featuring Dr. John W. Snyder, president and chairman of the University of Colleges of Arts Studies, on the topic "Christ Our Redeemer in a Post-Christian World." (Holland Memorial Chapel)

Friday, Oct. 13

8:45 p.m. Inauguration of Dr. Gordon J. Van Wyke as the Sixth President of Hope College. (Holland Memorial Chapel. In attendance by invitation only.)  
 Reception for all guests attending Inaugural Convocation. (DeWitt Student and Cultural Center)

8:30 p.m. Hope vs. Albion soccer game. Van Dyke athletic complex.

8:15 p.m. Homecoming Banquet. Hope College Hotel and Stage House, DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

Saturday, Oct. 14

9 a.m.- Noon Alumni Registration and Reception. Place of DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

11 a.m. Hope vs. Otis golf course event. Hiking Club golf course. Inaugural event held at U.S. 31 on 31st street.

12 Noon. Lunch. (Lunchroom, Vander Hill Terrace Room, Student and Faculty Leadership Councils, and outside organizations.)

2:15 p.m. Hope vs. Otis football game. Rawlins Park. Football will feature participation of homecoming queen and wearing of white face makeup.

After Game. Open House at all buildings open.

4:30 p.m. Homecoming Buffet Dinner. Ridge Hall. \$5.50 per person.

8:15 p.m. Homecoming Banquet. DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

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11 a.m. Student Church. Holland Memorial Chapel.

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**Class *En Masse***

The brand-new Class of '03 takes a break from New Student Orientation to be immortalized on film. A record number of first-time students heralded the arrival of Hope's 138th school year, and helped propel Hope to an overall enrollment record as well.

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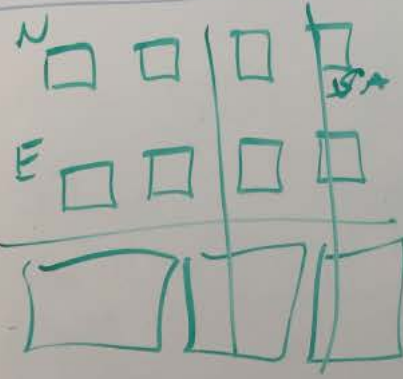
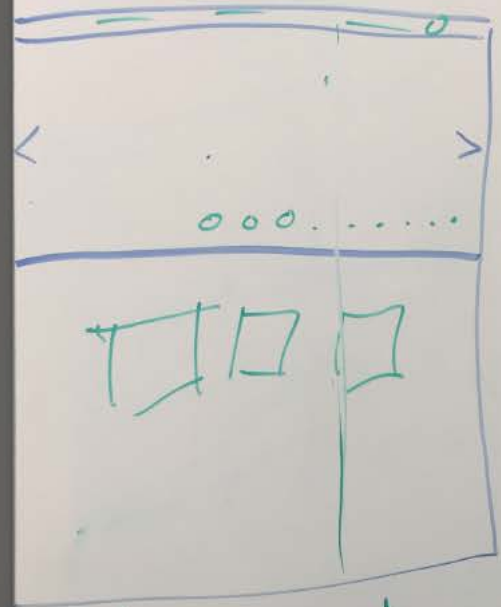


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By Jim McFarlin '74



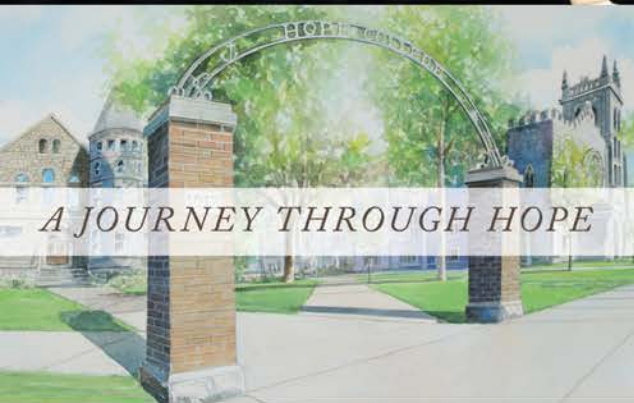
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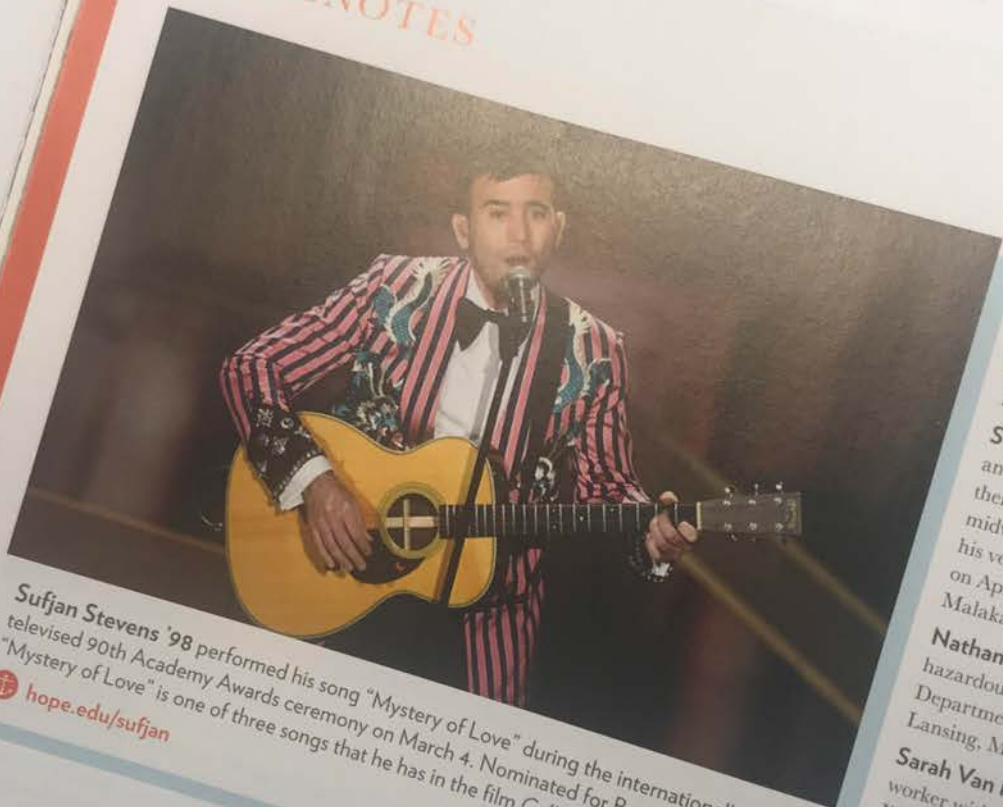


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**Sufjan Stevens '98** performed his song "Mystery of Love" during the internationally televised 90th Academy Awards ceremony on March 4. Nominated for Best Original Song, "Mystery of Love" is one of three songs that he has in the film *Call Me by Your Name*.

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### 10s

**Dan Claus '10** and **Grace Olson '10** Claus announce the birth of Greta Marie on March 20, 2018. Dan accepted a call as pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Washington, D.C.

**Katharine Matejka '11** Kroon announces the birth of Wilma on March 15, 2018.

**Nickolas Davros II '12** is pursuing his degree with his thesis project on the effects of habitat modification on species richness and dragonflies on a high school campus. He is an AP biology teacher at South Mecklenburg High School.

**Scott DeClaire Jr. '12** and **Kathryn DeClaire** announce the birth of their third child and their first girl. They had a home birth and the midwife didn't arrive in time, so Scott delivered his very first baby. Annalynn Faith was born on April 26, 2018. Her big brothers Trey and Malakai love her very much.

**Nathan Erber '12** is a geologist in the hazardous-waste section of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing, Michigan.

**Sarah Van Hamersveld '12** is a medical social worker with Oak Street Health in Chicago, Illinois.

**David Winters '12** and **Brogan Sprout** were married on Nov. 19, 2017, in Sarasota, Florida.

**Alex Yared '12** presented at the 2018 Great Lakes Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan.





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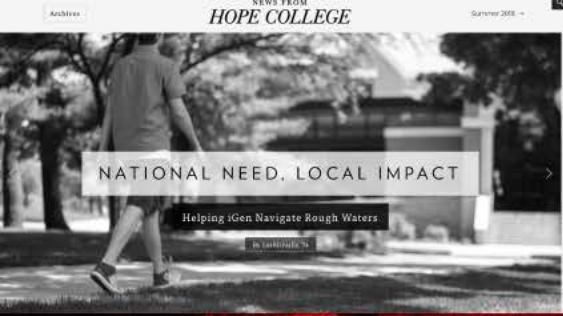
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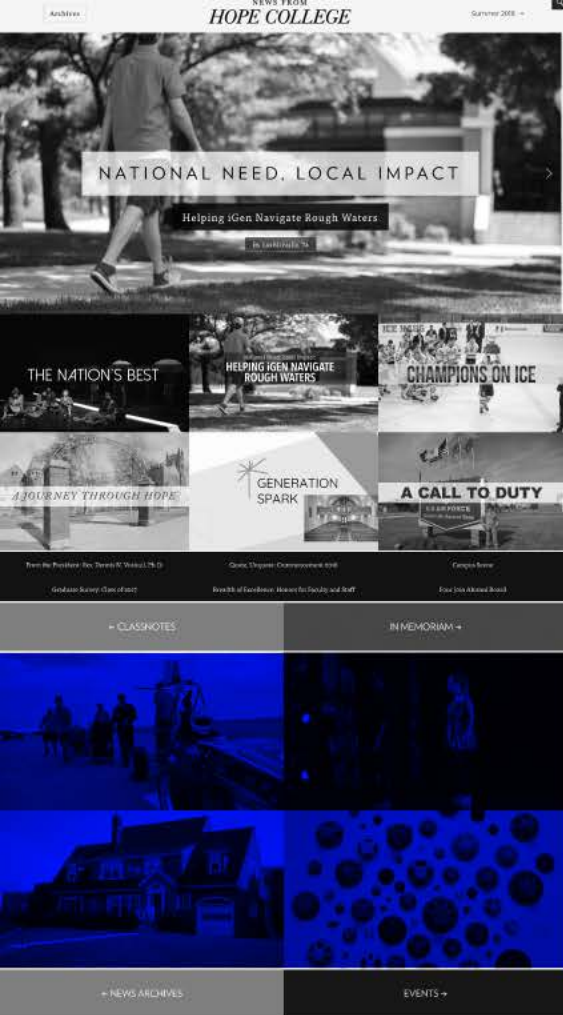
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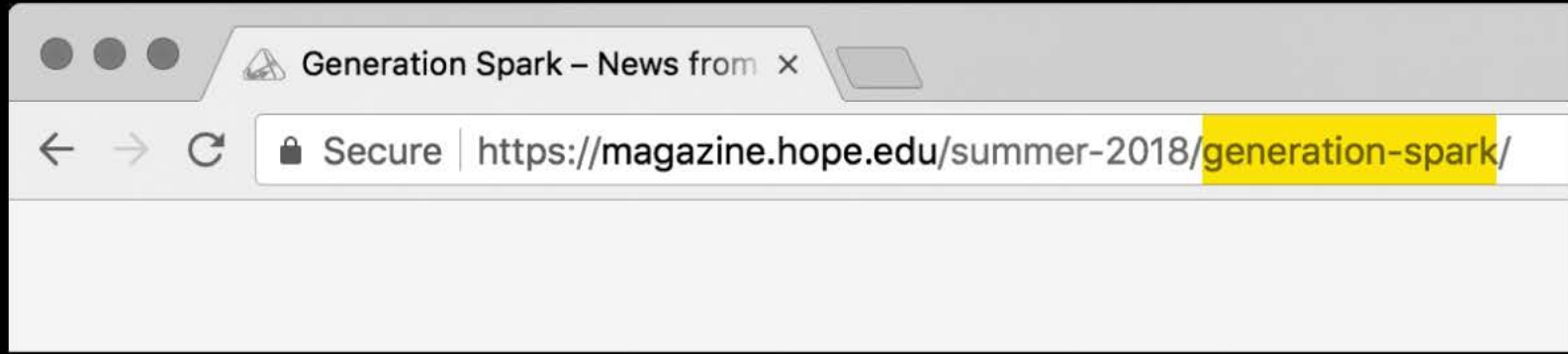
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The vineyard and winery that he and his wife run happened by accident. Laiff planted a small grapevine in the backyard in 1977, and in the years passed it all but took over, today climbing the entire height of the family's four-story Manhattan townhouse and across a rooftop trellis. In 1984, the vines produced 24 pounds of grapes, a number that has also grown. The record is 212 pounds, with 400 to 700 pounds being typical.

Wine-making has a family history: Laiff's father had made wine as a hobby in Iraq. Laiff and Vera named their label *Chateau Lafite*, inspired by the renowned *Chateau Lafite* label. Harvesting and production provide an opportunity for family and friends to come together, resulting in 80 to 150 bottles of white wine per year.

As one reflection of his appreciation for the college, he presented one of those bottles to Hope during his visit. Its hand-drawn label shows the townhouse on one side and Graves Hall and the Hope College Arch on the other.

Later, though, he offered a second gift, establishing a scholarship in the name of Albert Timmer '31 and Timmer's secretary Dena Walters for making a difference, not only to him but to his 62 descendants and other relatives now in the U.S.

"I consider receiving the timely admission to Hope College the single act that changed my life," Laiff said. "I consider Albert Timmer and his secretary Dena Walters the people who

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ISMAEL BYERS '18

"If I can use my identity to help people who feel marginalized by... I hope to be that... between

# CREATING A BRIDGE

By Josh Bishop

**T**rying to separate Ismael Byers' story into distinct threads of medicine, that one is public health — is impossible. The threads overlap and intertwine and weave together in ways that can't be easily separated.

So how can we describe Byers? He's a graduating senior from Clarkston by way of Grand Blanc (both in Michigan); an Afro-Latino son of Spanish-speaking immigrants from Panama who didn't really learn Spanish until high school and college; a prize-winning documentarian who wants to work in medicine and public health; and an introspective student who's learned to be at home with himself and who feels a relentless pull outside of himself to help others, especially those on the margins.

Byers came to college, as many do, with no clue what to do after graduation.

"It started off really confusing and maddy," Byers said, in part due to his bicultural identity. "I grew up as an Afro-Latino not really feeling like I had a place either being black or Latino." Growing up, he felt ostracized, and his identity crisis compelled him to become conversant (he's hesitant to say fluent) in the language his parents spoke at home but never formally taught their children.

Accordingly, he decided to pursue a Spanish major and, eventually, to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country where he'd be able to hone his language skills — and get some hands-on experience in hospitals and clinics as part of his second major, biology, which itself overlaps with his pre-health career track in preparation for medical school.

For Byers, language and medicine go hand-in-hand. His family pediatrician, from Argentina, spoke his parents' native Spanish and provided a level of care that many Spanish-speakers can't find in a primarily English-speaking health care field. Byers wants to give others the same gift.

Before he left for a semester in Santiago, Chile, though, Byers found a job doing literature review work with Michigan State University's medical school in Flint, where he focused on the water crisis, child health and community research. To his surprise, he started to fall in love with public health.

He figured he'd use his time in Chile as a sort of experiment. He'd do some clinical observation and see what he wanted to do: medicine or public health. But his study-abroad experience wasn't quite what he expected.

His clinical experiences reinforced his desire to provide health care, and, at the same time, made him question even more whether health care alone is enough to adequately address

health issues. Most notably, Byers saw a lot of inequities related to the language barrier. "Language is a public health issue," he said. He didn't just see it in Chile or with his pediatrician on the east side of the state; he sees it in Hope's hometown of Holland, Michigan, where he volunteers weekly at the free health clinic, providing education and translation for diabetic patients who speak only Spanish. Byers wants to close the disparity by being a bilingual practitioner and working to resolve systemic issues in health care.

"I decided I'm going to do both. The social problems in the field of medicine inspire me to pursue medicine and public health to address health disparities for all patients — for those who speak Spanish and for others who feel left out," he said. Working for the underserved in health care may start with words, but Byers says his skin color and a growing empathy for those in poverty are part of it, too. "I want to work for the 'underserved,'" he said.

Overall, Byers says his experience in Chile was difficult — it was good, yes, but also painful. Byers describes it as "probably the loneliest time of my life." But even loneliness can be valuable. That theme was the subject of his award-winning documentary about his experience in Chile. As reported in the winter issue of *Alumnae* from Hope College, the film, *Solitude: A Companion Abroad*, won the grand prize in the 2017 IES Abroad Study Abroad Film Festival.

"I've learned to practice self-analysis and self-reflection," Byers said. The clarity he eventually found came in part from the opportunity that his semester in Chile had provided to look inside, and to his past.

"I can use my identity to help people who feel marginalized by an unfair system — whether that's the government making decisions on behalf of a community to their harm, like the water crisis, or neglecting immigrants because they speak only Spanish. — I hope to be that bridge, and to be the bridge between medicine and public health," he said.

After he graduates, Byers is planning to take a gap year to see more of the world before he attends medical school, where he's considering adding a master's degree in public health to his graduate-level dual degree. It's a path that the freshman arrived on campus in August of 2013 wouldn't have predicted but which the past four years and a lifetime of experience made clear.

"I don't think an 18-year-old would've been able to see the idea of taking my identity crisis and using that for public health," he said. "I'm just beginning to understand now. The light bulb is just turning on."

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# THE TOPIC NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT. UNTIL NOW.



Q&A with Sara Dorer

By Greg Olgren '87

Reports by multiple well-known female celebrities. The trial and conviction of Dr. Larry Nassar. The revocation this past fall of the 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter. High-profile news has made sexual assault a national conversation, building awareness of the problem, empowering victims, and turning a spotlight on organizations and how they respond. To explore how that looks at Hope, *News from Hope College* spoke with Sara Dorer, who as the college's Title IX coordinator has a lead role in guiding the process.

## THE GROUNDWORK

**Q. What is your role as Title IX coordinator?**

**A.** Essentially, it is my job to verify the institution is in compliance with all aspects of the federal law. This includes work both to prevent and address issues of discrimination based on sex. A large piece includes oversight of our grievance process outlined in our Equal Opportunity, Harassment and Retaliation Policy. It is my job to verify our investigators are following the policy. It also involves establishing open communication with the community when violations occur, which is an important part of our work.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**Q. What do we understand about how prevalent sexual assault is on college and university campuses — nationally and at Hope?**

**A.** First, we have to acknowledge that research has consistently found that sexual assault and misconduct is an under-reported crime. To address that concern, we here at Hope have conducted two campus climate surveys in the past four years. This helps us get a better picture of what is happening on campus, who students are using for support and what they need from us in terms of on-going prevention and education efforts. The national average suggests that by the time they have finished college, one in four or one in five college-age women will have experienced some form of sexual misconduct. While our data shows that number is a little lower for students who attend Hope (currently around one in six), we believe even one is still too many.

**Q. What accounts for the change?**

**A.** I think the important thing to consider when we look at reporting trends is what else was going on in the environment. Hope has put significant resources into the work of Title IX for the past four years. It's not that we weren't doing the work before then, we were. Matter of fact, Hope had a solid sexual harassment policy in place long before it was the "thing to do" or before the government increased its attention to this area. However, new activism and prevention education for students, and now we have four professional managers in Human Resources, a dedicated Title IX coordinator and an experienced Title IX investigator. Additionally, we went through a major policy review and overhaul a few years ago, modeling our current policy on best practices. We've also created an online reporting form, developed online resources and implemented significant training and prevention programs across campus for both students and staff.

All of those efforts to improve our resources on campus and make people aware of their rights and resources naturally lead to an increase in reporting. It's not that there are more incidents happening on campus, but we believe people are more aware of their reporting options and resources and are engaging as we hope they would.

## REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

**Q. What are the reporting options at Hope if someone has been sexually assaulted or knows someone who was sexually assaulted?**

**A.** There is no one or right way to report, they simply need to get in touch with our office in some way. They can use the online reporting form, which can be found at [hope.edu/tidex](http://hope.edu/tidex), call us, schedule time to meet or send us an email if it's easiest. We encourage students who have just experienced an incident to contact Campus Safety, as they are always available and trained to help provide immediate assistance and information. Almost all employees on campus are mandatory reporters including resident assistants, so if a student goes to another employee first not knowing where else to go, that person will inform them that I need to be made aware. We don't want to discourage anyone from reporting. We will still get to decide what happens next, but it is a choice to make sure there is a central location that is aware of all issues reported on campus.

We also offer several confidential resources on-campus, such as our Victim Advocate, Counseling and Psychological Services. Campus Ministries and Health Center staff. Sometimes these are the places students feel safest at first, as they process how a situation is impacting them physically, emotionally and spiritually. These are also great resources for friends of survivors who need to know how to best support a friend who has disclosed to them, especially if that person hasn't told anyone else. We know from our climate survey that students are more likely to disclose to a peer before anyone else. When we provide training on campus we mention this, as we hope friends are prepared to support reporting and support options that exist. For an incident that just happened that could call for evidence collection, there are specific frames and recommended actions involved in the response. If a friend knows to encourage a survivor to call Campus Safety for help, it can make a huge difference down the road.

**Q. How do those figures compare, say, with 10 or 15 years ago?**

**A.** I would say from my experience and from speaking to those who were helping with this work before I started, anecdotally we would say reporting has gone up.

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## THE TOPIC NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT. **UNTIL NOW.**

### Q&A WITH SARA DORER



Reports by multiple well-known female celebrities. The trial and conviction of Dr. Larry Nassar. The revocation this past fall of the 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter. High-profile news has made sexual assault a national conversation, building awareness of the problem, empowering

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# The Taste of Freedom

By Greg Olgers '87

He had freedom in his hand in June of 1991, and he couldn't reach it. Nineteen-year-old Andrei Rukavishnikov was one of 19 students from the Soviet Union en route to the U.S. to spend the year at Hope College when his flight made a scheduled stop in Ireland. The disembarked passengers were each given a voucher for a Coke, and he couldn't have been more pleased.

"Everybody in Russia had said, 'Coca-Cola is the taste of freedom,' and of course I wanted to taste freedom," he said. He rushed to the bar and promptly received one of the iconic red-and-white cans. But there was a problem. Although he'd had many before, he'd never seen it or any beverage in a metal can. "I had no idea how to open it," he recalled.

Rukavishnikov struggled with the tab, which broke off, creating an anxious, almost desperate, moment. "I have this drink of freedom in my hand but I cannot drink it," he said.

He returned to the counter and, a bit embarrassed, requested another. Wordlessly, the barkeep took the broken can from him and without even looking tossed it back over his shoulder into the waste receptacle before handing Rukavishnikov a second container — after opening it first. "He'd probably never opened other planes full of Soviets who couldn't open cans,"

As it turned out, Rukavishnikov's encounter with the can of Coke offered not only a taste of freedom but an introduction to the new experiences to come. "I felt like I was from another planet," he said.

The group arrived at the college on July 1, 1991, for an orientation that ran until the school year began. They attended seminars on topics ranging from American culture and social issues, to the Holland and Hope communities, to how to use the Van Wylen Library; visited area industries and other cities like Chicago; and enjoyed a traditional Fourth of July parade and picnic in South Haven, Michigan.

They also had homestays, an experience that for Rukavishnikov was itself life-changing. He was hosted by John '56 and Margery Aldis '56 Ver Beek of South Haven, forging a relationship that has lasted ever since. He and the Ver Beeks have visited one another at a variety of locations in the U.S. and abroad through the past 26 years, and Rukavishnikov and his wife, Tatiana, and daughter, Katya, stayed with the Ver Beeks during their recent summer stop in West Michigan.

"It's developed into a wonderful friendship," he said. "We've seen each other many times."

As he visited Hope this past July, Rukavishnikov recalled the sites and experiences of his first time abroad fondly. There was Arcadian Hall (renamed Wyckoff Hall in 1994, where he lived "It was big fun," he said. "I had so many friends here"), and Van Wylen Library, where he worked. A computer science student, he appreciated the high-end equipment at Hope with which he had an opportunity to work. And then there was all-you-can-eat Phelps Dining Hall...

"When I left Moscow, the socialist planning system was gone but the capitalist one wasn't in place yet," he said. "I came from a country, basically, and this was like paradise for me. I had five kilon [11 pounds] in one month. The change was transformative. In my university, which was

He learned to play the Spanish guitar with Larry Malfrid — "I still play it, and although I have five guitars now, my favorite is the Yamaha that I bought 26 years ago in Holland," he said. He enrolled in a tennis class, an introduction to a sport that he still enjoys. Crucially, Rukavishnikov also took courses in the Department of Economics and Business, which set him on the career path that he has followed during the quarter century since.

"The first stone in this building of my career, the most important stone, the keystone, was placed by Hope College," he said. "I improved my English. I learned management skills. It was very useful experience for my career."

Rukavishnikov returned home in the spring of 1992 to a new nation, Russia, since the Soviet Union had dissolved during his time at Hope, in December 1991. He completed a Master of Sciences degree in operations research at Moscow State University, but he also earned a bachelor's degree and then an MBA from the American Institute of Business and Economics in Moscow, and conducted additional study through the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Executive Education program.

He has since traveled across the world, and has worked in marketing for a variety of companies in Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltics, including Smirnoff Vodka, Mars, Dealine (computer hardware manufacturer and distributor) and Baltika Breweries (Russia's market leader in beer). His responsibilities increased through the years, and included vice presidencies with the Baltika Group and Euroset, and serving as chief marketing officer with Eurasia Global and chief internal marketing officer with the May Company. Since 2014 he has been managing partner of his own firm, EBITDA Marketing.

He has published two books, *Beer Revolution and Marketing in Russia and How to Increase Sales: Smart Marketing*, and won awards including being named the Best Marketing Director of Russia by *Company's Secret* magazine and among the Top-10 Marketing Directors of Russia by *People* magazine, and for the Best Marketing Book in Russia for *Smart Marketing*.

Rukavishnikov is no less grateful for Hope's impact on his faith journey, for which he especially credits the Ver Beeks.

"I was not religious at all," he said. "In communism, it was

"John... and I started thinking about something that I had to do. They would be delighted to take you with us. If you do it will be okay."

"So I went, and I thought even the first time. 'What a beautiful service!' It was about moral values, and the moral values that the pastor explained came right to my heart," he said.

Some years later, Rukavishnikov visited Egypt's historic St. Catherine's Monastery, established in the sixth century. He was helping the Greek Orthodox monastery digitize its manuscript collection, which is the world's second-largest after the Vatican. He was baptized at the monastery at age 28, and has returned many times since. He and Tatiana named their daughter in St. Catherine's honor.

His visit to Hope this summer was an opportunity to relive good memories, but he also valued it as a chance to express appreciation — to the college, to the Ver Beeks and to Nageshvoort, whom he met for the first time — for all that has followed since his summer of '91 layover.

"This was a whole new world," he recalled as he toured the campus. "A whole new culture, new food. People wore so friendly. The Friendship, the willingness to help, the openness to new people. I was amazed," Rukavishnikov said. "One year at Hope College changed my life."





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# *The Taste of Freedom*

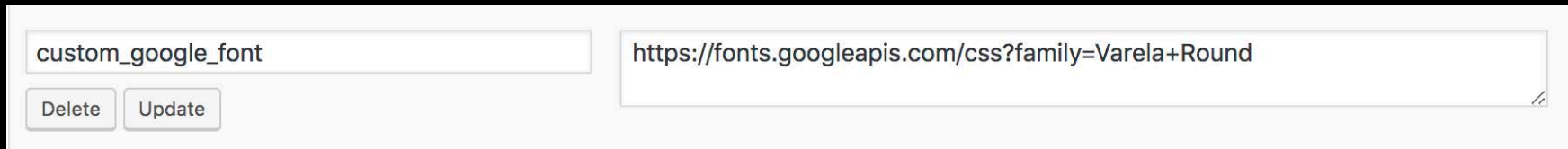


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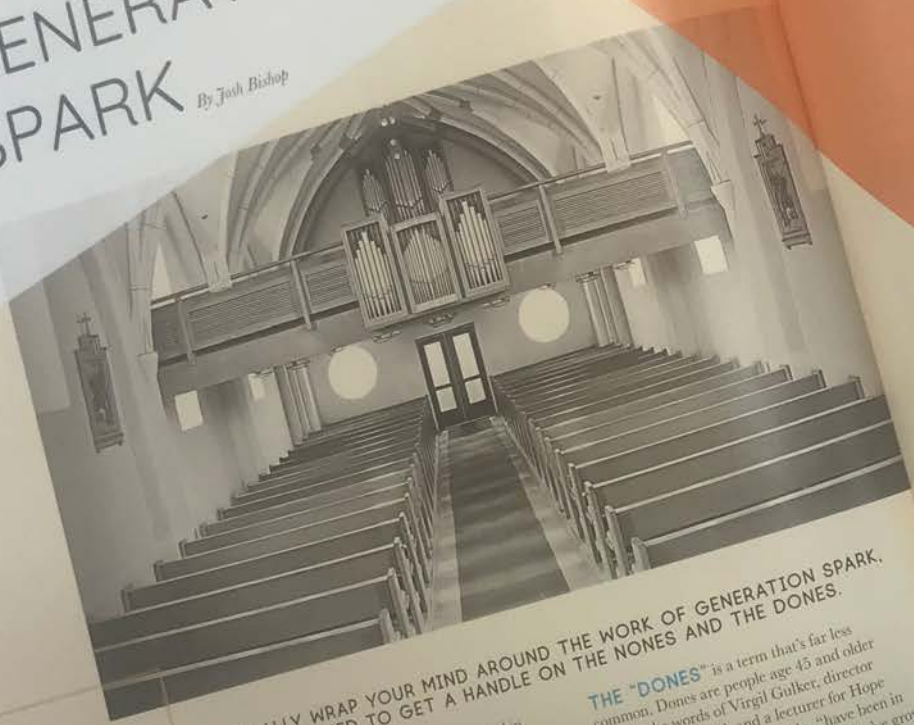
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# GENERATION SPARK

By Josh Bishop



TO REALLY WRAP YOUR MIND AROUND THE WORK OF GENERATION SPARK, YOU FIRST NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THE NONES AND THE DONES.

Let's start with **THE "NONES,"** a term used in the media as a shorthand way to talk about those who identify themselves on surveys and polls as having no religious affiliation. In other words, they are "nones." Many of these "nones" are young adults who grew up

**THE "DONES"** is a term that's far less common. Dones are people age 45 and older who, in the words of Virgil Gulker, director of Generation Spark and a lecturer for Hope College's Center for Leadership, "have been in most cases pillars of the church, but they've grown weary of the institution." They're done.

**T**he names and the dones. The same problem: After spending years in

## GENERATION SPARK AIMS TO DO SOMETHING

Supported by a 2017 grant of \$458,302 to the college from the Lilly Endowment Inc., this intergenerational mentoring program with a twist is currently being piloted in five churches in the Christian Reformed Church in North America and the Reformed Church in America denominations. (Additional denominations have already expressed interest in using the model.)

One year into the grant period and several months into the pilot program, five participating churches have brought church members from the nones generation and the dones generation into formal mentoring relationships, with each pair supported by a prayer partner.

The research-based idea behind this mentoring model is that by giving young people meaningful relationships with older adults — and giving older adults an opportunity to share their life experiences and influence the younger generation — each group could be an antidote to the other's declining participation in church life.

That's one of the reasons Victory Point Ministries in Holland, Michigan, got involved. "We were intrigued by the idea of the cross-generation relationship and how much these pairs could speak into each other's lives for personal growth and for bridging gaps within our church community, leaving both feeling valued and cared for," said Wendé Kapenga, director of the church's Generation Spark program.

"Intergenerational mentoring is very popular right now," Gulker said, "but the problem is that when you take a 60-year-old and put them with a 16-year-old, it's just flat-out weird. They have nothing in common."

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# SOMETHING IN THE WATER

Two of Michigan's best-known breweries — New Holland and Founders — are celebrating their 20th anniversaries this year, but that isn't all they have in common. They both brew high-quality, unique beer. They're both known, at least in part, for their bourbon barrel-aged stouts (Dragon's Milk and KBS, respectively). And they were both founded by Hope College alumni.

Turns out there are more than a handful of craft breweries owned by Hope College alumni. Our latest count? Seven of them. (Actually, the count is now *eight*. Please see the note at the end of the article as well as the complete list at the left.) There must be something in Hope's water — and it isn't malted barley, yeast and hops.

**It's not an easy industry, but many of Hope's alumni brewers credit an unexpected element for their success: a broad knowledge base and their experiences at a small liberal arts college.**

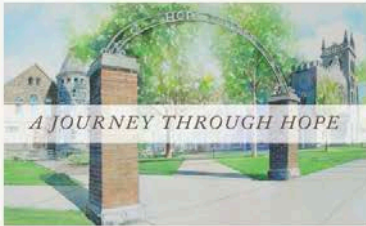
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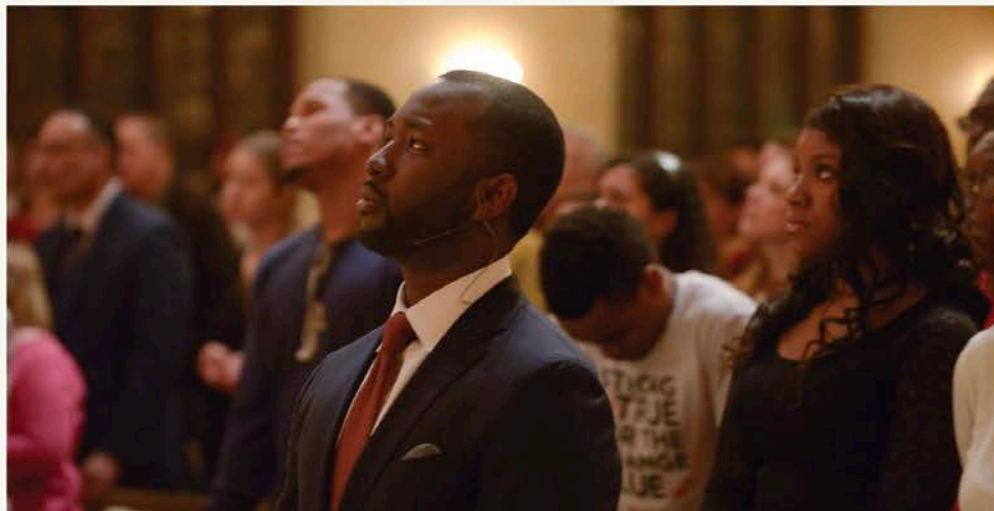
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