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TRIBUTE

ALUMNI CHRIS AND BETHANY SOLYNTJES
RELEASED THEIR FIRST ALBUM "REFUGE," THIS FALL.



Grace College & Seminary Alumni Awards

The alumni award winners, (pictured from left to right) Bob Fetterhoff (MDiv 79), Betsey (Rumley BA 09) Vastbinder, Carole Gordon, Bill Gordon and Terry White (BME 64), were recognized at the Celebration of Grace dinner on Sept. 24 and at Homecoming Chapel on Sept. 25.

Grace College & Seminary presented its 2015 alumni awards at this year's Homecoming celebration.

William "Bill" P. and Carole A. Gordon were chosen as the Honorary Alumni of the Year Award recipients. This award is given in recognition of non-alumni who have demonstrated a genuine interest in the cause of Christian higher education as represented by and through Grace College & Seminary and who have demonstrated their commitment to the mission of Grace.

Reverend Robert "Bob" D. Fetterhoff (MDiv 79) was presented with the Alumni of the Year Award. This award is given in recognition of alumni who have enhanced Grace's mission, reputation or campus morale, and who represent the school with professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication.

Elizabeth "Betsey" (Rumley BA 09) Vastbinder was given the Young Alumni of the Year Award, which is awarded in recognition of alumni who have made

significant contributions to society and/or have made significant professional advancements in their career less than 10 years since their graduation.

Dr. Terence "Terry" D. White (BME 64) was presented with the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, which is given in recognition of alumni who have exhibited Christian leadership and who have displayed extraordinary service to the increased welfare of Grace.

Bill and Carole Gordon — Honorary Alumni of the Year Award Recipients

Bill and Carole Gordon have profoundly impacted our campus through their dedicated service. Bill joined the faculty in 1978 as assistant professor of business. He has since served on the Academic Affairs Committee, the Athletic Committee, the International Business Committee and the first Provost Council. Additionally, Bill was a charter member of the International Business Institute and helped develop the Christian Business Faculty Association. Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments was the establishment of the Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development, which seeks to enable the Grace College community to form collaborative partnerships with local, national and international business communities. Bill retired in 2009, after 31 years as a faculty member at Grace.

At every step, Carole has supported Bill and served the college community generously. She helped start and was the first chairman of the Christian Women's Club in Warsaw and was on the leadership team of the Grace College Faculty Women's Club for many years, which provided support and encouragement for women faculty and faculty wives and helped fund campus projects. Carole has also hosted and mentored numerous students in their home.

Bob Fetterhoff — Alumni of the Year Award Recipient

In 1980, after graduating from Grace, Bob Fetterhoff became the senior pastor of Wooster Grace Brethren Church and announced this year that in the

fall of 2017, he will step down as senior pastor after 36 years of faithful service. Fetterhoff has been an active member in the Wayne County community as the founding pastor of Wooster Christian School and the founding chairman of the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County.

Fetterhoff served as executive director of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches for two terms and is currently chairman of GO2 Ministries. He hosts a weekday radio broadcast "Minute with the Master" and has led 21 tours of the Holy Land. He and his wife, Roxanne, have two daughters and five grandchildren. A member of Fetterhoff's congregation praised his leadership, remarking, "Pastor Bob has been a visionary, a shepherd and an example to us all. I could not be more thankful for his extraordinary leadership."

Betsey Vastbinder — Young Alumni of the Year Award Recipient

While at Grace, Betsey (Rumley) Vastbinder received the Outstanding Prospective Teacher Honorable Mention and the Social Studies Award. Currently, Vastbinder is a social studies teacher at Lakeview Middle School with the Warsaw Community School district. In 2014, she was named Teacher of the Year for the prestigious school district, beating out 400 other potential candidates — many with decades more experience.

Vasterbinder's passion and enthusiasm for students and teaching is clearly evident to those around her. She is described as being a "kid-magnet" who makes learning fun, engaging and inspiring, and she is respected

and known for collaborating with her fellow staff and faculty. Perhaps the greatest compliment of all comes from one of her former students who shared, "Mrs. Vastbinder had time for me. She believed in me when no one else did."

Terry White — Alumni Distinguished Service Award Recipient

After graduating from Grace in 1964, Dr. Terry White served in town government, chaired the board of his local church, owned a number of businesses and held multiple positions at Grace. He and his wife, Sharon (Aunt BME 64), then spent 25 years working in Minneapolis and Washington, D.C., before returning to Winona Lake in 2003 for White to revitalize and direct the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. and BMH Books. Upon his return, White generously resumed his support of Grace, and over the past dozen years has assisted with countless projects on campus and taught most of the journalism courses on campus. Currently, White serves as a personal adviser to President Katip (BA 74) and assists with public relations activities, editing and writing.

No one knows more about the history of Winona Lake than White, as evidenced by his recent book, "Winona at 100," in which he and co-author Dr. Steve Grill (BA 70) trace the history of Winona Lake. White donates countless hours as a volunteer at the Winona History Center, which fosters educational and scholarly interest in Winona's heritage through the preservation and exhibition of historical collections.



*We invite you to submit nominees
for the 2016 Alumni Awards at
www.grace.edu/alumni/awards.*

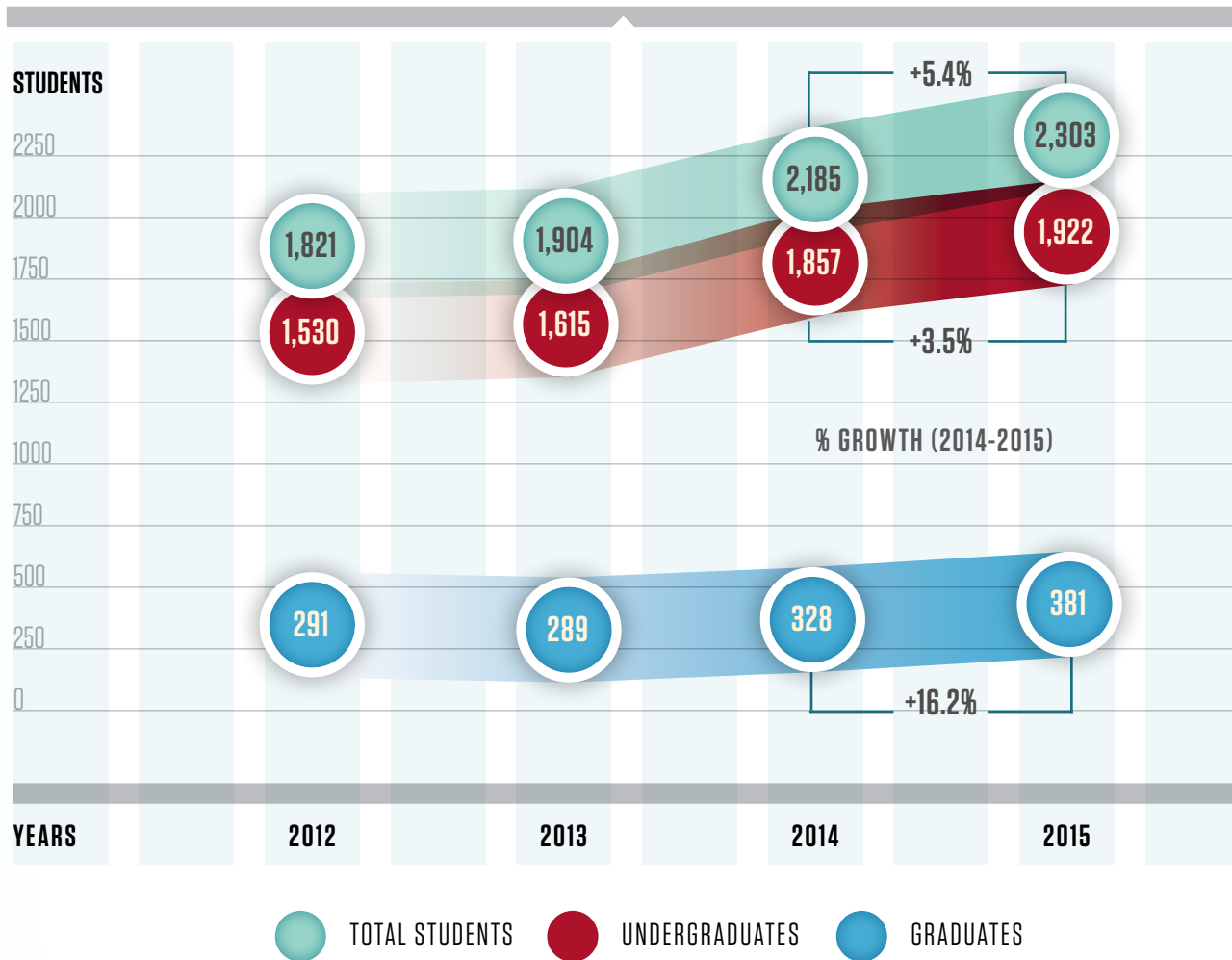
Four Years Running: Record Enrollment

Grace College & Seminary's enrollment increased for the fourth consecutive year this fall. With a total of 2,303 students — a 5.4 percent increase over last year — the growth stemmed from an increase in on-campus, off-site and online student enrollments.

Parents and students continue to be encouraged by Grace's cost savings and high quality Christian education solutions. The Measure of Grace initiative, which began this fall, ensures students' undergraduate tuition rates will never be higher than their first year's rate. In addition, for each consecutive year students attend Grace, they receive a \$500 reduction in tuition. And don't forget

— all textbook rentals are free for undergraduates, saving an additional \$4,800 over their four-year stay.

Vice President of Enrollment Management Cindy Sisson (BA 77) observes everyday how prospective students are grateful for the ways in which Grace College is offering an affordable, faith-based, quality education. "It accounts for another year of record enrollment for Grace," Sisson says. "We consider it a privilege to partner with families by making Christian higher education more affordable so that it remains a viable option for them."





As I write this letter, I've just enjoyed the most wonderful Homecoming Weekend. The impact around the world for Christ by Grace alumni was clearly evident in this year's Homecoming when we celebrated 50 years of soccer at Grace, welcomed alumni and had glorious weather for our weekend of activities.

God's blessing on Grace is so evident in this season, and we pay tribute to Him, giving Him all the glory.

Enrollment is at an all-time high. We have more opportunities than ever before to reach into students' lives, impact them with the Gospel and equip them with a biblical

worldview. As you'll find in the pages of our annual report, we are financially stable and praise God for the revenue needed to meet our obligations and a surplus for forward-looking research and development.

I praise the Lord daily and give tribute to my predecessors, the previous Grace presidents who still live in the Warsaw/Winona Lake community and who give prayer support, advice and encouragement. Thank you, Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., Dr. John Davis and Dr. Ron Manahan!

We have a great faculty and a wonderful support staff, but we also know that much

of God's blessing is due to the thousands of prayer supporters, donors, alumni and friends of Grace who regularly encourage us with their involvement. We pay tribute to you and give honor to God.

"Not to us, O Lord ... but to Your name be the glory." (Psalm 115:1)



Bill Katip

William J. Katip, Ph.D. (BA 74)
President

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS	30.27%	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	11.15%
\$15,522,589		\$5,719,815	
INSTRUCTION & ACADEMIC SUPPORT	20.42%	AUXILIARY EXPENSES	9.45%
\$10,475,609		\$4,848,590	
STUDENT SERVICES	12.64%	GRACE COMMUNITY EDUCATION	5.82%
\$6,484,662		\$2,986,976	



REVENUE INCREASED
12.4%
WHILE EXPENSES ONLY INCREASED
5.8%

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Grace is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence and preparing for service.

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Pictured are Chris (BS 04) and Bethany (Liston BS 04)

Solyntjes at their home in Cleveland, Ohio. Photography

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What's In A Name?

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2: 8–9, the verses upon which Grace College & Seminary were 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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TRIBUTE STORIES

"OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN," called out a now not-so-shy Todd Anderson, as he bravely stepped atop his desk in the middle of his prep school English class. Anderson and his classmates, who soon followed his lead, made a declaration that would not go unnoticed. Risking association with the infamous Dead Poet's Society and ultimately expulsion, their civil demonstration was designed to honor the life-changing influence of John Keating, their professor who possessed an extraordinary talent for teaching his students how to see life differently, to feel deeply and to take great risks for great rewards.

After the death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathaea, a secret disciple of the Lord, asked Pilate for permission to take away and care for the body of Jesus. When Pilate confirmed with the centurion that Jesus had in fact died, the request was approved. So Joseph and Nicodemus, by cover of night, and bringing about a hundred pounds of expensive myrrh and aloes, took the body of Jesus, bound it in fine linen cloths with the spices and lay the body in a new garden tomb, where no man had ever lain. It was a tomb hewn from solid rock for Joseph's own burial, given in tribute to honor the One who had given everything.

Tributes are debts of gratitude paid in a heartfelt gesture that is very personal and public — one that illuminates and esteems the sacrifice of another.



This issue of 2|8|9 is a tribute of its own — written as a declaration of thanksgiving for the faithfulness of our Lord and the unprecedented generosity shown this past year by so many of you. Our annual report issue reveals a fruitful year with much to be celebrated. In this edition, you'll also find the heart-warming stories of several Grace grads who are using their lives to pay tribute to the King of Kings.

We hope you are blessed and challenged to respond to the Lord for all that He has done in your own life.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Sterner'.

Kevin Sterner (C 94)
Editor-in-Chief

Grace College & Seminary

CampusWire

Rodeheaver Auditorium Gets an Upgrade

Grace College & Seminary began leasing the Rodeheaver Auditorium to local area business group, Living Winona, in August. “Living Winona has a wonderful history of supporting Grace as well as the community. They are an ideal partner for us, and we are excited for the changes they’ll bring and believe they will serve the needs of Grace College, our students and the community,” said Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace College & Seminary.

Living Winona is investing significant resources to update the current Rodeheaver Auditorium, and while the newly purposed building will retain its name, the business will operate as the Winona Heritage Room. Plans for the renovation are not yet finalized, but will seek to create a first-class facility

for banquets, wedding receptions, conferences and other Grace College and community uses. In addition, the stage portion of the auditorium will be maintained, allowing for continued hosting of concerts and musicals.

“We are thrilled to help build on the very deep heritage that Grace College, the Village at Winona and The Town of Winona Lake have created over the years and are proud to announce the opening of Winona Heritage Room,” said Caleb France, owner of Living Winona, LLC.

To help kick off the musical events at the new Winona Heritage Room, the Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts announced that the Symphony of the Lakes will be performing four upcoming concerts in the upgraded space.

For more information, visit www.winonaheritageroom.com.



Haven't Been to Campus Lately? Take Our Virtual Tour



Grace College & Seminary partnered with YouVisit, LLC, to build a complete virtual walking tour of the college, giving prospective students, their families, alumni and the community unlimited access to Grace's scenic campus. High school students, as well as their families and counselors can now explore Grace College's campus at their convenience via Grace's website. As an additional option to a live campus visit, the tour gives visitors the ability to inquire about or apply for admission.

“We are pleased to be able to partner with YouVisit in order to provide yet another option for students and families to explore all that Grace has to offer,” said Cindy Sisson (BA 77), vice president of enrollment management at Grace. “We understand that a personal visit isn't always possible or practical. The virtual tour provides a way to consider what Grace offers to those who otherwise might not have such an opportunity.”

You can even tour Grace's campus right on your mobile device (Android, iPhone and iPad). The tour includes 35 videos, 30 different 360-degree views, 179 photos and 18 unique campus and community tour stops.

You can access the tour at www.grace.edu/virtualtour.



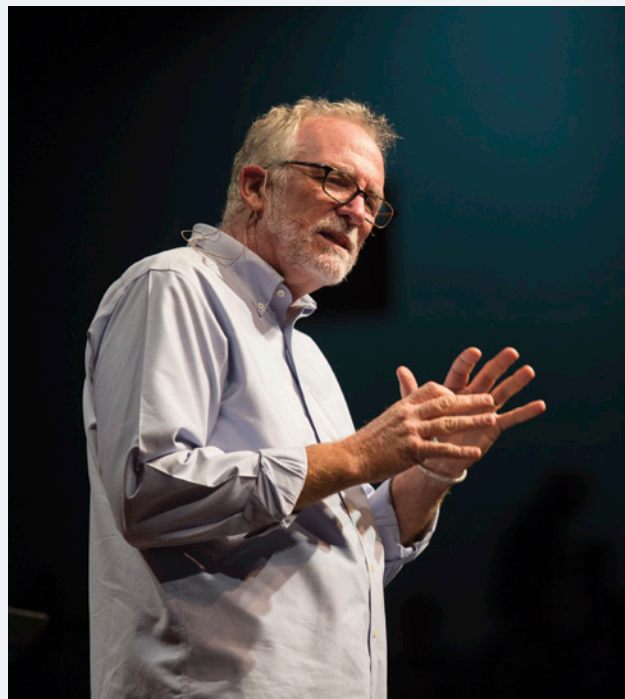


Hollywood on Location at Grace College

“Nouvelle Vie,” a film set to be released in fall 2016, was shot in the Winona Lake area, and spent three weeks this summer filming on Grace’s campus. Several scenes were shot in Morgan Library, Westminster Hall and Philathea Hall, and many Grace College & Seminary students served as extras and assisted the film crew during the shoot.

To the delight of so many “Lost” fans, actor Terry O’Quinn, who played the beloved character John Locke from the Emmy-winning TV show, was one of several well-known cast members of the film to make an appearance. “It was a joy and honor to be a part of supporting the production of this film about love and hope,” said Paul DeRenzo (MAM 94), Grace’s director of special events. “Our campus family showed incredible flexibility and hospitality to the more than 100 cast and crew who visited our local community and campus.”

For more information on the film, visit www.newlifethemovie.com.



Author and Speaker Bob Goff Comes to Grace

“Love Does,” the New York Times Best-Selling book by Bob Goff, was the Summer Read for Grace College freshmen this year. “It’s an important component of the First-Year Experience Grace creates for the incoming class,” explained Aaron Crabtree (BA 99), dean of students. “It’s the first academic shared experience that engages our students prior to their arrival on campus.”

Every year, Grace brings the author of the Summer Read to campus to speak to the freshmen and in chapel. Goff, who is also an attorney and founder of Restore International, a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India and Somalia, spoke at Grace on Sept. 30. He told many stories of his adventures born out of the belief that love takes action, and he challenged the student body to love like Jesus loved: to love actively and to live lovingly.

Junior and student mentor Moriah Conant shared how remarkable it was to see her freshmen students impacted by Goff’s message. “One of my students has made the important distinction between following all of the rituals and actually going out and loving people,” said Conant. “Seeing my students come to understand love as an action verb makes me feel like a proud parent.”

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@alancaster1176

Keith's sis Cheryl Lawlor inducted in @gracecollege athletic hall of fame today! Godly woman and athlete



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@gracecollege is really on the cutting edge by having students' textbooks waiting in their dorm room for them... And they're free!



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@bobgoff you brought me to tears today. Your outlook on love is my life goal. Such a blessing for us at @gracecollege



@aaroncrabtree

Sir Red giving high 4s to first graders at the Kosciusko Promise event. @GCLancers @gracecollege



Love & Refuge

BY CHELSEA BATTEN AND BRYAN THOMPSON

EVERY FALL, 400 OR SO FRESHMEN ARRIVE AT GRACE COLLEGE HOPING TO FIND AND PURSUE THEIR CALLING. A GOOD NUMBER ALSO COME WITH DREAMS OF FINDING THEIR MATE. BUT TO FIND BOTH IN THE SAME PERSON — THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY GOD COULD ACCOMPLISH.



That's just what happened for Chris (BS 04) and Bethany (Liston BS 04) Solyntjes, two impressionable freshmen who arrived on the Grace College campus in the fall of 2000 with no way of knowing that, together, they would be embarking on a journey of sharing God's Word through music.

FINDING MUSIC AND EACH OTHER

“From the beginning, music was a big part of our relationship.” — Bethany

It's hard to underestimate the role Grace had in nurturing their musical beginnings. Chris and Bethany were immediately drawn to each other. Their shared love of the alternative music scene sealed the friendship when they first met almost a year before arriving at Grace.

“We're both children of the 90s,” Chris laughs. “That kind of music, as good and bad as it was, kind of brought us together. We'd go to friends' houses and jam out in the garage.”

Before long, they were writing songs together, experimenting with instrumental projects, co-leading worship in chapel ... and, yes, starting to date. The closer they grew to God and to each other, the clearer their partnership and calling toward music became.

“You have rock-and-roll dreams as a kid growing up,” Chris reflects. “Looking back though, we can see those times at Grace were formative for Bethany and me, as friends and musicians.”

PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

After graduating and getting married shortly after, they were committed to building their

married life on a foundation of praise and worship. In the years following, they had the opportunity to lead worship in a number of different churches. While they enjoyed the work, something about it felt off. It was as if they were functioning as a “worship song cover band,” Chris says.

“One church essentially told us, ‘Don't speak. Just play the song, and get off the stage.’ Somewhere along the line, we just felt like that wasn't something we wanted to be about or what we were being called to do personally.”

Everything changed when Chris and Bethany teamed up with Andy Sikora, a pastor at Renew Communities in Cleveland, Ohio. Sikora encouraged them to engage with the church congregation by being as authentic as possible in their music. Their songwriting went into overdrive and culminated with the introduction of the song “Still” to their church in 2011.

The congregation's response to that song still rings in their memory. Chris and Bethany realized that they had a voice to offer as worship leaders — one that could channel the heartbeat of their church's day-to-day life. In a very real sense, the church is co-writing songs with them.

This was nowhere more evident than in “You Are My Song,” a soft, ethereal melody that builds piece by piece into full, soulful harmony and was written in the midst of a tragedy that befell a family in their church. As the congregation rallied around this family to share the burden of their sorrow, it became a profound experience of grief and a church-wide search for the goodness of God in the shadow of death.

“REFUGE” AND BEYOND

“As worship leaders, we are called to be pastors and disciple-makers first. Getting the opportunity to put worship and theology to a soundtrack every Sunday is an added bonus.” — Chris

Typically their songwriting begins with a word, phrase or line of Scripture that resonates with one of them. The next step is trying various melodies, looking for the best fit, then building verses and choruses together around the central theme.

The link between their organic, collaborative process and the extraordinary impact of the songs is, of course, the live performance. For this, Chris and Bethany have a very simple measure of success: The less people notice them, the better.

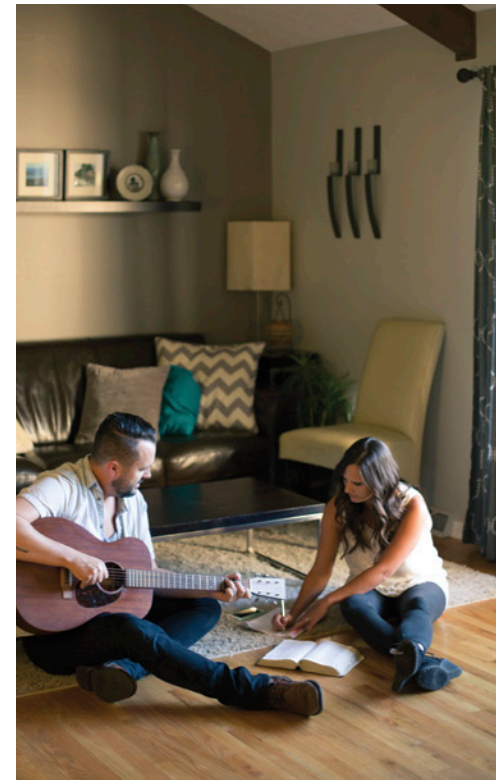
“You know you’re doing the right thing when people aren’t looking at you or even paying attention to how good you are,” Chris says. “You take the showmanship out of the equation. As worship leaders we shepherd people into the presence of God. If we’re just putting on a show, we’ve ultimately missed the point.”

At the suggestion of their church, Chris and Bethany began taking steps toward recording their songs. Their first EP, which attracted notable praise, connected them with Robbie Seay, an acclaimed worship leader and songwriter who agreed to produce their first full-length record, “Refuge.”

The recording life is not a fast-paced one, Chris notes. It’s a stepwise process that took place over many months in several different cities — Houston for preproduction, Austin for laying down instrumental tracks and back to Cleveland to record vocals. Entirely funded by Kickstarter, “Refuge” was released to an eager audience who had helped make it a reality.

A note of shy incredulity creeps into Chris’ and Bethany’s voices as they review the past year. None of this was part of their plan when they set out on the musicians’ path. And it wouldn’t be possible, they stress, without their church’s constant support for not only their musicianship, but for their family and spiritual life.

“Our church is really big on helping people learn to hear from God, and do what He’s asking them to do,” Bethany says. “A big



saying in our church is, ‘What’s God saying to you, and what are you going to do about it?’”

For Chris and Bethany, the answer to that question grows increasingly clear: Reach into their most vulnerable places, and write songs that speak to the real experience of spiritual life, both individually and as part of a local church. Music, approached this way, is a tool for communicating God’s heart in a way that mere words can’t do.

“We believe what we do through music is just as important as anything that the pastor is teaching about,” Chris says. “We are speaking theology — we are hearing from God, and we are putting that in song to teach people about what God is doing.” ■



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FUNDRAISING \$8,242,046	14.61%	GRACE COMMUNITY EDUCATION \$2,833,016	5.02%	INVESTMENT RETURN \$152,957	0.27%
TOTAL REVENUE					\$56,423,267

\$51,291,832 TOTAL EXPENSES



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS \$15,522,589	30.27%	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT \$5,719,815	11.15%	PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS \$2,794,496	5.45%
INSTRUCTION & ACADEMIC SUPPORT \$10,475,609	20.42%	AUXILIARY EXPENSES \$4,848,590	9.45%	DEPRECIATION & DEBT \$2,459,095	4.80%
STUDENT SERVICES \$6,484,662	12.64%	GRACE COMMUNITY EDUCATION \$2,986,976	5.82%	TOTAL EXPENSES	
					\$51,291,832



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TOTAL GIFTS GIVEN BY DONORS WAS UP **17%** OVER THE LAST FISCAL YEAR FROM **\$5,413,211** TO **\$6,330,935**

Enrollment Statistics

Comparison percentage from 2014 to 2015 in red

Graduate Online

88	112	186
2013	2014	2015

66% INCREASE

GOAL Online

32	28	96
2013	2014	2015

243% INCREASE

Weber Schools

67	88	105
2013	2014	2015

19% INCREASE

Engineering

16	47	55
2013	2014	2015

17% INCREASE

MBA

25	31	43
2013	2014	2015

39% INCREASE

MS in Athletic Administration

--	65	73
2013	2014	2015

12% INCREASE

MS in Higher Education

--	6	12
2013	2014	2015

100% INCREASE

MS in Nonprofit Management

--	12	18
2013	2014	2015

50% INCREASE

A Distinctive Program: MS in Athletic Administration

When Dr. Darrell Johnson (BS 74), program director of the Master of Science in Athletic Administration, launched the degree in 2014, he estimated the first-year class size would be around 25 students — but it turned out to be 65. “We developed an affordable, convenient and practical master’s degree program specifically for high school athletic directors,” explained Dr. Johnson. “It’s a project-based program designed for students to be able to apply their knowledge to their school immediately, and it’s working.”

In partnership with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA), Grace’s program utilizes the content of their Leadership Training Certification (LTC) workshops as part of its graduate offerings for athletic administrators. In fact, the CIAAA has endorsed Grace’s degree as its preferred and exclusive provider for a master’s in athletic administration. As a result, 40 percent of the program’s current student population is from Canada. They also have their first students from Hong Kong and Romania.

In a letter of appreciation to Dr. Johnson, Anthony Amero, who will graduate from the master’s in athletic administration program in December 2015, said he

would be encouraging all other athletic directors he knows to enroll in the program. “This has been the best educational decision I have ever made in regards to classes,” said Amero. “I truly appreciate all that you have done, not only for me, but for all active athletic administrators who have the opportunity to take part in this program.”

100 Percent Exam Pass Rate

To accommodate the growing number of students interested in a nursing degree, Grace College began a partnership with Bethel College School of Nursing in 2003 to offer an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). While living on Grace’s campus, students complete liberal arts classes under Grace College and earn their nursing credits from Bethel College. The ADN program may be completed in two years and prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) as a registered nurse. Bethel nursing graduates are highly sought after for employment by health care agencies, and student performance is indicating just how strong the ADN program is.

“Every ADN student who graduated from the Grace/Bethel program this spring passed his/her NCLEX exam on the first try,” reports Grace Nursing Coordinator Kathy Oliver. Accrediting agencies and the Indiana State Board of Nursing look at first-time pass rates for all nursing programs to determine their effectiveness. Dr. John Lillis, Grace executive vice president of

academic affairs, expected nothing less. “The Grace/Bethel partnership is extremely strong. The program supports students academically and spiritually and prepares students to succeed as RNs.”

Graduated ADN students who pass their boards are eligible to work as nurses and may go to complete their BSN at Bethel through Grace.

School of Professional and Online Education Sees Huge Growth

Earlier this year, the Department of Online Education and Adult & Community Education School came together to form the School of Professional and Online Education (SPOE). The School encompasses community, regional and online education programs.

Tim Ziebarth (BS 93, MBA 12), executive officer of academic affairs and dean of SPOE, is enthusiastic about the significant growth and synergy that this new school holds. “Our programs saw notable growth and our online enrollment is making an impact,” Ziebarth says. “The delivery format for higher education continues to change and evolve, and Grace is striving to stay on the forefront of it.”

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BOB RICHMOND LOVED THE WARSAW COMMUNITY. He worked at United Telephone, but gave almost equal time to volunteerism, serving on the Warsaw City Council, participating in Toastmasters, sitting on many community boards and serving at his local church. Richmond's presence was so impactful that he was named Kosciusko County Man of the Year in 1993 and awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash in 2003. When Richmond wrote his will, he bequeathed \$20,000 to Grace, desiring to support organizations that were blessing his beloved community. After he passed in 2004, his gift to Grace was matched two times over by the Lilly Foundation and the K-21 Foundation. His \$20,000 turned into \$60,000 and was used to help construct the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center.

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Dr. Nate Bosch (center) examines stream data with his Environmental Science students.

Center for Lakes & Streams Exceeds Halfway Mark Towards \$1 Million Endowment

Grace has a strong heritage of holding God's creation in high esteem. The Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College is building on this foundation by working to make the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County cleaner. In order to best serve Grace's community and students, Center for Lakes & Streams Director Dr. Nate Bosch has been working to raise a \$1 million endowment to establish the center permanently at Grace College. The endowment would provide \$50,000 toward the center's \$400,000 annual operating budget.

In September, the center exceeded the \$600,000 mark with endowment gifts and pledges. "We're so grateful for the response we're receiving," said Vice President of Advancement Drew Flamm. "The center is a key part of how Grace supports its community, helping to strengthen a county blessed with more than 100 lakes, which provide healthy recreation, aesthetic beauty and economic progress," said Flamm.

Not only is the center critical to the community, but it also provides Grace students with a practical hands-on learning experience. "Students work with lake residents, government agencies, corporate professionals and partner environmental organizations to develop their skills and expertise while serving others," explained Bosch.



TO HELP THE CENTER REACH ITS GOAL, VISIT WWW.GRACE.EDU/GIVE AND DESIGNATE "CENTER FOR LAKES & STREAMS."

Recent Grace Board of Trustees Election

In August, the corporation members of Grace College & Seminary voted for trustees to serve on the Grace Board for a three-year term (2015–2018). The following were elected:



MATT ABERNETHY is vice president of finance for Americas and Global Product Engines, a commercial business unit of Zimmer Biomet in Warsaw, Ind. Matt is a graduate of Grace College (BS 03) and University of Chicago (MBA) and serves as a small group leader at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Matt and his wife, Brittney (Raber BA 04), have three children. Matt is newly appointed to the Grace Board to fill an unexpired term and will serve on the Advancement Commission.



BOB BISHOP is owner and CEO of the family farm in Leesburg, Ind. Bob is a graduate of Grace College (BS 69) and Indiana University (MA). He serves on the Kosciusko County Community Foundation board, the Leesburg Cemetery Board, the Plain Township advisory board and is President of Kosciusko County Farm Bureau. Bob and his wife, Waneta, are members of Warsaw Community Church and parents of two children. Bob is newly elected to the Grace Board and will serve on the College Academic Affairs/Strategic Initiatives Commission.



BILL BURKE is senior vice president of marketing at Nationwide Insurance. Bill is a graduate of Stony Brook University (BA), University of Connecticut (MBA) and Grace Theological Seminary (MAMS 07). He serves as chairman of the National Advisory Board for The Salvation Army and marketing chair for United Way of Central Ohio. He and his wife, Marianne, are members of North Church, Lewis Center, Ohio, and parents of two children. Bill has served on the Grace Board since 2006 and is currently the chair of the Board.



KIP CONE is proclamation pastor at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Kip graduated from Grace College (BA 89) and Grace Theological Seminary (MDiv 96). He and his wife, Mary (BS 88), are members at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and parents of two sons. Kip has served on the Grace Board since 2010 and is chair of the Seminary/School of Ministry Commission.



PHYLLIS ANN MARWAH is co-founder of Mother's Choice, a Hong Kong charity that provides care for children needing permanent homes and for single girls and their families facing crisis pregnancies. Phyllis studied at Grace College (BS 69), the University of Hawaii and the University of Washington. She has lived in Hong Kong since 1974 and is a mother to seven children. Phyllis is newly elected to the Grace Board and will serve on the Enrollment/Marketing Commission.



MARK MILLER is president of Miller Capital, an independent registered investment adviser firm. He is a graduate of Grace College (BS 89) and Valparaiso University (JD). He is a member of the CFA Society of Detroit and the State Bar of Michigan. He and his wife, Donna (BS 90), are members at Kensington Church, Orion, Mich., and are parents of three children. Mark is newly elected to the Grace Board and will serve on the Financial Affairs/Compliance Commission.



JOHN McINTOSH is pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Ripon, Calif., having retired as senior pastor of Simi Valley Grace Brethren Church in 2012. John is a graduate of Grace College (BA 71) and Grace Theological Seminary (M.Div. 87). He and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of three children. John served on the Grace Board previously from 1998 to 2007 and returned in 2012. He serves on the Seminary/School of Ministry Studies Commission.



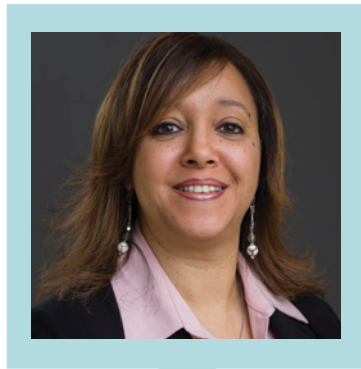
JANET MINNIX is retired president of Women of Grace USA, a ministry of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Janet is a graduate of Grace College (BS 61). She chairs the missions commission and is a member of the leadership council and worship team at her church. Janet and her husband, Odell, are members of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., and are parents of two sons. Janet has served on the Grace Board since 2006. She is a member of the Seminary/School of Ministry Studies Commission.



LOREN NEUENSCHWANDER is managing director of Connection Carrier Finance and CFO of Endeavor Airlines (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta Airlines). Loren is a graduate of Grace College (BS 87) and Auburn University (MBA). He is a member of Church of the Open Door in Maple Grove, Minn. He has served on the Auburn University Graduate School Advisory Board and SEND International Board. Loren is newly elected to the Grace Board and will serve on the Advancement Commission.



BOB VITOUX is executive vice president and chief financial officer at Steinway & Sons in New York. Bob is a graduate of Manchester College (AA, BA). He has served as campaign chair of Kosciusko County United Way and served on the boards of Combined Community Services and Junior Achievement of Kosciusko County. He and his wife, Debbie, are members of the First United Methodist Church, Warsaw, Ind., and the parents of two children. Bob has served on the Grace Board since 2006. He is vice chair of the Grace Board and chairs the Finance and Compliance Commission.



LETITIA WILLIAMS is director of the Public Safety Department at the University of Detroit, Mercy. She is a graduate of Wayne State University (BA), University of Phoenix (MBA) and Grace College & Seminary (MAMS 10). Letitia and her husband, Bernard, are members of Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield, Mich., and parents of one son. She has served on the Chief's Advisory Board for the Detroit Police Department and the Homeland Security Roundtable for the City of Detroit. Letitia is newly elected to the Grace Board and will serve on the College Academic Affairs/Strategic Initiatives Commission.



JANINE ZELTWANGER is senior private wealth adviser/principal with Ronald Blue & Company. Janine is a graduate of Grace College (BS 85). She served on the Grace Board from 1999 to 2014. She is a member of Faith Church in Indianapolis, Ind., and has served as treasurer, teacher of an adult finance class and benevolence counselor at the church. Janine is newly reelected to the Grace Board and will serve on the Student and Academic Services Commission.

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Volleyball's Newest Ace: Coach Katie Van Hofwegen

The search is over, and the game is on. The Lady Lancers had a strong start to the 2015 season with a new coach at the helm, two-time All-Conference winner and most recently NCAA Div. II assistant coach from The University of Virginia-Wise, Katie Van Hofwegen.

Van Hofwegen is rolling into town as a qualified, experienced and professional coach who knows the game well both as a player and a leader. "I'm looking forward to ... sharing my faith with [the team] and leading them both spiritually and as volleyball players," she said when she entered the program this summer. "I'm really grateful for this opportunity, and I'm ready to get started."

And start she did. The Lady Lancers won the season-opening Grace College Classic with a perfect 4-0 record, making a fierce start to the season under new leadership. She was the 2010 Southern States Athletic Conference Libero of the Year and graduated from Shorter University (Ga.) as the school's all-time leader in aces (163), No. 2 rank for digs (1,536) and the school record-holder for most service aces in a single season (66).

But Van Hofwegen isn't just a record-setting athlete; she's an experienced coach. Van Hofwegen, a native of Riverside, Calif., has worked on coaching staffs of all sorts, from NCAA Div. III at Randolph College to summer camps at Liberty University. The Grace athletic department is excited about having someone who will lead the team into an already bright future. "Katie ... has a tremendous background in volleyball and has enjoyed success both as a player and coach," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "She is a teacher of the game and is fully committed to helping student-athletes grow in all aspects of their lives during their college experience."

A teacher, a leader and a winner, all wrapped up in one coach. What more could we ask for?



Pictured is Katie Van Hofwegen, Grace's new volleyball head coach, during her years as a record-setting volleyball player for Shorter University.

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Great Players and Great Scholars

When you think of a team's "score," you usually think of the points it takes to win games. But when we talk about "scores" in Grace College athletics, sometimes we mean more than game-winning figures.

Grace College athletics has continued to win big in the GPA game this past year. A total of 13 of Grace's 14 varsity athletic programs were named Scholar-Teams by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the 2014–15 academic year. Grace also had nine teams whose GPA ranked in the top 25 for their respective sports. You can't beat

numbers like the ones each team has worked so hard to maintain this past academic year, and the program doesn't have enough good things to say about this success.

"These prestigious awards are a great reflection of the pursuit of academic and athletic Christian excellence that our programs strive for at Grace," said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe.

So next time you're at a Lancers' game, make sure you root for them, not just as great players, but as great scholars too.

Lancer's Website and Writing Is Winning

What about the Grace athletics program isn't amazing? Even its website is winning awards! That's right, the Lancers' website GCLancers.com and several of its published articles took home six national awards at this summer's NAIA-SIDA convention.

Unsurprisingly, Josh Neuhart (BS 11), who manages the website, writes for it and oversees communication for the athletic department, was honored for outstanding writing in articles that covered both excellence outside the school — a piece on Steven Copeland's (BS 11) book with Dave Bliss — and inside — pieces on Grace's softball and baseball programs.

Neuhart's humble response to this achievement? "I'm grateful for the opportunity to shine a light on the people who make Grace Athletics so special," he said.



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Who's got the better pose: Redskins LB @RyanKerrigan91 or his sister Kaitlin? es.pn/1VA5YmX



ESPN Takes Notice of Lancer Kaitlin Kerrigan

ESPN's The Buzz gave a little shout-out to a Grace Lancer this September. In a pose-like-your-favorite-WWE-wrestler showdown, Grace volleyball player Kaitlin Kerrigan went head-to-head with her brother, Washington Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan.

"Who do you think does it better?" the website asked, showing images of the Kerrigan siblings posing-off.

We'd say Kaitlin. But we're biased.



Coach K Wins a New Title: NAIA Hall of Famer

by Josh Neuhart (BS 11)

Legendary Grace men’s basketball coach Jim Kessler (BS 70) will add another achievement to his impressive career — NAIA Hall of Famer. Kessler will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame’s Class of 2015 next March. Established in 1952, the NAIA Hall of Fame recognizes an individual’s service to intercollegiate athletics and is the highest individual honor bestowed by the association. Kessler is only the second individual from Grace to be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame. Chet Kammerer (BA 64), former men’s basketball coach at Grace and Westmont (Calif.), received the award in 2000.

“I am honored to be recognized by the NAIA and my peers. This is not something I set out to do when I began coaching, but I’m thankful the Lord blessed my work at Grace,” Kessler said. “No one achieves anything of note without the contributions of others, and I have countless people to thank for this award.”

Kessler was the 45th coach in the history of men’s college basketball to win 700 games, eclipsing the milestone in the first game of the 2014–15 season. Under Kessler’s leadership, the Lancers have reached nine NAIA National Championships and seven NCCAA National Championships. Set to begin his 39th season in charge of the Lancers, Kessler has won 13 games at the NAIA tournament, including the 1992 NAIA Div. II national championship season.

Additionally, Kessler has won five Coach of the Year awards, 10 Crossroads League titles and has been inducted into the NCCAA Hall of Fame and the Lancer Hall of Fame. He was named the NAIA Coach of the Year once (1992) and the NCCAA Coach of the Year twice (1983, 1992).

“I have known Jim for nearly 45 years. His life has been one long continuity of integrity, humility, outstanding accomplishments and service,” said Grace President Bill Katip (BA 74). “His coaching numbers speak for themselves, but it is the enormous personal impact Coach Kessler has made on our campus that endears him to us. He is a man of integrity and a role model to countless young men.”

For his contributions to the lives of the youth in the Warsaw area, Kessler received the Pete Thorne Memorial Award in 2005. He also was given the NABC Guardians of the Game National Award for Service in 2006.

“Jim’s leadership and servant-like attitude have been a foundation within our athletic department,” said Grace Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. “He is a revered coach of character who is respected by his peers in the collegiate ranks. Jim’s entire coaching career in the NAIA and his body of work is fully deserving of this award.”

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BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Jordan Cone (BS 08) was 7 years old when he was evacuated from his boarding school in Zaire — now the Democratic Republic of the Congo — and airlifted to meet his parents who had fled the Limpoko village where they were church planting among the Water People, an unreached people group living in an inundated swamp. War had broken out, and although the Cones were able to return a year later, eventually, it became too dangerous, and his parents moved to the Central African Republic (CAR) where they began working with the Fulani, a nomadic Muslim people group. “There wasn’t a school for my sister and me in the village,” recalls Cone, “so we attended Rain Forest International School (RFIS) in Cameroon — a three-hour flight from my parents’ village.” Little did he know that RFIS would not only introduce him to his future wife, but also become his future mission field.

JORDAN KEEPS CROSSING OVER

During Cone’s first 18 years of life, only five were spent in America. Cone learned Lingala, Sango and French and studied with other international students, some whose parents were planting churches and translating the Bible. Heavy traffic, dirt roads and tin roofs became home to him in Yaoundé, the capital city of Cameroon.

He also met and fell in love with Tirza, who was from Switzerland. She was a student at the Rain Forest International School too, while her parents were working to translate the New Testament for the Kako people. Two years older than Jordan, she graduated from RFIS in 2000 and returned to Switzerland where she earned her nursing degree. “We redefined long-distance dating,” laughs Cone.

When Cone graduated from RFIS, he returned to the U.S. and enrolled in a community college in North Carolina, where his parents were home on furlough. Meanwhile, he dated Tirza, flying back and forth between the U.S., CAR and Switzerland. “Community college forced me to make a choice about who I was going to live for,” recalls Cone. He decided to wholly submit his life to God, and next thing he knew, his father, Kim Cone (BA 74, MDiv 80), decided Cone should visit his alma mater.

“I had no memory of Indiana — I was born there but left for Africa when I was three, and I never dreamed I could afford a private education.” But it turns out, Cone was a good soccer player. “In Africa, everyone plays soccer. I had no idea I was good enough to play at the college level,” explains Cone. He tried out for the coach, and the next thing he knew, he was a student at Grace College, studying health and physical education. “I loved sports, and I loved kids. It was the only thing that made sense to me.”

A CALL TO CAMEROON

In 2004, Cone proposed to Tirza, and after an arduous 14 months, she obtained her green card and was able to join Cone in Indiana. “We knew we wanted to go back to Cameroon, or somewhere overseas. But we just didn’t know how it would happen,” says Cone. Cone remembers sitting in church and hearing the pastor talk about the missionaries it had sent out. He remembers thinking, “What’s stopping us from going? We are willing. God has been preparing us our whole lives for this.”

Cone and Tirza began the process of researching a sending agency and through a series of God-ordained events, a door back to Cameroon opened up through Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The Cones were perfect candidates: They knew the language, they knew the culture, and they loved the people. But Cone wanted to be certain it was God directing them and not just their desire to return home. “I decided that if our



1. Cone’s students act out a drama depicting the Gospel message at one of Rain Forest International School’s sports tournaments. **2.** Pictured are Cone (left) and his wife, Tirza, at home in Yaoundé, Cameroon. **3.** Jordan and Tirza Cone are parents to two children, Lina (left) and Luca, and are expecting their third child in December.

church supported our decision to go to Cameroon and if the exact perfect job for my skill set was available through Wycliffe, this was from God.”

Cone wrote the Rain Forest International School in Cameroon, and the principal said they were in desperate need of a PE teacher and an athletic director. It was Cone’s perfect job description. Their church leadership supported them wholeheartedly, and within six months they had raised the funds they needed to depart. “That’s unheard of,” says Cone. “It was a miracle.”

THE FRUIT OF THEIR LABOR

For the past three years, the Cones have been in Cameroon where Cone serves as the athletic director, teaches PE and coaches at Rain Forest International School. Cone’s role gives him a unique opportunity to support missionaries in West Africa by providing their children with a top-notch education so that their parents can stay on the field. In Cameroon alone, Cone says there are around 300 languages, and many of them still don’t have Bible translations.

Additionally, in his role as athletic director, Cone organizes tournaments and builds relationships with national coaches and athletes. “God has opened up all sorts of doors. We use drama evangelism, teaching the Gospel through mime.”

Cone recounts getting a call from a coach whose team they had done a drama for. “He said, ‘All my girls are asking about this Jesus stuff. You have to come back and explain.’” Through sports, Cone and his student-athletes are able to share the Gospel and follow up with the coaches and athletes.

KICKING IT WITH THE CONES

And Cone’s influence hasn’t stopped there. Cone has developed a relationship with the head coach of the Cameroon women’s national soccer team — yes, the one that just played in the World Cup. Cone has been able to pray with the team, share the Gospel clearly with them and provide the coach with Bibles in their mother tongue.

It couldn’t be more evident that God is working through Cone, but that doesn’t mean there aren’t hard days. It’s difficult for Cone to see endless needs every day and decide whom to invest in. “It’s so important that we give it our all and ‘seize the day,’” says Cone, who in the next breath acknowledges that the only way it’s possible is through total reliance on Jesus. “We’re dependent on Him for everything — our daily bread.” And that includes their finances. Even though Cone grew up in a family who raised support, living on what God provides through His people now as a husband and father — “Well, the rubber hits the road,” he laughs.

But God has provided every single step of the way. Even now as his family is home in Warsaw on furlough to raise additional support, Cone has already seen God provide miraculously. An anonymous donor covered the cost of the continuing education courses at Grace that Cone needs to take to maintain his teaching license. He’s also serving as the assistant coach to the Grace Women’s Soccer team. And the Cones are expecting their third child in December.

“I can hardly believe how God can use us through what we love,” says Cone. “I get to glorify God with my passion for athletics. No matter what your passion is — if it’s computers, construction or kicking a ball — we can glorify God.” ■

 **The Cones are planning to return to Cameroon next summer. For more information on their ministry and how you can partner with them, email them at theconeclan@gmail.com or visit www.wycliffe.org/giftcatalog/partner/382796-1.**



1. Cone’s wife, Tirza (right), stands with one of her childhood friends at the village her parents ministered to in Cameroon. **2.** Cone (left) plays with some of his childhood friends in a Zaire village where his parents worked with the Water People. **3.** Cone (middle) with two of his Rain Forest International School soccer athletes, celebrating a tournament win. **4.** Pictured is Cone (left) with Cameroon’s women’s national soccer team head coach.

GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



Pictured is Grace student Crystal Titean, with retired longtime Grace history professor, R. Wayne Snider.

“I can’t think of anything better than to help more people get access to a superb Christian education so that they can get the training they need to effectively share their faith in whatever their field of interest is and where God leads them.”

– *R. Wayne Snider*

THIS FALL, SOPHOMORE AND EDUCATION MAJOR CRYSTAL TITEAN WAS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE HYLA M. SNIDER ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT.

Longtime Grace history professor R. Wayne Snider established the endowment in memory of his wife, Hyla, who earned her elementary degree from Grace in 1959 and also married Snider (one of her professors!) the same year. Hyla was a well-loved teacher at Milford Elementary School, and after staying home to raise her daughters, returned to Grace as the campus post office supervisor where she served for 13 years. “Hyla always loved children and so much of our professional careers were anchored in Grace College. It seemed fitting to honor her memory by giving others just like her the opportunity to earn a Grace education,” explains Snider.

Crystal is incredibly grateful for the generosity of Snider. “His gift demonstrates that Grace is a community and has made it more manageable for me to continue to attend Grace,” says Crystal. “I’m receiving an outstanding education, I’m known by my professors and I’m being equipped with the knowledge, tools and experiences I need to be the kind of teacher who impacts students’ lives through the power of Jesus.”

To give to the Hyla M. Snider endowment, indicate it on the memo line of your check and send it in the enclosed envelope, or visit www.grace.edu/give to give online. If you’re interested in establishing an endowment, contact Vice President of Advancement Drew Flamm at (574) 372-5100, ext. 6121 or drew.flamm@grace.edu.



Homecoming 2015 Photos

1. Freshman midfielder **Dan Smith** (left) fights for the ball during Grace's 3-0 win over Indiana Wesleyan. **2.** **Zac** (BS 10, MDiv 13) and **Sarah** (BS 11) **Hess** celebrate Zac's five-year class reunion at the Homecoming Banquet. **3.** Pictured at the Nocturnal 6 Adventure Race are participants (left to right) Lucas Ransbottom, Blake Keene, Carissa Metzger, Allison Tipsord, Nick Keene, Tiana Keene and Jessica Keene. **4.** The wrecker pictured is owned by Crouse Body Shop & 24 Hour Towing and shines a light on the finish line of the Nocturnal 6 Adventure Race. **5.** Grace Athletic Director **Chad Briscoe** (left) poses with 2015 Lancer Hall of Fame inductees (left to right) **Hung Vuong** (BS 86), **Cheryl (Lancaster BS 87) Lawlor** and **Skip** (MDiv 69, MTh 74) and **Carol** (C 87) **Forbes**. **6.** Pictured are Homecoming King and Queen **Cody Koontz** and **Alexandra Sanford** at the Homecoming Men's Soccer game. **7.** **Tom** (BA 65, MDiv 69) and **Donna (Grady BS 65) Miller** celebrate their 50-year class reunion.





ALUM NOTES

Connecting with
our family of friends

CLASS NOTES

1965

Michael Kingery (BS 65) recently published a book titled "Through My Eyes ... Memoirs of a Firefighter" that chronicles a 30-year career in fire and Emergency Medical Service. It was published by Faithful Life Publishers (Fort Myers FL) and is available for purchase at fordcpe@yahoo.com. Michael lives in Fort Myers FL with wife **Karen** (Tusing C 65).

1977

01 Ruth (Maher BA 77) Bollman completed her Master in Ministry and Leadership at Western Seminary and has been women's ministry director at Trinity Baptist Church for more than 20 years. rdbollman@sbcglobal.net

1983

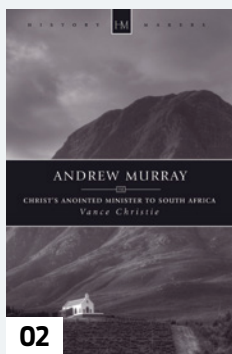
02 Vance Christie (BA 83, MDiv 86) has published "Andrew Murray: Christ's Anointed Minister to South Africa" with Christian Focus Publications. Murray (1828-1917) emerged as South Africa's premier preacher, devotional writer and church leader, while advancing a wide variety of causes that promoted the well-being, spiritually and in other ways, of both Church and State. Vance has pastored churches in Michigan, Iowa and, for the past 18 years, at Aurora (NE) Evangelical Free Church. www.vancechristie.com

1985

03 Reverend Louis Harrison (MABC 85) and wife Linda are 50-year missionary members of Cadence International, a biblical Christian ministry to the armed forces. During the past 15 years, their ministry has been led by God to focus on soul-damaged warriors, both as they return from combat and through follow-up ministry in succeeding years. At the urging of Christian military leaders, chaplain friends and warriors themselves, Louis wrote a book titled "Tending the Warrior Soul" for the help and healing of traumatized troops, their families and their caregivers. The book, published by Xulon Press, is endorsed by the former multi-national force chaplain in Iraq, Chaplain Col. Mike Hoyt, Special Operations chaplains and warriors. Louis has provided a copy of his book as a resource in the Grace School of Behavioral Science and to the Office of Alumni Engagement. His true motive is to get it into the hands of those who need its help. The book may be found at Xulon.com, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Christian Book Distributors. The Harrisons live in Morrison CO. loulin.harrison@gmail.com or lou.harrison@cadence.org



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2006

04 William and **Emy (Krebs BA 06) Lorigan**: Maddux Ethan, September 24, 2014. Older sister, Wrigley Grace (2), welcomed her little brother to their home in Jeffersonville IN. willandemy@hotmail.com

2007

David Ritter (BS 07) completed his MD at Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and his PhD in Neuroscience in May 2015. He is now resident physician in child neurology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. David is married to **Kelly (Hoerr BS 07)** and they call Cincinnati OH their home. kndritter@gmail.com

2008

05 **Jim (BS 08)** and **Kaitlyn (Northeimer BS 08) Terpstra**: Madison Elise, July 1, 2015. She joins brother, Connor (1), at their home in Warsaw IN. terpstrkb@gmail.com

2010

06 Kyle and **Jamie (Jones BS 10) Finocy**: Married May 30, 2015. The couple calls Hastings NE their home. jfinocy@gips.org

07 **Andrew Martin (BS 10)** completed his doctor of medicine at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in May 2015.

He began his general surgery residency with Summa Health in Akron OH. Andrew, wife **Bethany (Bucher BS 11)** and daughter Addison (1) live in Akron OH. Pictured is Andrew (right) with his dad, **Dr. Bruce Martin (BS 80)**. martinam2010@gmail.com

08 **Kyle (BS 10)** and Jennifer **Plumlee**: Jackson Thomas, July 28, 2015. The couple's first child joins them at home in Saint Charles MO. kyleplumlee@gmail.com

2012

09 Derek and **Katherine (Ball BA 12) Frisk**: Married June 27, 2015. Kate has been teaching sixth grade at Fort Wayne Community Schools since August 2012. keb408@aol.com

10 **Nate (BS 12)** and **Alysha (Mroczka BA 13) Mosco**: Married April 11, 2015. Nate is enrolled in transition-to-nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University, and Alysha continues to teach high school science. The couple resides in Marion IN. alysha.mroczka@gmail.com

11 **Cody (BS 12)** and **Jenessa (Jergensen BS 12) Sheckler**: Married June 6, 2015. Cody is a financial representative for Mars Petcare (Franklin TN) while Jenessa works as a financial analyst for Capitol Christian Music Group (Brentwood TN). The Shecklers now call Franklin TN their home. shecklcd@gmail.com

12 **Jonathyn (BA 12)** and **Paige (Whitby BS 14) Zapf**: Married March 14, 2015. The Zapfs call Northglenn CO their home. paigezapf@gmail.com

2015

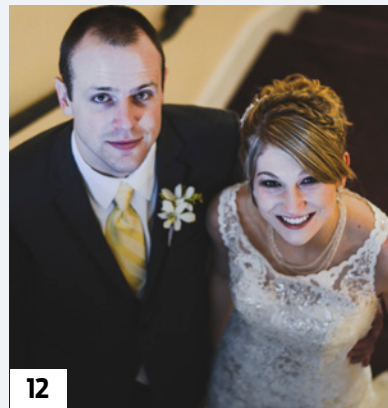
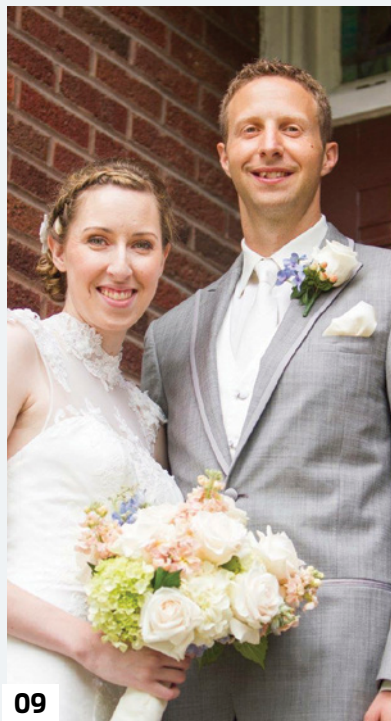
Samantha Fisher (BA 15) departed Aug. 4 for the small village of Yamaranguila, Honduras. She decided to leave her hometown of Warsaw IN soon after graduating from Grace College to follow her passion for education, poverty and Christ's love. Samantha is teaching kindergarten at Abundant Life Christian School, which began in the capital of Honduras and has since expanded to six schools around the country. The newest of these schools is where Samantha is bringing bilingual education to children who would not otherwise be able to afford it or find transportation to a school. Follow Samantha on her journey through her blog <https://headedforhonduras.wordpress.com> where you can also find out more information on how to support her. Samantha is the daughter of **Mike (BS 89)** and **Judy (Anderson BS 89) Fisher**.

IN MEMORIAM

Clarence "Doc" Beale (MDiv 65) went to be with the Lord on May 7, 2015. He pastored four churches in Maryland, Kentucky and California full time from 1965 to 2008. After retirement he moved to Tennessee where he continued part-time pastoral ministry and volunteering until his passing. During his brief illness, he asked people to pray that he would "finish well," and he did. Doc is survived by wife Donna of 51 years; daughters Cynthia Campbell and Karen Beale; and granddaughter Litaya Bevins.

William Robert Reich (MDiv 71) went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2015. A graduate of Cairn University, Grace Theological Seminary, and Rio Grande Bible Institute's language school, he served with Word of Life Fellowship (Quito, Ecuador). He later joined Avant Ministries and continued to serve in Quito as a church planter, leadership trainer, and teacher. Bill later completed graduate courses at Azusa Pacific College and at Baptist Bible Seminary, and then returned to teach at Rio Grande Bible Institute. After completing his service at Rio Grande, he worked at Bomberger's Store (Lititz PA), Everence Credit Union (Lancaster PA), delivered flowers for Royer's and drove cars for Keller Brothers' Ford. Bill was a member of

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“Prof” Donald E. Ogden

“Prof” Donald E. Ogden (BDiv 54) passed away on June 27, 2015. He was born on September 20, 1926, in Whittier CA, to Reverend William A. Ogden and Frances E. (Coffman) Ogden. His degrees included a bachelor’s and master’s in Church Music from Bob Jones University, a Master of Divinity from Grace and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Indiana University.

He founded the Department of Music in 1950 at Grace and served as its chairman through 1987. For the next five years he served as the college and seminary alumni director and professor of music before retiring in 1992. He served two area churches as minister of music over a period of 42 years.

Don’s contributions to Warsaw-Winona organizations included being a founding board member of Lakeland Community Concert Association, Kosciusko County Youth for Christ, Grace Community Orchestra and New Frontiers with Riverwood Boys Ranch. He served for 10 years on the board of directors for Grace Village Retirement Community and Health Care. Special honors include: the Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching, Grace College 1970-1971; the Grace Theological Seminary Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award in 1975; and the Certificate of Recognition of “Dedicated service to the Community Concert Association and to the cultural progress of Warsaw” in 1981, which was presented by Community Concerts and Columbia Artists Management, Inc.

Two of his chief passions were promoting the understanding and enjoyment of the music of “the masters,” both secular and sacred, and the preservation and meaningful use of great Christian hymnody. Don’s greatest delights were his family relationships and the many strong bonds that developed between him and those he has worked with as peers and as students. But most of all he loved being a servant of the Lord. He was a member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church (IN) where he was ordained to the Christian ministry.

On August 22, 1948, he was married to **Wanita (Reeves S 48)** in Ithaca MI, who preceded him in death on October 18, 2006. On July 26, 2008, he married Ethelee (Ashby) Jones Ogden, who survives in Winona Lake. He will be lovingly remembered by his two daughters, **Kathleen (C 70) (James BME 76) Jenkins** (Jacksonville FL) and **Diane (BS 77) (Robert Grenfell (Warsaw IN); one son, Ronald (C 72) (Rebecca BS 73) Ogden** (Winona Lake IN); seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, **Richard D. Ogden (C 68)** (Warren OH); and one sister, Jeane Vanaman (Clarkston MI). There are also nearly 200 first and second generation nieces and nephews.

“Prof. Ogden had a major influence on my life. I was headed for another Christian college the summer after my high school graduation when he and a men’s quartet from Grace visited my church, and God re-directed me to come to Grace instead. Then, throughout the years of my music major, we had wonderful opportunities to learn from Prof., to sing under his direction, to travel with him to conventions and programs and to enjoy times in his home and with his family. My wedding to Sharon (Auxt BME 64) in 1965 was scheduled for the date when he would be in Sharon’s home church so that the college choir could sing, Bill Schaffer (BM 61, S 64) could play the organ, the women’s quartet could sing and Prof. Ogden could perform the ceremony.

Prof. led us, he loved us and he brought us into the presence of God in many ways, including through the music he conducted and the services he led. I will always be grateful for this wonderful person we affectionately called “Little Man.”

Dr. Terry White (BME 64)

Calvary Church where he served on the elder board, taught an adult Bible fellowship class and served on the global ministries team. He is survived by wife Carolyn; children Rebecca (David), Rachel and Robert (Esther); six grandchildren; and one sister.

13 Reverend Roy B. Snyder (DTh 49) passed away on August 5, 2015. Roy was born and grew up in Altoona PA in a family of six children. On August 9, 1947, he married **E. Ruth (Croker DCE 47, DTh 49)**, who went to be with the Lord on March 10, 2009. After high school, Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army where he spent six months in the Signal Corps reserves during World War II and then went on to active duty for 34 months. He served more than two years overseas with the American Forces Network in England and Germany as a radio operator and studio engineer. After his discharge from the military, Roy went to Grace to prepare for missionary service. During his seminary years, he sang in the male quartet and was associate editor of the first Grace yearbook. In fall 1949, the Snyders went to Paris for 10 months of French language study and then in July 1950, continued on to French Equatorial Africa in the province of Oubangui Chari. Roy was a missionary pastor working with African pastors and churches for 35 years. Due to a serious heart attack in 1983, he was unable to return to Africa. During his retirement he worked for 12 years with the senior saints at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church where he was also a faithful member. In 1991 he began writing a monthly newsletter for retired missionaries, and in 1999 was given the Excellence in Ministry Award by the Grace Brethren National Ministerium. Roy later received the Faithful Servant Award from Grace Brethren International Missions in 2000. He is survived by his two sisters, 24 nieces and nephews and his adopted daughter, **Tanya (Waggoner BS 83) Kempton.**



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REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

It's been six months since I enthusiastically took on my new role as Grace College & Seminary's director of alumni engagement. Every day at the office is like coming home for me. This place and these people so significantly shaped me more than 35 years ago, and to serve its alumni is nothing short of an honor to me.

It's no secret to us that we have some of the most talented and passionate alumni out there — just peek at the fold-out at the beginning of the magazine to marvel at our five award winners and what they have done and are doing for the sake of the Kingdom. We need your input and talent as we move the mission of Grace College & Seminary forward: providing students with an affordable, excellent, faith-based education.

Since starting in my new role, my priority has been to get out and meet as many of you as possible. (It was fantastic to see so many of you at Homecoming 2015 in September.) The priority of our ongoing goal in Advancement — visiting no fewer than 50 alumni every month — is represented in the renaming of my position's title: from director of alumni relations to director of alumni engagement. In the spring, the Advancement Team developed an Alumni Engagement Plan to help us reach out even more effectively to

graduates. The over arching goal of the plan is to get more alumni interested, involved and invested in what's going on here. The Grace faculty and staff are committed to joining the Advancement Team in engaging you at a deeper level.

If you're in town, or driving through, drop by the Alumni Engagement Office located in the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center (MOCC). And if you're further than a drive away, check out our upcoming events below, and make plans to join us. You can keep up with all the alumni news and campus happenings via our Facebook page "Grace Alumni Community" and by visiting our website at www.grace.edu/alumni.

As we enter this holiday season of thanksgiving and celebration, I pray you see with unveiled eyes the glory of our savior, Jesus.



Dennis

Dennis Duncan (BS 80)
Director of Alumni Engagement

Save the Date

Golden Grad Reunion 1966

If you graduated in 1966, get ready for your Golden Graduation Reunion. Come back to campus, May 5–7, 2016, to celebrate. We'll roll out the red carpet, tour the campus, share a great dinner together, and you'll be a part of Commencement 2016.



Pictured are the 1966 class officers (from left to right): vice president Fred Bailey, chaplain Lamar Vincent, secretary Judy Kirkpatrick, social chairman Willis Clawser, treasurer Francis Denton, social chairman Debbie Uphouse, president Bill Keane and Student Council representative Kayte Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES., NOV. 24, 2015 @ 7 P.M.
Men's Basketball vs. Taylor
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

SAT., JAN. 16, 2016 @ 2 P.M. & 4 P.M.
Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
(Mount Vernon, OH)

SAT., JAN. 23, 2016 @ 1 P.M. & 3 P.M.
Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Bethel
Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center

TUES., FEB. 16, 2016 @ 7 P.M.
Men's Basketball vs. Marian University
Marian University (Indianapolis, IN)

Seven Retirees Honored for Service

BY DR. TERRY WHITE (BME 64)

This spring, Grace College & Seminary honored seven gifted and faithful employees who recently retired from active service with the schools. It's likely you'll see a faculty or staff member among them who nudged you closer to Jesus, inspired you in your studies or cheered you on to the graduation finish line. Join us in celebrating their remarkable service, and if you want to drop them a line of thanks, email us at 289@grace.edu.

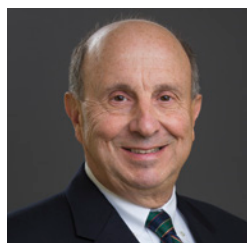


Dr. James Bowling

(BS 70) came to the Grace faculty in 1986, serving as chair of the Teacher Education

Department during a time of major transition and change in the state of Indiana. Previously, Dr. Bowling had taught fifth grade, served as a Christian school administrator and taught four years at the college level. From 1999 until his retirement in 2014, he served as assistant dean for faculty development and taught in the Teacher Education Department.

Student comments from his 28 years at Grace praised him for not just being a teacher, but also a friend. "I appreciate how personable Dr. Bowling is — I enjoy his sense of humor and positive attitude," remarked one student, and another said, "Dr. Bowling is an amazing professor. He expects the best from us and will not accept anything less."

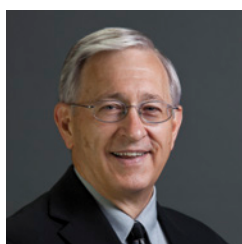


Tom Dunn

recently retired as the vice president of strategic initiatives and planning after 18 years. Dunn now serves as the

special assistant to the president, focusing on marketing, strategic planning, and facility and project management.

At Grace, Dunn led successive five-year campus strategic plans, helped in recruitment, guided the physical development of the campus and served as internal manager for the renovation and construction of several major facilities. He also oversaw the development of a new campus entrance, the redesign of campus streets and the cleanup of the Gatke Dump site in conjunction with the building of the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center.



Dr. Dennis Gaerte

retired after 24 years in the Teacher Education Department. A veteran high school principal, Dr.

Gaerte soon became well known in the local school systems as he built a large network of contacts to give Grace students valuable field experience. He also worked as a specialist in helping students meet their requirements to obtain teaching licenses.

Students affectionately referred to Dr. Gaerte as "Dr. Comma" because of his unswerving demand for grammatical accuracy. Because of his networking skills, he became known statewide as the "social gadfly" of the Grace Teacher Education team. One of his colleagues shared, "He knows everybody, talks to everybody and is known by everybody!"



Dr. Richard Jeffreys

' 40-year career at Grace has been marked by a long string of alumni who are now successfully

serving in a variety of roles in the medical field. Dr. Jeffreys not only prepared them professionally, but he also modeled for his students a high standard of personal excellence, a remarkable and consistent work ethic, self-discipline and a deep commitment to Christ.

While sustaining a full teaching load in the classroom, Dr. Jeffreys also sang in local church and community choirs for many years. On campus, he was known for his program of feeding deer behind the science building. Dr. Jeffreys is a cancer survivor and has used that experience to consistently give testimony to God's faithfulness and mercy in his life.



Dr. Ron Manahan

(MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), who served from 1994 to 2013 as Grace's fifth president,

was honored for his 38 years of service to the institution, first as teaching faculty, and then as an administrator. Dr. Manahan's term as president has been characterized

by the strengthening of ties between Grace and the Warsaw/Winona Lake community and particularly with the major orthopaedic manufacturers in the area. A symbol of that, and evidence of Dr. Manahan's ability to inspire significant philanthropy, was the naming of the Orthopaedic Capital Center for Manahan and his wife, Barbara (C 86), upon his retirement.

Dr. Manahan has continued for two plus years as senior adviser to the president under his successor, Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). "Dr. Ronald E. Manahan embodies the mission of Grace Schools — that of applying biblical truth as the foundation for developing character, competence and service," shared Dr. Katip. "His visionary leadership helped advance the institution through the development of new programs, the construction of new facilities, the expansion of global outreach and increased tuition affordability for students and families."



Dean Sandy

retired from the Grace staff after 44 years serving as general kitchen staff. Among his duties were making sure

kitchen areas were properly stocked, seeing that the ice cream machine was always in working order and making sure the dish room was organized, clean and shining. Sandy is known for his loving smile, boisterous laugh and his thoughtful, giving heart of service. Riding his mo-ped or golf cart to work in

all kinds of weather, Sandy is also a faithful supporter of the men's Lancer basketball team, often videotaping the games. Occasionally he is pressed into service to sing the pre-game national anthem as well. In recognition of his retirement, Sandy was presented with a recliner chair in a ceremony that took place in the Alpha Dining Commons.



Dr. George Slaughter

retired in 2014 from teaching in the Behavioral Science Department after 26 years of service.

Initially recommended to Grace by alumnus Knute Larson (BA 62, MDiv 66), Dr. Slaughter had been in private practice as a counselor for 14 years. He was known as a team player for the department, one who was sensitive to the hurts and needs of his many students.

Dr. Slaughter and his wife, Anne, frequently hosted students in their home and always excelled at getting to know students and counseling them through their challenges. Dr. Slaughter was highly appreciated because he always stayed on the cutting edge of classroom technology. A member of his department described him as one who "has a heart for God and people that is as big as all the outdoors."

ANY NEWS?

SUBMIT AN ALUM NOTE TO 2|8|9

Whether it's a new job, ministry or retirement, or you've written a book or received an award, or you've found the love of your life or become a parent for the first time (or the seventh time), tell us your latest news at www.grace.edu/alumnotes and choose to publish it as an Alum Note in an upcoming edition of 2|8|9. You can also submit a note by emailing it to alumni@grace.edu.

www.grace.edu/alumnotes

TELL US YOUR STORY

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 2|8|9 should feature, go ahead and share his/her story!

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Grace College & Seminary continues to set the pace in innovative quality and affordable education. With another year of record enrollment, the college is addressing the need for more on-campus housing, and broke ground on its newest residence hall in July.

This most recent housing development is a three-story, 170-bed residence hall, located to the north of Kent Hall. The new hall will have study locations, community living areas and will provide another residence option for students for the fall of 2016.

Pictured at the new residence hall's groundbreaking ceremony are Grace Board Member Kip Cone (BA 90, MDiv 96), Jeremy Ringer of Wiegand Construction, Kevin Scully of Design Collaborative, Bruce Schaffner of the Winona Lake Town Council, Doug Baumbardner (BS 03) of First Source Bank, President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74), Vice President of Student and Academic Services Dr. James Swanson, Dean of Students Aaron Crabtree (BA 99), Resident Director Amy Geiser, Resident Assistant Jordan McIntyre and Adviser to the President Tom Dunn.

Enrollment Builds.

