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Message from the Director

Campus is once again buzzing with activity! We're looking forward to an exciting school year, filled with many opportunities, challenges, and discoveries.

Hope College welcomes the newest members of our community -- especially the members of the Class of 2008 and their families. A special welcome to new families who are receiving their first issue of the Parents' Place e-newsletter. It's our hope that this e-newsletter will be but one of the many ways you can keep track of and be involved in the life of the college.

Our list of subscribers for the e-newsletter continues to grow -- please [click here](#) for information regarding how to subscribe. Subscribers receive the e-newsletter via their personal email accounts.

As always, if there are specific topics or issues which you would like to see included in future publications of the Parents' Place e-newsletter, please call our office at 616.395.7250 or [email](#) us to share your ideas.



Stephanie

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Director of Parent Relations

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Annual Community Day Celebration



Parents and families are encouraged to attend the annual Community Day celebration!

A picnic at Hope College, the sights of Windmill Island and a home football game will be among the features of the [39th Annual Community Day celebration](#), which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The day is scheduled in celebration of the long-standing relationship between Holland residents and the faculty, students and staff of Hope College.

Community Day debuted in October of 1966 as a Community Ox Roast, held in conjunction with the Hope College centennial celebration. Like the first event, which was the idea of former mayor Nelson Bosman, subsequent Community Days have provided an opportunity for Holland and Hope to come together.

The picnic will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Van Raalte Commons, located in the center of campus east of College Avenue near 12th Street. Persons purchasing tickets in advance will also receive a free ticket for admission to Windmill Island from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day, as well as a ticket for the Hope College football game with John Carroll University of Ohio at 1:30 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium, located on Fairbanks Avenue at 13th Street.

Also during the day, the men's soccer team will be hosting the Cal Bergsma Memorial Tournament, playing Otterbein of Ohio at 2 p.m. The team will play at Buys Athletic Fields, located on Fairbanks Avenue north of Holland Municipal Stadium. Admission is free.

In addition, the gallery of the De Pree Art Center will be hosting the exhibition "From One Generation to Another: A Retrospective of the Hope College Permanent Collection." The De Pree Art Center is located on Columbia Avenue at 12th Street. Admission to the gallery is free. Hours on Saturdays are from 10am until 5pm.

Tickets for Community Day, which include the picnic, football game and admission to Windmill Island, cost \$7 for regular admission, and \$4 for children age five to 11. Admission is free for children under five.

Advance tickets for Community Day may be purchased at the college's Dow Center, located on 13th Street at Columbia Avenue, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by calling the college's Office of Public Relations at (616) 395-7860.



In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved to the dining room of Phelps Hall, located on the Hope College campus on Columbia Avenue at 10th Street. If the picnic is moved inside, announcements will be made on the college's automated audio information system, which can be called at (616) 395-7888, as well as on area radio stations.

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A Time to Serve

Nearly 500 Hope College students will participate in service projects throughout the area through the college's "Time to Serve" program on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The students, most of them members of the newly arrived freshman Class of 2008, will participate in the college's fifth annual "Time to Serve" volunteer program. They signed up for the mass volunteer effort on Saturday, Aug. 28, only a day after arriving on campus for "New Student Orientation" at Hope.



The program has multiple goals, according to its coordinator, Diana Breclaw, who is assistant dean of students for residential life and student activities. It is designed to help new students learn about service while helping and getting to know their community and becoming better acquainted with each other.

The project began in the fall of 2000 with 10 projects and about 100 participants, and had grown to 24 projects and 300 students a year later. In October of 2001, "Time to Serve" 2000 received a 2001 Distinguished Service Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. during the group's Annual Conference.

This year, the students will be working in groups of about 10 at more than 40 sites from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Projects will range from sorting and cleaning at Bibles for Mexico, to painting at the Critter Barn, to working with residents at Freedom Village, to groundskeeping at the DeGraaf Nature Center and Herrick District Library, to serving at many area schools, churches and families in need.

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Defining a Parental Role - Helping vs. Hindering

It is a commonly known fact that Hope College parents desire for their children to grow intellectually, spiritually, and develop a sense of self. At times parents have a difficult time of "shifting gears" from their role as a high school student parent to that of a college student parent. This can be especially challenging if a parent is preparing to send their first child off to college.

Many parents ask for guidance, to ensure that they model productive behaviors to help, rather than hinder, their student. If these pointers could be helpful to you, please read on.

- Be an enabler; coaching your student to independence - not dependence.
- Be available; allow your student to reach out to you - avoid smothering.
- Be an encourager; students are experiencing a life transition, developing a sense of self.
- Be supportive; engage in dialogue about your student's choices and decisions - avoid instruction.
- Be delighted; enjoy watching as your student uncovers his or her direction and passions.
- Be prayerful; commit your student and your relationship with your student to daily prayer.

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Faculty Kudos

Read what students have to say about Hope College faculty!

"I was nervous and suspicious as I entered my first psychology class at Hope. Being a biology major, I was interested in finally getting to know that "other" department we shared Peale with. I was lucky enough to have [Dr. Roehling](#). I can honestly say she was one of the best professors I have ever had. She was very concerned with catering to every style of learning. There was not one class period in which there wasn't an experiment, demonstrations, video, fun group activities, stories from past experience, and lots of enthusiasm. Dr. Roehling shows what true teaching is and I am very impressed. Thanks Dr. Roehling!"

"It is impossible for me to single out one professor during my time at Hope that has impacted me more significantly than any other; however, as an accounting major, I owe much gratitude to both the [Business and Accounting Departments](#). The majority of my time was spent with Professors (Lynne) Hendrix and (Herb) Martin, and it was through my experiences with them that I learned how truly exceptional Hope College professors are. Among class time, advising, and casual conversation with both me and other business students, Professors Hendrix and Martin developed personal relationships with their students that allowed them to share their advice and experiences as well as identify specific scholarship and internship opportunities. Most importantly, both professors were, and still are, committed to the success of their students. Their teaching gives us a good start for preparing for the CPA exam and helps us build our relationships with recruiting firms."

"Dance as a life choice is more difficult, I believe, than most other fields in life. Where else will you find someone willing to examine their every move critically in front of a mirror for hours and hours every day, and then live at "less-than-poverty" standards? While in the learning stages of dance and even beyond we belittle, berate, and scrutinize our every appearance, action, motion, and emotion. As a result of this learning process that a dancer undertakes, the title of "Teacher" could never be adequate for a person who chooses to open the path to the place that lies locked inside a dancer's world. This leader, this guide, this extraordinary person must be more than a teacher. They must be a friend, a mentor, a confidant, a coach, and advisor, a role model, and finally a teacher. [Steven Iannacone](#), through the example of his life in dance and his interactions with me as a rising dancer, has been all of this and more.

Without having Steven Iannacone in my life in all his many roles, I would not be the dancer, performer, choreographer, and director that I am today. And, without having Steven Iannacone at Hope College in the Dance Department, the Hope Dance Program would not be what it is and would not have turned out so many excellent dancers, teachers and performers into the world. To describe my Hope College experience without Steven Iannacone would simply be "At a Loss"."

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Parents' Council Assists With Orientation



Members of the Hope College Parents' Council volunteered their time throughout orientation weekend, welcoming new students and their families.

Whether it was offering cool refreshments during move-in day on Friday, responding to questions from new parents during a panel discussion, or hosting cruises aboard the Holland Princess on Saturday evening, council members were pleased to be a part of the weekend's activities in an effort to help new students and their families feel that they are a special part of the Hope College community.

Click [here](#) for additional information about the Hope College Parents' Council and the current members.

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Online and In Touch

One of the most efficient means of maintaining a connection with the Hope College community (other than talking with your student, of course!) is by utilizing the resources available through the college's web site. It is a timely means of obtaining information and can be done regardless of the distance you reside from campus.

From academics and athletics to the arts -- a multitude of resources are available just a click away from the [college's home page](#).

Visit "[Hope College Today](#)" regularly to keep up-to-date with campus and community news including:

- Hope College Headlines and Press Releases
- Upcoming Events and Performances
- Campus Construction Project Updates

We invite you to take some time to explore Hope's website and see what information awaits you there!

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Parents' Weekend Preview

[Parents' Weekend 2004](#) is scheduled for Friday, November 5th to Sunday, November 7th.

Weekend activities include:

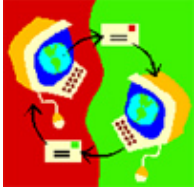
- Presidential Update Breakfast
- Friday Evening Coffeehouse with Live Student Entertainment
- Classroom Visits
- Interest Sessions
- Men's and Women's Athletic Events
- Annual Nykerk Cup Competition
- Sunday Morning Chapel Service

Additional information will be mailed in early October and posted online as well. In the meantime, we recommend making your lodging arrangements early. Click [here](#) for information about local accommodations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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