



A Lasting Difference

Hope was founded by pioneers committed to assuring a better future by making a difference in the lives of young people through education, a vision that thrives because—and can only thrive as long as—others continue to build upon what they began. Endowed scholarships and summer research funds are one way that it happens, providing in perpetuity support that has a direct, profound and highly personal impact. Here are reflections from six of the hundreds of students each year whose lives are being touched for all time by generosity that helps make dreams a reality.



Seth Carlson '10
Marcellus, Mich.

The Benjamin H. Van Andel Scholarship Fund
Majoring in Japanese, Seth Carlson hopes to pursue a graduate degree in anthropology with a focus on East Asia. He is open to opportunities in politics, working with the government or teaching.
“Without financial assistance through the endowed scholarship program, I would still be at home, working on the cattle farm, and probably be working another job just to take part-time classes at a community college. Not that home is bad or looked down on in any sense, but I would not have been able to travel abroad twice, meet the wonderful people whom I call my best friends, and start preparing myself for my life; a life of peace, passion, and commitment to community and personal growth.”



Leah Hottel '10
Westlake, Ohio

The Claryce Rozeboom Memorial Organ Scholarship, the David P. Roossien Organ Scholarship and the Ruth Haidt Hughes Memorial Organ Scholarship
An organ-performance major, Leah Hottel has appreciated the way that Hope has helped expand her career vision, with possibilities including graduate school and teaching and also music management; she also knows that she wants to continue to share her gift of music with a church.

“The number one thing that has made a difference in my education here at Hope is the individual attention each student gets. I feel closer to my faculty advisor and other members of the music department than I would have ever imagined possible. I have developed a relationship with them that has not only bolstered my knowledge of music, but encompassed other areas of my life.”

“The news of my endowed scholarship... helped secure in my mind that this was not only a wonderful and affordable education, but where I really belonged. Three years later it still astonishes me that I could ever have looked at a different school. Hope has been a blessing, a true gift from God.”



Luke Hooegeven '11
Orange City, Iowa

The Hinga-Boersma Family Scholarship
Majoring in civil engineering, Luke Hooegeven is still considering his post-Hope options, with graduate school among the possibilities. The opportunity to explore helped draw him to Hope.

“I came to Hope because I was not completely sure I wanted to be an engineer. The opportunities here set Hope apart from other colleges. The undergraduate research program here is a great way to get experience in your field of study.”

“The scholarship assistance is one of the biggest reasons I was able to attend Hope... It made the cost of attending Hope for me comparable to a state school.”

David Todd '11
Lansing, Mich.

The John and Eleanor Dwyer Fund for Summer Research in Chemistry
A chemistry major and mathematics minor, David Todd plans to attend graduate school to study organic synthesis and is considering working in the pharmaceutical industry afterward. He conducted research this summer with Dr. Jeff Johnson.

“Coming to Hope has helped me to build a strong foundation that will allow me to achieve my desired future career goals. Students at Hope are able to get directly involved in research projects that may be reserved for graduate students at a large university. The smaller class sizes also allow students to directly communicate with their professors and help to create a much more personal relationship.”

“The summer stipend was very important as it allowed me to earn money during the summer while taking part in an active research project. Without the stipend, I would have been forced to abandon research and would have had to search for another summer job instead.”



Jessenia Martinez-Olmeda '10
Holland, Mich.

The Henry Phillip '29 and Esther Mulder '31 Wackerbarth Memorial Scholarship
Majoring in secondary education with a Spanish major and English minor, Jessenia Martinez-Olmeda plans to teach high-need, low-income students in the United States.

“When I met with a couple of professors at Hope after I applied, I knew that I wanted to come to Hope. Both professors were very welcoming, were supportive of my career goals, and answered all of my questions.”

“The scholarship assistance I have received at Hope College has enabled me to attend Hope. I am very thankful for all of the assistance I have had throughout my four years here at Hope.”



Emily Leathley '11
Livonia, Mich.

The Christine Tempas '69 Summer Research Fund
Majoring in biology with neuroscience and possibly biochemistry minors, Emily Leathley hopes to attend graduate school in neuroscience and become a researcher and professor. She conducted research this summer with Dr. Greg Fraley.

“Because Hope sciences are research based, Hope really allows me to get the experience I need in order to get into a good graduate program. I have participated in research both inside and out of the classroom and really have a feel for what research is all about. Hope also offers research opportunities I might not have had at other schools, such as attending the Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Conference this summer or presenting my research at Van Andel this fall. The small class sizes have also helped me to get to know the professors in my department.”

“Without the stipend I received this summer, I would not have been able to conduct research at Hope.”

