

Note from the President

A very cordial welcome is extended to all of you who are attending Hope College for the first time. We are delighted that you are here and trust that this will be a superb educational experience for you. It is also our pleasure to greet those of you who are returning to continue your collegiate career at Hope.

To all of you, we extend our very best wishes for your success. Hope is an excellent undergraduate liberal arts institution, and we are better because you are here to share your gifts with the entire campus community. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this wonderful community we call Hope.

As a student, faculty member, coach, dean, and now as president, I have been a member of this campus community for more than a quarter of a century. I find it to be a very special – even unique – place where learning, faith, and living blend together in very special ways. The dimensions of Hope that I continue to cherish are the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical dimensions, all of which are designed to help you become all that God intends for you to be.

You will find some very attractive facilities on our campus, designed for academic and co-curricular achievement as well as student living. Also noted will be many very attractive programs, both on and off campus. We hope you will take advantage of many of them. Yet, I believe you will find as I do that the Hope difference is people – people who care about you and each other.

In order to exist as a campus community, it is vital that we respect and learn from others. Each person has his or her own unique story and giftedness which is brought to our Hope family. I trust that in all you do you will be respectful, friendly, engaging, and willing to invest in our community for the purpose of building up and making each of us better than we otherwise might be.

One of the great joys for my wife, Martie, and me is to interact with Hope students. We trust that our paths will cross often and that on many different occasions we will have the opportunity to recognize, affirm, and appreciate your contributions to the life of the College. May the joy of being part of the family of Hope be yours in great abundance!

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