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Hope House Detroit  
to build Christ-centered  
community*

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CRAZY  
Love**

HOPE HOUSE  
DETROIT

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**ON THE COVER**

A crazy bunch of Warriors hang out on the front porch of Hope House Detroit, located on the east side of the city. Founded in 2010 by Gary and Becky Gentry (the happy huggers on the bottom step of the cover photo), Hope House is a vital part of its community. It seeks to be more than a place, building, neighborhood, street or even ministry. Simply put, Hope House is "God's real, radical love unleashed in people. Crazy love. God's people."

Over the years, the RC community has played a vital role in the work of Hope House. The gang above includes RC students, alumni, and, most recently, a member of the college's Board of Trustees. Their Hope House roles range from former and current full-time staff, to full-time summer interns, to regular volunteers, and of course, the one who started it all.

Read more about the work of Hope House on page 15. **PHOTOS BY** Kayce McClure ('13)



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# TEAM

*Together Everyone Achieves More*



**S**trong teams have one thing in common—they collectively strive to move toward a shared and well-defined goal. Rochester College has been blessed with a cohesive bond between vice presidents working as a team. Running all facets of the college's operation, spending time strategizing on new initiatives, and speaking to constituents inside and outside the college has allowed the three of us to be used by God to make positive strides at Rochester College.

This executive management team is unique in its experiences; each of us coming with diverse professional backgrounds. However, we also have a shared experience of being ministers. This shared experience is deeply imbedded, allowing each of us to strengthen the core values of Rochester College: faith, character and servant leadership. As the college has entered into a period of stronger health, this team is committed to ensuring the best days of Rochester College are still ahead.

We hope you will come and experience first-hand the growth seen around campus. We broke ground on the new Garth Pleasant Arena in April. This \$5.3 million facility will

bring our athletes home to compete on our campus—April 2017 will be an exciting time. Lake Norcentra Park continues to bring new friends within the Rochester area to campus to experience and enjoy a new community space, making Rochester College "their" college too. Student internships all over southeast Michigan are making a difference in the lives of people. Additionally, our students' participation in outreach endeavors such as Hope House in Detroit embody our core values.

We have come a long way in the last few years. Student enrollment and retention have reached all-time records. Added programs offer students more options. Financial improvements in our operations have allowed us to retire debt while keeping tuition increases minimal. Alumni and friend gifts are at an all-time high. We are grateful for the partnership we experience with those committed to the success of this institution.

Our future is bright. As we roll out new strategic initiatives, we will need your continued support. Take a peek at what we are planning on pages 4-5. Thank you for being part of this team. We are grateful for your support.

## Senior Leadership TEAM



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# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## A GLANCE AT BUILDING THE FUTURE OF RC

Rochester College must change. We need to re-brand the institution, re-tool the offerings, and re-commit ourselves to creating a distinctive value proposition in order to compete effectively within the marketplace and accomplish our mission. The following is a brief summary of the 36-month plan crafted by the Senior Leadership Team of Dr. Brian Stogner, Tom Rellinger and Klint Pleasant to address this need.



## *Transforming the Ethos*

**PURPOSE** Recent studies have shown that many institutions are not responding well to students' and parents' expectation that higher education will prepare graduates for jobs in a rapidly changing workplace.

**PEOPLE** Providing all Rochester College students with internship opportunities equips graduates with first-hand experience and knowledge of the workplace, offers professional connections to area businesses and prepares students for diverse vocational situations.

**PLAN** Rochester College's Center for Social Entrepreneurship will lead the effort in bridging our students' educational experience to their careers. In addition, RC will model a culture of customer service and top-to-bottom excellence as students pass through our doors. Our aim is that this effort will help to deeply implant our core values of faith, character and servant-leadership. Tom Rellinger, VP for finance, operations and development, says, "Employers are demanding more than a knowledge base with new hires. They want commitment, work-ethic and accountability." Rellinger has recently engaged several community partners to assist the college in providing these internships.



## *Changing the Academic Model*

**PURPOSE** Higher education is being challenged to change at a rapid pace. Providing an academic model that responds to this challenge is imperative.

**PEOPLE** Rochester College students across all programs (traditional, CEL and online) need to be offered flexibility in the delivery and availability of classes and the menu of options available to them, all without an increase in cost.

**PLAN** Over the next 36 months, Rochester College will be strategically expanding its academic program. Dr. Brian Stogner, provost, says, "Preparing students for employability in today's dynamic job market is just sound educational business. Expanded offerings in health sciences and administration, computer science, and non-profit management will be a key component of RC's academic growth. Key changes in academic delivery models, including expanded online and accelerated offerings, and an expanded schedule of traditional classes are on the way. Providing flexibility simply aligns our offerings with student needs. Institutions such as ours must become more student driven in order to survive and thrive."



## *Addressing Campus Technology Needs*

**PURPOSE** Smartphones, iPads, Surface Pros, laptops—multiply this by 1,200 students and it is easy to see how technology is front and center in today's student communication and learning. Integrating this technology to optimize the value and cost of education is imperative.

**PEOPLE** Rochester College students across all programs (traditional, CEL and online) need to be offered flexibility in the delivery and availability of classes and the menu of options available to them, all without an increase in cost.

**PLAN** This fall, RC rolled out a new smartphone app, allowing students to easily and quickly access events, classroom maps, student policies, announcements, alerts and more via the devices they are constantly connected to. "Sometimes being small has its advantages, including being able to act quickly on important initiatives. Moving the ship known as RC should not be like turning an air-craft carrier," says Rellinger.

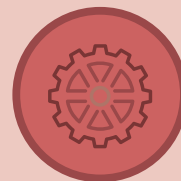


## *Expanding Athletics*

**PURPOSE** Simply put, facilities are key to creating a collegiate spirit. RC must pursue plans that will open up opportunities to explore sports that require outdoor athletic space. A new sports complex on the east side of campus will also open doors to regional conference membership that will enhance the overall branding and public relations of the college.

**PEOPLE** With the opening of the Garth Pleasant Arena, Rochester College will bring men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball to campus for home games. "This space will not only make our current students and employees proud, but also aid in attracting more prospective students and community visitors to campus," said Klint Pleasant, athletic director and VP of enrollment.

**PLAN** Once the arena is completed, RC hopes to move forward by completing a soccer field and giving Shinsky Field a much-needed facelift. Coupled with the new gym facility, RC will have a venue that truly creates a collegiate atmosphere. Additionally, part of the athletic strategic plan calls for improved intramural facilities and overall enhanced recreation opportunities for students. Lastly, the athletic plan works in conjunction with enrollment as athletics continues to be a driver in this department.



## *Launching a Capital Campaign*

**PURPOSE** With the completion of the Garth Pleasant Arena in April 2017, the college is turning its attention to the next project. Enrollment growth and new academic programming will require additional space.

**PEOPLE** "We are excited to focus our attention on developing facilities and resources needed to better educate students and accomplish our mission. Growth is a good problem to have, but our infrastructure needs to support our offerings. It has been far too long since Rochester College has been able to pursue such opportunities," says Stogner.

**PLAN** As we enhance our offerings, plans are in development for a new academic wing. Eight to 10 new classrooms, two additional labs and two large meeting spaces will be needed soon. Plans for this facility also include several offices for faculty and staff.



# GARTH PLEASANT ARENA

**TIP-OFF** On April 21, city, county, and state leaders joined alumni and the campus community to celebrate the groundbreaking for the long-awaited Garth Pleasant Arena. Despite the chilly and blustery weather of a typical April day in Michigan, the excitement of the occasion was easily sensed. During the ceremony, key donors Bill Fox and Mark Ide ('71), along with various community leaders, including City of Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett and Oakland County Commissioner L. Brooks Patterson, honored Coach Pleasant and congratulated Rochester College on this momentous win. Afterward, many attendees made their way to the original gymnasium to catch up and warm up!



- 1** During the ceremony, Pleasant spoke about Coach Bill Shinsky's influence on Rochester College and himself personally. Here, he is pictured with Shinsky's three sons, David, Paul ('78) and Lynn ('73).
- 2** Pleasant shares a laugh with longtime pal and community leader, Bill Fox.



**3** The occasion was certainly a proud moment for the Pleasant family. Pleasant's young grandchildren particularly enjoyed wearing their own hard hats and taking part in sweet treats.

**4** Pleasant chats with community leaders and RC supporters Linda Davis Kirksey and Ruth Stephens-Collins and reminisces around a table of friends during the reception.

**5** The event was a prime example of the support and enthusiasm Rochester College receives from the Rochester Hills community. Here, several dignitaries pose for a photograph to mark the occasion.

**6** Several of Pleasant's former players joined him at the podium while he spoke on what his years of coaching were truly about—instilling character and values into the young men of his program.





**7** The site of the Garth Pleasant Arena has undergone quite a transformation. Constructed by Rochester-based Frank Rewold and Son Inc., the facility is on schedule to be fully operational by the end of March 2017. The 23,000-square-foot structure will have a fan capacity of nearly 900, while maximum capacity with floor seating included will be more than 1,500. The arena will also include VIP seating. Along with sporting events, RC plans to hold community and civic events, campus gatherings, and graduation ceremonies in the facility. Check out [rc.edu/arena](http://rc.edu/arena) for timelapse videos and up-to-date progress shots.



### JOIN RC IN THE 4TH QUARTER

\$150,000 is needed to finish the fundraising for this project. Help us get the win and make your mark on the new facility by visiting [rc.edu/arena](http://rc.edu/arena).

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- Main bleacher seating
- Scoreboard & Scoretale
- Trophy case
- Concession booth
- Players bench & bleacher seating
- Individual lockers
- Volleyball pads







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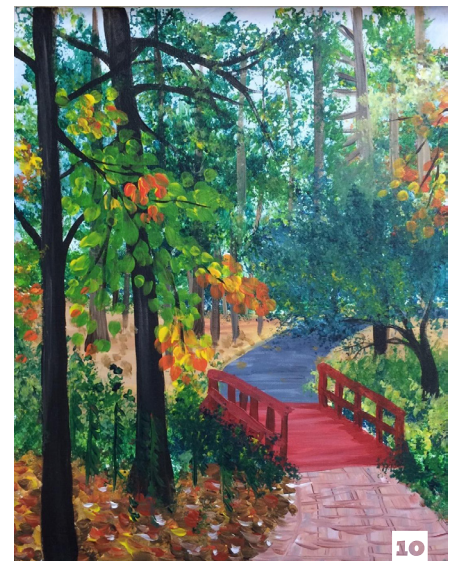
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**8** The A Cappella Chorus was invited to sing the national anthem at a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park in April. A few weeks later, the chorus performed at the Rochester Area Prayer Breakfast before hitting the road for its annual spring tour. This year, the group made its way to the coast of California and back, with performances in 10 cities along the way.

More recently, Dr. Joe Bentley, director of the A Cappella Chorus, announced the formation of an ongoing Alumni Chorus. More than 90 former chorus members have signed up to be in the group. For more information and a registration form to join the chorus, visit [rc.edu/alumnichorus](http://rc.edu/alumnichorus).

**9** In March, RC hosted an evening for alumni and friends to paint a picture of Lake Norcentra. As seen above, many masterpieces of a very blue Lake Norcentra were created during the event!

**10** Another pizza and painting gathering is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Painting With a Twist location in Rochester Hills. This time attendees will paint a fall Lake Norcentra Park pathway scene while receiving step-by-step assistance from an experienced artist. For more information, visit [rc.edu/adventures](http://rc.edu/adventures) or contact Larry Stewart at 248.218.2023.



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**11** Highlights from the 46th annual Partnership Dinner include Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberg's keynote about teamwork, a performance from a "throwback" Autumn and the presentation of the 2016 Alumnus of the Year award to Dave Zito ('76).

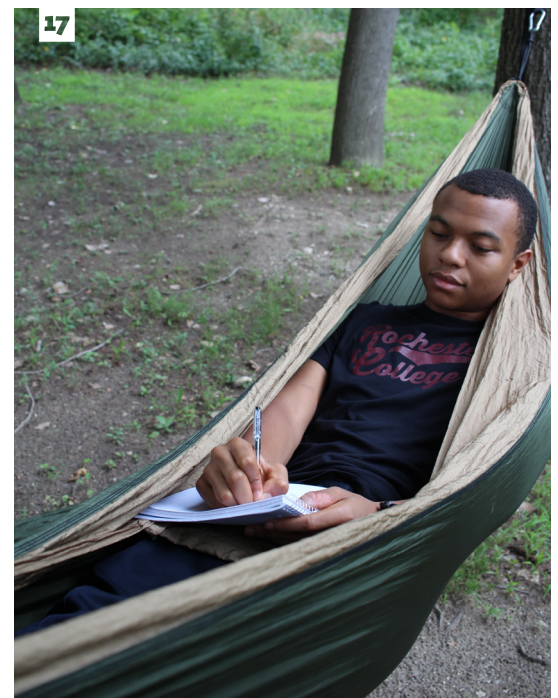
**12** A social media themed Celebration was bound to include some serious, albeit pretend, selfie time! Celebration 2017: Motown will take place Feb. 23-25 in the RC Theatre.



**13** During Spring Break, RC students served Detroit and Chicago through Campus Ministry's annual Urban Plunge program. A few days into her week in "the D," senior Amber Joseph commented: "Already thankful for the first part of this week where I've gotten to refocus and remember why faith is important and what God does. Life gets in the way, and it's been more than needed to step back and see what the good, good Father is doing."

**14** RC Theatre closed out its 2015-16 season in April with "A Tale of Two Cities: The Musical" based on Charles Dickens' classic story of love, revolution and redemption. The college's theatre department continues to expand in students and offerings. The construction of a "black box theatre" in the former Gold Room, is another exciting addition to the college's theatre arts program. For a complete list of show dates, see the back cover.





**15** As New Student Orientation peer advisers, Hayley Caddell and Billy Wilcox greeted residents moving in to Alma Gatewood during Welcome Week. One of those students was freshman Bridget Farris, pictured here during a quick break from dorm room decorating with her mom. Students and parents alike were grateful to have the Rochester College hockey team on hand to provide some muscle during move-in.

**16** The RC community prays together during opening convocation on Aug. 30. On Sept. 6-7, Campus Ministry hosted its annual 24-Hour Prayer event which featured stations set up for creativity, study, small group and contemplative prayer.

**17** It's always hammock time in Lake Norcentra Park! Whether students are studying or snoozing, the park provides the perfect setting to hang out during down time.

**18** About the only thing better than Yates's cider and donuts is enjoying them on campus! Throughout the fall, Lake Norcentra Park is welcoming Yates Cider Mill and an array of other local food vendors to the cheer garden behind the Warrior Center, just off the trail. Follow Lake Norcentra Park on Facebook to see the full schedule.



## College Adds Art and Ministry Programs

### Art Program

Rochester College is unveiling a new art program this fall. Students will now be able to take art classes toward a minor or a concentration in art.

Some classes (such as drawing, design and art history) will be offered on the main campus, while others (including painting, weaving and ceramics) will be available at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in downtown Rochester.

For many years, Rochester College has offered a few art classes, but recently the Dean of Humanities Catherine Parker supported an expansion of the program to help bolster the humanities courses available to students.

More generally, art classes support the mission of the college by helping students “to think critically and creatively” and “to connect coherently the spiritual truths of God with the wisdom of humanity embodied in the arts.”

Furthermore, offering a minor and a concentration in art can work well in combination with other subjects offered at RC, such as ministry, business, history, international

studies, mass communication, theatre and psychology. Inquiries about the program can be directed to Zac Watson at [zwatson@rc.edu](mailto:zwatson@rc.edu).

### Urban & Worship Ministry Majors

Starting in fall 2016, Rochester College will be offering two additional opportunities for ministry training. Students interested in urban ministry or worship ministry will now be able to pursue RC degrees specifically tailored to their interests.

Both degrees share the basic core of ministry courses offered in the Christian ministry and youth and family ministry majors: courses like Ministry Life, Spiritual Formation, the Congregation and Ministry of the Word. However, both majors, are multi-disciplinary. The urban ministry major features courses in social work, non-profit management and social entrepreneurship, while the worship ministry degree includes course work in music and theater.

Urban ministry is a natural fit for Rochester College. The college’s proximity to Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, urban areas of both distress and promise, set Rochester College apart from other

Christian liberal arts schools in terms of being able to provide hands-on experience in dynamic contexts. In fact, the degree builds on already established relationships with urban ministries, such as Hope House in Detroit and the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac. This degree also represents the concerns of this generation for issues of justice to be front and center in ministry. The program anticipates several possible outcomes, including congregational ministry, community organizing and para-church justice ministries.

The worship ministry degree brings together two things RC is well known for—its high quality arts programs (music and theater) and ministry programs that are at the heart of the college’s mission. The proposed degree is impressive in its scope and sequence. Forty semester hours are given to Bible, theology and ministry, with another 30-plus hours given to worship arts, including musical proficiency, leading musical groups and worship technology. The goal of the degree is to produce theologically informed worship leaders who are not only good performers and leaders, but thoughtful ministers who see worship as a primary way Christians are formed.

## SCHOLARBIZ *at a glance*

- » Matches needs of businesses with talented students
- » Provides assistance with special short-term projects
- » Equips students with real world experience
- » Offers assistance regardless of business location

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## Project Assistance Offered to Businesses and Organizations

Rochester College and Scholarbiz have partnered to deliver RC students the opportunity to gain work experience while pursuing a college degree.

“Scholarbiz creates a ‘win-win’ scenario for a student and an organization seeking assistance with short-term projects,” said Danny Cagnet, director of the School of Business. They are committed to helping students bridge the gap between education and a professional career. Students build resumes and organizations realize a cost savings at the same time.”

The Scholarbiz platform allows for businesses and organizations of all sizes to post projects they need help with but do not have the time or expertise to execute on their own. Students are assigned to projects based on their skills and educational experience. The businesses and organizations pay the students and the students receive feedback they can utilize for building a resume and preparing for future job opportunities.

“The project completed by a student at Rochester College exceeded our expectations,” said one business owner. “The project was done ahead of schedule and the report that was assembled was easy to understand. I would highly recommend other business owners leverage these talented students for their own projects.”

# Building Our Backyard: A Lake Norcentra Park Update

**“You have what it takes to make Rochester College what you’ve always wanted it to be.”**

This is the tone set by Brad “BT” Irwin ('96), the Rochester alumnus leading the Lake Norcentra Park project. Now entering its second year, the project is transforming the original “Maxon Farm” section of campus into a hub for education, recreation and social life.

**NORTHSTAR** recently checked in with Irwin to see what is currently happening.

## **HOW IS THE LAKE NORCENTRA PARK PROJECT COMING ALONG?**

Since the college launched the project in May 2015, we hacked away at years of deferred maintenance, improved safety, installed seating and trash cans, and started pumping fresh water into the lake again. So far in 2016, we cut down 50 dead trees and trimmed the rest to let more light into the park. As I speak, we’re building a 48-seat picnic garden and a 1,600-square foot mural. We have more projects waiting in the wings as funds come in for them.

## **WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS?**

The most important one is a new maintenance facility near Shinsky Field so we can remove the existing quonset hut from the center of the park. We’ll replace it with a lawn that can be used for outdoor events. That project will cost up to \$150,000. After that, we’d like to install ornamental lights that will illuminate new



asphalt pathways linking the park to the Clinton River Trail. We’re also looking to install a new pumping system that will constantly replenish Lake Norcentra with fresh water and circulate it using aerators and fountains. There are also a lot of smaller projects like bike parking, interpretive signage, landscaping, and things of that nature.

## **HOW MUCH IS ALL OF THIS GOING TO COST?**

If we had to pay for everything I just mentioned it would cost around \$400,000. I’m working very hard to use repurposed materials and volunteers to keep our costs low and make this an accessible and inclusive project for donors.

## **WHAT ABOUT FUNDRAISING?**

We haven’t begun the intensive fundraising yet and we already have close to \$60,000 in 2016 with \$400,000 in asks in the works. This project is a winner with the community. Those who are giving are making their first donations to Rochester College. Chief Financial Credit Union signed on as presenting sponsor for 2016. We received grants from Brooksie Way Foundation, Huizenga Endowment Fund and Community Foundation for Greater Rochester. Home Depot is continuing to supply the materials and tools we need. In September we launched a \$50,000

crowdfunding campaign that comes with up to \$50,000 in matching funds from the state if we reach our goal by Oct. 22.

## **WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?**

First, campus is a big factor for people when they choose a college and also a reason why they choose to stay and participate in campus life. Second, when I was a student in the '90s, Lake Norcentra was “back there.” Not anymore. Almost overnight, the Clinton River Trail turned the back of our garage into our front porch. This is a relatively inexpensive project that our neighbors and own people really seem to want.

## **ARE YOU ASKING THE ROCHESTER COLLEGE COMMUNITY TO DO ANYTHING?**

Yes. Follow the example of Larry and Lynne Stewart ('70, '74) who have about a million dollars in sweat equity in the park from decades of pulling weeds. Whatever God gives you to share with us is what we need from you. The richest thing you can do is to pray for the project and spread the word. If you have money to give, please give it. If you have skills or time to share, please share it. Or just come visit the park. You can learn more about the crowdfunding campaign by going to [www.Patronicity.com/LakeNorcentra](http://www.Patronicity.com/LakeNorcentra).

# Teacher Education Program Receives Final State Approval

In 1996, Rochester College began a mission: to prepare new teachers “with Christian values who can effectively serve in the diverse and challenging schools and global communities of the twenty-first century.” Twenty years later, on June 14, 2016, the State Board of Education granted final approval of Rochester College’s teacher education program.

Not surprisingly, carrying out this lengthy mission required decades of hard work and a timeline of steadily reaching numerous milestones. Establishing a collaborative partnership with Madonna University to offer teacher education

was one of the first steps. Early students began their education program at RC, then transferred to Madonna to complete their final year.

In 2001, RC received preliminary approval from the SBE to begin formal development of its own teacher preparation program under Madonna’s mentorship. A year later, the SBE appointed a Committee of Scholars, which included educators from K-12 schools and higher education, to oversee the program’s development during preliminary status.

Ten years into development of the program, RC received probationary approval from the SBE. This approval enabled the college to operate independently from Madonna and begin instituting its own policies and recommending candidates directly to the Michigan Department of Education for teacher certification.

Over the next nine years, the School of Education made steady progress toward meeting the SBE criteria for final approval as an Educational Preparation Institution, as well as satisfying the Committee of Scholars’ expectations for continuous improvement. This progress led to the final approval.

The next step involves moving forward with the national accreditation requirements of the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

## JOHN TODD

### *Patriot of the Year*

Dr. John Todd, professor of political science, received the Patriot of the Year award on March 10 at the 3rd annual Patrick Henry Event hosted by the nonprofit organization, Patriot Week. Patriot Week recognized Todd's leadership in the community, highlighting his membership with Rochester Church of Christ and his 38 years of service at Rochester College. His devotion to his spouse, Joyce, and children and grandson were also emphasized.

## ROD BORILLO

### *Appointed to editorial board for healthcare publication*

Dr. Rod Borillo, associate professor of nursing, has been appointed to the editorial board for the publication *Home HealthCare Now*. In this role, Borillo represents Rochester College and the School of Nursing among an elite group of clinical and academic experts. *Home Healthcare Now* is a professional journal serving the educational and communication needs of home care and hospice nurses. The journal is highly interactive and timely, focusing on the multidimensional, interdisciplinary and specialty practice areas of home care nursing. Clinical, operational and educational home care nursing issues are the core of the publication.

## KRISTEN MUNYAN

### *Co-authors work based on nursing practice*

Kristen Munyan, associate professor of nursing, has co-authored a body of work titled: *The Potential of Telehealth in ALS Support Programming: Reaching the Underserved*. Additionally, Munyan's abstract was accepted for a poster presentation at the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association's 2016 Clinical Conference in San Diego, Calif.

## GORDON MacKINNON

### *Published in Psychology Journal*

A scholarly article written by Dr. Gordon MacKinnon, chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, was recently published in the special Veterans Day edition of the *Journal of Health and Human Experience*. The piece is titled "Sensorimotor Psychotherapy and the Narrative of the Wounded Body in War."

# Storm Retires After 35 Years at RC

With the close of the spring semester, Rochester College said a partial "goodbye" to Dr. Mel Storm, a professor and vital part of RC's ministry program for the past 30 years. Storm and his wife Diane will be staying in Michigan for the short term, and he agreed to teach "Life of Christ" for the fall semester. However, he has officially joined the ranks of RC retirees.

Since coming to Michigan Christian College in 1986, Storm has focused on New Testament and Greek language coursework. At various points along the way,

however, he tackled most of the courses the Bible Department has offered. Even in his final semester as full-time faculty, he handled another new assignment—teaching the capstone Hermeneutics class with Dr. Mark Love.

Joey Brissette, one of RC's graduating seniors last spring, says he has had more classes with Storm than with any other teacher on the RC faculty. "There is probably no professor," adds Joey, "who has had a more positive influence on both my career path and personal life." Far beyond this testimony, our students have been richly blessed by Storm's example and his scholarly influence.

Outside the classroom, Storm played a significant role in leading the Heritage Church of Christ, where he has served as an elder. As a scholar and church leader, he has collected a wealth of insight about the biblical text and the needs of the church. He has published some of these discoveries, and RC is proud to have his books *The Man from Nazareth* (2006) and *Living Lord, Empowering Spirit, Testifying People* (2014) for use in the classroom.

Keith Huey, chair of the Department of Religion and Bible says, "I, personally, have never known Rochester College without Mel Storm. I will miss his academic contributions and the wisdom of his experience: he chaired the Bible Department for 15 years (1988-2003), and was serving in that capacity when I first arrived at RC. He also worked to establish and direct our master's program, which was a long and difficult process. He has become a significant part of our identity, and our school won't look the same without him. He also has lively opinions about the Stone-Campbell Movement, the Detroit Tigers, the presidential elections and a host of other topics. I will miss his hallway banter!"

Former faculty member Dr. David Fleer also commented on Storm's retirement, saying "Mel Storm is a man full of integrity—good to the core, gentle, wise and kind. He is as solid a friend as one can find. A churchman and scholar like his mentor, Frank Pack. Mel embodies the best of our tradition. Rochester College and the churches he has served are immeasurably better because of his life's commitment."

As for what adventures are ahead for Mel and Diane's next chapter, they have not made those decisions yet. On one hand, it is tempting to move back to San Diego; on the other hand, they have four sons (Carl, Curtis, Matt and Tim), along with grandchildren, to consider. Whatever moves they make, Rochester College is pleased to be marked by Storm's legacy.





# warrior WRAP-UP

## THE WARRIOR WAY

During the 2015-16 season, RC athletics, a dual-affiliate member of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, represented itself well in both associations. The Warrior athletic department had one team (men's basketball) qualify for the NAIA conference (Association of Independent Institutions) tournament. Additionally, five student athletes earned the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes award, which is given to athletes who hold junior or senior status and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above.

RC also sent six teams to USCAA National Tournaments, and boasted five USCAA All-Tournament selections, 12 USCAA All-American honors, 30 USCAA Academic All-American honors, one USCAA Student-Athlete of the Year (junior baseball player Jesse Rometty) award, and the men's basketball DI Coach of the Year award (Klint Pleasant). Behind those efforts, Rochester College won its first USCAA Director's Cup, an honor based on a point system and algorithm that is awarded annually to the USCAA athletic program that has the most overall success during the academic year.

## VARSITY INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

### MEN'S BASEBALL

During the 2016 season, the Warriors earned a trip to the Small College World Series for the third year in a row under first year head coach Scott Kunert. After starting the season with a win over last year's national champions, The Apprentice School, the team ended its annual spring training trip with a 4-5 record and went on to finish the season 24-22. The Warriors ended the regular season ranked #3 in the USCAA and took third place in the Small College World Series. The team was led offensively by Second Team All-American Tyler Provow, who ended his senior season with a .342 batting average, 40 hits and 14 walks.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team had another successful season, ending with an outstanding 24-7 record which included three wins against NAIA top 25 teams. The Warriors found themselves ranked in the NAIA top 25 for most of the season and ranked #1 in the USCAA rankings after starting off the season 9-0. The team also earned a #2 seed in the A.I.I. Conference Tournament. The Warriors were led by Angelo Griffis who closed out his junior year by scoring double digit points in all 22 games he played in, and recorded four double-doubles for RC. Sadly, the team also wrapped up the year by saying goodbye to six seniors.

### MEN'S SOCCER

This season the Warriors fell short of making it back to the USCAA National Tournament for the third year in a row. After starting off slow, the team was able to finish the season strong by winning its last five games which produced a season record of 8-6. Both Romario Georgis and Johann Hermiz were awarded USCAA Second Team All-American, and Fred Prest received USCAA Honorable Mention at the conclusion of the season.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team was able to make it back to the USCAA National Tournament during the 2015-16 season after just missing it the previous year. RC earned the sixth seed and was able to upset #3 seed Berea

College in the first round of the tournament before falling to second seeded Iowa Wesleyan College in the semifinals. The team finished with a 17-15 record. Senior Jackie Highstreet continued to be a key player for the team and was named USCAA First Team All-American for her performance on the court.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING

The women's team had a successful year, taking second place in two tournaments and receiving an invitation to the NAIA National Championship Tournament. Both the men's and women's teams are looking forward to a successful season in 2016-17, as their entire rosters will be returning in the fall.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team concluded its third year with first-year head coach Kaitlyn Busam at the helm. The team sent two ladies to run in the USCAA National Tournament in Florida. Madeline Salem took 54th place and Kylee Wright-Alexander finished 65th out of 120 runners. Wright-Alexander also earned a spot on the USCAA All-Academic Team.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

With the toughest schedule in the USCAA, the women's soccer team ended its season with a 6-10-2 record. Four of the 10 losses were by two goals or less. At the end of the season, the Warriors ranked in the top 10 of the USCAA. The team also hosted its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Game on Oct. 17 against Cleary University.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team headed back to the USCAA National Tournament for the second straight year under head coach Shannon Billings after earning the #3 seed in the tourney. RC took third place after beating Alfred State College. The team's final record of 27-21 is the most wins for the team since the 2011 season. Paige TenBrink was a key factor in the team's success this year with 184 kills and 253 digs during the regular season.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

The team ended its 2015-2016 campaign by taking third place in the A.I.I. Conference Tournament with a two-day score of 798. Senior Lindsay Baslock finished just outside the top 10 on the leaderboard with a 176 (87-89) two-day total, which was good for 11th place.


### MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team once again had an outstanding season under head coach Clayton Bissett. The Warriors were led by sophomore Jon Wandel, who earned himself Second Team All-American honors with his performance on the course. Additionally, RC played well at the USCAA National Tournament and brought home fifth place.

## CLUB SPORTS

### ACHA-MEN'S HOCKEY

For the second straight year, the Warriors competed in the ACHA D-1. The team ended the season with a 12-19 record that included several tough 1-goal losses. The Warriors were led by Matt Kadolph who racked up 17 goals and 21 assists. Zakk Olvin also played a key role in the team's success with a .904 saving percentage in goal. Next season, Rochester College will look to win the "Jug" back from crosstown rival Oakland University under new head coach, Scott Cagnet.



REAL  
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love  
at HOPE  
HOUSE  
Detroit

Story compiled by Liz Fulton • Photos by Kayce McClure



**They say** the best time for discovery and big ideas

**T** is during dopamine-producing periods of distraction such as driving. After a year of making the 2-hour commute from their home in Brighton, Mich. to worship and serve alongside their new church family

at Hope Community Church on the east side of Detroit,

Gary and Becky Gentry came to a major realization—

*you can't really be in good community with people if you are rarely in the same place.*

In 2010, Gary and Becky could no longer ignore their desire to be more connected to the area surrounding their church. This nudging was only the beginning of where God's calling for their lives intersected with the work He was already doing on Detroit's Marlborough Street. In March of that year, the couple found a home that happened to be in close proximity to their church (and was much larger and one-quarter the cost of another property they were considering) so they purchased the space thinking it would give them a place to stay a few days a week. By summertime, the addition of a basketball hoop meant the couple had a yard full of kids every day. Shortly thereafter, Hope House Detroit was established.

Hope House operates under the couple's non-profit organization, End of the Road International Ministries, and has expanded to include the home they purchased in 2010, three lots around it that provide yard space and a neighborhood playground (and were acquired for a mere \$400), and another property known as Hope Hospitality House. This house, which is located five doors down, provides full-time housing for Hope House staff and is used to accommodate a revolving door of volunteers from all over Michigan and beyond. Gary says the hospitality house in particular is one small example of God's redemptive work in the neighborhood, as the space was once a hub for drug trafficking and dog fighting. Both the original Hope House and the hospitality house underwent major renovations—each taking nearly six months of repair to become livable spaces.

"Our neighbors thought we would renovate the [first] house, then leave. In the beginning they couldn't figure out why we were here, then they couldn't figure out why we weren't leaving! It took a long time for the kids to believe we were staying, but consistency eventually led to trust," Becky said.



## THE VISION OF EOTR MINISTRIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOCUSED ON HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE,

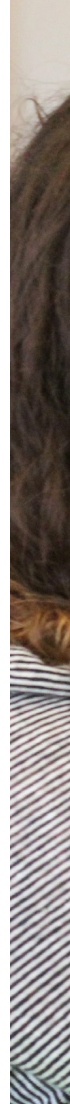
but staying put was about the only plan the Gentrys had. The couple didn't move-in touting a revolutionary ministry principle or proposing a slew of programming. They had no calculated strategy or manifesto. They simply wanted to follow Jesus' command to "love thy neighbor."

"We found ourselves in this community just as our neighbors did—we moved here and became part of it. Our neighbors bring things to the table that bless us. We bring things to the table that bless them. Together we're living and sharing," Becky said.

Becky adds that the closest thing Hope House has to a philosophy is derived from "When Helping Hurts" by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. The text of the book reads, "The goal is to see people restored to what God created them to be; people who understand they are created in the image of God with gifts, abilities and capacities to affect change in the world around them."

"It's just discipleship, that's all it is," Becky said. "This is why we tell them, 'You are precious. You are priceless. You are full of potential. Your story matters. You can make a difference.' "

A sign posted near the back door—the gateway to the basketball court, yard and playground the kids in the neighborhood have come to know so well —serves as a reminder of Hope House's intention to be in relationship with their neighbors. It reads: "Walk with them. Talk with them. Play with them. Pray with them." And at the end of every noisy, messy, busy and fun-filled day, the Gentrys will tell you everything comes down to two simple things—"crazy love, God's people. Hope House Detroit is God's real, radical love unleashed in people," Gary said.



It's all fun and games until someone gets a pie in the face! Luckily Hope House's first intern, Rafael Fluker ('10), was ready with the paper towels!





Breanna and Nia enjoy the official children's book of Michigan, *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*, during Read Around the Block.

"Hope House fosters authentic community. There is a **'come as you are'** philosophy with no expectations for anyone to be perfect. This facilitates honesty, which in turn, creates an atmosphere of authenticity."

—Breanna Mihalovich

SENIOR URBAN MINISTRY MAJOR & HOPE HOUSE INTERN





**OVER THE YEARS, THE HOPE HOUSE TEAM HAS SEARCHED FOR THE WORK GOD IS DOING IN ITS COMMUNITY, THEN JOINED HIM IN THOSE PLACES.**

And, of course, there were a few times the Lord provided in big, crazy ways that just couldn't be ignored. Whatever the case may be, young boys and girls frequent Hope House for a variety of reasons. With every occasion, whether a seasonal kick-off that draws in large crowds or a small gathering, the Hope team strives to be open to whatever the interaction brings, be it in conversation or events.


Staff and volunteers desire to "connect the dots" for the young people. "The goal is to be able to break past the surface and build one-on-one relationships. That kind of setting helps us point out areas in their lives where God is at work," said Assistant Director of Student Care Riley Chowning ('08).

Many people assume this work requires great sacrifice, but oftentimes, it is simply giving your time and energy to love the people around you.

Ask practically any of the neighborhood kids and they will tell you Hope House is also pretty good about creating special, long-lasting memories and just plain having fun. Sometimes God's work looks like bringing an ice cream truck into the neighborhood or a ventriloquist over to the house for a show. It has been inviting kids to a "water day" on a hot summer afternoon or a "snow day" during the winter months. Last Thanksgiving it was hosting 125 people under one roof for a holiday meal. (These are probably the times a little more energy is needed!)

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 **WARRIORS IN ACTION** Who in your community might God be asking you to bless with your time and energy?





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# On a more consistent basis God's WORK is...

**guys' group** After the renovation of the first Hope House attracted young adult men looking for work, Gary decided he would serve breakfast to the crew on Saturday mornings. Thus began "Guys Group." Six years later, middle and high school aged boys still look forward to Gary's famous egg bake and fellowshiping every weekend. Chowning leads the group and says it has been neat to watch the boys develop and grow closer.

"Trying to play it cool, these guys wouldn't even touch elbows when we first started circling up to pray. Now they hold hands, say what they're thankful for and share something positive about a person beside him. At the end of the morning, we'll even 'hug it out,'" he says. Guys Group also hosts guest speakers, including men from local churches who share their testimonies, and role models from the Detroit business community. Chowning said the group always looks to be open to whatever kind of conversation arise. "We're trying to meet them where they are, walk with them and model Christ along the way."

## thank God it's girls' club & high school girls' Bible study

After hearing some chatter about "all the cool stuff the boys got to do," the team responded by implementing programming for the girls in the neighborhood. The club for girls meets every Tuesday afternoon and invites middle schoolers to gather together to share a snack, their lives and some Jesus. On the same evening, the older gals meet for a Bible study. In recent months, the groups have been studying about what a godly "squad" looks like.

**the basketball court** The Gentrys didn't realize that installing an NBA-regulation basketball hoop meant their home would quickly become a magnet for boys and girls from the surrounding blocks and beyond. In the summer, many kids use the area daily. The court is a prime spot to teach kids about the game, but more importantly, what respect for themselves and their peers looks like.

**read around the block** According to detroitnews.com, only 27 percent of fourth graders in Detroit Public Schools can read on grade level. To assist in this area of need, 1st through 5th graders come to Hope House on Thursdays. After grabbing a snack and reading together as a group, kids break into individual or small groups (depending on the number of volunteers) to work on reading skills and comprehension.

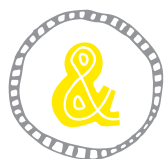
**computer club** This program meets after Read Around The Block and seeks to improve the students' typing and basic computer skills. The Gentrys say the Lord provided in a big (and interesting) way in order to make this program a reality. More than \$10,000 in equipment was funded by an organization in Hawaii with a connection to Oakland Chinese Church, one of Hope House's partners.

**teen council** This group is comprised of high school students who possess leadership potential, meet a GPA requirement and complete an interview process for a seat on the council. The Hope House team delights in the opportunity to pour into the lives of these teens through individual mentoring that centers on finding and encouraging each one's unique passions. Together, the group seeks to find a common theme and rally around a shared goal. This summer, their main focus was expanding and promoting the community garden. Scholarship opportunities are also available for qualified high school students connected with Hope House or Hope Community Church.

## partnerships with hope community outreach development

HCOD gives youth opportunities to improve their communities through service-related tasks. Participants receive hands-on job training and a small salary, along with guidance as they acquire identification cards and set up personal bank accounts. Hope House participates in these efforts.

# HOPE HOUSE DETROIT



## Rochester College



**GARY AND BECKY GENTRY** established End of the Road International Ministries in response to what they felt the Lord revealed to them during various mission trips. "We've literally gone to the ends of the earth, the places where the roads become paths and the paths end in poverty, sickness and hopelessness," said Becky. The ministry's goal is to spread knowledge of God's glory so that it may find its way to the end of the road. The Gentrys say this aim will always be about worship and young people, whom the couple has worked with in some form for most of their lives. Additionally, Gary is the founder of the information technology consulting firm Pillar Technology and serves on the Rochester College Board of Trustees.

"THE LOVE OF GOD runs through every aspect of Hope House, and I witnessed this love spreading far beyond the neighborhood children and overflowing into the community. Hope House welcomes any and every one with ease and does all it can to meet the needs of others. Spending a summer at Hope House changed my life forever."

— Denise Vernon

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAJOR  
& HOPE HOUSE INTERN



**RAFAEL FLUKER ('10)** Many people warned against leaving Hope House unoccupied during the days the Gentrys weren't able to stay in Detroit. However, Becky never worried about it too much. "I always felt the Lord had it taken care of," she said.

As it turns out, He did. Shortly after purchasing the home, Becky attended a church meeting about a youth summer program. Someone mentioned a college student who wanted to intern with the program but would need housing in order to do so. Becky quickly piped up and said, "That's my guy!"

Rafael moved in shortly thereafter, even though the home was still under construction. He assisted Gary with the renovation, became Hope House's first intern and ended up living there for two years. "He was a fabulous bridge with the community and a pivotal intern. His time at Hope House was crucial in connecting with the kids in the neighborhood and easing the transition to the next group of interns," said Becky.

Today, Rafael volunteers at Hope House and serves on the leadership team helping provide input, prayer and directional decision making for the ministry.

**HOPE HOUSE AND ROCHESTER COLLEGE AGREE THAT RAFAEL IS A PRETTY COOL GUY. EVEN STILL, WHO KNEW WHAT A TRENDSETTER HE WAS!**

From the beginning, all of Hope House's full-time staff (including house, programming and student care directors) have been Warrior alum. Add in the list of interns and volunteers and it's probably safe to say

**warriors**  **hope house!**

## PARTNERSHIPS

**ACADEMICS** Because the majority of Hope House's interns are from RC, the program aligns with several of the college's degree requirements. Hope House has provided internships to ministry, urban ministry, youth ministry and public relations majors. Hope House also provides opportunities for students enrolled in the Center for Social Entrepreneurship to experience urban systems and gain an understanding of community development. Additionally, RC's Public Relations Writing & Visual Design course recently selected Hope House Detroit to be its client and spent the semester developing a comprehensive public relations campaign for the ministry.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** During RC's annual spring break Urban Plunge experience, students stay in the Hospitality House while volunteering with the ministry and other non-profits in Detroit.



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## classNOTES

### 1975

*Cindy (Unsel) Childs* married Michael Polom on April 25, 2015, after four years as a widow. Cindy is retired and Michael is a General Motors engineer. The couple lives in Flushing, Mich. and also maintains a home on Bois Blanc Island. Cindy may be contacted at cluc50@gmail.com.

### 2002

*Chris ('04, '14) and Kristan (Tuori '02) Shields* welcomed twin girls, Taleah and Tyra, on June 1, 2016. They join William, Tori and Wyatt in the family. Kristan teaches for the Rochester Community Schools and Chris is the campus minister at Rochester College. Kristan can be contacted at ktuori51@yahoo.com.

### 2004

Caleb and *Suzy (Goffin) Plettner* welcomed their fifth son, Ezekiel Caleb, on June 25, 2015. Suzy is a homemaker and Caleb is employed by Century Sales and Management. The family lives in Lincoln, Neb. Suzy can be contacted at suzy.plettner@gmail.com.

### 2004

Kristiana joined Jedrek, Jeston and Kalista in the home of *Josh and Kim (Griswold) Kashorek* on Sept. 12, 2015. Josh is the e-commerce marketing manager for Premier Retail, and Kim homeschools the children. The family lives in Irondequoit, N.Y. Kim can be contacted at mrskashorek@gmail.com.

### 2012

*Josephine Cervantes* received her master's degree in counseling from Oakland University on Dec. 15, 2015. She is now a Board Certified (NCC) Limited License Practicing Counselor (LLPC). Josephine lives in Rochester Hills, Mich. She can be contacted at josephinecervantes@comcast.net.

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<b>Warrior Friday Preview Day</b> .....	October 14
<b>President's Circle of Honor Luncheon</b> .....	October 15
<b>Homecoming Festivities</b> .....	October 29
<b>RC Theatre—The Cherry Orchard</b> .....	November 10-13 & 17-20
<b>Warrior Friday Preview Day</b> .....	November 11
<b>Fall Commencement</b> .....	December 17
<b>Warrior Friday Preview Day</b> .....	January 20
<b>Partnership Dinner (Royal Park Hotel, Downtown Rochester)</b> .....	February 2017 (Date TBA)
<b>RC Theatre—Steel Magnolias</b> .....	February 9-12 & 16-19
<b>Warrior Friday Preview Day</b> .....	February 17
<b>Celebration: A Night at the Motown Museum</b> .....	February 23-25
<b>Garth Pleasant Arena Grand Opening Celebration</b> .....	March 2017
<b>Registration Opens for Fall 2017</b> .....	March 13
<b>Warrior Friday Preview Day</b> .....	March 17
<b>Autumn Reunion</b> .....	March 24-25
<b>RC Theatre—Urinetown the Musical</b> .....	March 30-April 2 & April 6-9
<b>Academic Symposium</b> .....	April 18
<b>RC Theatre—Medea</b> .....	April 20-23
<b>Spring Commencement</b> .....	April 29



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