

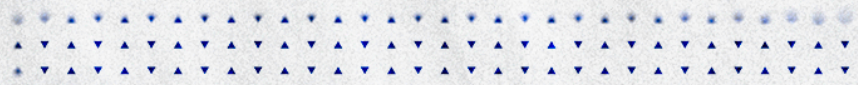
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LOGAN BEGEMAN, CROSS COUNTRY	LAUREN LEE, VOLLEYBALL
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BREAKTHROUGH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – WOMEN

PRESENTED TO AN ATHLETE (SOPHOMORE AND ABOVE) WHO HAS MADE THE BEST OR MOST SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THEIR SPORT DURING THE YEAR.

Presented by senior baseball player Cade Seabaugh and Physical Plant's Director of Operations Kara Slater.



MOLLY DUROW, WOMEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

For her final cross-country season, the senior passed seven other runners during the final kilometer of the 6K course, posting a 32nd place time of 21 minutes and 51.9 seconds, which captured her NCAA Division III All-American honors. She also earned USTFCCCA All-Region honors after finishing as regional runner-up with a time of 22 minutes, 7.01 seconds on the 6K course. Indoors, Molly hit her stride in the 800M run this winter, continually topping her personal best time in each competition, finally hitting 2:16.95. She captured Second Team All-America honors in the mile run in the indoor national NCAA Division III indoor championships. Her academic strength also earned USTFCCCA All-Academic recognition and the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honor.



EMME D'ERRICO, WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

She captured All-MIAA distinction for the second time after repeating as MIAA champ in the 200 yard butterfly event and was named the conference's women's swimming athlete of the week twice last fall. Advancing to the national championships, she and her teammates placed 11th in the 400 medley relay, which was rewarded NCAA Division III Second-Team All American honors. She finished 30th in the nation in the 200 butterfly.



TERIN MAYNARD, SOFTBALL

Moving right into the spring softball season after a long basketball season, this dual-sport athlete claimed All-MIAA distinction in her first softball season with the Flying Dutch. The infielder was also later selected to the 2025 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District. In her first year, her strong defensive strength notched an impressive fielding percentage (.886), and offensively hit a team-best .412 while batting as the lead-off hitter in 16 conference games, totaling 21 hits and 17 runs scored. A two-sport athlete, Maynard also started at point guard for the MIAA Tournament champion women's basketball team that reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championships.



MADDIE PETROELJE, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In her second year at Hope, the sophomore forward was selected to the All-MIAA First Team after a career-best 69 3-pointers, netting a 46 percent shooting percentage and 84.7 percent free-throw rate. Petroelje also recorded career highs in rebounds (110), steals (36), assists (22) and blocks (21), helping the Flying Dutch win the MIAA Tournament and advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championships. She was also named to the D3Hoops.com All-Region Teams and MIAA Women's Basketball Athlete of the Week.



OLIVIA WYMA, VOLLEYBALL

Over 30 matches played last fall, the middle blocker set career highs in: kills (292), kills per set (2.70), hitting percentage (.380), total blocks (106) and solo blocks (36). Her athletic and academic performance was recognized with a 2025-26 CSC Academic All-District women's volleyball team honor, American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America honorable mention, AVCA All-Region, All-MIAA First Team and she was selected as MIAA's women volleyball athlete of the week in October. Wyma notched her strongest performance against Carnegie Mellon, collecting 20 kills and 24 points, helping Hope win the five-set match.



BREAKTHROUGH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – MEN

PRESENTED TO AN ATHLETE (SOPHOMORE AND ABOVE) WHO HAS MADE THE BEST OR MOST SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THEIR SPORT DURING THE YEAR.

Presented by senior baseball player Cade Seabaugh and Physical Plant's Director of Operations Kara Slater.



LOGAN BEGEMAN, CROSS COUNTRY

The 2024 All-MIAA Second Team runner captured the All-MIAA First Team honors last fall and repeated as a USTFCCCA All-Academic award winner. He capped the fall season as the MIAA's Most Valuable Runner for the MIAA-champion Flying Dutchmen – becoming Hope's 14th runner to do so, by clocking a winning 8K personal-record time of 25 minutes and 4.5 minutes. He was named the conference's cross country runner of the week twice and was also named a USTFCCCA All-Region runner.



JOSH BORDOVSKY, MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The junior captured his first MIAA titles while helping the Flying Dutchmen top the field and win an MIAA Championship for the 14th time in program history and for the first time since 2022. He repeated as an All-MIAA recipient and qualified to compete at the NCAA Division III Championships. He swam to Second Team All-America honors in the 200 individual medley, finishing 13th in the nation. He placed 17th in the 200 breaststroke at nationals and a leg on the 19th-place 200 medley relay.



OWEN CEITHAML, MEN'S SOCCER

The midfielder emerged as a durable and reliable force for the Flying Dutchmen, playing a full 90 minutes in six of the 10 matches last fall. The chemistry major's goal against Alma helped the Flying Dutchmen seize their first-place MIAA finish. Ceithaml also registered an assist this season. He was honored with the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District at the end of the season.



OWEN GRAHAM, FOOTBALL

The Flying Dutchman safety was named to the D3football.com All-America Third Team and First Team while also capturing the All-MIAA First Team honors. The social studies composite major set career highs in total tackles (32), solo tackles (19), passes defended (7), and interceptions (6). Graham was one of only 15 Division III players to record at least six interceptions during the regular season.



COOPER NUGENT, MEN'S TENNIS

As a sophomore #1 singles and #2 doubles player last year, he finished with strong competitive and academic performances. The German major captured Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar-Athlete and College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors. After finishing the 2025 season with a 5-2 singles record and 5-2 in doubles play, he also captured All-MIAA First Team recognition.



DYLAN TERPSTRA, TRACK AND FIELD

The junior sprinter ended the season on the same high note he started on. He competed in his first collegiate indoor national championship, completing the 400-meter race in 18th place. The communication major started the season by clocking the fastest 400-meter time in the NCAA DIII with a school-record run of 48.16 seconds at GVSU in December. Three times in February, he was named MIAA Men's Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week. On the 4x400-meter relay team at the Silverton Invitational at the University of Michigan, Dylan and teammates captured first place in 3:14:31, marking a season-best time, which ranked No. 8 nationally in NCAA DIII. During the 2025 outdoor season, he was the MIAA champion in the 400-meter race and the 4x400 relay en route to All-MIAA First Team accolades.



ORION YANT, MEN'S BASKETBALL

After playing just three games his freshman season, Orion earned a starting position in December and captured MIAA's Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week honors twice. He averaged 9.8 points and 5.0 per game across the season for the MIAA Tournament-champion Flying Dutchmen. He scored a career-high 24 points vs. Kalamazoo at DeVos Fieldhouse. He grabbed 10 rebounds twice: against WashU and Adrian.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR – WOMEN

PRESENTED TO THE FRESHMAN OR TRANSFER WHO MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITHIN THEIR SPORT DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR ON THE TEAM.

Presented by senior lacrosse player Brendan O'Donnell and Vice President of Student Formation and Dean of Students Becky Starkenburg



MAKENZIE BALDWIN, WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The freshman jumped into the pool for her first collegiate season and finished with two Second Team All-America honors (individually in the 200-yard backstroke and collectively in the 400-medley relay.) She also helped the Flying Dutch extend their MIAA championship streak to six. She earned six gold medals at the MIAA Championships, winning the 100 and 200 backstroke, 500 freestyle, 200 and 400 medley relays and 800 freestyle relay. She made the All-MIAA Team.



GRACE DAWSON, WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The freshman delivered a stellar freshman campaign as a diver, qualifying for the NCAA Championships and earning Most Valuable Women's Diver accolades after winning gold on the 1-meter board and silver on the 3-meter board. She co-headlined the All-MIAA Team. She placed 20th at the NCAA Division III Championships on the 3-meter board and 26th on the 1-meter board.



JALEN FOSSITT, SOFTBALL

The freshman infielder excelled during her first collegiate softball season, starting 37 of 38 games and batting .343 with 36 hits, including nine doubles and two triples. She totaled 234 RBIs and 14 runs scored over 105 at-bats. In the field, she recorded a .902 fielding percentage with 67 assists. She earned All-MIAA accolades as a second-team selection.



ELLIANA HILLARD, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The freshman quickly became a key contributor for the women's lacrosse team, starting the final 12 games of the season and finishing with 22 goals and six assists over 19 games. She scored five times during a victory at Calvin. Her contributions helped the Flying Dutch become the first team in MIAA history to win three consecutive regular-season league championships and the second to win the MIAA Tournament three times in a row.



OLIVIA IPPEL, WOMEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

The junior transfer helped the women's cross country team return to the NCAA Division III national championships after a one-year absence. She posted Hope's third-best time at nationals, going 23:20.8 at the Roger Milliken Cross Country Course in Spartanburg, S.C., for 179th place. She also clocked a 6K time of 23 minutes, 24.23 seconds and E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Kentucky, and placed 55th. In indoor track and field, she scored in two events at the MIAA Championships, placing fifth in the 5,000 meters and seventh in the 3,000 meters.



GIANNA KERSCHBAUM, SOFTBALL

The junior transfer earned her first All-MIAA distinction after pitching and playing in the outfield during her first season with the team. She batted .343 in 38 games, collecting 28 RBIs and 36 hits, including 11 doubles, four triples and two home runs. The right-hander also went 10-9 in the circle with a 2.08 ERA and 111 strikeouts over 27 appearances and 128 innings pitched. She earned All-MIAA First Team accolades.



HADLEY KRYGIER, WOMEN'S TENNIS

The freshman stepped right in for the women's tennis team as a key contributor in both singles and doubles. She went undefeated in MIAA play this season, going 5-0 at No. 2 singles and 5-0 at No. 2 doubles and helping Hope serve up a 14th consecutive MIAA Tournament championship and win its 25th outright MIAA regular-season title. She earned two points during the team's NCAA Division III Championship first-round victory vs. Wisconsin-Superior.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR – MEN

PRESENTED TO THE FRESHMAN OR TRANSFER WHO MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITHIN THEIR SPORT DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR ON THE TEAM.

Presented by senior lacrosse player Brendan O'Donnell and Vice President of Student Formation and Dean of Students Becky Starkenburg



CORBIN BENNETTS, BASEBALL

This sophomore outfielder hit .312 over 34 games in his first collegiate baseball season last spring, including a team-leading .325 over 20 MIAA games. He totaled 43 hits during the 2025 season— including 10 doubles, two home runs and one triple. He drove in 25 RBIs, including six against Manchester and five against Franklin. He was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.



BRENDAN CARGILL, MEN'S BASKETBALL

The freshman guard started 27 games in his first college men's basketball season, hitting timely shots while averaging 12.8 points over 28 games shooting 44.9% from the field and 86% from the free-throw line. He sank a team-best 54 3-pointers at 36.2% clip. He erupted for 30 points during the Jan. 28 victory against Albion. He earned an All-MIAA Second Team selection.



JACK LOWMAN, MEN'S SOCCER

The freshman defender anchored his team's defense and helped the team record a league-best 0.43 goals-against average in MIAA play. He scored three goals in his first season — including the game-winning header at Adrian. His all-around play was recognized with an All-MIAA First Team selection.



AIDEN MOORE, MEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

The freshman transfer from Michigan State University delivered on the course during a historic season for the Flying Dutchmen, who finished 23rd at the NCAA Championships, claimed their first regional title since 1980 and won their first MIAA championship since 1986. He raced to USTFCCCA All-Region and All-MIAA accolades. In indoor track and field, he ran to All-Region distinction in the mile and MIAA champion in the mile.



ALEX THOLE, FOOTBALL

The junior transfer started all 11 games during the 2025 season, passing 2,825 yards and 21 touchdowns over 11 games while rushing for 148 yards and four more scores. He quarterbacked the football team to back-to-back NCAA Division III playoff appearances for the first time in program history and earned All-MIAA second-team honors. The 2025 Academic All-District selection passed for 300-plus yards three times, including a high of 318 vs. Trine.



ANCHOR AWARD – MEN

PRESENTED TO AN ATHLETE WHO ANCHORS THE TEAM, AND INSPIRES TEAMMATES TO TRAIN AND PERFORM AT THEIR BEST.

Presented by senior cross country and track athlete Molly Durow and Hope for Humanity '26 award winner Abby Phillips Van Peurseem



TYLER BACIGALUPO, BASEBALL

When you think of an anchor, you think of stability, consistency, strength, and accountability. Tyler has been that and more for the last three seasons at Hope College. Tyler consistently reaches the standard and expectations of our program and has been able to spread that contagious love for the game to many younger and older student-athletes within our program. Tyler has transformed our team culture on and off the field and continues to impress not only with his physical abilities but in how he impacts the people around him through his presence alone. Tyler is the definition of Hope College Baseball, and we look forward to watching him continue to spread positive energy throughout our community!



NILE DEVERS, CROSS COUNTRY

In Spring 2024, Nile experienced a potential career-ending injury — but which actually allowed Nile's light to shine brighter. He intentionally looked for ways to encourage and support his teammates to new heights, and they responded with unspoken dedication. During his months of recovery and learning to walk/run again, Nile's determination to return to the side of his fellow harriers unified and motivated the team to push through barriers and achieve their goal. This past fall, Nile ran cross country again, and the team won the MIAA and NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championships.



JACK McNAMARA, MEN'S LACROSSE

Jack McNamara is an outstanding example of a complete student-athlete. He has embraced the transformational aspect of Hope College during his career here and has built on his work ethic to become a natural leader and inspirational figure, not only within our team but on campus. Not only can he testify in chapel, but he is also a force on the lacrosse field. Jack carries a 3.98 GPA and serves as captain and academic liaison on our team.



MATT MROZINSKI, MEN'S SOCCER

"Riz" truly embodies everything we want from a soccer player, teammate, student and person within our program. Matt has had more "bad luck" and "bad timing" with serious injuries in all four years of his career here, and through it all has been the most positive and impactful student-athlete in our program. The respect his teammates have for him showed when they unanimously voted him team captain, knowing he would be sidelined for the season with an injury. Matt's positive impact has truly changed lives here at Hope, and he is undoubtedly going to continue being a world-changer when he graduates. Riz is truly a ONE-of-ONE and is leaving a legacy in our program that future Hope soccer players can strive to be like.



BILLY STERNBERG, FOOTBALL

The one thing that stands out is that Billy was always a team-first guy. He never started for us, yet played an invaluable role by example and making a strong impact on the younger guys. This summer, two days before fall camp, the 12 council leaders met at our house. When I called on him to tell his impact and influence on the team, his response brought tears to my eyes. He said, "I am backing up an All-American, and it is my job to make him even better, both physically and mentally. I will lead my group and this team from that role, and I will show our guys what it looks like to be a team player."



KELLEN TOWNSEND, MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Dynamic matters. Investment from the upperclassmen to the newcomers has a massive impact on team culture. Every team needs that 'glue' guy. When that person is also the 'team-energy' guy, there's a unique opportunity for things to come together incredibly well for a team in a given season. That's exactly the recipe that transformed our men's team into MIAA champions this year. From spending too much time at Phelps to 'stopping' by Durfee and Kollen on the walk back to his house, Kellen was not only deliberate but also caring and invested in his teammates. Kellen's passion for Hope athletics doesn't stop with his own team; chances are, if you're reading this and contemplating who to vote for, he's brought some energy to one of your competitions as well!



ANCHOR AWARD – WOMEN

PRESENTED TO AN ATHLETE WHO ANCHORS THE TEAM, AND INSPIRES TEAMMATES TO TRAIN AND PERFORM AT THEIR BEST.

Presented by senior cross country and track athlete Molly Durow and Hope for Humanity '26 award winner Abby Phillips Van Peurseem



TESS BAINBRIDGE, WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tess has been a steady and selfless anchor for the women's soccer team throughout her career. As a senior captain, she consistently puts the needs of the team ahead of her own, modeling servant leadership in both big and small ways. She organizes team reminders, does the team's laundry, runs after practice with teammates to help them stay fit, and leads sideline huddles that encourage and refocus those on the field. Tess is widely respected for her work ethic, humility, and genuine care for others, always looking for ways to lift up a teammate or strengthen our team culture. Her leadership extends beyond the field — through campus involvement and service, and truly embodies what it means to anchor those around her with inspiration.



CAYDEE CONSTANT, WOMEN'S GOLF

Caydee carries a humble confidence that naturally draws others to her and makes them feel supported and seen. She is fun and uplifting, yet an exceptionally hard worker. On and off the course, she elevates her team through the way she cares for her teammates and inspires them to be their best. Caydee leads and loves by example, putting her head down and doing the work quietly in a way that others genuinely want to emulate. Caydee makes the team better not only through her talent but most importantly through her character, positivity, and steady leadership she brings each day.



CAROLINE CURNUTT, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Caroline is an exceptional athlete with an unforgettable, competitive spirit. She is deeply committed to maintaining a growth mindset and consistently challenges her teammates to embrace the same approach. On the field, Caroline carries a commanding presence and a quiet confidence that inspires everyone around her. Her emotional intelligence strengthens our team, helping us remain poised and resilient during moments of adversity. Caroline brings joy to any training environment and faces challenges with courage and determination. Most importantly, she has a true heart of gold used to uplift our team and pour into others.



TESS HERENDEEN, VOLLEYBALL

Tess is our Anchor Award nominee because she puts God at the center of everything, leads with humility, and pursues excellence with relentless effort. No matter what, Tess gave her all and inspired those around her to do the same. She represents the very best of Hope Volleyball and elevated this program and the people in it. Simply put, Tess' life and leadership inspire hope.



LAUREN LEACH, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lauren stands out as one of the greatest leaders I've had the privilege to coach in 30 years. She has raised the level of every player and coach this season. Her leadership off the court has shown in the way our freshmen and sophomores have progressed. They are on a crusade to talk her into a fifth year. They love and respect her so much. She takes time to meet with them in person, work out with younger players, showing the out-of-practice dedication necessary to have continuous growth throughout a season. And, as a non-starter, she led the second group to not only great growth each day, but to compete at a level that not only pushes the starters but beats them on many days. She is relentless, caring, and has helped transform our program during her time at Hope. The legacy she leaves as a leader will be referenced forever.



MALLORY MATTHEWS, WOMEN'S TENNIS

Mallory has provided such an amazing example of patience, consistency and dedication for our women's tennis program over her three years. Mallory dealt with a nagging foot injury. After long deliberation, she bravely chose to have surgery to correct the issue, which set her back months of training. Mallory showed great composure and patience throughout her rehabilitation period and showed great grit and determination in getting her tennis game back to the competitive level she was at prior to her surgery. Mallory could not be a more supportive and uplifting teammate. She has been a cornerstone in the spiritual growth for our women's program and has effortlessly displayed her faith in her day-to-day actions.



CLAIRE VELLINGA, WOMEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

Claire is a daily example of what a hard worker and supportive teammate can help a team accomplish. She was not a highly touted high school runner, but has dropped her 5k PR over three minutes and has brought a generation of other runners with her on this journey. Claire leads the pre-practice exercises, cold early morning workouts on snowmelt, and post-run congratulations. Her mentorship as a runner and a person has made a lasting impact on the culture of the team.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE – MEN

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL OR PLAYED THE MOST IMPRESSIVE GAME OR HAD THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WIN IN A GIVEN YEAR.

Presented by senior women's golf player Sara Muir and Hope College President Matt Scogin.

FOOTBALL: THE RIVALRY 52-0 VS. CALVIN

The nationally ranked Flying Dutchmen provided all the fireworks in the first on-campus meeting of The Rivalry, defeating Calvin University 52-0 in front of 5,651 fans, one of the largest home crowds in program history. Hope scored touchdowns on its first three possessions and defensively, the Flying Dutchmen recorded back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 1983.

MEN'S SOCCER: TWO GOALS IN THE LAST 10 MINUTES VS. TRINE FIRST OUTRIGHT MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP IN 19 YEARS

Men's Soccer rallied after a second-half equalizer to score twice late to beat visiting Trine, 3-1, on Oct. 29 under the lights at Van Andel Soccer Stadium and clinch the first outright MIAA championship in 19 years. Sophomore Jackson Mindling recorded a hat trick for the Flying Dutchmen, including the go-ahead goal with 5.5 minutes remaining and the clincher just under two minutes later.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP: FIRST MIAA TITLE IN 37 YEARS

Men's Cross Country raced to a historic finish at the MIAA Championships last fall, clocking five of the top seven scoring runs and seven of the fastest 10 runs overall en route to 22 points — 44 points fewer than the nearest competitor on Nov. 1 at Broadway Acres Golf Course in Charlotte. It was the Flying Dutchmen's 16th MIAA championship, but the first since 1989.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: NCAA GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: FIRST IN 46 YEARS

Men's Cross Country galloped to another historic run on Nov. 15 in Louisville, Kentucky, dominating the field at the 37-team NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional and running away with the second regional title in program history and their first since 1980. Led by seven all-region performances, the Flying Dutchmen totaled 53 points and finished 41 points ahead of runner-up Rose-Hulman en route to a spot in the NCAA Championships. MIAA MVP Logan Begeman led Hope with an eighth-place finish.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: MIAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP WIN VS. TRINE

Men's Basketball overcame an early 12-point deficit to Trine in the MIAA Tournament championship game on Feb. 28 at Olivet and marched to a 72-65 victory that garnered a return to the NCAA Championships. Freshman guard Brendan Cargill led a balanced attack with 16 points for the Flying Dutchmen, who played without their leading scorer and All-MIAA First Team selection Parker Hovey.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE – WOMEN

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL THAT PLAYED THE MOST IMPRESSIVE GAME OR HAD THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WIN IN A GIVEN YEAR.

Presented by senior women's golf player Sara Muir and Hope College President Matt Scogin.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: 13TH CONSECUTIVE MIAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Women's Tennis added another chapter to its storied legacy, securing its 13th consecutive MIAA Tournament championship with a 4-1 victory over Kalamazoo College on May 2. The Flying Dutch claimed two of three doubles matches to secure the opening point, then won the fourth, fifth and sixth singles flights to earn the MIAA's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. The match-clinching moment came from freshman Kaitlyn Stievater, who served a composed 6-1, 6-4 win at No. 6 singles.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: NCAA GREAT LAKES REGIONALS THIRD PLACE FINISH

Women's Cross Country raced to a third-place finish at the 37-team NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 15, which set up the Flying Dutch to secure an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships. Senior Molly Durow led the Flying Dutch with a runner-up time of 22 minutes, 7.01 seconds on the 6K course at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Kentucky. Hope scored 122 points, finishing behind two MIAA rivals: regional champion Trine University (58) and Calvin (91).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: OVERTIME VICTORIES VS. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

For the second time this season, the Hope College women's basketball team needed overtime to subdue a determined Illinois Wesleyan University team. This time, the stakes were much, much higher. Trailing by six points with two minutes remaining, the nationally-ranked Flying Dutch scored the last six points of regulation, then produced big shots and key defensive stops during the five-minute extra period to defeat the Titans, 90-85, in an NCAA Division III second-round playoff game at DeVos Fieldhouse.

SOFTBALL: 3-2 VS. CALVIN (10 INNINGS) SQUEEZE-PLAY WIN

Softball delivered clutch performances when it mattered most. With the season on the line, the Flying Dutch swept Calvin University in thrilling fashion at Wolters Softball Stadium, winning 3-2 in 10 innings and 1-0 in seven, on May 3 to punch their ticket to the MIAA Tournament. Freshman Jalen Fossitt put down a game-winning squeeze bunt in the bottom of the 10th in Game 1, scoring sophomore Sophie Stironek.

GRETA GIDLEY SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Trailing halfway through her 200-yard individual medley final at the NCAA Division III Championships, swimmer Greta Gidley remained focused and driven down the stretch of the four-stroke race, pulling away from the field for a title-clinching, school-record and personal-best time of 1:59.20 on March 19 in Indianapolis. The fifth-year senior topped the field by more than 2 seconds and became the sixth Hope women's swimmer to win a national title and the first in 25 years.

SARA SCHERMERHORN TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sprinter Sara Schermerhorn captured track's first indoor national championship on March 14, winning the 400-meter event at the NCAA Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. The senior clocked a school-record 54.406 seconds, edging Grace Yarkosky of SUNY Plattsburgh by just four one-hundredths of a second in a dramatic finish. She is the Flying Dutch's third track national champion and first since 2017.

BUNKO SERVICE AWARD

Presented by Assistant Athletic Trainer Annie Carrigan along with senior Millie Costello and junior football and baseball player Tyson Williams

NORMAN “BUNKO” JAPINGA SERVED THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT HOPE COLLEGE BY INFUSING EXTRAORDINARY JOY AND KINDNESS INTO SOMETIMES ORDINARY RESPONSIBILITIES.

As an equipment manager, bus driver, scorekeeper and announcer, Bunko became an encourager, servant, counselor and friend. This award is named in honor of Bunko who passed away in the fall of 2018 and left behind a legacy of service within Hope’s athletic program. The Bunko Service award is presented to a faculty or staff member who is connected to Hope Athletics and recognized for their contributions that go above and beyond what is expected.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Greg Stafford – 2025

Scott VanderStoep – 2022

Carol Fritz – 2024

Gord VanderYacht – 2020

Nancy Kamstra – 2023

Hope College Bus Drivers – 2019



COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR – MEN & WOMEN

PRESENTED TO AN ATHLETE WHO HAS RE-EMERGED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AFTER OVERCOMING ADVERSITY IN THE PREVIOUS SEASON DUE TO AN INJURY, ILLNESS OR PERSONAL HARDSHIP.

Presented by senior soccer player Avery Coykendall and Athletic Trainer Erik Byl



NILE DEVERS, CROSS COUNTRY

The senior returned from a broken leg and a dislocated ankle to earn his first All-MIAA honor last fall as a second-team selection in cross country. He finished 11th at the MIAA Championships, clocking a season-best time of 25 minutes, 33.5 seconds at Broadway Acres Golf Club in Charlotte.



STEVE JORGENS, BASEBALL

The right-handed reliever returned from Tommy John surgery on his throwing arm to make five starts and 12 appearances as a freshman during the 2025 season. He struck out 26 batters over 20 innings on the mound.



NOLAN SANDERS, TRACK AND FIELD

The sprinter returned from a knee injury suffered during warmups at the 2024 MIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship to claim USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region accolades in the 4x100 relay last spring for the track and field team.



MARY ENGLAND, WOMEN’S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

The distance runner recovered from multiple health concerns, which robbed her of competing most of the 2024-25 academic year, to excel and earn in cross country USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region and All-MIAA Second team honors, and in indoor track and field All-Great Lakes Region and All-MIAA Second Team honors. She was a MIAA silver medalist in the indoor 3,000 meters.



LAUREN NEMENS, WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD

The sprinter recovered from a torn ACL to claim All-MIAA First Team recognition this winter in indoor track and field. She ran a leg on the Flying Dutch’s MIAA meet-record 4x400 relay. She also finished 10th in the pentathlon and 13th in the long jump at the MIAA Indoor Championships.

COMEBACK PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM THAT HAD THE MOST MEMORABLE COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN.

Presented by senior softball player Gianna Kerschbaum and Men's Golf Coach Scott Lokers

FOOTBALL

An unflinching defense and a clutch kicker propelled the football team to a 19-17 victory at Adrian College on Saturday in a showdown between nationally ranked teams. The Orange and Blue shut out the unbeaten Bulldogs after halftime while scoring five decisive points on a third-quarter safety by sophomore defensive lineman Jake Punches and a 45-yard field goal by senior kicker Caden Balkon with six seconds remaining. The Flying Dutchmen rallied after trailing, 10-0, with three minutes remaining in the first quarter and 17-16 with seven minutes remaining in the fourth.

BASEBALL

Resuming after a 1-hour, 10-minute lightning delay, the Flying Dutchmen overcame a six-run, eighth-inning deficit to defeat Albion, 10-9, in 10 innings on April 19 at Boeve Baseball Stadium. Hope forced extra innings by scoring three times in the eighth and three more times in the ninth while holding the Britons scoreless behind the relief pitching of Nic Bender and Collin Genuise. In the bottom of the 10th, first baseman Cade Seabaugh blasted the first pitch he saw over the centerfield fence for a one-out, solo walk-off homer. The Orange and Blue went on to sweep the three-game series.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team secured a thrilling 4-3 victory over Calvin University in the MIAA Tournament semifinals last spring, with the decisive final two points coming in marathon matches at No. 5 and No. 6 singles. Senior Austin Becksvoort evened the match at No. 6 singles with a 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 victory. Then freshman Karsten Patel went the distance for the clinching point with a 6-2, 0-6, 7-6 (3) victory. After Calvin won the doubles points, Hope also received singles wins from sophomore Ned Curley (No. 2) and sophomore Rylan Doden (No. 4).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team rallied from an 18-6 deficit midway through the first half against Trine in the MIAA Tournament championship game to win, 72-65, in February at Olivet. Hope's fourth MIAA Tournament title in five years — and 16th overall — clinched a return trip to the NCAA Championships. Without injured All-MIAA First Team forward Parker Hovey, Hope stormed back to take the lead for good at 27-26 on two free throws from sophomore center Orion Yant with 1:25 remaining in the first half and never trailed again.



MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM DEEMED TO HAVE THE BEST OR MOST SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE IN A MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH, SERIES OR TOURNAMENT IN A GIVEN YEAR.

Presented by senior football player Travis Myers, and Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Sheeba Davis

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's Basketball captured the fourth MIAA Tournament championship in five seasons by winning two neutral-court games over two days at Olivet. The second-seeded Flying Dutchmen avenged two regular-season losses to Calvin in The Rivalry with a 73-63 victory against the Knights on Feb. 27, then topped Trine in the championship game, 72-65, despite not having their injured leading scorer.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Men's Cross Country raced to a historic finish at the MIAA Championships last fall, clocking five of the top seven scoring runs and seven of the fastest 10 runs overall en route to 22 points — 44 points fewer than the nearest competitor on Nov. 1 at Broadway Acres Golf Course in Charlotte. It was the Flying Dutchmen's 16th MIAA championship, but the first since 1989.

MEN'S SOCCER

Men's Soccer delivered a dramatic ending to the MIAA regular season, scoring three second-half goals, including two less than two minutes apart, to earn a 3-1 victory against Trine on Oct. 29 at Van Andel Soccer Stadium that secured back-to-back league championships and the first outright title since 2006. The Flying Dutchmen, which shared the MIAA crown with Trine a season earlier, snapped a 10-1 tie by scoring in the 85th and 97th minutes.

MEN'S SWIM & DIVE

Men's Swimming and Diving totaled 1,215.5 points over four days of competition at Holland Aquatic Center to secure the 14th MIAA Championship in program history and the first since 2022. The Flying Dutchmen ended Calvin's three-year reign by claiming gold medals in eight events and setting one MIAA record. Hope seized the lead after Day 2 and never relinquished it.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball avenged regular-season losses to Albion and Trine four times by double digits over a span of two weeks. During the regular season, the Flying Dutch defeated Albion, 80-44, at DeVos Fieldhouse on Feb. 18, and visiting Trine, 89-58, on Feb. 21. During postseason play, second-seeded Hope defeated third-seeded Albion, 73-58, in the semifinals on Feb. 27 at Trine and the top-seeded Thunder, 76-62, in the title game on Feb. 28, earning the 18th MIAA Tournament championship in program history.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Women's Lacrosse delivered a dominant performance at home to three-peat as MIAA Tournament champions, downing fourth-seeded Adrian, 21-4, in the semifinals and second-seeded Trine, 21-5, in the finals. The Flying Dutch became the first program in league history to sweep regular season and tournament titles three consecutive times. Hope also set MIAA records for goals in a championship game and total goals during MIAA Tournament play.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's Tennis topped fourth-seeded Calvin, 4-1, and second-seeded Kalamazoo, 4-1, over three days at VandePoel-Heeringa Stadium Courts to earn the program's 13th consecutive MIAA Tournament and 14th overall. Against Kalamazoo, the Flying Dutch swept the three doubles flights for a 1-0 lead, then secured the victory by winning the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 singles flights in straight sets.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball served up three MIAA regular-season championships for the second time in program history, matching the program's run between 1996 and 1998. The Flying Dutch won all eight MIAA matches, including a come-from-behind, five-set thriller against Trine on November 7. Hope extended its regular-season winning streak against MIAA opponents to 28 matches, dating back to the 2022 season.

WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

Women's Swimming and Diving clinched its sixth consecutive MIAA championship historically, scoring a record 1,284 points over four days of competition at the league meet hosted at Holland Aquatic Center. The Flying Dutch struck for gold medals in 15 of 19 possible events and set MIAA records in four different races. Hope surpassed its previous record of 1,170 points from the 2025 meet.

BE STRONG. BE TRUE. ATHLETE – WOMEN

A JUNIOR OR SENIOR WHO DEMONSTRATES THE TRUE ESSENCE OF BEING A STUDENT-ATHLETE AND EMBODIES THE MOTTO OF DISCOVER, DEVELOP, DEDICATE. THE STUDENT IS IN HIGH ACADEMIC STANDING (MIN. GPA OF 3.5), PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE ON THE TEAM, AND IS INVOLVED IN THE HOPE AND HOLLAND COMMUNITY.

Presented by senior soccer player Alan Acala and Team 43 Mentor, Rick Lyons



KATE DeMANN, SOFTBALL

A neuroscience major, Kate DeMann started in right field for the softball team last spring and hit .272 with 17 runs scored and eight RBIs. She was selected to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team and made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. She served on a SEED trip to Zambia and in other areas on campus: captain of the softball team, student researcher and ACT/SAAC committee member.



OLIVIA DIEPPA, WOMEN'S SOCCER

An exercise science major, Olivia Dieppa earned her place on the United Soccer Coaches All-Region and All-MIAA First Teams after scoring a career-high nine goals last fall. She was voted as the MIAA Women's Soccer Senior Sportswoman of the Year and selected for the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. She also served on a SEED trip to Kenya and in other on-campus roles: Team 43 rep, Dance Marathon leader, Bible study leader, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, captain of women's soccer, and Kinesiology Club executive board.



MOLLY DUROW, WOMEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

An elementary education major, Molly Durow ran to All-America honors in indoor track in March, placing 15th in the mile at the NCAA Championships for second-team accolades, and in cross country last fall (32nd place). She helped Hope finish 25th in the nation in indoor track and field. She was also the MIAA silver medalist in the indoor mile and 800 meters. She also earned USTFCCCA All-Region and All-MIAA distinctions in cross country. She posted All-Region honors and All-MIAA honors last spring in the 800 meters after winning the event at the MIAA Championships. She was named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District®, Track and Field/Cross Country Teams last spring. She served on the SEED trip to the Dominican Republic.



LAUREN LEACH, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A business major, Lauren Leach helped the women's basketball team win the MIAA Tournament, advance to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Championships, and finish with a 26-4 overall record. She played in a career-high 30 games and posted career-bests in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks. She served as a team captain. She also served on the SEED trip to Costa Rica and as a Team 43 rep.



CALEIGH RANDALL, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

An elementary education major, Caleigh Randall proved to be a standout midfielder for women's lacrosse, helping the Flying Dutch become the first MIAA team to win three consecutive regular-season league titles. She was named to the IWLCA All-Region Second and All-MIAA First Teams. She set career-highs with 36 goals and 47 points. She made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. She has served on the SEED trip to Costa Rica and as a team captain, member of ACT/SAAC, and founder of Future Educator Leaders.



SARA SCHERMERHORN, WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

An exercise science major, Sara Schermerhorn raced to the Flying Dutch's first indoor NCAA title and third individual national championship in March, winning the 400 meters. She also earned First Team All-America accolades in the indoor 200 meters. In February, she repeated as the MIAA Most Valuable Indoor Track Athlete. For the fourth time, she made both the USTFCCCA All-Region and All-MIAA First Teams. She was MIAA champion in the 400 meters and 4x400 relay, part of an MIAA-record relay. Last spring, she ran to the First Team All-America honors in the outdoor 400 meters (fifth place) and Second Team All-America distinction in the 200 meters (11th). She was chosen as the MIAA's Most Valuable Track Athlete after earning MIAA titles in the 200 and 400 meters, and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. She was selected to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-America Third Team and as a USTFCCCA Scholar Athlete. She has served on the Zambia SEED trip and as a two-time captain and a research assistant for the Kinesiology Department.



LAUREL WASINIAC, WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

A chemical engineering major, Laurel Wasiniak swam to five All-America honors at the NCAA Championships, including First Team distinction as a national runner-up finish in the meet's final race, the 400-yard freestyle relay. She also claimed Second Team All-America accolades in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay. She holds school records in the 100 and 200 freestyle. She is a part of Team 43, served on the HOPEYs Committee two times, been a part of the girls and women sport day, and volunteered as a panel speaker for Admitted Students Day and Scholars Day.

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Presented by senior soccer player Alan Acala and Team 43 Mentor, Rick Lyons



CALEB PAARLBERG, FOOTBALL

A business major, Caleb Paarlberg was selected for the D3football.com All-America Third Team and All-Region First Team accolades last fall and earned All-MIAA First Team recognition. He was chosen for the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Teams. He set a career-high 48 tackles for the football team, which made back-to-back NCAA playoff appearances for the first time. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Caleb is a football captain and led Bible Study for the football team. He was also a part of SEED trip to the Dominican Republic.



SETH WALTERS, MEN'S SOCCER

An electrical engineering major, Seth Walters received All-MIAA First Team distinction for the second consecutive season. He was also named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Teams. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. He helped the men's soccer team capture the 16th MIAA title in program history and first outright in 19 years with a 6-0-1 league record. Seth has been involved with CFL consulting, was a team captain and a part of the engineering honors program.



JACK MCNAMARA, MEN'S LACROSSE

A biology major, Jack McNamara scored a career-high nine goals and matched his career-high in assists with three as a key midfielder for men's lacrosse, which earned the fifth MIAA regular-season championship and second in a row. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. He also served multiple roles on campus: Young Life leader, Dominican Republic SEED trip, Team 43 rep, admissions tour guide, academic tutor on campus, and as a men's lacrosse co-captain.



VAMSEE VEMANA, MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

A mechanical engineering major, Vamsee Vemana sprinted to his fastest times during the 2025 outdoor season in the 200-meter run and his fastest indoor times during the 2026 season in the 60, 100, and 400-meter runs. He made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. He has also served on the Zambia SEED trip and, on campus, as a Team 43 rep, Bible study leader, Track and Field captain, Engineering Department researcher, Formula SAE team member and admissions tour guide.



H-CLUB CEREMONY

COACHES AND THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GATHER EACH SPRING TO HONOR SENIORS AND CELEBRATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN HOPE ATHLETICS.

This tradition began many years ago with the H-Club Blanket ceremony and continues tonight at the annual HOPEYS, which were created in part to enhance the annual ceremony and to generate a greater awareness of the H-Club. The H-Club is formed of athletic alumni who support Hope College through active interest and promotion of the athletic program as an important part of the educational process. An athlete automatically becomes a member of the H-Club when they complete at least one season of a varsity or junior varsity sport at Hope College.

Tonight we will honor our senior athletes with the following awards:

- Senior letter winners are those who participated in athletics during their senior year and earned a letter in their final season.
- Blanket award winners are those student-athletes who have earned at least three varsity letters, with one earned during their senior year.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – WOMEN

PRESENTED TO THE ATHLETE DEEMED TO BE THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL DURING THE YEAR.

Presented by senior swimmer Kellen Townsend and Team 45 Mentor Linda Reimink



JULIA BROWN, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The attacker continued to be a catalyst on the lacrosse field, totaling a career-high 74 goals and 103 points during the 2025 season and spearheading Hope's historic run to an unprecedented third consecutive sweep of MIAA regular-season and tournament titles. She set an MIAA Tournament record with 11 points during the MIAA Tournament final against Trine with eight goals and three assists. She was named to the IWLCA All-Great Lakes Region and All-MIAA First Teams.



MOLLY DUROW, WOMEN'S XC AND TRACK & FIELD

The runner excelled no matter the course, earning Second Team All-America honors in the indoor mile in March (15th place) and All-America accolades in cross country (32nd place) in November. She claimed All-MIAA distinction in indoor track, cross country and outdoor track last spring. She won an MIAA gold medal in the outdoor 800 and silver medals in the indoor 800 and mile. She also received College Sports Communicators Academic All-District®, Track and Field/Cross Country accolades last spring.



GRETA GIDLEY, WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

In March, the swimmer captured the Flying Dutch's first NCAA title in the 200-yard individual medley and the program's first national championship in any race in 25 years. She was a four-time First Team All-American in the 200 IM. She also swam on the national runner-up 200 and 400 freestyle relays, earning First Team All-America distinction in each event. She also finished at nationals fifth in the 100 freestyle and ninth in the 100 breaststroke. In February, she claimed MIAA Most Valuable Women's Swimmer accolades for the second time and All-MIAA honors for the fourth time. She set MIAA records in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke in February and won six gold medals at the league meet. She became the second Flying Dutch swimmer to win the 200 IM four times at the MIAA Championships. She also repeated as 100-meter butterfly champion.



LAUREN LEE, VOLLEYBALL

The setter delivered during a record-breaking season on the court that saw her become the first in program history to reach 5,000 career assists. She averaged 10.30 assists per set, ranking 11th in the nation in the category and first among MIAA setters. She led Hope to a third consecutive MIAA regular-season championship for the second time in program history and a return trip to the NCAA Championships. She received AVCA First Team All-America accolades for the third time in her career and All-America honors for the fourth time. She was also selected as the MIAA's Most Valuable Player and AVCA Region 7 Player of the Year for the first time in her career and an All-MIAA selection for the fourth time. She also was named a College Sports Communicators Academic All-American for the second time.



AMANDA LOPYKINSKI, WOMEN'S TENNIS

The tennis standout repeated as the MIAA Most Valuable Player last spring after excelling at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles for the Flying Dutch. She became the fifth from Hope to earn the distinction more than once, joining Sydney Jackson (2021-22), Anneliese Fox (2004-06), Audrey Coates (1995-97) and Colleen Sandro (1986, 1988). She also earned All-MIAA recognition for the third time. She went 7-1 in conference matches at No. 1 singles and 8-0 at No. 1 doubles. She spearheaded Hope's charge to a 13th consecutive MIAA Tournament crown and a 30th regular-season league championship. She was named an ITA Scholar-Athlete.



SARA SCHERMERHORN, WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The sprinter raced to the Flying Dutch's first indoor NCAA title and third individual national championship in March, winning the 400 meters after clocking a finals time of 54.41 seconds and winning by four one-hundredths of a second. She also earned First Team All-America accolades in the indoor 200 meters. In February, she repeated as the MIAA Most Valuable Indoor Track Athlete. For the fourth time, she made both the USTFCCA All-Region and All-MIAA First Teams. She was MIAA champion in the 400 meters and 4x400 relay, part of an MIAA-record relay. Last spring, she ran to the First Team All-America honors in the outdoor 400 meters (fifth place) and Second Team All-America distinction in the 200 meters (11th). She was chosen as the MIAA's Most Valuable Track Athlete after earning MIAA titles in the 200 and 400 meters, and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. The 4x100 set an MIAA record. She was selected to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-America Third Team and as a USTFCCA Scholar Athlete.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – MEN

PRESENTED TO THE ATHLETE DEEMED TO BE THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL DURING THE YEAR.

Presented by senior track athlete Vamsee Venama and Men's Assistant Basketball Coach Ken George



LOGAN BEGEMAN, MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The sophomore runner became Hope's 14th MIAA Most Valuable Men's Runner by clocking a winning 8K personal-record time of 25 minutes, 4.5 seconds for the MIAA champions in November. He also repeated as an All-MIAA selection. He went on to lead the Great Lakes Regional-champion Flying Dutchmen at the regional meet, placing eighth at 25:12.83 and earning USTFCCCA All-Region accolades. He helped the team finish 23rd at nationals by being the second Hope runner to cross the finish line in 121st place.



LIAM CASEY, MEN'S GOLF

During his junior season last spring, he completed a drive to a third consecutive All-MIAA selection and the Flying Dutchmen's third consecutive MIAA championship. He averaged 72.17 strokes over 108 holes of league play and finished just one stroke off the overall lead. He shot 78 and 79 during the NCAA Championships, helping the team place 31st in the nation.



LIAM DANITZ, FOOTBALL AND MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The two-sport standout excelled in football and track, recording All-America performances in both sports. Last fall, Danitz set career highs with sacks (16), tackles for loss (21), solo tackles (25) and total tackles (46), helping the Flying Dutchmen reach the NCAA playoffs in consecutive seasons for the first time. He was named to the American Football Coaches Association and Associated Press All-America Teams and D3football All-Region Team. He was chosen as the MIAA's Most Valuable Defensive Player and co-headlined the All-MIAA Team. His 1.3 sacks per game during the regular season tied for the fourth-highest average in Division III and led the MIAA. Last spring, he sprinted to All-America accolades in the outdoor 200 meters with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. He was a USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region honoree and MIAA champion (and All-MIAA First Team) in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x400 relay. He was All-MIA Second Team in the 4x100 relay.



PARKER HOVEY, MEN'S BASKETBALL

The junior forward earned multiple accolades this season, including: National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District Team, D3hoops.com All-Region Team, and All-MIAA First Team. He led the MIAA Tournament-champion Flying Dutchmen in multiple categories over the 24 games he played, battling through injury to set career bests in scoring (16.7 points per game), rebounding (7.5) and blocks (2.0). He also topped the Flying Dutchmen in assists (1.6 per game) and steals (1.4). He scored a career-high 33 points during a Jan. 10 victory at The University of Olivet.



SETH WALTERS, MEN'S SOCCER

The junior striker claimed his third All-MIAA honor and second straight first-team selection last fall for the MIAA regular-season champions. He scored nine goals and collected one assist over 18 games. In MIAA play, he led the league with six goals and 36 shots in seven conference matches. He registered two-goal games against Kalamazoo and Alma. He scored the game-winner in a 1-0 victory at Olivet on Oct. 11.

MOST SPIRITED TEAM AWARD

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM THAT DEMONSTRATES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT FOR THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT HOPE.

This team consistently shows up to other Hope Athletics events, cheering on their peers with energy, pride and dedication. Their commitment to fostering a positive and spirited atmosphere helps create an awesome environment for our athletes while embodying the true spirit of Hope athletics.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MEN'S SWIM AND DIVE

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE

OUTSTANDING TEAM

PRESENTED TO THE TEAM DEEMED TO BE THE MOST OUTSTANDING IN A GIVEN YEAR.

*Presented by women's lacrosse player **Caleigh Randall** and Public Affairs and Marketing Director **Jason Cash***

FOOTBALL

Football made its mark with back-to-back NCAA Playoff appearances for the first time in program history and a 9-2 overall record. The 2025 season marked the third time since 2019 the Flying Dutchmen won at least nine games in a single season. Hope's defense ranked 7th nationally against the run, along with top-20 marks in scoring (15th) and total defense (20th). Offensively, Hope was 2nd in the nation in total offense, while ranking 10th in scoring and 12th in rushing.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Men's Cross Country accomplished one of the best seasons in program history, featuring a 23rd-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the first NCAA Great Lakes Regional title since 1980, and the first MIAA title since 1986. The Flying Dutchmen earned the program's second regional title with a 41-point victory and the 16th MIAA championship with a 44-point victory. Hope garnered seven All-Great Lakes Region runners and 10 All-MIAA recipients.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball ruled the MIAA for a third consecutive season, three-peating as regular-season champions for the second time in program history with an 8-0 league record. The Flying Dutch pushed their regular-season winning streak against MIAA opponents to 26 matches dating back to 2022. Hope received an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships and reached the second round for the sixth consecutive time before finishing with a 23-7 record.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball returned to the Sweet 16 for the 13th time in program history and won the MIAA Tournament for the 18th time. The Flying Dutch hosted NCAA first- and second-round games at DeVos Fieldhouse, defeating Penn State-Behrend, 103-65, in the first round — for their first 100-point game in the national tournament — then Illinois Wesleyan, 90-85, in overtime in the second round. To win the MIAA Tournament, Hope beat Albion and Trine in back-to-back games for the second consecutive week.

WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

Women's Swim and Dive excelled in the pool during the 2025-26 season, placing ninth as a team at the NCAA Championships and capturing a sixth consecutive MIAA title — the program's longest streak since 1992-99. The Top 10 finish at nationals was Hope's third in four years and the first in back-to-back seasons in 25 years. The Flying Dutch claimed All-American accolades in nine events, including a national champion, and 15 of 19 gold medals at the MIAA Championships.

KAREN PAGE COURAGE AWARD

THE KAREN PAGE COURAGE AWARD IS PRESENTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN HOPE ATHLETICS WHO EXHIBITS THE COURAGE AND TENACITY TO CONTINUE TO PLAY AND COMPETE DESPITE OVERWHELMING ADVERSITY.

*Presented by senior football player **Caleb Clinger** and Head Football Coach **Peter Stuursma***

This award is named in honor of Karen Page, former Hope College women's tennis coach, who lost her brave battle to breast cancer in the summer of 2009. Through this five-year battle and its exhausting treatment, KP - as she was called by her players and other Hope athletes - never stopped coaching and encouraging those around her. In her last season at the helm of the Flying Dutch, her team won the MIAA Championship, her fourth in 12 years.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Greta Gidley '26 – 2025

Eli Schoonveld '25 – 2024

Derik Smith '25 – 2023

Dr. Leigh Sears – 2022

Hope Reynolds '21 – 2021

Rachael Braginton '20 – 2019

Haley Fischman '18 – 2018



HOPE COLLEGE SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

BASEBALL

Nic Bender
Noah Bonnema
Brenden Collins
Christian Cropper (SA)
Jace DeMann
Collin Genuise
Kaden Jewett (SA)
Ian Sanders
Charlie Saul
Cade Seabaugh
Jacob Walther

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sam Carlson
Deven Marathe
Justice Mims
Marcus Wourman

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lauren Leach
Lily Miller
Sydney Vis

CHEERLEADING

Shannon Smith
Anna Zini

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Lucas Guidone
Jonathan Harlow
Owen Harries
Arman Khaledan
Carston Cole
Carter Dean
Nile Devers
Erickson Kunzler
Chadwick Perrine
Ian Petruska
Luke Skuratowicz
Andrew Tilly

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Ellie Coderre
Lexi Deighan
Molly Durow
Caleigh Hurley
Claire Vellinga

FOOTBALL

Caden Balkon
Tommy Bauss
Griffin Bloch
Caden Brownell

FOOTBALL (CONT'D)

Micah Bush
Liam Danitz
Bryce Debri
Jack Goldie
Owen Graham
Rob MacAleese
Micah McCurry
Travis Myers
Caleb Paarlberg
Gavin Reames
Colton Schreur
Blake Showers (SA)
Brett Showers
Billy Sternberg
Caden Vanden Berge
Skye VanderKuyll
Gavin Zbytowski

MEN'S GOLF

Liam Casey
Patrick Michael
Klay Redman

WOMEN'S GOLF

Caydee Constant
Sara Muir

MEN'S LACROSSE

Carl Bailey
Jack Balmforth
Liam Belote
Jackson Early
John Foster
Lance Hart
Will Jewell
Jack Morris (SA)
Jack McNamara
Kyle McVittie
Brendan O'Donnell
Andon Rieger
Will Tobias
Rachel Wozniak (SA)

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Stella Bottum
Julia Brown
Caroline Curnutt
Ruby Heuermann
Sydney LaPrairie
Carly Llewellyn
Caleigh Randall
Samantha Smith

MEN'S SOCCER

Alan Alcalá
Reece Brown
Caden Chenlo
Matthew Davidson
Russell Ebbert
Grant Hassenrik
Jack McDaniel
Matthew Mrozinski
Seth Walters

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tess Bainbridge
Liz Bellinger
Avery Coykendall
Olivia Dieppa
Lauren Ellinger
Claudia Folkert
Grace Fowler
Ainsley Harris
Megan McCauley
Sophie Novak
Lina Rea

SOFTBALL

Kate DeMann
Gianna Kerschbaum

MEN'S SWIM & DIVE

Samuel Albrecht
Henry Booker
Kenny Pontius
Justin Romero
Kellen Townsend

WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

Greta Gidley
Katie Hermann
Madison Remenschneider
Ashlea Swingewood
Isabella Turner
Laurel Wasiniak
Hope Weeda

MEN'S TENNIS

Hunter Napieralski

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Amanda Lopykinski
Mallory Matthews
Hope Rhoades

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Griffin Bloch
Carston Cole
Carter Dean
Nile Devers
Carter Kruse
Erickson Kunzler
Caleb Paarlberg
Chadwick Perrine
Ian Petruska
Wil Pinkerton
Nolan Sanders
Luke Skuratowicz
Andrew Tilly
Vamsee Vemana
John Wenderski

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Kamryn Bice
Natalie Christnagel
Frances Cozzens
Elle Cordere
Lexi Deighan
Emma DeJoy
Molly Durow
Riley Gruppen
Caleigh Hurley
Meredith Kramer
Lauren Nemens
Sophia Raymond
Karly Roelofs
Sara Schermerhorn
Ava Schmidt
Claire Vellinga
Arayah Weiden

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