Eight Journeys through Hope

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“What’s nice is the academic world and the internships complement each other—and both ways. The academic work relates closely to the internship, and vice versa.”

— Jason Raud ’10

Jason Raud ’10 has an internship with Code Blue, which has a number of emergency-asset stations on campus.

Raul had visited multiple schools as he made his college choice, but the search was over once he saw Hope. "After visiting, there was no doubt that I was going to come here," he said. "I think it was the smaller atmosphere," he said. "You could really see the genuine feel at Hope, the community."

Rachel Scott ’10 of Bay City, Mich., met Hope’s hometown first. "I actually fell in love with Holland, and didn’t even know that they had a college," she said.

When the time came for her college search, though, her priorities included small, Christian and liberal arts. "I found out that Hope was in Holland, and that really just sealed the deal," she said.

The college’s breadth served her well, giving her the chance to explore a variety of interests. Scott graduated with majors in international studies and religion, a blend that reflects her interest in understanding other cultures as well as the underpinnings of her own faith and others.

"I changed my major probably four or five times, and this is what I've ended up with," she said. "I'm very happy with my combination. It's enabled me to combine two different interests into something that I'm very passionate about."

She spent a semester studying abroad, in Freiburg, Germany. She has been active in volunteer activities, including as a youth-group leader at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Holland, Habitat for Humanity and through the Dorian sorority. During the Advent season she had the opportunity to speak during the Dorian sorority. During the Advent season she had the opportunity to speak during the Dorian sorority. During the Advent season she had the opportunity to speak during the Dorian sorority.

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