

## Case 2: Memories of Bruce Dice

### Highlights of this case include:

- Shelf 1: Blue minerals, starring kyanite that is “the most beautiful blue” - Bruce Dice
- Shelf 2: Recent acquisitions, newly donated from Bruce Dice’s personal collection
- Shelf 3: Calvin University’s colors, featuring the storied crocoite sample
- Shelf 4: More newly donated minerals from Bruce Dice’s personal collection



### Crocoite

Bruce Dice recounts that when this sample of crocoite was mined, it came from the only supply of crocoite on earth, at that time: Tasmania Australia in the Dundas Mine. He said it was “one of the most beautiful things ever.” After the geologist mining crocoite in Tasmania passed away, Bruce got the chance to acquire the first sample. This is a rare sample that Bruce remembered the Smithsonian repeatedly trying to acquire for their own collection.

### Kyanite and Bruce Dice’s Vision of the Museum

Bruce Dice said the Kyanite “is the most beautiful blue...that is just one of the prettiest things [he has] ever seen.” Bruce wanted to focus on beauty and God’s handiwork in the museum, so that anyone who saw the it would be able to recognize that “God did a beautiful job in this world.” He also wanted to grow the geology program at Calvin by introducing students to geology through showcasing beautiful minerals.



Bruce Dice  
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**Images:**

**1. Bruce Dice**

**2. Crocoite** Tasmania, Australia

**3. Kyanite with Quartz** Minas Gerais, Brazil

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