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Dear Friends,

Over the last few months, I have reflected quite often and intensely on Genesis chapter 50 and Joseph's relationship with his brothers. After the death of their father Jacob, Joseph's brothers wondered whether he would hold a grudge against them for the incredible harm they had done to him; selling him into slavery out of jealousy and starting an almost unbelievable chain of events in his life. With love and compassion, Joseph responded to them, letting them know that what they had intended for his harm, God had used for good.

There is no question that as Houghton continues to stand for and model both the compassion and truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there will continue to be those who seek to do harm to the university. We hold no ill will and desire only to love and honor God, and love our brothers and sisters. Further, I am convinced that as Houghton remains faithful, God will use even those things meant for our harm for His glory. We have already seen the evidence of it. God continues to bless Houghton in ways seen and unseen. Chief among those blessings are the students and families we are privileged to serve.

By the grace of God, generation after generation, students from Hornell to Honduras make their way to our residential campus, Houghton online, and to Houghton Buffalo for the life-giving and life-altering experiences that comprise a Houghton University education. This issue of Houghton Magazine captures the adventure and excitement of students' co-curricular learning experiences. Houghton students' learning has never been confined to the classroom. The stories captured here provide a snapshot of the ways students are learning, serving, and leading in their local and global communities.

I pray that the stories and experiences captured in this issue will be a reminder to us all of how God uses our diverse backgrounds, gifts, talents, and passions to be a redemptive light in a dark world; having transformational impact on the world and those around us as we advance His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.
President



A WORD FROM
THE PRESIDENT



APING AROUND IN CAMBODIA

By Eli Knapp '00

In November 2022, Houghton Biology professor **Dr. Eli Knapp '00** visited two incredible alumni using their gifts as scholar-servants in Cambodia. The article that follows shares some of his reflections in the weeks after that trip.

When Jesus admonished the “stiff-necked generation,” he wasn’t talking about gibbon watchers - but He sure could have been. I had spent the last two hours in the Cambodian jungle, head back and chin up, watching long-armed, tailless gibbons brachiate through the branches aware of yet unconcerned with our presence below. Trailing a film crew, my only job was to be quiet and keep out of the way; I fell woefully short of both tasks. How could I remain silent? Above us swung creatures that recent Houghton University graduate **Kyle Burrichter '21** had spent the last two years habituating, a multisyllabic term for teaching the gibbons we didn’t mean any harm. Unlike Cambodian hunters, who historically used gibbons for food, we were there merely to ogle. Around us, these heavily endangered primates could chill out and hopefully sing.

We had been peering into the canopy ever since the first stabs of sunlight penetrated the dark, leafy canopy. Unlike me, the three-person film crew—Humble Bee productions, a subsidiary of the BBC—had been out running about the forest for a month, chasing high-quality, unobstructed shots of the Southern Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon, a wary species renowned for their operatic singing ability, which they typically exercised at dawn, though unpredictably enough to frustrate filmmakers. Since the hoped-for documentary focused on animal vocalization, recording the song wasn’t enough. The crew wanted footage of the process, gape-mouthed gibbons with notes ringing out. For

a month, they had struck out, the foliage too thick, the trails too narrow and the gibbons too fickle. With the budget exceeded and only a few days left to film, nerves were tight.

As a visiting Biology professor from Houghton University, I had little business tagging along. Kyle Burrichter, on the other hand, had every reason to be. Through a unique partnership linking Jahoo Gibbon Camp, World Hope International and Houghton University, Kyle had landed an internship with crazy requirements: learn the Khmer language, create trails in the forest, build bird blinds, lead ecotours and, most importantly, habituate the gibbons. While talented Houghton alumni have gone on to do many unique things, none have done this. Outside of Jane Goodall and a handful of dedicated primatologists, few people have ever done this.

For a calendar year, Kyle indefatigably arose in his dank, porous tent at 5 a.m., laced up his sneakers, and plunged into a forest with little more than a headlamp, mosquito coil and a few sleepy Cambodian guides with whom he didn’t share a language. Slowly but surely, the gibbons accepted their bipedal followers, eventually allowing tourists, the film crew and now lucky me to watch them as well.

When Humble Bee productions notified Jahoo about their intention to film gibbons, Kyle was the perfect person to assist. Indispensable, in fact, as he was the only person who knew every trail and every gibbon proclivity and could translate between the local guides and filmmakers.

Useless in the forest and Cambodia at large, I basked in the moment nonetheless. Unfurling before me was the joy of every professor: the chance to watch a freshly minted protégé put academic learning to good use. The only thing I’d done was recognize talent and stoke Kyle’s passions. I’d gotten to know Kyle, the precocious son of colleague **Bill Burrichter '92**, well over his four years at Houghton, having had him in many courses. He’d studied with me in Kenya and taken my ornithology course that traveled to Big Bend National Park, Texas. On that trip, a freak storm whipped up one night and collapsed several tents. While I cowered in my tent, Kyle ran around the campsite propping up tents, tightening guylines and encouraging sopping-wet students. Here was a Houghton student built for something tough.

What I hadn’t anticipated was that the perfect something would present itself just a few years later, through an internship opportunity in the mountainous jungle of eastern Cambodia.

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Even better, I hadn't anticipated crossing paths with a second exceptional student who was kind, self-reliant and Christ-loving, tailor-made for taking the torch from Kyle.

I got to know **Kelly Mohnkern '22** much the way I had Kyle. Kelly came to Houghton for far more than just accruing credits. She came to leave a mark. In addition to her double major in Intercultural Studies and Biology, Kelly joined the maintenance department, often flying by me in one of Houghton's utility vehicles as she completed work-study tasks. Each summer, she found employment in a far-flung national park and quenched her thirst for adventure by studying – as Kyle had – in Kenya with me.

In Cambodia, Kyle set the bar high. The gibbons were habituated, trails improved and ecotourism rising. In the fall of '22, much to my delight, Jahoo Camp and World Hope were ready for another

Houghton student, one focused more on community outreach. Again, the job called for a head-scratching assortment of skills: language and computer literacy, hospitality, motorcycle riding, trail maintenance, self-reliance, and the grace to share a tent with a dizzying number of invertebrates—and the occasional snake—for weeks at a time. Kelly, comfortable with cold showers and calloused hands, was just such a person.

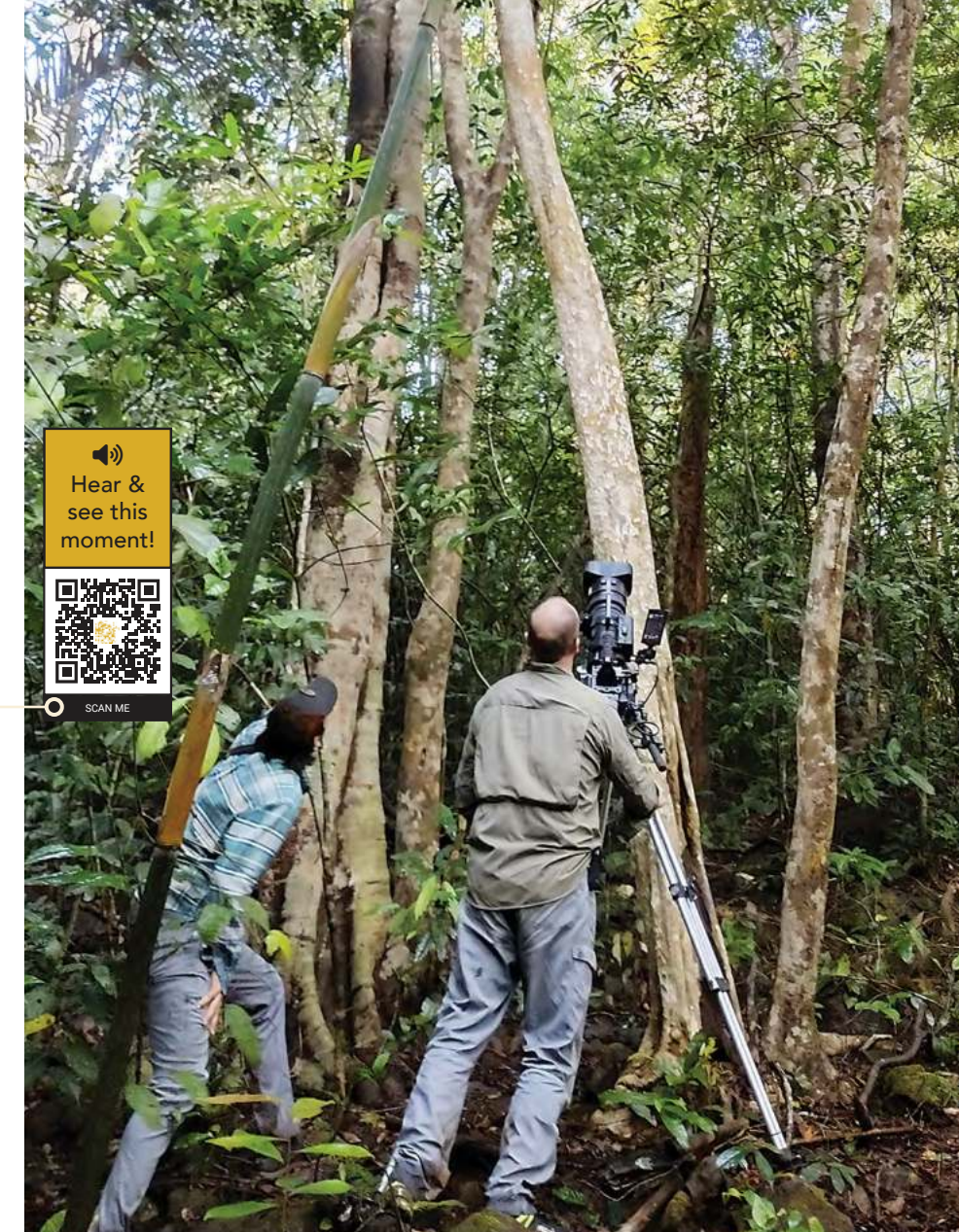
For the past six months, Kelly has accomplished her tasks in Cambodia with panache. She is already speaking Khmer, improving trails, leading tours and building local capacity. None of it is easy, and, unsurprisingly, her responsibilities have mushroomed. I'm partly to blame. No longer content to sit on the sidelines, I've asked her to help me with a human-ecological research project, both as a way to advance the Houghton–Jahoo–World Hope partnership and as a way to learn about the pressures

facing both the gibbons and the local people. Kelly's research will lead her into Cambodian homes where she'll sit face to face with local people as she slowly teases out how they utilize the surrounding forest. Finding connections between the human and ecological worlds is difficult but immensely rewarding. It leads you into the lives of fascinating people and only rarely leads to a stiff neck.

Which leads me back to that pressure-packed morning with Kyle, the Cambodian guides and the film crew. After an hour of quiescence, Kyle's radio crackled to life. He listened intently, mumbled a few words back in Khmer and motioned for us to follow as he sprinted down the trail. Heavy with gear, the film crew galumphed after him, already able to hear the nearby notes of the gibbons. I grabbed somebody's forgotten backpack and brought up the rear.

Rounding a bend, we all found Kyle pointing up, a look of urgency on his face. This was the best place for footage, and the singing could stop at any moment. One hundred feet up, a charcoal-colored gibbon with yellow cheeks and an ebony mohawk perched on a stout limb. He grabbed two nearby branches, threw his head back and boomed out an ascending series of notes that augmented a growing chorus all around him—singing! Lightning fast, the crew had tripods out and cameras rolled. Far off gibbons joined in, and the forest became a light-enshrouded cathedral reverberating with song. The moment felt holy.

The ethereal rendition enveloped and transported me, lifting me above my gnawing hunger, jetlag, mosquito bites and even my aching neck. Just a few months removed from the experience, I've already forgotten a few particulars. But there's one thing I won't forget: how privileged I felt to be following this freshly minted Houghton alumnus, the first – and maybe the last – person to habituate Southern yellow-cheeked crested gibbons.



Hear & see this moment!

SCAN ME

Rounding a bend, we all found Kyle pointing up, a look of urgency on his face.



Professor Eli Knapp '00 teaches courses in ecology, biology, ornithography and conservation at Houghton University. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Delightful Horror of Family Birding: Sharing Nature with the Next Generation* and *Dead Serious: Wild Hope Amid the Sixth Extinction*.





FIXING the WORLD

through Serving Others

By Jen Page '24

I can't complain about the world if I'm not going to try to fix it.

Alexia Patterson '24, a psychology and criminal justice major with a pre-law track, aspires to be a Supreme Court justice. Before that, she hopes to practice either environmental or family law. "I can't complain about the world if I'm not going to try to fix it," Alexia shared.

As a resident assistant, a member of the cheerleading team and the president of the Black Heritage Club, Alexia continues to impact the people around her. Being in these leadership positions has allowed her to create meaningful relationships with her fellow students. "I want to make people feel seen, loved, and cared about," said Alexia. Speaking especially about her work with the Black Heritage Club, she continued, "It's important to me that we are seen and are able to have community."

On top of that, this year, Alexia attended a conference in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker organization committed to the advancement of peace, justice and environmental stewardship. During the conference, Alexia learned about the laws surrounding immigration and the difficulties families face when trying to navigate the process. Alexia also learned about the importance of professionalism and had the opportunity to network with various congresspeople.

Similarly, as a member of MANNRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences), Alexia attended a conference last semester where she learned about the United States's stance on various environmental issues and how different passions and skills can help improve it.

"We are the stewards of the world," Alexia said. "We need to take care of the environment and its people. There are so many different paths and connections to better this world, and we should be doing it." As Christians, Alexia noted, that is exactly what God calls us to do.

Before leaving Houghton, Alexia wants to gain experience for a career in law through an internship and possibly explore photography. Most importantly, she said, "I want to leave a positive lasting impact on Houghton, whether it's on individual people, a program or my residents, that's what I want to do. A positive experience can change someone's life."

Jen Page '24 worked as a Spring '23 student intern with Houghton University's Marketing & Communication department, pursuing a major in English and Writing.



FREE MARKETS FOR *Good*

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

"Houghton," reflects **Tom Scriven '00**, "is exceptional at showing students they can live out their faith in many different ways. When I came to Houghton, as the son of a pastor, it took some soul searching to realize ministry didn't have to look like a traditional pastoral role. Houghton shows students that they can have a vibrant lay ministry and what that ministry can look like."

And Tom, as an impact investment lawyer and senior counsel for RPKC Rastegar Panchall LLP in Denver, Colorado, has found an incredible way to live out his faith.

"Using free markets for good," shares Tom, "is the hallmark of my career."

Two things significantly influenced him during his time at Houghton. The first: studying under long-time Houghton professor Dr. Ron Oakerson as a political science major. Through Dr. Oakerson's wisdom born of real-life experiences, Tom explored ideas about economic development, incentives and economies. With classmates and professors, he discussed the implications of government and philanthropic subsidies in economic development and investigated what kind of economies might allow for the markets to operate in such a way that they make the world a better place.

This kind of academic discussion was paired with real-world case studies, which, according to Tom, showcased the "real practicality" of political science and economic development. Tom grew up in nearby Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, and came to Houghton with insights into the needs of economically disadvantaged communities. At Houghton, his participation in student club Youth For Christ gave him a real sense of the need in poverty-stricken communities for successful economic development.

The second influential experience came under Professor **Jeff Spear '79** through the business plan competition. This competition not only helped develop in Tom a motivation to do good things in the world as a believer and a desire to see others thrive. It also gave him the time and space to start determining what that might look like given his particular skillset and interests.

"I want to use my abilities to help people see God's goodness and encounter God in their lives, even in the ways they interact with capital markets and businesses."

Tom focuses his work as a legal advisor to impact investors who desire to move out of traditional investing into doing good in the world through business. He advises his clients on compliance, regulatory matters and potential investment structures and helps connect them with likeminded partners.

Not content to simply advise others, Tom was a founding partner of Renew Capital, an impact investment fund that began its work almost twelve years ago in Ethiopia. Renew invests in developing necessary services like banking, education and ambulance services and works toward sustainable job-creation. Over the past decade, the work of Renew Capital has expanded, and it now invests in small- and medium-sized enterprises in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda. Today, Tom remains a member of the investment committee for Renew.

"I hope I can look back and say that, because of what I've done, people are using the free markets for good. I hope that, because of my work, people are using the free markets not just to make a profit but also to make people's lives better."

Tom, like our founder Willard J. Houghton, could assuredly sign his letters "yours for fixing up the world" – the ideal scholar-servant leading and laboring in a world that desperately needs him.



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HEALING THROUGH Equine Therapy

By Jen Page '24

The first time **Cassidy Kuhlmann '23** rode a horse was in eighth grade after a difficult move to North Carolina. After discovering that riding helped with her struggle with mental health, she never wanted to stop.

"Throughout those hard years, I can look back and see God's provision in my life," Cassidy reflected. "I think He brought me horses to give me a peace that, at the time, I couldn't feel anywhere else."

Now, as a double major in equestrian studies and psychology, Cassidy wants to bring the same sense of peace God gave her to others. After graduation, Cassidy will pursue a career in equine-assisted therapy; she fell in love with the practice after interning at a facility in Colorado last summer. During the internship, she helped people heal from difficult situations while also rehabilitating abused horses. This was the first time Cassidy realized that horses and people can work through trauma together.

"It was something God put on my heart. When I added a second major in psychology to help with my therapy focus of equestrian studies, I fell in love with everything about it. I've always been passionate about helping people, so adding horses to that is a huge bonus."

Cassidy credits her barn instructors for her success during her internship and at Houghton. "I feel so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from these wonderful women in the past four years," said Cassidy, referring to **Jo-Anne Young '69**, **Laura (Alexeichik '01) Thayer**, **Larissa (Strapello '08) Ries** and **Andrea (Potteiger '00) Boon**. "I will strive to emulate pieces of each of them as I step into my career."

As the teaching assistant for Horsemanship II, Cassidy has already started to do this, helping underclass students overcome the frustrations and challenges of learning a new skill or correcting an old habit. Her favorite moment is seeing the "lightbulb" go off when a student accomplishes something difficult.

"I have loved teaching more than I ever thought I would. When a rider learns a new skill, it's so rewarding to see them understand that they changed what they were doing, to help them feel proud of their accomplishments. It's great to know that I was a part of that in a small way. On top of that, I love the fact that my students then become my peers."

Cassidy's love for people and horses will continue to drive her toward success. Her internship and TA position have opened the door for Cassidy to continue her passion for equine-assisted therapy after Houghton.

A STEADY PATH TO Flourishing

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

Camels lead caravans, goats frolic down the aisles, and horses pull magnificent chariots. Like their human counterparts, the animals of Sight & Sound Theaters in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, have their blocking memorized and respond promptly to their cues – all thanks, in significant part, to Houghton alumna **Joanna Sudlow '15**. Joanna is the lead animal trainer at Sight and Sound Theater, a role she could not possibly have imagined when she was teaching at Houghton's equestrian summer camps, working as a shift leader for the chore crew at the barn or interning at the Royal Academy of Art at the Hague in the Netherlands. Today, she divides her time between many responsibilities, including animal training, teaching others to work with animals, animal design work for upcoming shows, and leading and supporting a team of animal trainers. Her work is highly collaborative and hands on but also involves research and interpersonal skills.

A lifelong animal lover who started riding at the age of 15, Joanna was drawn to Houghton's nationally recognized equestrian program and completed dual degrees in Equestrian Studies and Business Administration. She filled her time at Houghton getting as much hands-on experience as she could while sitting under the tutelage of legendary professors **Jo-Anne Young '69** and **Ken Bates '71**.

Joanna threw herself into every equine-related opportunity she could. She worked barn crew and served as a shift leader, including over breaks when she would spend extra time learning from Professor Young. Learning happened not only during chores but also during extra lessons or gathered around Young's dinner table.

Joanna spent her spare time riding, although it's hard to determine when she found that spare time. Her business coursework further filled her days while allowing her to develop relationships with students and faculty outside the Equestrian Center. She was a member of Houghton's Society of Human Resource Management club, attended conferences and was advised by Professor Bates.

Her business capstone project, along with two internships – one at a small equine farm in Virginia, one in the admissions office of the Royal Academy of Art at the Hague – eventually led her to her rather unique position today. Her equestrian internship, which didn't quite turn out the way she'd expected, resulted in a phone call with her internship advisor, Professor **Andrea (Potteiger '00) Boon**, and helped Joanna realize that her original career plan of running a small business was not the right fit for her. Joanna's business capstone project explored her unique skills and strengths and helped her determine the types of work environments in which she would thrive. Her internship in the Netherlands, in conjunction with a business study-abroad program, taught her how to navigate international relationships and showed her that working in a traditional office also wasn't a good fit.

Through career counseling with VOCA (or, as it is known on campus now, the Office of Vocation and Calling), Joanna found the one animal-related job on the online job board: an animal-handling position with Sight & Sound Theatres. The position was needed before graduation, but a new position opened in the months after graduation, for which she interviewed. Through the interview process, Joanna was asked to apply for an animal-training position, which she started in September 2015.

Joanna spends a lot of time learning on the job, both from highly experienced colleagues and through extensive research. This scholarly aspect to her highly hands-on job is also a gift from her time at Houghton. "I gather information to serve my team well but also because I recall a phrase Ken Bates used to use: 'sharpening the saw.' It's this idea of never being content to stay where you are in your learning but to continue to learn and grow so you can share with others and help them grow."



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From the ALUMNI BOARD

It is such a joy to serve on the Alumni Board here at Houghton University. The passion of this group shines as we gather in person and via Zoom to lift up the people of this school in intentional prayer, and to implement plans which help draw alumni together.

Recently we sat with student leaders to listen to their honest reflections on their Houghton experience. Their thoughts were both specific to their era and powerfully connected to the greater Houghton experience of multiple generations. It made me so thankful that Houghton continues to influence the growth of thoughtful, young Christians.

As well, our Alumni Prayer Program held its second annual evening of prayer for new graduates, and we intend to expand this process to include a monthly emphasis on the priorities and objectives of the new Strategic Plan.

Every time this group comes together, I am reminded that we represent you, the alumni of Houghton. We pray for you, we listen to you, we try to speak faithfully on your behalf, and we hope that our efforts to keep you connected to this school will be a blessing to both you and to Houghton.

Rev. Dr. Bill Allen '89
Houghton University Alumni Board President



HOMECOMING 2023 OCTOBER 6-7, 2023

Alumni Reunions for the Classes of '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13 and '18 as well as a special Honors Alumni Reunion!
www.houghton.edu/event/homecoming-2023



The Class of 1973



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Congratulations to the Class of 1973, our **GOLDEN HIGHLANDERS!** We enjoyed a wonderful reunion over Commencement Weekend!



MEET YOUR ALUMNI BOARD

Row 1 (L to R): Judith Rapley '92, Janyce Dale-Smithley '79, Diane Alderman '89, Stetson Knight '99, Jordan Markwood '05.

Row 2: David D. White '79, Timothy Deckert '95, William Allen '89, Kaylee (Jentsch '19) Brady.

Not pictured: Susan (Monteith '78) McMillen, Janet (Dill '69) Stowell.

ALUMNI AMBASSADOR UPDATE!

Thank you to those who have signed up to be an Alumni Ambassador! Want to join the fun and give out \$500 renewable scholarships? Visit: www.houghton.edu/alumni/alumni-ambassadors



Total ambassadors as of June 2023: **81**

Fall 2023 submitted applications with Alumni Ambassador Scholarship: **19**

Fall 2023 admitted students with Alumni Ambassador Scholarship: **11**

Fall 2023 deposited students with Alumni Ambassador Scholarship: **11**

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generous support, we achieved both of our giving challenges during this year's One Day Giving Challenge! Together, we raised **\$1,823,134** for student scholarships and other priorities across campus from **2,031 donors**. This is truly an incredible outpouring of support that will significantly impact the lives of Houghton students.

Decade Challenge

The following classes are winners of this year's Decade Challenge, each class winning a \$1,000 current-use scholarship named in their honor and supporting a Houghton student:

- 1950s: **1958**
- 1960s: **1969**
- 1970s: **1977**
- 1980s: **1982**
- 1990s: **1993 & 1994 tie**
- 2000s: **2001**
- 2010s: **2017**
- 2020s: **2020**

Class Challenge

We are excited to celebrate the winner of the Class Challenge: **The Class of 1977**, building on the already-existing Nick Bohall Scholarship!

Millennium Challenge

The **Classes of 1979 and 2001** will expand their existing class scholarships!



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From the ARCHIVES

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED

Several Departments and Clubs Combine for Program

"The Field of The Shepherds" to be presented Wednesday, December 18.

Several departments and organizations of Houghton College are co-operating to present the second Christmas Pageant ever given by Houghton Students. The Oratory Department under the leadership of Miss Bertha Rothermell is the organizer of the pageant. In conjunction with this department all phases of the music department are represented. The physics department, the newly organized Expression Club and the King's Daughters have all volunteered their assistance.

The pageant combines the visit of the shepherds and wise men with a true missionary appeal that should stir the heart of every listener. The following is a synopsis of the pageant:

Theater's First

Jennifer Wilson

1. The Arsenic and Old Lace, the three act comedy success by Joseph Kesselring, will be presented by the Houghton College Drama Department on November 16-18 in the new Rosemary Tysinger auditorium at Houghton Academy.

Interlude

Episode I

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Scott Jesmore
Scott Kiser
Alison Bixler
Gladys Gonzalez
Mark Vande Haar
Mike Crosby
Jason Dickson
Dan Lehning
Kirk Schilling
Jeff Mc Millen
Jason Zehr

This will be the first production in the new theater, which seats 300 people. Brexman picked *Arsenic and Old Lace* because it is well known, it will show off the new stage to it's fullest, and "I've always wanted to direct it and I never have." It will be a night of firsts that is sure to be enjoyable.

War Council Plans Dramatic Program

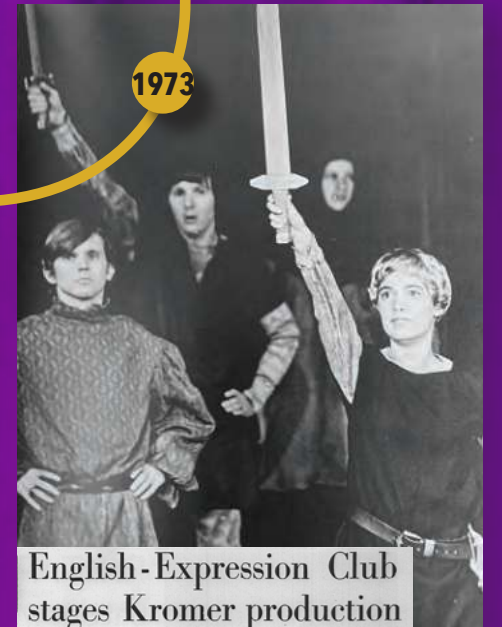


English-Expression Club stages Kromer production

DRAMA through the DECADES



The Houghton College English Expression Club presents:
The Fantasticks
February 22, 23, 24 at 8:15pm
in Fancher Auditorium
Admission: \$3.00
Informal seating
presented in cooperation with Music Theatre International



English-Expression Club stages Kromer production



"The Magic Flute" Opera



Community

By Jen Page '24

Is A Quick GOOGLE SEARCH Away

When applying for colleges, **Rachel Huchthausen '23** knew she wanted to double major in music and English at a Christian university. Following a quick Google search, Rachel was visiting Houghton with her mom.

After taking a piano lesson with Professor William Newbrough during her campus visit, Rachel fell in love with Houghton's welcoming atmosphere and community. "Houghton invites me to engage our community of faith," Rachel shared. "This emphasis on community has helped me act increasingly out of trust and confidence in the love and mercy of God shown through community."

As an introvert, engaging with her community can be hard for Rachel. However, primed by her experience in the London Honors Program, Rachel has learned that interacting with the community around her helps her take advantage of experiential learning opportunities, something she now values in her education. "The cohort aspect [of London] was amazing. I really appreciated it because we were able

to place what we were learning about in the context of a place, together. We experienced history outside of a lecture or textbook."

Since then, Rachel has intentionally sought out ways she can combine her love of community and experiential learning. Whether it's playing in the pit orchestra for a Lyric Theater production or performing the works of student composers, Rachel loves it. "We don't just learn how we might perform a work; we actually do it."

Last semester, Rachel had the opportunity to combine her love for music and English when she was asked to write a poem to complement a student composer's work for the Wind Ensemble's end-of-the-semester concert. After working with **Jonathan Gates '85**, professor of English, and Timothy McCarvey, the Wind Ensemble conductor, Rachel was paired with a student composer and presented her poem after the Ensemble played the composer's work. Rachel is also the editor for the Lantern and works at the Writing Center on campus, where she helps others work through their writing process.

Next spring, Rachel will return to London as the program's teaching assistant. "London Honors and the TA position in particular matched with my sense of vocation. I hope to help the students in the 2024 cohort to grow as whole people in a community that wonders at and applies what they learn toward further love of God and neighbor."

Houghton invites me to engage our community of faith.

V: Adoramus...

by Rachel Huchthausen

R: Quia per...

Seen, but shouting soldiers make her seem silent; she's

Asking for the Father's answer to a mother's sharp breath,

Needled by nascent heart-rents: the annunciation
Of her child's cries; she's coming, cloth, compassion
To tear the veil, to touch tears and thorn-torn temples.
They are Adam's daughter and another Adam's
Mother, measuring seemingly mis-made moment
and month by marvel.

But care counts not with crowds crying,
"Condemn" not "King."

Rioters rip robes in unrighteous wrath,
Undressing under cruel-tongued authority, using
Crabbing claws and clink of dice, uncovering
Eyes. Exhaustion ends as exulting earth
Meets a stumbled man's mouth and mind.

Time and times disjoint and joined: Together, two
Women utter "Unto us, a miracle"—understanding
undone

That Adam and shadow may blossom in another also
And mystery might mend us *cum meno mosso*.

He raises rock-wrinkled knees and red-running
rivulets.

Coerced shoulders endure the excruciating edifice.
David's daughters draw apart the dark: a huddle of
faces drip.

Ends of fingers tremble. Lament echoes embodied.
A hammer pummels *mano destra et sinistra*. He moans
Because of this nail: an instrument that is his still.

Simon of Cyrene sees, strains, and steadies
This tree teetering with torn tendons and trunk.
Is this immortality inching into infamy?

Morendo. Time moves.

Uction, ultimate and unutterable.

Niente. Notice

Death dying, done. They take him down,
Women ululating, murmuring, unfurling,
winding, muffling.

Mary makes his make-shift bed until morning.

Similarly to how the congregation responds to the leader of a liturgy, V: Adoramus responds to Citlali Sanches-Acosta's composition for wind ensemble which in turn responds to the devotional practice of the Stations of the Cross. This poem incorporates text and episodes from the Stations as grouped and depicted by Sanches-Acosta's work while drawing on music's emphasis on sound and it's descriptive vocabulary.

ADAM BROWN '23 chose Houghton University because of the Honors Program and the opportunity to complete meaningful research as an undergrad. Through his classes and the Shannon Summer Research Institute, he has completed over 1200 hours of hands-on scientific research. This afforded him the opportunity to present his findings at two national physics conferences. His love for learning, passion for STEM and the skills he has developed at Houghton have already led to an offer for a post-bachelors position at Los Alamos National Laboratory.



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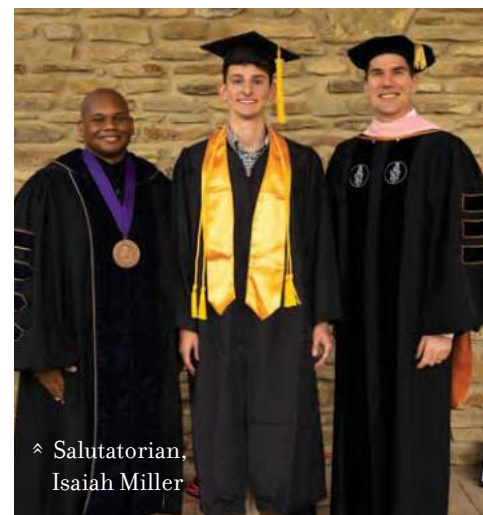
⤴ Buffalo Commencement Celebration



⤴ Co-Valedictorians Gabriel Negus, Gaelen Negus, Adora Colicci, Mary Shaker and Natalie Sommons.



⤴ Rev. Dr. Jerry Gillis, Lead Pastor of The Chapel in Buffalo, NY, delivered the keynote commencement address.



⤴ Salutatorian, Isaiah Miller



THE VERY FIRST GRADUATES OF HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF '23 FAST FACTS

240
Graduates

Many countries were represented, including: Brazil, Canada, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Malawi, Nigeria, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and Vietnam

29
Associate

195
Bachelor's

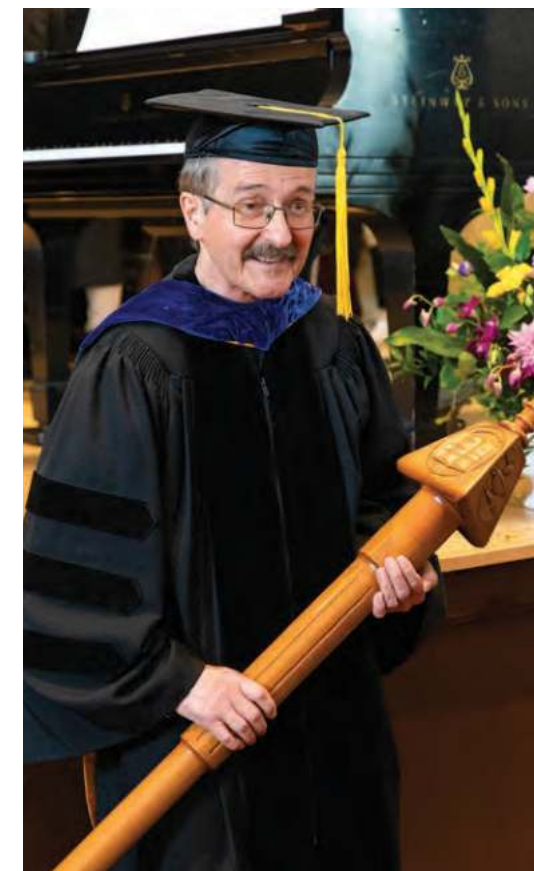
16
Master's

56 Double Majors

104 Honors

TOP MAJORS

Biology, Psychology, Business Administration and Education



CARING FOR THE Whole Body

By Rachel Caine '23

Hands-on learning can be an excellent option for students looking to engage closely with their desired field. **Emily Pickering '23**, daughter of alumni **Carmen (Weimer '93)** and **Matthew Pickering '93** and sister of Megan and **Elyssa (Pickering '17) Schreppel**, took on the challenge of exploring three hands-on learning experiences for her sports, recreation and wellness management major.

Emily became involved in hands-on experiences in personal training, yoga and Houghton's ENCORE program. ENCORE provides enriching experiences for senior adults in a Christ-centered environment. Emily currently instructs an equipment class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. "People have been amazed with how kind and welcoming Houghton is," Emily says. She noted that the constant appreciation she receives encourages her that she is making a difference in their health. She is gifted in return with life advice and fun memories that increase her love for what she does even further.

In addition to her work with senior adults, Emily taught a Monday yoga class at the university last spring. She also engaged with five Houghton community members as a personal trainer this past fall for GetFit Allegany, funded by Univera Healthcare. "What makes a good trainer is being good at motivating your clients and knowing what style of motivation works best for them." Emily has since received her certification in personal training and is now working towards her certification in nutrition.

Houghton provides a Christ-centered living and learning environment that ministers to, supports and provides for the whole person. Emily found this to be true in her work as she takes care of the body that God has given her and encourages others to do the same. She inspires others to be open to experiences outside of the classroom. Emily has now started her search for new gyms to utilize her skills and plans to continue gaining personal training experience after graduation.



Rachel Caine '23 is a Communication and Psychology Major, and Spring '23 marketing department intern at Houghton University.



What makes a good trainer is being good at motivating your clients and knowing what style of motivation works best for them.

ONE EXAMPLE OF A Scholar Servant

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

When **Jordan Scott '17** entered Houghton as an education major, he had dreams of coaching basketball and teaching high school chemistry. He could not have imagined the role he now plays, ministering to the needs of cancer patients at Buffalo's Roswell Park as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist.

Jordan's role focuses on bone marrow transplant and lymphoma patients. He is the go-to pharmacy resource for physicians and an educator for patients undergoing treatment. "I love working with patients undergoing chemotherapy," Jordan says. "It's tough, but having the opportunity to walk with them through a really challenging point in their lives is what gets me up every morning. Ministering directly to people with my skills as a pharmacist is the highlight of my work."

As with many alumni, Jordan's time at Houghton shaped and honed his sense of calling. He credits much of that shaping and honing to Houghton professor Dr. **Karen (Reese '93) Torraca**. Dr. Torraca served as Jordan's advisor, and it was her medical biology course that introduced Jordan to the idea of becoming a pharmacist.

Beyond learning with Dr. Torraca in the classroom, Jordan had the opportunity to work alongside his mentor in the lab and in life. A former senior research scientist with pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly, Dr. Torraca brought Jordan into the lab through the Shannon Summer Research Institute. "I had no idea how to do research," Jordan shared. "I discovered that anyone can do impactful research, and it prepared me well for what I do today. I had the ability to learn from an experience I never dreamed I'd have the opportunity to have."

Outside the Paine Center for Science, Jordan managed a full co-curricular life as well. A dual



Field Research as a student



Shannon Summer Research Institute 2015



Dr. Karen (Reese '93) Torraca



Presenting recently at the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists Oncology Symposium



On the court as a Highlander

Scholar and servant - those are the two qualities I think of most when I think of Houghton graduates.

sport athlete, Jordan developed exceptional time-management skills. He excelled on the basketball and tennis courts and served as a resident assistant in Rothenbuhler Hall. Still, Jordan found a way to earn academic achievements, including being named to the President's List his junior year.

Jordan's athletic endeavors didn't just serve to fill his schedule. He spent a great deal of time learning about teamwork, a quality he developed in the classroom as well when he worked on a research team in First Year Science Honors. "College is a very 'me'-focused time in your life, but in the real world, you always have to be able to work on a team. There is significant overlap between my experiences in teamwork at Houghton and my current work as a member of a patient care team."

Jordan also spent time developing his leadership skills as an RA, as a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and as a participant in Science Honors. He sees leadership as a way to give back through service, and he continues that kind of service today. Next year, he will serve as the Vice Chair of the American Pharmacists Association New Practitioner Network, and he is currently a member of Houghton University's Athletic Advisory Board.

"Scholar and servant - those are the two qualities I think of most when I think of Houghton graduates. And they're two pillars I strive to achieve. I saw this modeled in the excellence of teaching and scholarly activity in the classroom and in the faculty-led ethos of Christ-centered servant-leadership."

"I'm forever in debt to Houghton," said Jordan. "So many people there took chances on me, and I will always be looking for ways to give back."

A true scholar-servant indeed.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

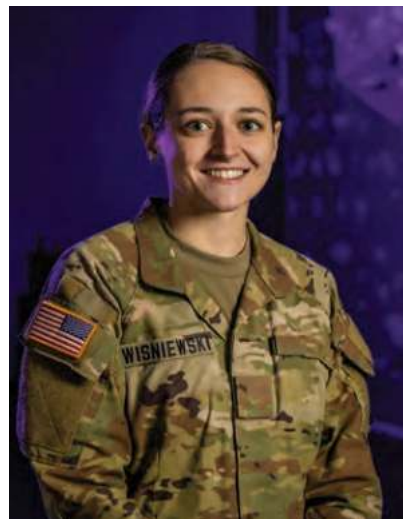
Seeing a team and community centered on Christ was new to **Ali (Wisniewski '23) Zientra** when she visited as a track and field recruit four years ago, but that focus on pursuing excellence for the glory of God was captivating and made for a simple college decision.

"I had never been on a team that put God first and put God at the center of all practices and all races," says Wisniewski. "This was something that I didn't even know existed with a sports team until I saw it at Houghton. Once I noticed this, I wanted to be a part of it and that is what drew me to Houghton."

The business department and the Army ROTC program were also big draws for the recent graduate, who just competed in her final season of track, prepping for her first job as a military officer, and eyeing an ultimate goal of serving in the National Guard while pursuing a career in accounting.

Wisniewski's Houghton experience was important for her development as a scholar-athlete and her growth as a Christ-follower, but also in identifying and honing the leadership skills necessary for her career endeavors.

"There is no such thing as a perfect leader," says Wisniewski, but she points to someone who is knowledgeable, caring, motivational, and a strong communicator as someone who can be most effective in a leadership position.



Her own leadership style is approachable and encouraging, someone who leads by example, she says. These traits have proven effective for the senior as she has navigated through a variety of leadership roles on campus, as a captain on the track team, and an ROTC student leader.

"Houghton and Highlander Athletics have taught me leadership skills, discipline, and how to put God at the center of everything. It has also taught me how to give my all to everything I am doing," says Wisniewski. "These things will help me in my future in the Army since these skills are some of the key characteristics of an Army officer."

Moving from student to alumna, Wisniewski encourages future student leaders to find a way to leave a legacy. "Figure out what impact you want to leave on your school or team and strive for that goal. It can be big or small, but it is something to strive for as a leader."

ATHLETICS INDUCTS FOUR INTO HALL OF HONOR

The Department of Athletics welcomed four new members to its Hall of Honor during an induction luncheon on April 22 in the Reinhold Campus Center.

John Bechtel '62, Jamie Mullen '86, Mark Ashley '88 and Dr. Heather (Mann) Rigby '02 comprise the 2023 Induction Class and a join a Hall roster that now totals 64 alumni, coaches, teams and contributors.

Bechtel participated in a variety of sports during the Purple & Gold era of Houghton athletics, primarily making his mark in soccer and football. He also coached field hockey as a student and served as president of the Student Athletics Association. The son of missionaries, Bechtel went on to a career in Christian service after graduation. He returned to Hong Kong for 15 years, and later serving in leadership roles with The Christian & Missionary Alliance denomination, was active in church planting efforts, and worked with The Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation.

Mullen was a captain, chaplain, and three-year starter for Houghton men's soccer. He was named NAIA Academic All-America and a First Team All-District selection. The valedictorian of his Houghton graduating class, Mullen went on to a successful career as an English teacher and coach at his high school alma mater, Fillmore Central School. In his 31 years on the sideline, Mullen's teams won 25 county titles, six sectional titles, four state semifinal appearances and two state championship appearances. His record of 465-98-43 places him sixth in Section V history and No. 16 in New York State for career victories.

Ashley was a member of Houghton's first NCCAA championship team in 1986, won an NAIA Region championship and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in 1987, and was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-America following the 1987 season. Following Houghton, Ashley had a short college coaching stint before moving to a career as an educator and high school coach in Pennsylvania, while also serving as pastor of young adult ministries at his church. As a coach, he led four teams to Pennsylvania State Championship finals and won two state titles. His overall coaching record (boys and girls) is 471-153-42.

Rigby was a three-time NAIA Honorable Mention All-America selection during her four years of women's soccer. She was conference player of the year following the 2000 season. Rigby totaled 48 goals and 40 assists during her career. Her 136 points are ninth all-time in Houghton history. The Highlanders went 73-10-3 and made three NAIA National Tournament appearances over her four seasons. Rigby went on to earn a medical degree from Dalhousie Medical School and now practices as associate professor of neurology at Dalhousie.



TWO STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Houghton's annual Night of Excellence banquet in April was highlighted by the selection of **Amanda Burrichter '23** and **Malachi Yeager '22** as the recipients of the Student-Athlete Excellence Awards. The honors go to those who have regularly exhibited excellence in the areas of athletic performance, academic achievement and Christian character during their time as Highlander student-athletes.



Burrichter became the third athlete to earn the award for a second time (**David Wessells '20, Jesse Toth '17**). The senior is a four-time Empire 8 All-Conference selection in cross country, and claimed the 2022 E8 title last fall. She has won eight Empire 8 individual or relay track titles during her four-year career.

She was named the 2022 and 2023 Indoor E8 Female Track Athlete of the Meet, and following the 2022 season was recognized as the E8 Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. She is in the top 10 in Houghton history in seven events.

In the classroom, Burrichter's performance is equally impressive. She holds a 3.70 GPA in Exercise Science and is a three-time E8 President's List and NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete honoree. She has also been named to Houghton's President's List and Dean's Honor List.

She serves her community as a church youth group leader at Crosstown Alliance Church, has volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Drive, has been a CIA and SAAC representative and has been serving as the SAAC president during this academic year.

Yeager capped his final year as a Highlander with impressive performances in track and field. He set the Houghton record in the heptathlon (4,464 points) while claiming the 2023 Empire 8 Indoor Championship title. He is a 10-time podium finisher at E8 indoor and outdoor championship meets. He is also the program record-holder in the 4x100 relay. He holds 11 Houghton top-10 marks, including second all-time in indoor high jump and indoor shot put. Yeager holds a 3.78 overall GPA with a 4.0 in his biology major. He won the 2022 Award for the Outstanding Student in Research and the Outstanding Student in General Biology I & II. He is a multiple honoree for the Dean's List, Dean's Honor List and President's List, and is an NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete selection.

He served as a big brother through Allegany County Outreach, was a resident assistant for three years, was on the Pre-Health Professions Club, and has served a number of years on the Student Government Association. He was a president of the class of 2022 during his junior year and was the Houghton student body president during the 2022 academic year.

DISC GOLF FINISHES 4TH AT NATIONALS

Houghton's newest club sport had an impressive finish in its second-ever College Disc Golf National Championship. The Highlanders' A-Team grabbed a tie for fourth place in Marion, N.C., in April.

The four-day event featured more than 700 competitors from 88 different schools, including competitors from the Liberty University, University of Arizona, University of Missouri, University of Cincinnati, Clemson University, and University of Kentucky. Houghton brought three men's teams, as well as an individual competitor in the women's division.

The men's A-Team, comprised of **Carter Sisson '26, Owen Fall '25, Tim Roth '25** and **Zach Sisson** (dual enrollment), shot a blistering -16 at the Boulder's course during round one. This was the hot round of the tournament and put Houghton in first place after day one. The Men's B-Team finished in a T21 out of 42 teams. The Men's C-Team finished in 40th place.

On the individual side of the competition, Owen Fall finished in a T17 out of the top 256 competitors, earning Second Team All-American honors. Zach Sisson put together a solid performance, finishing in a T28 after making the singles finals. **Emily Andruczyk '23** capped off an excellent senior season finishing in a T14 out of 60 competitors. **Rhyan Lorenc '26** finished in a T10 place out of the 163 competitors in the Men's DIII Division.

In addition, Carter Sisson went into the tournament as a top-64 rated player and was invited to the Matchplay Championship. Sisson cruised through his first three matches, making it to the Elite-8.

"I couldn't be more proud of these individuals. We practiced so hard this semester to be ready for this week and it paid off. The energy was palpable from the first two rounds of competition with so many highlights. Our team rose to the occasion," said Head Coach Guthrie Collins. "We put ourselves in position after the first two days to win a National Championship and came up just short. The support our players were getting from each other and the fans was amazing. I am deeply grateful for the people who came down to support our team. I couldn't have asked for a better showing in year two of our program. This team is incredibly young and you can continue expect great things from this group moving forward."



ALUMNI News & NOTES

98 1946

Jean (Christenson) Inman celebrated her 98th birthday on March 6, 2023.

90 1954

John Van Voorhis recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Today, he is an emeritus elder for the Presbyterian church and an emeritus board member of Greenville Presbyterian Seminary.

1955

Charlene (Stewart) Stewart is moving from her longtime home in Willow, Alaska, to live with her daughter in Fairbanks, Alaska. She had the joy of visiting Antarctica in December 2022.



1961

Paul Mills was inducted into the Indiana Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Honor in 2022 in recognition of his role in the start of intercollegiate athletics at that institution.

Jerry Wibberly and his wife, **Barbara (Conant '62)**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a cruise around the Maritimes.



1963

David and Alice (Fasold) Hull celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2022. Alice current serves as a discipleship coach for Search for Jesus, a Billy Graham Association organization. They look forward to welcoming their eighth great-grandchild in the summer of 2023.

Neil Nickelsen, D.O., FACOP, FAAP, retired, was honored to receive the Career Achievement Award from the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians in April of 2021. This award is presented to one recipient annually. In 2021, he retired from Bi-County Gwinnett Pediatrics in Dekalb, Georgia.

1965

Yuk Man "Benjamin" Chan has served as the Assistant President of the Melbourne Chinese University of the Third Age for the last 20 years, work that has primarily involved setting up courses and programs of study for the Chinese community in Melbourne, Australia. He remains a choir member and active member of New Life Evangelical Church.

Karen (Greer) Lynip retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators after 43 years in the Philippines. She remains a coach for missions candidates as a staff member of the Intercultural Communications Course and is writing her third book.

1970

W. David Rogers and his wife, **Ellen (Bloom '69)**, moved to their new home in Mesa, Arizona, to be near their grandchildren. During their move, the Rogerses were delighted to visit fellow classmates **Karen (Morris '69) Loomis** and **Tom '70** and **Diane (Lawson '71) Danielson**.

1971

David Brown has been hired back, post-retirement, for a parttime pastoral care role at Sandusky Ohio Chapel churches. His wife, **Donna (Skaanning) Brown**, serves alongside him hosting a women's study centered on Season 1 of The Chosen.

Ken Woodruff was inducted into the Allegany (New York) County Athletic Association Hall of Fame honoring his 34-year coaching career at Portville Central School, during which time he coached varsity baseball, JV girls' soccer, JV girls' basketball and varsity/JV softball. He also dedicated many years as an official, timekeeper and scoreboard operator for schools and institutions of higher education throughout Western New York.

1974

Robert "Bob" Verno finished 48 years serving as a pastor with the Brethren in Christ Church and now serves as Sanctuary Pastor at The Meeting House in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

1975

Daniel Brubaker retired on March 31, 2023, from Wycliffe aft 45 years of service. With his wife, Lucia, Daniel has dedicated his life to working with a translation team in Mali, Africa. The Brubakers leave this role knowing



that the translation team hopes to have the entire Old Testament completed in rough-draft form by the end of 2023, and a translation of the whole Bible will be prepared for printing by 2027.

Drs. Lois (Morgan) Sastic and **Jonathan Sastic** have retired from their surgical practice in Oneonta, New York, and have relocated to Narragansett, Rhode Island. Having retired from their work with Oneonta Surgical Associates, which included five short-term medical missions trips and the establishment of a comprehensive breast cancer center in Oneonta, the Sastics have taken up fly fishing for salmon, a hobby that has taken them to Laxa, Iceland, Pono, Russia and Alaska.

Virginia (Dworkin) Stone recently appeared on the Kelly Clarkson Show after a story about the Husband Calling Contest at the Iowa State Fair went viral on TikTok. This unique talent aside (you can find the Kelly Clarkson video on YouTube), Virginia and her husband, Irving, had the opportunity to visit Egypt in October of 2022.



1976

Timothy Shuey has entered semi-retirement after a 26-year ministry with York Alliance Church as Pastor of Worship Arts and overseeing congregational care. He continues in part-time ministry as the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care.



1977

Michael Frost celebrated the 41st anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 11, 2023. He serves four Pennsylvania churches, Holy Trinity (Palmerton), St. Matthew's (North Weissport), St. John's (Jim Thorpe) and Trinity (Bowmanstown).

1978

Daniel "Danny" Shultz has entered semi-retirement from his psychology and counseling practice. He fills his newfound spare time teaching a class at his church on the biblical view of current cultural trends.

1979

David Tideman has been promoted to

Chair of the Board of Good Neighbors Home Repair, a Christian ministry that provides free home repairs for families in need throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law and regulation in Houghton's MBA program and teaches negotiation for Cairn University.

1980

Benjamin "Ben" Colter celebrated his retirement from Houghton University in April 2023 after eight years in the Office of Advancement. Along with his wife, **Mary (Morley '82)**, he relocated to Central Arkansas where he is taking on a role with Cru Inner City as a Major Donor Representative Nationwide, supporting the Director of Development for Cru Inner City Ministry nationally.

1981

After 36 years in Niger with SIM, **John DeValve** has moved with his wife, Nancy, to Xenia, Ohio, where he is a consultant/advisor on theological education in Francophone Africa. He participated in a seminar on theological education in Izmir, Türkiye, in November 2022. Additionally, John serves as a visiting professor at the Theological College of Niamey, Niger.

1982

Sharon (Kellogg) Freeman serves as a volunteer Court-Appointed Special Advocate for CASA of Jefferson County, Indiana. In this role, she provides a voice in court settings for abused and neglected children. This is a service passion she shares with her daughter, **Beth (Freeman '04) McRoberts**, who is also a Court-Appointed Special Advocate.

1984

J. Railey Gompah is serving as the Founding Chancellor of BASILEIA Industrial University, a Christian career-tech higher education project in post-conflict Liberia (West Africa). The institution is unapologetically rooted in the tradition of Houghton Wesleyan Higher Education and shaped by historic Wesleyan-Holiness Theology and Tradition. It is unfolding in the relatively safe and self-sustaining American Technology Center. He is searching for likeminded partners to support this vital work in his home country.

1988

Kimberly Kadziolka completed her doctorate in Health Administration at D'Youville University in May 2021. She is now the Executive Director of Parent Network of Western New York in Buffalo, New York, where she oversees all

aspects of the agency, including funding, growth and development.

After 35 years in technology and 30 years leading Computers In Ministry, **Mark Johnson** handed off CIMtech.solutions to its leadership team and jumped in with both feet to invest in a new generation of aviators. In the summer of 2022, after completing his flight instructor certification, he took on a role with Indiana Wesleyan University, leading their summer Flight Academy with Air Force Jr. ROTC cadets. In the fall of 2022, he additionally began a new role leading high school juniors and seniors at the Aviation Academy for the Marion Regional Career Center in Marion, Indiana. Mark serves as a director for the Board of Aviation Commissioners, helping develop business, medical, educational, and community aviation opportunities for the city of Marion and surrounding areas.

1990

Kevin Seaman has taken on a new role as the Vice President of Performance Marking for the University of Arizona, Global Campus. He leads performance marking, overseeing a team responsible for attracting and enrolling student. Kevin additional serves as a member of the University Leadership Council and as Executive Sponsor of Enterprise CRM (Salesforce) Initiatives.

1992

Keith Lynip has taken on the position of Dean of Innovative Learning for Rwanda and Mauritius at African Leadership University. In this role, he oversees the academic operations of blended degree programs for an ambitious new institution based in Rwanda and Mauritius with a continental mission of developing ethical entrepreneurial leaders who hope to prepare for employment, graduate school and to be job-creators.

Matthew Stewart has completed his Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Columbia International University. He continues serve as a pastor in The Wesleyan Church in Sweester, Indiana. He has expanded his service to serve as an adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and as a coaching consultant for churches and businesses in the areas of revitalization, leadership and organizational structure.

1994

Tim DeTellis and **Kevin Maguire** celebrated 30 years of friendship in January 2023, which Tim marked with matching Houghton t-shirts.

1996

Carl Greene completed his Ph.D. from Trinity International University in 2022. He serves as the Executive Director of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of USA and Canada.



2000

Tracy (Jordan) Cioppa completed her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Virginia Tech in May of 2020.

Kristin (Leach) Kusiak has been promoted to Senior Digital Account Strategist with Promotion Clix Marketing.

Brian Pickard was promoted to counsel at Faegre Drinker in January 2023, specializing in Government and Regulatory Affairs at the Philadelphia office. Faegre Drinker is a global firm offering transactional, litigation, regulatory and government advocacy services.

2001

Dana Basnight-Brown received the 2023 Excellence in Education Award from her graduate school alma mater, University at Albany. The award was in recognition of her work in global research development and for her labors in developing a cognitive science research center in East Africa. She has also worked to create graduate programs and engaged in academic writing workshops for medical students.

Eli Knapp was presented with the Houghton University Excellence in Teaching Award as determined by peer nominations and selection by Houghton's Faculty Development Committee.

Linda (Shea) Knapp was inducted into the Allegany (New York) County Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a reflection of her tremendous contributions as a student athlete at both Houghton Academy and Houghton College (now University).

Danae Phillips Munjal, in partnership with her husband, Sandeep Munjal, M.D., has opened DiallySuites, a new dialysis facility focused on individualized patient care with individual suites and a soothing physical environment. She serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Administrator of the facility.



BOOK SHELF

2002

Jennifer (Rimer) Baney

completed a three-year term as an elected official for the Town of Grand Island, New York. Since the end of her term, she has served as a Field Supervisor of Niagara University and works with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance.



2003

Emily Dunham has accepted the position of Head of Campus for the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., where she is overseeing the construction of a new visitor attraction and museum scheduled to open in 2026. Upon opening, she will assume responsibility for all of the revenues and operations of National Geographic's campus.

2006



Elizabeth Weaver was promoted to State Policy Manager for Feeding America. In her new role, she oversees and supports management of Feeding

America's state policy engagement work to increase and improve access to and operation of major federal nutrition programs, particularly SNAP, across all states and administering entities. She monitors state policies and legislation and develops, monitors, coordinates and analyzes implementation of engagement strategies to promote state advocacy.

2007

Dr. Jeremy "Jer" Clifton recently recorded a podcast for "Hidden Brain" entitled "How Your Beliefs Shape Reality" (March 6, 2023), which was subsequently released on NPR stations across the country. He additionally published an opinion piece for Scientific American entitled "Many Differences between Liberals and Conservatives May Boil Down to One Belief" (March 1, 2023).

Ryan Klejment-Lavin has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies at Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina. Along with his wife, **Carolyn**, he is moving back to the United States after 12 years in missions in Indonesia and South Korea.

2008

Jocelyn Pierro recently accepted a position with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a toxicologist.

2009

Brittany Gentry

accepted the position of Assistant Professor at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, teaching courses in philosophy of science, epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of the mind and introduction to philosophy. Her research centers on the philosophy of time and epistemology of trust. She also mentors honors students and student researchers and works part-time training horses.



Cana (Roth) Austin

and her husband, Brandon, became licensed foster parents in February of 2023.



2010

Lindsay (Hansen) Rosado completed her Master of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University in May 2022.

2011



Megan Little has found her dream job as a Prayer Missionary and Artist with The Greater Ontario House of Prayer in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. In her role, she will create and lead programming that helps people encounter God

and grow and heal through prayer, the arts and imagination in the context of an urban monastic prayer community connected with 24/7 prayer and committed to a life of prayer and equipping others to pray. As part of her role, she co-leads a monthly group called Asah: Creativity and Prayer Studio.

Friends **Kelly (Bennett) Spencer**, **Katie (Lindsay) Belmore**, **Katy (Hurd '10) Gelin** and **Colleen Sarnicola-Moon** enjoyed a



Houghton-Friend Reunion with their families on campus in October 2022.

2012

In February 2022, **Nathanael Smith** accepted a position as Director of Trauma Care for LFR International. He additionally began his teaching career in July 2022 as Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine.

S. Kyle Johnson completed his Ph.D. in Theology from Boston College in April 2022. He currently serves as a part-time professor of theology at Boston College and as a Learning Designer at the Center for Digital Innovation in Learning in Brighton, Massachusetts.

2017

Sarah Kopa completed her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2023. She has accepted an associate veterinarian position at a small animal practice in the Albany, New York, area.

Meredith (Guffey)

and her husband, Robert MacPartland, were finally able to celebrate their wedding, after nearly three years of marriage, with a reception for family and friends October 2022.



Travis Trotman accepted a position as Assistant Director of Resident Life at Palm Beach Atlantic University.



Alessio Tranchell MM

has accepted a position at North Central University as Assistant Professor of Music and

Director of Choirs. His responsibilities include three choirs and instruction in conducting and music history. His Concert Chorale recently performed sacred works by composer Michael John Trotta at David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

2018

Esther Udo has accepted a new position as a physician assistant with a special in internal medicine at New York Presbyterian.

Zachary Fisher completed his Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic in October 2022. He's accepted a position as an associate chiropractor with Spector Chiropractic in Towson, Maryland.

2019

Katelyn (Cook) Keparutis anticipates completion of her Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in May 2025. She is currently a National Nuclear Security Administration Division of Naval Reactors Rickover Fellow.

Akil Grampus has taken a position as Coordinator with Sony Music in New York, New

York. His responsibilities are far-reaching, including pitching artists' music, developing marketing and promotional ideas, and looking for new talent. He has organizational responsibilities for music videos, director searches and travel for artists. He additionally works with his brother on developing their own label with Sony and running a YouTube channel called Cigar Talk.

2020

Benjamin Closson has completed his Master of Education degree in Teaching and Curriculum with a Concentration in Children's Literature from The Pennsylvania State University.

Grace (Stevens) Alexander recently adopted Heimweh from the Houghton equine center herd and reports that Heimweh is enjoying her retirement in her forever home. Grace is also currently working in her local school district while pursuing a degree to become a teacher.



Ronald Lott III, a member of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) Class of 2024, has been named LECOM Student Doctor of the Year for 2023. This award is given to one medical student annually who embodies service, leadership and academic excellence. He additionally has

been nominated by LECOM for the National Student Doctor of the Year Award.

2021

Anna Wray completed her Master of Education in Literacy degree in August of 2022 at Roberts Wesleyan University.

2022

Grace Retz and faculty advisor Michael Ritter were published in September 2022 by the Center for Public Justice, a Christian civic education and public policy search organization based in Washington, D.C. Grace is a recipient of The Hatfield Prize, a research award providing funding for student-faculty research at CCCU institutions. Grace's research highlights the experiences of food-insecure families and makes recommendations for how government and civil society institutions, including faith communities, can better support refugee families.

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DOWN the AISLE

Kristin (Leach '00) Palmer married Paul Kusiak on September 4, 2021, in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.



1

1 Mary Valvo '10 and Nick Weiser, D.M.A. were united in marriage on October 6, 2022 in Lake Placid, New York.



3

2 Emily Wightman '11 tied the knot with Robert Wilkinson on October 10, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois.



2

3 Megan Tennant '13 married Jeremy Baratta on November 21, 2020, in Cazenovia, New York.



4

4 Brian Morse '13 wed Karyn Saar on September 18, 2021 in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. Among those celebrating were Houghton alumni **Ethan Longley '13** and **Zeke Roulo '13**.



5

5 Samantha Emmart '17 wed Adam Current on July 25, 2020, in Veedersberg, Indiana. In attendance to help celebrate were Houghton alumni **Daniel '17** and **Mercedes (Miller '17) Hammers**, **Carina Mesquita '17**, and **Mary Daly '18**. Others joined virtually.



6

6 AnneMarie Ranger '18 and **Jeffrey Hansen '18** were united in marriage on September 17, 2022, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Kenmore, New York. They were joined in their celebrations by many Houghton alumni including **Annetta Snell '18** and **Daniel Berryment '19**, both of whom were members of the wedding party.



7

7 Katelyn Cook '19 tied the knot with Maxwell Keparutis in Halfmoon, New York, on July 9, 2022. They were joined in their celebrations by **Brielle (Kwarta '19) Thompson**, **Katy Witte '19**, and **James '18** and **Katie (Kreidler '16) Johnson**.



9

8 Stephanie Spring '19 married Kalan Kriner on April 30, 2022. Among those celebrating with the couple were Houghton alumni **Ashley Beck '18**, **Helen Draper '19**, **Emily Grundtisch '18**, **Margaret Strout '19**, **Gabrielle Papia '19**, and **Alana (Meyers '19) Dibble**, and **Andrew Shulz '20**. Their photographs were taken by **Becca Loomis '19**.



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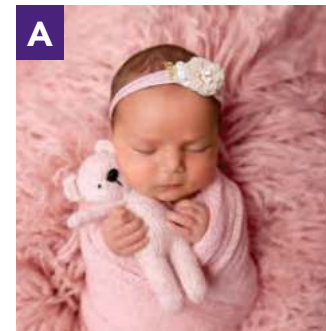
9 Grace Stevens '20 tied the knot with Jarod Alexander on September 21, 2022, at White Hollow Acres in Wellsburg, New York. Among the wedding party members was Houghton alumna **Kristina Berlin '21**.



10

10 Jesse Rucquoi '21 and **Daniel Burdo '20** joined in marriage on April 24, 2022, on a mountaintop in New Hampshire with Mount Monadnock in the background. They were joined in celebration by their family, friends and many Houghton alumni.

Future Highlanders



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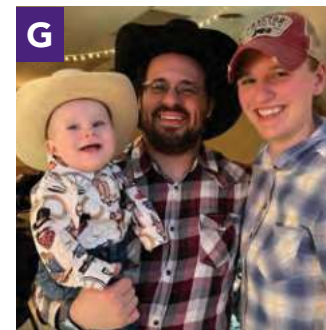
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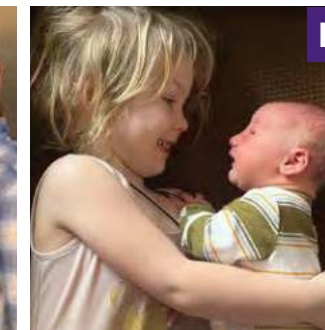
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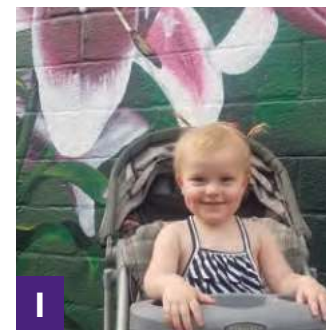
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A 12.29.2022 | Ivy June Heather (Hutton '07) and Tim Elliott

B 11.21.21 | Finleigh Elizabeth Kyla (Quinn '07) and Mitchell Perry

C 12.2.22 | Omri Lee Bennett Kelly (Bennett '11) and Brandon Spencer

8.25.22 | Thomas Edward and **4.30.21** | Beck Dechant Tommy Munro '11 and Abby Munro

D 7.19.22 | Everleigh Rae Emily (Wightman '11) and Robert Wilkinson

E 12.19.22 | Percival Jessica (Bramhall '12) and Kyle Austin '12

F 1.16.23 | Titus Levi Marcia (Mason '13) and Bobby Mauger '14

G 8.17.22 | Colt Richard Brian Morse '13 and Karyn Morse

H 2.24.23 | Felix Joseph Hannah (Compton '14) and Brandon Cooper '14

I 12.30.20 | Faye L. Naomi (Buckley '14) and Steven Garwood

J 6.25.21 | Emma DanaLea (Gorczyca '04) and Jason Woehl

K 2.14.23 | Anders Samuel Jacob Annis '18 and Raime Anders

In MEMORIAM

1939

Catherine (Parks) Eyler passed away December 22, 2022, in Gig Harbor, Washington, at the age of 105. Mrs. Eyler spent her career cataloging at the University of Maryland Library, and she actively volunteered with local libraries in her community. She was predeceased by her husband, **Marvin H. Eyler '42**, and is fondly remembered by her children, **John (Audrey Stockin '64)**, Judith and **William '72** (Jennifer), and grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew and Miranda.

1942

Dr. Neal R. Fee passed away peacefully on March 18, 2023, at the age of 101 in Woodbridge, Virginia. Dr. Fee served as a dentist in the U.S. Army at the conclusion of World War II and remained active in the Army Reserve after his discharge in 1946. In his civilian life, he specialized in orthodontics and spent his 40-year career in private dental and orthodontic practice in Plattsburg, New York.

Ruth (Newhart) Klotzbach entered glory on March 15, 2021, just shy of her 102nd birthday. She was a resident of Santa Barbara, California. She was the wife of the late **Dr. Milton Klotzbach '41**.

1943

Blanche (Keefe) Schmidt of Shady, New York, graduated to Glory on February 12, 2022, at the age of 99. She dedicated her life to a career teaching mathematics and is lovingly remembered by her countless students and family.

1944

Geraldine (Schuster) Sakowski of Horseheads, New York, died peacefully on January 24, 2023, just a few days before her 98th birthday. She was the wife of the late **Edward J. Sakowski '49** and is fondly remembered by her children **Janine '72** (Paul Witte), Mark and Jonathan. She was a dedicated teacher and community volunteer.

1945

Barbara (Howell) Soldan passed away on January 19, 2022, a few weeks shy of her 100th birthday. She was a resident of Camillus, New York.

Rev. Stanley Taber of Brooksville, Florida, slipped into heaven on April 23, 2022, at the age of 98. He was a long-time pastor at the Wesleyan Church in Gloversville, New York, and a World War II Veteran of the United States Army Air Force. He is mourned by his wife, Betty; three children; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren, including Houghton alumni **Kenneth '73 (Mary McAllister '74)**, **Sara '84 (Donald McKay '82)**, **Catherine (Taber '99) Ooms**, **Abigail Taber '13** and **Benjamin McKay '21**.

1948

Walter Cool of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, passed away on May 22, 2022, in his home. He was the husband of the late **Harriett (True '49)**. He leaves behind two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, including Houghton alumni **Donald '78 (Marie Hamersma '78)**, **Paula '90** and **Jennifer Cool '03 (Joshua Nemecek '03)**.

Haldyne "Halee" Spriggins of Claremont, California, left this life on April 27, 2022, shortly after her 98th birthday. Halee spent her 35-year career as a missionary in Congo with the CM&A and served as director of the teacher training school in Maduda. She invested deeply in the lives of Congolese youth.

Rev. Raymond Mesler, Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away on New Year's Eve 2020. He was 93. Rev. Mesler served the Lord as an Episcopal Priest and was a proud veteran of the United States Army.

1949

Norma (Vining) Pritchett Whitcomb of Indianapolis, Indiana, stepped into the presence of her Savior on December 13, 2021. Norma served God's people as a missionary in the Philippines, as a teacher and counselor at Berean Academy, and as a faithful wife and mother. She was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Pritchett, and her second husband, Dr. John Whitcomb. Her life and legacy are celebrated by her surviving 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Helen (Howard) Kidd of Canandaigua, New York, passed away on August 28, 2021, at the age of 95. She served as a church musician alongside her pastor husband for over 40 years. She is fondly remembered by her 6 children, 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Barbara (Hoops) Gayk of Newport News, Virginia, passed away on March 25, 2021, at the age of 94. She served as a nursing school instructor and was an active member of her church. She is mourned by her three sons and their wives, her ten grandchildren and her seven great-grandchildren.

1950

Paul Caldwell of Carterville, Illinois, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2022, at the age of 95. He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He started his career at Lear Jet, taught at Southern Illinois University, consulted as an electrical engineer and served overseas with USAID. He finished his career as a missionary with United Mission to Nepal. He is fondly remembered by generations of students, his 5 sons and their wives, 14 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Katherine England passed away in Southampton, Pennsylvania, on August 31, 2022, at the age of 92. She was a dedicated doctor and professor of medicine and a faithful member of her church.

1951

Rev. Kenneth Dearstyne of Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, passed away on December 9, 2022, six weeks before his 98th birthday. He was the husband of the late **Ruth (Landmesser '47) Dearstyne** and father of five. He was a World War II Veteran of the United States Army and subsequently served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. When he was not serving on active duty, Rev. Dearstyne served as a minister of the United Methodist Church. He is mourned by his four surviving children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary (Perrine) Harter went quietly to be with the Lord on February 6, 2023, at 92 years of age. She was a resident of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She is mourned by her loving husband, LTC USMC **Ret. Robert Harter '50**; her children **Aleatha '75 (Melvin Hatcher)**, COL US Army **Ret. Robert (Beth Emmett '81)** and James (Yvonne); ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JOHN D. MILLER '57 died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Houghton on October 19, 2022, at the age of 92. John was a veteran of the United States Army prior to his studies at Houghton, where he earned a dual degree in History and Bible and minored in Education. After completing his degree at Houghton, he joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and was assigned to serve with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, where he served until 2017. He received his MA in linguistics at The Ohio State University in 1966. His work and research focused on minority languages in southeast Asia, and, in addition to publishing numerous articles about these languages, he was instrumental in the translation of the Bible and the preparation of dictionaries for several of them. He additionally served in a variety of administrative roles with SIL, and, from 1996 to 2000, he served with his wife as co-director of work in mainland southeast Asia. He is survived by his wife, **Carolyn (Paine '60)**; their 4 children, **Marjorie '84**, **Gordon '86**, **Nathan '89 (Kristina '19)** and **LuAnne '90 (David Brubaker '90)**; and 13 grandchildren, including Houghton alumni **Luke Doty '12** and **Leah Doty '14** and current student **Katherine Brubaker '24**.

Henry Koval went home to his Lord and Savior on April 10, 2022, at the age of 96. He was a resident of South Holland, Illinois. He leaves behind his wife, **Anne (Rabenstein '50)**; two daughters; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Shirley (Calkins '51) Sandford returned to her Lord and Savior on May 8, 2022. She was the wife of the late **Robert Sandford '51**.

Elizabeth "Beth" (Edling) Taylor entered the Lord's rest October 23, 2022, at the age of 93. She was a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Alongside her husband, she served as a missionary in Northern India for 40 years with Mission to the World. She leaves behind 4 children and their spouses, 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

1952

J. Frederick Hagberg slipped into heaven October 24, 2022, at the age of 94. He pastored five churches and spent 28 years serving as a chaplain to residents of nursing homes. He is survived by his wife, **Betty (Boles' 52) Hagberg**; four children; and nine grandchildren.

Rev. Robert Ingraham went home to heaven on May 4, 2022, at the age of 92. He was the husband of the late **Rebekah (Wyman '54) Ingraham**. He was an ordained minister with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and served as both a pastor and a schoolteacher. He is survived by two sons, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Margaret "Peg" (Doelfel) Jackson of Beaver, Pennsylvania, went to be with her Savior on October 13, 2022, at the age of 91. Peg spent her life as a pharmacist and a dedicated member of her church. She is fondly remembered by her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rev. Paul Meyerink of Grove City, Ohio, left this life on June 21, 2021, at the age of 94. He is mourned by his wife, **Dorothy "Dee" (Dickens '49) Meyerink**, and their children. Rev. Meyerink and his wife served as missionaries in Mexico with the Reformed Church in America.

Helen (Coldiron) Prentice of Kent, Ohio, went home to be with Jesus on August 31, 2022, at the age of 92. She was the wife of the late **Everett Prentice '52**. Helen served at Chapel Hill Christian School as a bookkeeper for 30 years and was a faithful member of her church. She is survived by her 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Robert Young passed peacefully on September 11, 2022, in Leesburg, Florida. He was 91. A veteran of the United States Army, Robert spent his career as a high school teacher. He is survived by his three sons, their spouses and seven grandchildren.

1953

Robert McClure of Fort Pierce, Florida, joined his Savior in Heaven on November 22, 2021. He was 90 years old. He is missed dearly by his wife and son.

Dr. Forrest Crocker, 92, went to be with the Lord on August 31, 2022. He was a resident of Copley, Ohio. He was the husband of the late **Dorothy (Miller '52) Crocker**. Dr. Crocker was a dedicated pediatrician in both private practice and with Children's Hospital Physician Associates. He was dedicated to his church home, serving in Sunday School and in music ministry. He is survived by his children, **Alene '78 (Daniel Rayl '78)**, **Valerie '80 (Jeffrey Stark '79)** and Norman; his 13 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Dole passed away on February 12, 2022, in Fairfield, Maine at the age of 90. A veteran of the United States Air Force, in

his civilian life he managed a private practice, he served as a medical director and ended his career with a decade of service in a VA hospital. He was a committed member of his church. He is remembered by his wife, 6 children and 12 grandchildren.

Daisy (Guldenschuh) Hepburn of Kansas City, Missouri, left this life on October 19, 2021, shortly before her 90th birthday. Daisy and her husband spent the early years of their marriage serving in the Salvation Army, and throughout her life Daisy became well known as a women's ministry speaker. She is survived by her two children and four grandchildren.

Donald Kolowsky of Fort Myers, Florida, was called to his new home in Heaven on April 23, 2021, at the age of 88. He had a 40-year career in chemical engineering and was a dedicated community volunteer. He is remembered fondly by his wife, **Lynn (Erickson '54) Kolowsky**; their four children; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Coral (Martin) Rupprecht of Wheaton, Illinois, passed away on March 20, 2021, in Kearney, Nebraska. She dedicated much of her life to running the Corinthian Co-Op, a ministry to the Wheaton College community. She is mourned by her husband **Dr. Arthur Rupprecht '52** and her three children.

Carol (Woerner) Speirs passed away on August 15, 2021, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Carol dedicated her life to serving her church and International Students Incorporated. She was a devoted mother of three and grandmother of five.

Dr. Jean (Brown) Veckruise of Black Mountain, North Carolina, went home to be with her Savior on January 14, 2022, at the age of 93. She was the founder and director of Christian Family Services Adoption Agency, Inc., and dedicated her life to higher education instruction in medicine. Jean also co-founded the Niagara Frontier Christian Counseling Center and authored the book "Into the Arms of Love: Adoptive Stories to Touch Your Life."

1954

Dolores (Schwanke) Canfield passed away on November 24, 2022, at the age of 90 in her Ohio home surrounded by her family. She served for many years as a church organist and music teacher. She is survived by her husband, **Eugene Canfield '56**; 2 of her children; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Hasler left this life on March 5, 2021. A resident of Hudson, Ohio, he was 91 years of age. Dr. Hasler was a minister of the Presbyterian Church and the founding minister of Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Belpre, Ohio. He published nine books, taught college courses and was an active historian. In 2005, he received the Zeisberger-Heckewelder Medal for his published research. He is mourned by his wife, two children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rev. R. Wayne Hogue of Fredericksburg, Virginia, passed away on March 24, 2021, at the age of 89. Rev. Hogue served as a Christian minister for over 50 years. He is survived by his three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dr. Bernhard Sedate of Prosper, Texas, passed away on February 21, 2023, at the age of 90. He spent his career in higher education, volunteered generously throughout his community and served in his church. He is survived by his second wife, seven children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thalia (Lazarides) Twaddell passed on February 6, 2023, in Hackettstown, New Jersey at the age of 89. She was the wife of the late **William "Bill" Twaddell '54**. She was dedicated to education, serving first as a teacher then as an admissions officer in higher education. She served faithfully in the United Methodist Church throughout her life. She leaves behind daughters Kathryn and Sharon and grandson David.

1955

Dr. William Bicksler passed away in 2023 in Webster, New York. He served as a college professor for China Evangelical Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan. He leaves behind his children, **David '79**, **Linda '81** and Kathleen.

REV. MURRAY MCKNIGHT '58 of Belleville, Ontario, Canada, was called home to be with the Lord on February 13, 2023, at the age of 89, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A Bible and Sociology major from the class of 1958, Rev. McKnight spent over 40 years in the pastorate serving both Wesleyan and Baptist churches. In retirement, he volunteered as a chaplain at Quinte Gardens Retirement Home. Rev. McKnight served his alma mater as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is mourned by his family, including his wife, Darlene; four children, **Joelle '81 (Douglas Pember '79)**, **Glenn '84, Esther '89** and **Karen '92 (Shawn Hotchkiss '89)**; his 12 grandchildren, including Houghton alumni **Rebekah Pember '10**, **Nathan Pember '12**, **Ella Hotchkiss '18** and **Julia Hotchkiss '21** and current Houghton students **Andrew Hotchkiss '24** and **Mira Shultz '25**; and his two great-grandchildren.

Karl Hagadorn passed into Glory on October 7, 2022, at the age of 88. He was a resident of Queensbury, New York. Karl had a long career as a lab technician at Hercules/Ciba-Geigy and was the husband of the late **Jean (Woodward '55) Hagadorn**. He leaves behind his four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Oscar Munch passed peacefully into his Savior's presence on September 29, 2022, at the age of 89. He began his career as a teacher and band director and served for many years as a school guidance counselor. He is survived by his wife, two children and a granddaughter.

Rev. Hayden Sparks of Frederick, Virginia, passed peacefully to his eternal life in heaven on November 11, 2022, shortly before his 90th birthday. He served for 40 years with the Baltimore/Washington Conference as a Methodist minister. He is survived by 3 daughters, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, **Hayden Sparks '78**.

Jean Frances (Dobson) Umlauf of Coarsegold, California, passed away on January 6, 2023.

Margaret "Marge" (Chapman) White of Cape Coral, Florida, and formerly

of Williamsville, New York, passed peacefully into eternity on January 2, 2023, at the age of 89. She spent much of her career as an educator and was an active member in her church. She is survived by son **David '79**, daughter-in-law **Deborah (Rogers '78)**, and grandchildren **Daniel '10** and **Laura '13**.

Charles "Curt" Wright of Yorkville, Illinois, passed away on August 20, 2022, having recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and spent his career as a banker. He is mourned by his wife, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1956

Janet (Lidstone) Bockus of Westbrook, Maine, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2022, at the age of 89. Alongside her husband, Janet spent her life in Christian ministry, including operating the Bangor (Maine) Rescue Mission. She is survived by her three children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arnold "Arnie" Egeler went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus, peacefully in his sleep on December 27, 2021, at the age of 88 while in hospice care in Clermont, Florida. Along with his wife, Arnie served the Lord with Africa Inland Mission. He was a beloved husband, father of 5 and devoted grandfather to 18 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Eula Gillette passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord and Savior on October 21, 2022, at the age of 93. She spent her life teaching and ministering through music.

Rev. Ernest H. Moore of Franklinville, New Jersey, met his Lord and Savior on November 24, 2021, after exchanging his mortal body for one that is eternal. He was 89. He is survived by his second wife, 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Reedy) Nelson of Saint Paul, Minnesota, passed from this life on March 8, 2021, at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband, **John Leroy Nelson '58**.

Raymond "Ray" Smith passed in Glory on July 2, 2020, at the age of 86. He was a resident of Lake Wales, Florida, having spent much of his life as a teacher in Akron, New York. He is

LANA CHAMBERLAIN MACKMER, longtime Houghton employee, was called home to Heaven on March 27, 2023, at the age of 75. The wife of the late **Alan Chamberlain '59**, Lana served Houghton faithfully from 1986 until her retirement in 2002. Mrs. Chamberlain began her career with Houghton in the Admission office and finished her time as assistant manager in the Campus Store. Along with her tireless service to Houghton students and employees, Lana was a gifted pianist and singer and served the Belfast Free Methodist Church with those gifts. She is survived by her second husband, Robert Mackmer; her children, **Andrew '90** and **Penny**; and her two grandsons.

survived by his wife, four children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sarah Mae (Brown) Wilcox of Fenton, Michigan, passed away on May 23, 2020. She was a dedicated housewife and active church musician. She is survived by her husband, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Blanche "Betsy" (Dolphin) Woehr passed away on June 24, 2022. A resident of Clifton, Maine, she was 87 years old. Betsy was known as a gifted church musician and as a computer systems analyst for the State of Maine. She leaves behind her husband, two sons and a daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1957

Dr. Robert "Bob" Stowell passed away on November 13, 2022, in Midlothian, Virginia, at the age of 87. Dr. Stowell served for seven years as a missionary in Puerto Rico, where he was a founding member of the Wesleyan Academy. He continued his career as an educator in the United States and spent part of his retirement as CEO of the Home Builders Association. He leaves behind his wife, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

1958

Samuel Meals of Richlands, North Carolina, departed this life on June 20, 2022, at the age of 96.

Rev. Richard "Dick" Seawright passed away on January 22, 2023, in Millcreek, Utah, at the age of 86. He was the

husband of the late **Katherine "Kay" (Nightengale '58)**. Dick was a dedicated pastor for 50 years, including 40 years in Macedonia, Ohio. After retirement, he was an active community volunteer and member of his church.

1959

Lorraine (Harrington) Clancy was welcomed home by her Savior on June 18, 2020, at the age of 82. She was formerly a resident of Floral Park, New York, and Cortland, New York. Lorraine dedicated her life to her family, taught elementary school and was a dedicated Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two grandchildren.

Dr. Marilyn Hunter of Fishers, Indiana, passed from this life into eternal life on October 21, 2022, at the age of 85. Dr. Hunter dedicated her life to the medical practice, first as a pediatrician in Michigan, then on the mission field in La Gonave, Haiti, where she directed the only permanent medical facility on a heavily populated island. She returned to pediatrics in the United States before retiring in 2012. Dr. Hunter



RICHARD "JAKE" JACOBSON, longtime Houghton professor and member of the Houghton community, passed from this life into

the arms of his Savior on October 17, 2022. Professor Jacobson served as a member of the Mathematics department for over 45 years and was granted Emeritus status following his retirement in 2012. He served as a class advisor for 32 years and was instrumental in developing the student-led worship service known today as Koinonia. He is mourned by his wife, Shirley; his children, **Steven "Jake" '82**, **Robert '80 (Wendy Todd '82)** and **Laurie '84**; and his grandchildren, including **Robert '16**, **Sean** and **Jeffrey '14** as well as thousands of students, colleagues and friends who were touched by his legacy. In 2019, the Professor Jake Jacobson Scholarship was endowed in his honor.

is survived by her brothers and their families. In 1990, Dr. Hunter received an honorary Doctorate of Science from Houghton College (now University).

Dr. Gaye (Sweesy) Mouritzen left this life on December 14, 2021, at the age of 84. She was a resident of Pickens, South Carolina. Dr. Mouritzen dedicated five decades of her life as a teacher and spent her retirement sharing the gift of books with children. She is survived by her daughter and her daughter's family.

Dr. John (Jack) Thomson III, 85, died peacefully at home on September 26, 2022, with his family by his side. The son of Scottish immigrants, Jack was a veteran of the U.S. Airforce and ran a dental practice for 45 years. He was dedicated to medical missions trips to South America and a longtime member of his church. Jack was predeceased by his son, **J. Scott Thomson '91**. He is fondly remembered by his wife, **Alyce (VanAtter '58)**; his son, **Dr. Robert Thomson '85**; and his daughter, **Linda (Thomson '83) Schweighardt**.

1960

Dr. Ronald M. Enroth passed away on Friday, February 3, 2023, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Dr. Enroth was a long-time professor at Westmont College, a nationally recognized sociologist and anthropologist specializing in the subject of cults, and the author of ten books. He leaves behind a wife, two daughters, two grandchildren and three great-grandsons. In 1990, Dr. Enroth was named Houghton College (now University) Alumnus of the Year.

Rev. Arthur Larson left this life on March 5, 2021, at the age of 86. A lifelong minister, he also served with Global Outreach Mission. He is survived by his wife and children.

Lois "Lanny" (Smith) Thomas of Fillmore, New York, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 28, 2023. She is survived by her daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Lanny is also fondly remembered by sisters **Nancy '63 (Harold Troyer '64)**, **Eileen '66**, **Aileen '67**, **Wilna Jean "Jeannie" '70 (James Calder '68)**, and **Evelyn '63 (David Day '60)**.

1961

Carolyn Jean (Labarre) Dutcher of Sydney, New York went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 24, 2022. She was 82 years old. Jean dedicated her life to teaching, her 40-year career beginning in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, where she taught English at Wesleyan Academy, and ending at Sidney High School where she taught Spanish. Left to cherish Jean's memory are her husband, **Robert Thomas Dutcher '81**; two children; and three grandchildren.

Lois (Short) Eisenhauer, 88, of Depew, New York, left this left on August 11, 2021. Lois was a talented church musician and private music instructor. She is survived by her husband and four children.

1962

Rev. Frederick Bailey of Chittenango, New York, passed away on December 15, 2022. A veteran of the US Air Force, he spent his civilian career as a minister for over 65 years. He is survived by his wife, Anne-Louise; three children, Lynette, Heather and **Michael '95**; ten grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Rev. Reggie Baker of Clearwater, Florida, passed away on December 1, 2022, at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife and five children.

William Camp of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, went home to be with his Savior on December 30, 2022, at the age of 82. He is survived by his son, daughter-in-law and five grandchildren.

Carol (Friedley) Griffith went to her final rest on October 29, 2022, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. She was 81. Carol began her career on the staff of the magazine Christianity Today, where she served as editor for many years, and eventually joined the Center for Ethics and Public Policy. She is survived by her sisters, **Virginia '66** and Kathy.

1963

Anne Holmes passed away on December 12, 2022, in Clarence, New York, at the age of 81. She is mourned by her extended family and dear friends.

Larry Lutz passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 5, 2023, in Muncie, Indiana. He was the owner of Lutz Insurance and a

lifelong marathon runner. He is survived by his second wife, three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Myrenna (Moore) Kickasola of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, entered into the eternal joy of her Savior on February 5, 2023. She was a dedicated church musician, gifted pianist and lifelong music educator. She is survived by her husband, **Joseph '62**; three children; and six grandchildren.

Ralph Markee, aged 80, of Flint Hill, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on September 1, 2022. He spent much of his career working in the fabric industry in a variety of managerial roles and ended his professional career in marketing. After retirement, he enjoyed his work as a farmhand. He served as a lay minister and volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America. He is survived by his wife, **Lois (Everswick '65)**; two sons; and six grandchildren.

Rev. David Roe, at the age of 81, passed away on December 15, 2022. He spent his career in the pastorate, ministering in churches throughout the eastern United States. Rev. Roe was also instrumental in the founding of Hearts and Hands for Jesus, a ministry in Limon, Costa Rica. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1964

Carol (McMahon) Altstadt, age 86, of Reading, Michigan, passed into the arms of her Savior on December 16, 2020. She is survived by her husband; children; and sister, **Jane (McMahon '61) Allen**.

Dr. Martha (Hemple) Lansing, age 78 years, of East Amwell Township, New Jersey, died on February 4, 2022. A talented musician, Dr. Lansing chose to pursue a career in medicine and spent her life dedicated to family practice and as a professor of medicine. Surviving are her husband, **Douglas Lansing '64**; three children; and two grandchildren.

Dorothy (McGinnett) Thomas entered the presence of her Savior on January 15, 2022. A resident of

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, she was 88 years of age. She is survived by her husband, daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Valerie (Bock) Trexler, 78, of Jackson, Michigan, went home to be with the Lord Jesus on January 19, 2023. A dedicated wife and mother, she also taught college English, authored two books and taught in Burundi. She is survived by her husband, **Frederick '64**; her son, **Michael '92** and daughter, **Laurel '89 (Jeffrey Kennell '90)**; and 12 grandchildren.

1965

Diane (King) D'Alessandro, age 79, passed away peacefully at home on December 29, 2022, in Greece, New York. She spent her life as an educator in the Spencerport School District and is fondly remembered by her husband, children, grandchildren and friends.

1967

Paul Michaelis of Barrie, Ontario, left this world on August 23, 2022, at the age of 78. Paul began his career in social work with the Children's Aid Society before transitioning into work as an executive search consultant. He is survived by his two daughters and four grandchildren.

Faye (McDonald) Mihill, 77, passed away on December 17, 2022, in Albany, New York. An LPN, Faye dedicated 27 years of her life to nursing care. She is survived by her husband Vernon, children Vernon and **Amy '94**, and four grandchildren. Faye is also mourned by her siblings, **Kenneth '65, Glenna '72 (Harry Pearson '72), Joanne '77, Ellen '82, Joyce '82** and Mark.

Samuel Siemoens passed away on November 1, 2022, in Portville, New York. He was 77 years of age. Sam spent 27 years establishing and running his fundraising company, Fundraising Athletic Sportswear Programs, Inc. He leaves behind two daughters.

Linda Smith, 81, of Medina, New York, passed away and entered Heaven on October 14, 2022, after a long battle with cancer and dementia. Linda was a dedicated nurse specializing in nephrology. She leaves behind a sister and extended family.

1968

Roy Weldon of York, Pennsylvania, passed away on September 18, 2022, at the age of 76. A lifelong entrepreneur, Roy owned several businesses throughout his life. He served in the Army Reserves and was a dedicated community volunteer. Roy is mourned by his wife, three children and six grandchildren.

1971

Sheryl (Wood) Fulkerson, age 73 of Asheville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully and went to her heavenly home on October 31, 2022. She was an accomplished pianist, long-time elementary school teacher and dedicated pastor's wife. Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, **Rev. Richard Fulkerson '71**; three sons; six grandsons; and three granddaughters.

1975

David Orlip of Houghton, New York, passed away on February 2, 2023, after a lengthy illness. The son of **Rev. W. Henry Orlip '40** and **Elizabeth (Carlson '42)**, he is mourned by his siblings, **Jonathan '81 (Ruthie Rothnbuhler '83), Daniel '86**, and **Dr. Karen '69 (Dr. David Daugherty '69)**, and his entire extended family.

1976

Peggy "Peg" Fikes entered peacefully into eternal rest with her Lord and Savior on January 2, 2023, at the age of 69. She served clients of Jefferson Rehabilitation Center, tutored young children and served her community as an EMT.

Sue (McQuoid) Yon, 68, passed away on January 4, 2023, in Watertown, New York. Sue dedicated her life to education, healthcare and her family. She is survived by her husband and son.

1977

Alice (Elwell) Ellison, 67, of Vestal, New York, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on October 3, 2022, after a valiant battle with cancer. Alice spent her career as a medical technician and was a dedicated volunteer at her church. She is survived by her husband, three children and two grandchildren.

Gregory Maynard passed away peacefully on March 16, 2023, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, surrounded by his family. He was 68. He is survived by his siblings and their families.

Pamela West went to be with her Savior on December 9, 2022, at the age of 69 in Washington, Missouri. She dedicated her career to serving others, including work with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. She was a dedicated member of her church. Pamela is survived by her parents, three children and ten grandchildren.

1981

M. Patricia (Burn) Ditmars, 77, went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 16, 2021, after fighting bravely against cancer. She spent a decade helping to translate the New Testament into Gourma in Burkina Faso. The adopted mother of two, she was a Sunday School teacher and volunteered with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pat is survived by her husband, two sons and three grandchildren.

1985

Gary Heil, 60, of Bear, Delaware, went home to the Lord on January 22, 2023, after a heroic battle with cancer. He had a long career in banking before becoming a realtor, and he served his church as a deacon. The son of the late **Evelyn (Milbrandt '47) Heil**, he is mourned by his wife, Kathryn; two children; his sisters **Janet (Dr. Richard Stegen '69), Margaret '82 (Irving Gibbs '82), and Karen '86**; and his extended family.

Susan (Hill) Jalosky, 60, passed into the arms of Jesus on October 6, 2022, at her home in North Irwin, Pennsylvania. She was a dedicated church member and volunteer. The wife of the late **Daryl Jalosky '85**, she is mourned by her father, her son, two granddaughters, siblings and extended family.

1989

Norma (Biancuzzo) Bartlett, 77, passed away unexpectedly on Christmas Eve, 2022, in her home. She was a gifted singer and spent much of her career as a music educator

and church musician. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Alice (Putney) Carpenter, age 55, passed away on October 27, 2022, and went home to Heaven. Alice dedicated more than three decades of her life to teaching both English and Spanish while also homeschooling her children and teaching private piano lessons. Alice is survived by her husband, **Eric Carpenter '93**; her three children; and two grandchildren. She is also survived by her parents, **Rev. John '52** and **Ruth (Ross '55) Putney**, and siblings **Ruth '80 (David Blackman '81), Mary '85, David '83 (Audrey Hagle '84)** and **Peter '81**.

1993

Sharilyn (Tyler) Bonura, age 49, of Camp Hill Passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021. She leaves behind a spouse and children.

2004

Rev. Vonda Fossitt of Buffalo, New York, entered into rest on May 11, 2022, at the age of 56. She was a District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church.

2005

Kevin Housel of Johnson City, New York, went home to be with the Lord on August 8, 2022. Kevin was a middle school Spanish teacher. He is survived by his parents and three young children.

Friends of Houghton

John Howard Sanden, an American portrait artist, author and teacher, died in his home on Christmas Eve 2022 at the age of 87. His portraiture career spanned 56 years, during which he completed 450 images of American leaders, including the official White House portraits of President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. He was a prolific author, the founder of The Portrait Institute and a highly awarded artist. In 1994, Mr. Sanden received an honorary Fine Arts doctorate from Houghton College (now University).



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