

MEET PRESIDENT LEWIS

On June 15, 2021, Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD, began his tenure as Houghton College's sixth president. President Lewis has 20 years of experience in education, and higher education leadership is a calling for him. President Lewis comes to Houghton from Belmont University, where he served as the inaugural Dean of the School of Education. He has also served as the Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as a faculty member at the University of Kentucky. Prior to that, he taught in K-12 public schools in Louisiana and North Carolina.

Dr. Lewis is recognized as being a champion for students; focusing on improving educational access, opportunities and experiences for students, including those who have historically been underserved. He's an excellent match for Houghton College and the vision of our founder, Willard J. Houghton, who recognized how a life-bringing Christian faith together with a high-quality education, could alter the trajectory of a person's life.

At the start of his tenure, President Lewis remarked "My goal is to direct all of our efforts toward the continued establishment of Houghton College as one of the nation's premier Christian colleges of liberal arts and sciences, preparing and equipping scholar servants from diverse traditions and backgrounds to lead and labor across the globe. As we embrace that shared vision for the work ahead, let us commit to one another that, in everything we do, whoever we are and whatever our task, we will pursue excellence for the glory of God. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put it this way: 'If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

We encourage you to mark Friday, October 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. on your calendar and plan to join us for the inauguration of President Wayne D. Lewis. Events will be live streamed, and you are invited to join us virtually to celebrate President Lewis. To register for the virtual event and send a message of greeting to President Lewis, please visit www.houghton.edu and click on the "Presidential Inauguration" tab at the top of the page.



THE LEGACY GIVING NEWSLETTER OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND THE JAMES S. LUCKEY SOCIETY

Why A Charitable Gift Annuity? Donors' Perspectives

FROM WILMA EMMETT

Retired Houghton College Librarian

Storer was the college physician for something like ten years, and we lived in the Houghton community for many years. We felt like the annuity might be a way to help the work of the college. Our reason for doing it mainly was that we wanted to do something for Houghton College and the annuity seemed like a good idea. You know, there's always money coming in, which we receive, of course.... Money is always well received! Then, last year we started the scholarship endowment, and we hope it will do the same thing. I trust it will be something that Storer wanted to do, help others who wanted to do medical missions. I've been grateful for the opportunity to help Houghton College in any way we could. We do appreciate a Christian college's ministry in that area.

The Houghton college community, to us, we lived there for nearly 30, 40 years – and we were just so thankful for the privilege to be in a community like that and bring up our children in a community like that.

FROM DICK ALDERMAN '52

I felt I owed a lot to Houghton because of the education they gave me academically and spiritually and socially. I wanted to help out and I wanted to add to what I'd been giving on a regular basis to the college. That, along with the improved interest rate was attractive to me.

Karl Sisson invited me into the Office of Advancement, and we talked it over. We also met with Caleb Smith, who works on charitable gift annuities. It was very easy. I simply had to write a check and the office took care of all of the paperwork. They also took care of any tax requirements as they came up.

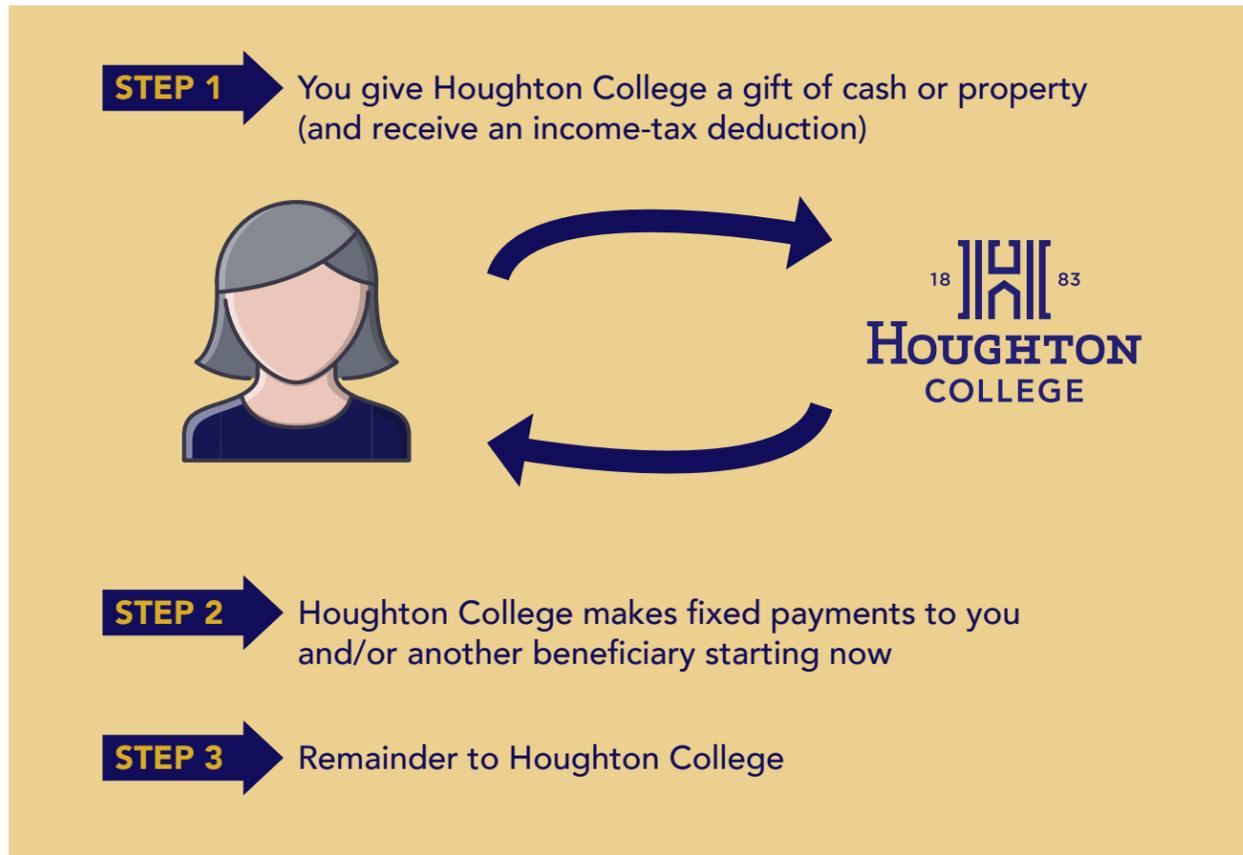
Eventually I was the first from my family to go to college – but 19 of my mother's descendants since have gone to Houghton. They've benefitted from other scholarships – and so this scholarship was a way for me to help others get the same benefits. My mother created a Haskinville Scholarship and my siblings and others from the Haskinville Church have given to it over the years. I wanted to repay what had been given to me – I wanted to add to what the Haskinville Scholarship was doing. Next year is my 70th reunion, and I hope someone who gets this scholarship will be around for their 70th reunion and Houghton will still be a thriving institution.

My retirement account went up significantly, and at the end of the year I owed almost \$1,000 in taxes. The benefit of this was, not only did Houghton do all the arithmetic for me, but there was a significant tax deduction for the first two years, and most of the income is tax free! Benefit all around!

Houghton will put their gift to very good use, and you will benefit both because you have the good feeling for helping a student and you will have the benefit of the interest rate and the tax break. It will be a great good!

How Gift Annuities Work:

If you are aged 65 or older, one especially attractive way to support Houghton College and provide a stream of income for yourself or a loved one is through a Charitable Gift Annuity. A gift annuity can be created with a gift of \$25,000 or more, for which you receive an immediate tax deduction. Houghton will then send you partially tax-deductible payments for the remainder of the annuitant's life. At the passing of the annuitant, Houghton receives the remainder to carry on your charitable legacy benefitting our students or your selection of programs. Call us to learn more, or visit our website at www.houghton.giftplans.org.



Houghton College currently offers Charitable Gift Annuities in the following states:

Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

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The James S. Luckey Society was established in 2010 to honor those donors whose gift plans set a firm foundation for the long-term financial health of Houghton College and its continued ability to support Houghton students as they pursue God's call on their lives.

Like these legacy gift donors, James S. Luckey – aptly remembered as “The Builder” – demonstrated such qualities as faithfulness, hard work and deep concern for students. As Houghton's first official president, Dr. Luckey set his nearly inexhaustible energy to the task of raising a relatively unknown seminary to a fully accredited college with a reputation for academic excellence and faith.

Even as he pursued this vision, Dr. Luckey attended to the young people God put in his care, often quietly paying their tuition or finding them jobs that would provide room and board to ensure their stay.

Members of the James S. Luckey Society share a similar vision. They give wisely for the long term, whether it is through will bequests, charitable trusts and annuities, insurance policies, or the creation of endowments. They have the big picture in mind, yet their gifts attend to the details. Their support has a major impact on the future of Houghton College, but it also touches the lives of individual students – students who will become the future servant leaders of our world.

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