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First-year students receive their purple & gold scarves from the Office of Alumni Engagement during Homecoming week.

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Dear Friends,

I write to you today as the sixth president of Houghton University. The recent change in our name has been an exciting opportunity for Houghton's students, faculty, staff and alumni to celebrate and give God thanks for all that He has done for us.

As we celebrate, I want to assure you that, even as our name has now changed, our mission remains the same. We remain steadfast and unapologetic in our commitment to providing a Christ-centered, academically challenging education to students from diverse traditions and backgrounds, equipping them to lead and labor as scholar servants near and far. We hold fast to our roots as a Christ-centered institution of The Wesleyan Church, remaining true to scripture and the convictions of orthodox Christianity and sensitive to the movement and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We continue to integrate our Christian faith into each and every aspect of the university.

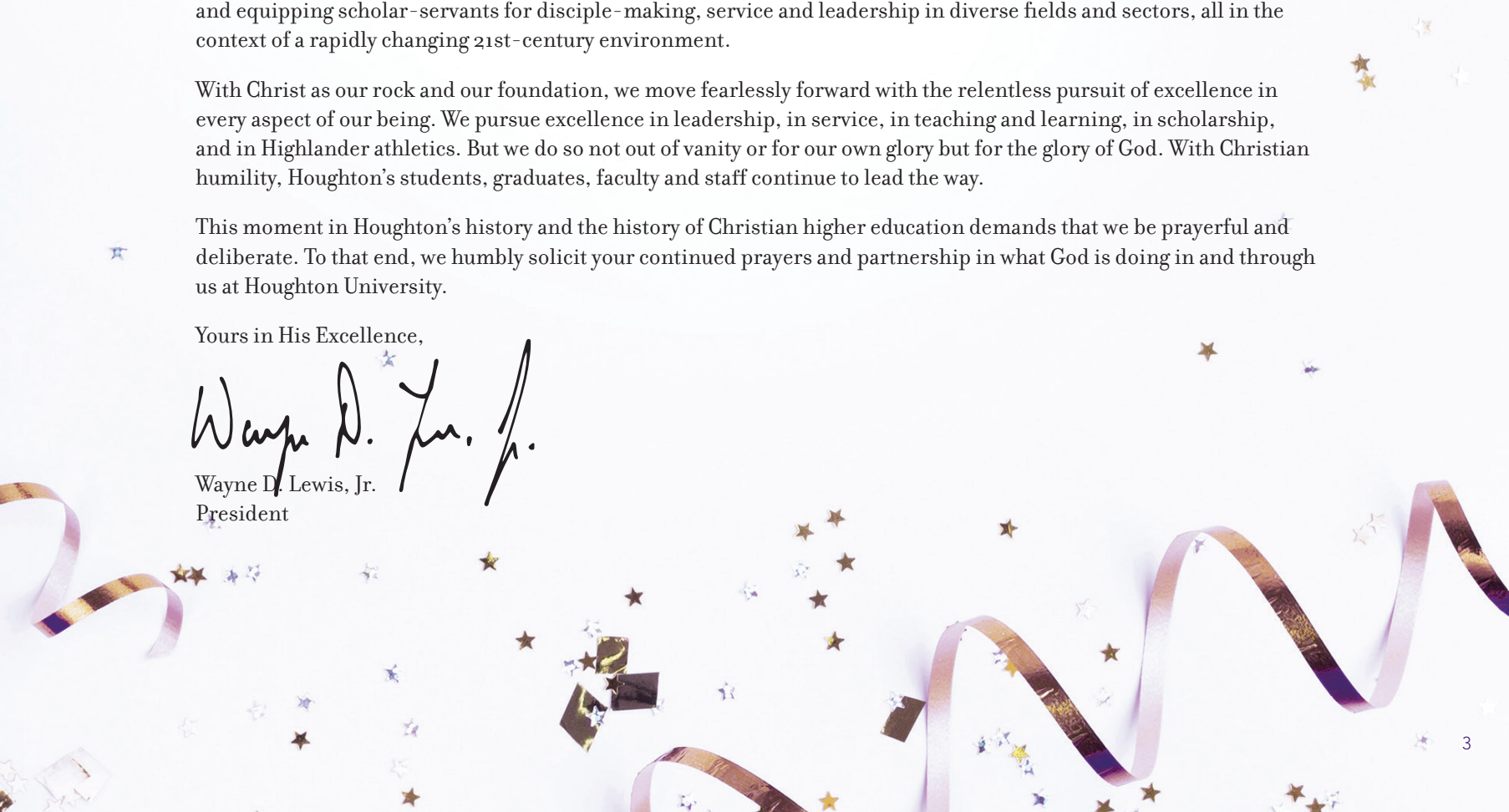
While our resolve and commitment are as strong as ever, our mission is now manifested in some new and exciting ways. These include new or enhanced undergraduate and graduate programs, renewed vision and excitement around Houghton Buffalo and Houghton Online, and, most recently, the launch of Houghton's Early College. With this issue of Houghton Magazine, we highlight some of the ways Houghton University is moving fearlessly forward in proclaiming the Gospel and equipping scholar-servants for disciple-making, service and leadership in diverse fields and sectors, all in the context of a rapidly changing 21st-century environment.

With Christ as our rock and our foundation, we move fearlessly forward with the relentless pursuit of excellence in every aspect of our being. We pursue excellence in leadership, in service, in teaching and learning, in scholarship, and in Highlander athletics. But we do so not out of vanity or for our own glory but for the glory of God. With Christian humility, Houghton's students, graduates, faculty and staff continue to lead the way.

This moment in Houghton's history and the history of Christian higher education demands that we be prayerful and deliberate. To that end, we humbly solicit your continued prayers and partnership in what God is doing in and through us at Houghton University.

Yours in His Excellence,

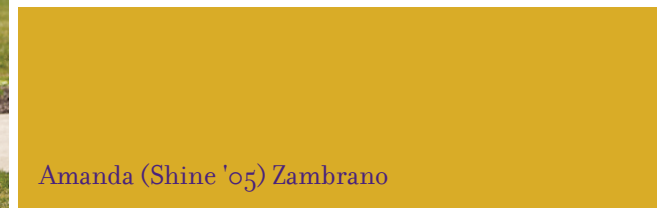
Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.
President



a BRAND NEW NAME



Images from Willard J. Houghton's birthday party on July 11, 2022.



Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

On July 11, 2022, when President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., announced that, following the approval of the New York State Board of Regents, Houghton College had officially become Houghton University, there was an atmosphere of celebration on campus. We had a birthday party for our founder, Willard J. Houghton, celebrating a step into a new future while reflecting back on the roots of our beloved institution.

While board members, faculty and staff were celebrating, however, for our alumni, students and friends there was an equal mixture of celebration and questioning.

Why would our nationally recognized college of the liberal arts and sciences become a university?

For many of us in the United States, "university" is a moniker that comes with rowdy football games, sororities and fraternities, and institutions of immense scope where students become a number instead of a name. Certainly, thought our alumni and friends, that is not the fearless path forward Houghton has chosen!

And – certainly – they are right! Houghton remains thoroughly committed to its historic mission of providing a Christ-centered, academically challenging education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds and equipping them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world. From the members of the board of trustees to our partners at The Wesleyan Church to our administration, faculty and staff, at every level of the Houghton community there has been a strong insistence that Houghton (whether Seminary, College or University) remain dedicated to our founding principles and vision.

Which returns us to *why*?

REFLECTING THE DIVERSITY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Since 1883, Houghton has sought to serve those who have otherwise struggled to obtain an advanced education. Whether educating impoverished youth from rural communities where educational opportunities didn't exist, women in times when only men were perceived as college candidates, or minority students refused admission into most schools, Houghton has always desired a student body that reflects the diversity of God's Kingdom.

Today, for many of our international students, first-generation students and master's degree-seeking students, the word "college" suggests a junior or community college or even a less-rigorous education. This creates challenges for them, particularly as they return to their communities to seek employment. By changing our name to University, we lighten the burden on these students.

CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

If you graduated from Houghton, or know someone who has, you know Houghton offers academically rigorous educational programs. In addition to our long-standing undergraduate programs, Houghton today offers graduate programs in three distinct fields, maintains multiple centers and institutes, and provides pathways to degrees in multiple geographic locations and online. All these features are commonly associated with exceptional academic universities, so, as Houghton continues to invest in these areas, the name Houghton University better reflects the variety of excellent educational opportunities we offer.

EMBODYING OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Although Houghton is the Wesleyan Church's oldest established college, until now, we were the only one remaining not at university status. Additionally, as New York State definitions of "university" have changed, many of our main competitor institutions have recently changed to university status. By changing our name to Houghton University, we are better able to embody our distinctive advantage and the values of our sponsoring denomination.

In many ways, it isn't Houghton that has changed at all; it's the way words are used both in New York State and within the international community. As such, through this transition, Houghton has been and will remain an institution committed to our mission and vision, as we have for the last 140 years.

OUR CHRIST-CENTERED MISSION

At the very heart of our mission is the Gospel. As a Christ-centered institution, our shared Christian faith unites our community of faculty, staff and students. It guides our decision-making and our daily work as we equip the next generation to become Christ-like leaders in a world that desperately needs them. Our faith in Jesus Christ serves as the keystone of Houghton University and the gateway to the Houghton experience.

Our **Christ-centered** mission is upheld by four pillars: excellence, growth, community and service. We choose to honor God by pursuing **excellence** in the classroom, in athletic competition, in our workplace, in our community and in our families. We dedicate ourselves to fulfilling God's plan for us by **growing** our knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve more than we can humanly imagine. We purposely pursue life in a close-knit **community** where we live, worship, learn and grow together. We strive to become scholar-servants, prepared with the knowledge and understanding to fearlessly **serve** God, his calling for our lives and the people around us.

Fearlessly Forward

In 1883, when Willard J. Houghton moved fearlessly forward, following the call God placed on his life to found an educational institution, Houghton Seminary was born. In 1923, under the leadership of President James S. Luckey, Houghton Seminary moved forward again, boldly becoming Houghton College under a provisional charter from New York State. Today, with the leadership of President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., we're moving fearlessly forward into the next chapter by becoming Houghton University. Same God-ordained mission, brand new name!



Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

Serves as editor of Houghton Magazine as well as Director of Advancement Communications at Houghton University.

In *Their* WORDS

Campus leaders weigh in on what Houghton's name change means to them.

Coming into college, I knew I wanted to be part of organizations that helped plan events and welcome students on campus, so I joined student council and took a job in the Office of Admission. Now, as Study Body President, I am honored to be in a position to welcome new students and ensure that all students on campus have a great experience. Growing up in Nigeria gave me a wide perspective on serving students from different backgrounds. The name change from Houghton College to Houghton University will give international students like me, who come from different backgrounds that recognize higher education as university education, the opportunity to pursue a Christ-centered education at Houghton. The name change opens the doors for international students to experience the welcoming community Houghton has and to grow in tremendous ways as I have.

-Ella Osuzoka '23, Student Body President



When I think about our recent name change from College to University, I'm struck by the ways in which it echoes Houghton's previous name change. In 1923, an act of New York State allowed Houghton Seminary to call itself Houghton College. While that change in designation in no way altered the fundamental character of the institution, it positioned Houghton to have a wider impact with our unique blend of rigorous academics and fidelity to God's word. It also reflected the changes that had already occurred on campus as college-level classes had been offered at Houghton since about 1900. A century later, the parallels are striking. While Houghton's core identity and commitments remain unchanged, as Houghton University we are more equipped to explain who we are and better positioned to live out Willard J. Houghton's vision of "fixing up the world" through an education marked with excellence and faithfulness.

- David Davies '01, Provost

While I see the name change from College to University to be significant for Houghton in many ways, the most meaningful aspect for me is the impact that the word "university" will have for our Canadian and international families. Houghton has historically served students from many nations, but the word "college" is not equivalent to the word "university" for those outside of the United States. This change in classification essentially elevates the value of their degrees from an institution that they already hold in high regard.

-Jason Towers '97, Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing



As I consider our name change, I am equally mindful of what it means and what it does not mean. Houghton has long been well-recognized as an academically rigorous, Christ-centered institution. This name change in no way signifies that Houghton has become a more academically rigorous institution. What this name change does signify is the new and exciting ways God is using Houghton to prepare the next generation of disciples who make disciples, clergy and lay, serving in diverse disciplines and professional capacities in Western New York and around the world.

-Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.

MORE LOGO than just a LOGO

OUR LOGO mirrors the distinctive doors and columns of Wesley Chapel, reflecting Houghton's core identity as a Christ-centered institution.



CHRIST-CENTERED
The archway represents the keystone of the University. Here, at the heart of everything we do, is our shared Christian faith.

THE FOUR PILLARS

Upheld by our shared Christian faith, the pillars represent Houghton's commitment to excellence, growth, community and service.

EXCELLENCE

Houghton students are equipped to achieve excellence in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in their workplaces and families. They graduate ready for their next step.

MORE on page 8 from Dr. Ransom Poythress.



GROWTH

Houghton students fulfill their God-given potential, ready to thrive in a changing world.

MORE on page 9 from student Mary Vandenbosch '23.



SERVICE

Houghton graduates fulfill the Great Commission, making a difference in the world for Christ whether they are called into full-time ministry or not.

MORE on page 10 from Rosario Picardo '03.



COMMUNITY

United by a mission to serve God, Houghton students find deep and lasting friendships, living, worshipping, learning and growing with one another.

MORE on page 11 about Dr. Jeff Thompson '01.





Christ-centered EXCELLENCE

Highlighting the Truth

By Ransom Poythress, PhD

Sleight of hand magic fascinates me. These magicians excel at the art of distraction from a clear, and often simple, truth. They employ elaborate displays of showmanship and misdirection to keep us from seeing what's right under our noses. When the trick is revealed, we're left wondering how we missed something so obvious!

Teaching in the sciences at Houghton University reminds me a lot of this kind of magic. It makes my job both easy and difficult. It's easy because the truth of the "trick" is simple and obvious: Christ is at the center. It's difficult because so many forces attempt to hide the truth and lead us astray.

Fortunately, no amount of enticement can change the truth. Christ has always been at the center. Everything we study shouts his name (Psalm 19:1-2). God has deliberately made himself clear in creation so that we are without excuse (Romans 1:20). What we study in the sciences reveals God, but it goes even deeper than that. Science itself presupposes God—that is to say, if God did not exist, neither would the sciences. For science to be possible, we need three things: a world for science to act on, minds to examine the world and lawful regularities for minds to describe the world. God clearly shows in Scripture that he created the world (Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16-17), made humans with rational minds to examine the world (Genesis 1:26), and upholds the world by his laws so that we may understand and describe it (Genesis 8:22).

Yet, this clear and beautiful arrangement is twisted by a secular culture and our sinful hearts. The culture tries to mar, distort or otherwise hide the image of God in His creation by tempting us with substitutes. This cultural allure is frequently successful because we're so easily led astray. Our hearts are naturally bent towards rebellion, refusing to see God's clear presence (Romans 1:18, 21). Instead, we pursue hollow and unfulfilling idols (Jeremiah 2:13) that usurp Christ's central position (Colossians 3:5-7).

For example, many things in the sciences are aesthetically pleasing, even beautiful, but instead of acknowledging the Artist and glorifying the Creator, we can settle for merely natural explanations. We resort to "survival adaptation" or "sexual selection" in an attempt to explain the beautiful, repeated fractal patterns in ferns and cauliflower or the exquisite symmetries of the Fibonacci sequence in shells, galaxies and birds' head shapes.

But thanks be to God! Even the boldest attempts to veil God's glory in Creation will ultimately fall short. The Holy Spirit convicts us and draws us towards him, revealing the truth about God that's always been there (John 16:7-11). And once you see Him, you wonder how you ever missed Him. Any education that fails to affirm this centrality of Christ is a deficient, second-rate education; to strive for excellence is to put Christ at the center. It's like trying to fully appreciate a rainbow using only black and white. So, the beauty, delight and privilege of my job is to highlight the truth that we already know in our hearts: Christ is at the center as Lord.

Dr. Ransom Poythress, Associate Professor of Biology, has primary research interests in the area of smooth muscle physiology and additional research interests in the philosophy of science and Biblical apologetics. He oversees research in the Shannon Summer Research Institute, lectures in Science Honors and recently published the book Has Science Made God Unnecessary?

Christ-centered GROWTH

Prepared for the Challenge

By Mary Vandenbosch '23

Those who know me know I love being highly involved on campus through student leadership, programs and events. However, my Houghton journey has been more about my discovery of biology and God's calling on my life. I began my college studies as a communication and international development major. I had considered studying biology and had worked towards this most of high school, but the summer before my first year, I changed my mind. And that was not the last time – I changed my mind 10 more times!

However, through the impact of participating in Houghton's first-year Science Honors program, writing my own research reports, and preparing a research study presentation, I realized the STEM fields are where I am called to be.

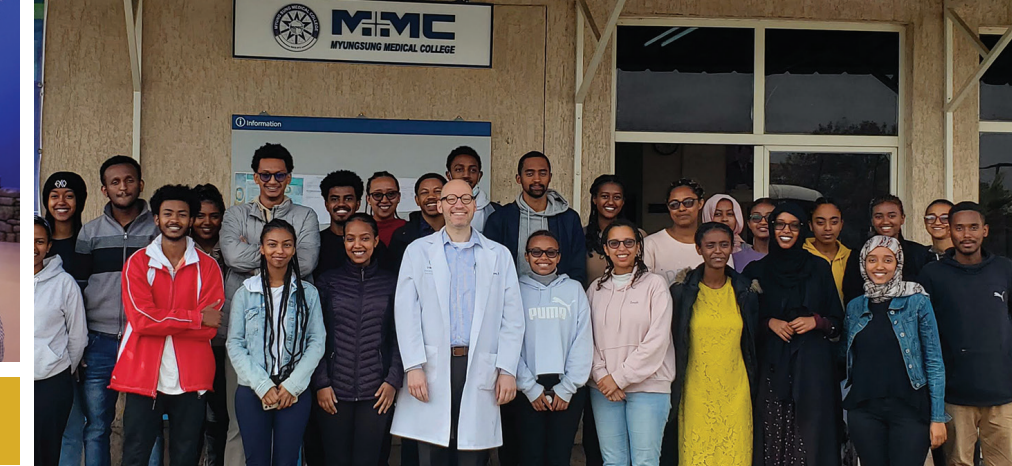
Committing to become a biology major did not come without its challenges. I received low grades, struggled with assignments and failed to prioritize my time well. There were times I thought I had made the wrong decision and tried to switch courses just to get a break from the extensive work. Looking back, I see the ways in which God helped me through those times. He helped me grow in my study skills, self-confidence and self-discipline.

As I begin my senior year, during which I will take some of Houghton's most difficult courses, I am now prepared for the challenge. Two or three years ago, if I'd been taking those same courses, I would have felt defeated and extremely overwhelmed. I would never have asked anyone for help.

I have learned that, despite my indecision and mistakes, God was still with me, guiding my path. He helped me become more disciplined, confident and patient. I have learned how to balance relationships, work, school, activities, family and more. I have discovered what I don't like and what I want to spend my life doing. Most importantly, I have renewed my relationship with God. I am more patient with God's timing, knowing He has a plan for me and has placed me where I need to be at this moment in my life. Coming to Houghton has not just been about the friends I have met, the conversations I have had or courses that I have taken. It will not even be about the degree I receive. My Houghton experience has been about learning to choose God first and allowing Him to align the rest.



Mary Vandenbosch '23 is a senior majoring in biology with minors in business administration and communication. A native of Alexander, New York, Mary is actively involved in organizations across campus. This year, Mary is serving as a Transitions Leader for incoming first-year students, a Welcome Center student employee and Chapel greeter. She has previously served as Class President, Houghton MANRRS Chapter President and Business Manager for the Boulder.



Christ-centered SERVICE

A Mosaic of Jesus-Followers

By Rosario Picardo '03

I was acutely aware from an early age that God had a call on my life, and this was confirmed with every event that neatly guided me towards vocational ministry. What I wasn't aware of, however, was that this would, in turn, lead me into church planting and church revitalization. I have been blessed to serve in a diverse range of areas, from urban to suburban and even rural. Although the environments have been different — one thing has been a constant for me: how God used Houghton University in my life, call and ministry to encourage me to be attentive to hear his voice and develop a love for his people. I can still recall the ministry and Bible professors from 20 years ago who poured into me. While I did not know or realize at the time, God was using Houghton to develop a strong foundation.

I have carried this foundation as I planted Mosaic Church along with Rev. Wayne Botkin. Mosaic is in Dayton, Ohio, and is a five-year-old church plant. Mosaic, as the name suggests, is unapologetically multiethnic and a glimpse of God's kingdom as people. Indeed, those from all walks of life — those who look different from each other, speak different languages, are multi-economic, multigenerational and in recovery — gather together for worship. In this sense, Mosaic is living its vision of "becoming a dynamic mosaic of Jesus-followers."

Mosaic has always been the type of church I wanted to be part of. Before moving into its first permanent facility, Mosaic was on the move, worshipping in movie theaters, schools, community centers and malls. During the height of the pandemic, the church hosted pop-up parking lot worship venues throughout the greater Dayton area.

Unfortunately, Dayton has become known for being one of the overdose capitals in the nation, but, as God would have it, Mosaic has one of the largest recovery worship services in the area called "Fighting Chance" Recovery. It strongly espouses the belief that God does not call us to run away from the problems our city is facing but to run towards them — just as he calls us to run towards him. In an age of post-Christendom, it is rare, but Mosaic has managed to surpass its pre-pandemic attendance. The key has been an utter reliance on the Holy Spirit; being nimble to carry out the vision over methods; and, of course, spiritual entrepreneurship to get to the next level in reaching God's people.

While at Houghton and even during other educational pursuits, I never had received or taken a single class on what I am doing now. However, it was not a class that prepared or changed the trajectory of my call; it was my entire Houghton experience that developed me into who I am today. For that, I will be always grateful for Houghton University.

Rosario "Roz" Picardo '03 is the founding pastor of Mosaic in Dayton, Ohio; leader of Picardo Coaching LLC; and the author of seven books. He additionally serves at United Theological Seminary in a number of capacities and is a member of the Houghton University President's Advisory Board.

Christ-centered COMMUNITY

Fixing Up the World

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

The concept of scholar-servant goes back to the heart of Willard J. Houghton, the "Sunday School Man," who traveled throughout Allegany County preaching the Gospel and ministering to the poor. He famously signed his letters "yours for fixing up the world," and, throughout the institution's history, Houghton students have been brought face to face with the idea of scholar-servanthood from their earliest days on campus.

Jeff Thompson '01 still remembers a message delivered by Dr. Daniel Chamberlain at the welcome chapel service in the fall of 1997, presenting the idea of the Christian scholar-servant. Jeff's time at Houghton ended in the spring of 2001, when he graduated with a degree in biology and minors in chemistry and music, and was subsequently presented with a servanthood towel to remind him of his calling to go forth as a scholar-servant. He still has that towel, as many of us who graduated in the late 1990s and early 2000s do.

The message of scholar-servanthood framed all of Jeff's studies at Houghton, and he lives out the life of a scholar-servant today. When asked how he quickly summed up the many roles he plays in life, Jeff answered, "I call it the three Ms: music, ministry and medicine."

An emergency room doctor in Buffalo, New York, Jeff also serves as a church organist, a youth ministry volunteer, a mentor and teacher to aspiring physicians, and a medical missionary through World Medical Missions. He also serves his alma mater as a member of the President's Advisory Board.

As a Houghton student, Jeff excelled at discovering ways to thrive in scholarship, serve his community and prepare for his career. He took the opportunity to be certified as an EMT, eventually completing his critical care certification as well. He volunteered with the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department, where he built a deeply meaningful relationship with **Dr. Ken Boon '62**, professor of biology and fire chief. Additionally, Jeff participated in class service days and the London Honors service project and served as a Boys' Club leader at church.

Jeff is highly relational, demonstrating one aspect of his Christlikeness in the value he places on people. Whether he's connecting weekly with Houghton classmates on video chat, checking in with EMT colleagues when he sees them in their work capacity, touching base with international friends via social media or building friendships with medical residents, Jeff views his relationships as the biggest blessing of living a life of scholar-servanthood.

The "scholar" aspect of Jeff's life isn't neglected either. This fall, Jeff is beginning a master's degree in medical education through John Hopkins University. As he grows in his role as an educator and mentor to physicians locally and abroad, Jeff is dedicated to learning more about how to do so effectively.

Jeff is not only a model Houghton alumnus, representing so many graduates who go forth and live out lives of service; he's also an example of today's Houghton University student: a Christ-centered dedicated scholar-servant equipped and driven to "fix up the world."

Center Photo: Dr. Thompson on set for a televised version of Carlisle Floyd's opera Susannah.

Right Photo: Dr. Thompson with his 2022 cardiovascular pharmacology class in Ethiopia.

HIGHLANDERS SHOP EMPLOYEE PICKS

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We are so excited to have University merchandise throughout the store now! Represent Houghton University wearing a cozy, new sweatshirt while sipping from a new mug with a Houghton blanket on your lap and then drive around town sporting a new Houghton University decal. Head to The Highlanders Shop online or in person to check out all the new options! Or, if you are feeling a bit nostalgic, check out the "College" clearance items to grab your last chance at "College" merchandise.



Decals



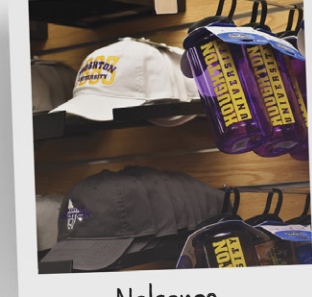
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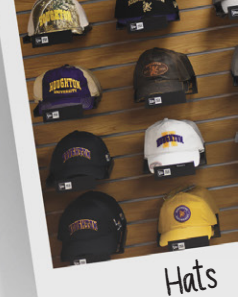
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Hats

Bekah Davie '25

Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Major: Exercise Science

Minor: Health Promotion & Fitness

Employee Pick:

Houghton University
1883 Vintage Raglan Crew

Nadia Desautels '23

Hometown: Hamburg, NY

Major: Psychology, Clinical Counseling Track

Minor: Business Administration

Employee Pick:

Houghton University
Cascade Crew

Julianna Capone '24

Hometown: Chittenango, NY

Majors: Environmental Science and Environmental Studies

Employee Pick:

Gray Houghton Raincoat/
Windbreaker

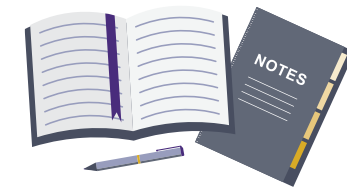
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Visit www.houghton.edu/alumni and follow the pop-up link to order yours by May 1!

FYI – not sure what to put on your resume or LinkedIn account? You can use Houghton University or Houghton College – whichever you prefer!



From the ALUMNI BOARD



As I consider my beloved alma mater's recent name change to Houghton University, I can't help but think of my own name change from this past year.

With Houghton's name change resulting from its recognition for highly reputable education including master's-level program offerings, and mine due to joining in marriage with a Houghton alumnus (see page 31), both name changes are in the Houghton spirit of moving Faithfully Forward! Despite my name change, I am still the same person – I am still a Jentsch, still a daughter of Christ, still an athlete, still a Bills/Sabres/Yankees fan and I still have a sweet tooth. In the same way, Houghton – with a refreshed name – continues to be an incredible institution that provides an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds.

I take pride in Houghton's enduring mission. If you are like me and you are proud of Houghton University, and you would like Houghton to continue to make an impact for generations to come, I encourage you to stay connected. This can mean lots of different things: praying for students and faculty, staying in contact with friends from your time on campus, following the Highlander athletic teams, and coming back to campus for reunion and Homecoming weekends.

One vital way alumni can stay involved is the **Alumni Ambassador Program** (see below). Alumni who join the program are authorized to offer \$2,000 scholarships to prospective students. This is a powerful way to share Allegany County's gem of a university and to encourage high school students to choose an institution that is committed to training servant leaders and sending them out into the world to do good for the Kingdom. I pray that you continue to choose Houghton, and that you choose to be a part of forging the path Faithfully Forward.



Kaylee (Jentsch '19) Brady
Alumni Board, Member-at-Large

SAVE the 2023 DATES!



Golden Highlander Reunion
May 12-14
(Class of 1973)

Summer Alumni Reunion
August 4-6
Reunion Years: '58, '63, '68, '78, '83

Homecoming & Family Weekend
October 5-7
Reunion Years: '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13, '18

ALUMNI AMBASSADORS



Give the gift of scholarship! You have a unique perspective and appreciation for the value of a Houghton University education and campus experience. Houghton alumni (and their family members!) are invited to share that with future Houghton students through a gift of your time.

1 TRAINING

Complete the ambassador sign up form and attend a brief Zoom training to become a certified alumni ambassador.

2 MAKE CONNECTIONS & PROVIDE STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Once you have completed the training and are certified, **you'll have the ability to directly offer prospective students a guaranteed \$500 Alumni Ambassador Scholarship.** This award is renewable annually up to \$2,000.

Connect with prospective Houghton students and share with them why you love Houghton and think it might be a great fit for them. With their permission, send us their contact information via email (admission@houghton.edu) or through the form on the link below.

3 GIVE APPLICANTS A SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATE

When you encourage students to apply, give them a digital or physical copy of your training certificate. When they upload the certificate to their Houghton application, it connects applicants with your efforts and helps us to make sure they are awarded their Alumni Ambassador scholarship once acceptance decisions are made and they receive their financial aid packages.

houghton.edu/alumni/alumni-ambassadors

COMING "HOUGHME"



Below: 2022 Alumni Award Recipients from left to right:
Gary Larder '62, Alumnus of the Year
Nathaniel '14 & Elena (Velázquez '14) Efthimiou, Young Alumni of the Year
Chelsea Ellis '12, Fearless Award
President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.
Dr. Stanley Wicks '79, Christian Service Award
Jordan Markwood '05, Distinguished Achievement Award



CONGRATULATIONS, 2022 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS!

HOMECOMING 2022

A Commitment to MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

By David Clem '05

What does it mean to celebrate 75 years as an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)? That is a fair question, especially since most people understand the importance of accreditation but not the process. (Don't worry, I'm not going to explain the ins and outs of that here). What I will say is that continued membership in NASM is indicative of our ongoing institutional commitment to excellence. It is a choice to pay membership dues and to go through the lengthy decennial process of self-evaluation and reaccreditation. It is a choice to subject every new program to NASM scrutiny for approval. That choice, though costly in terms of time, is also a choice to engage with an organization that is dedicated to setting high standards of excellence in

higher education for music programs across the country. It is a choice not just to conform to those standards but to lend our voice to their creation and upkeep as we get the opportunity to vote on every change to the NASM handbook.

Ultimately, it is a choice to engage in dialogue about values, needs and best practices in music education with other institutions that have agreed, through their own membership in NASM, to keep each other accountable. In fact, if we think of accreditation as a dynamic process for ensuring ongoing excellence even as necessary changes are made, it becomes apparent just how much participation in the process aligns with the institutional goals and ethos of Houghton University.

As I reflect on this, it is not without recognizing certain ironies built into the nature of change in higher education. We encounter students at a time in life when change is occurring rapidly, which allows those of us who are educators the great privilege and responsibility of speaking into their lives at a time that is incredibly formative. I am sure many Houghton alumni, myself included, can look fondly back to some of those educators who had a profound impact on our lives.

Alternatively, institutional change often comes at a much slower pace. As we all know, this is a season of change at Houghton. We have a new administration. We have a new University status and all of the new branding that comes with that. But our identity – our core values as an institution founded on the rock, offering a Christ-centered education committed to the principles of excellence, growth, community and service – that has not changed.

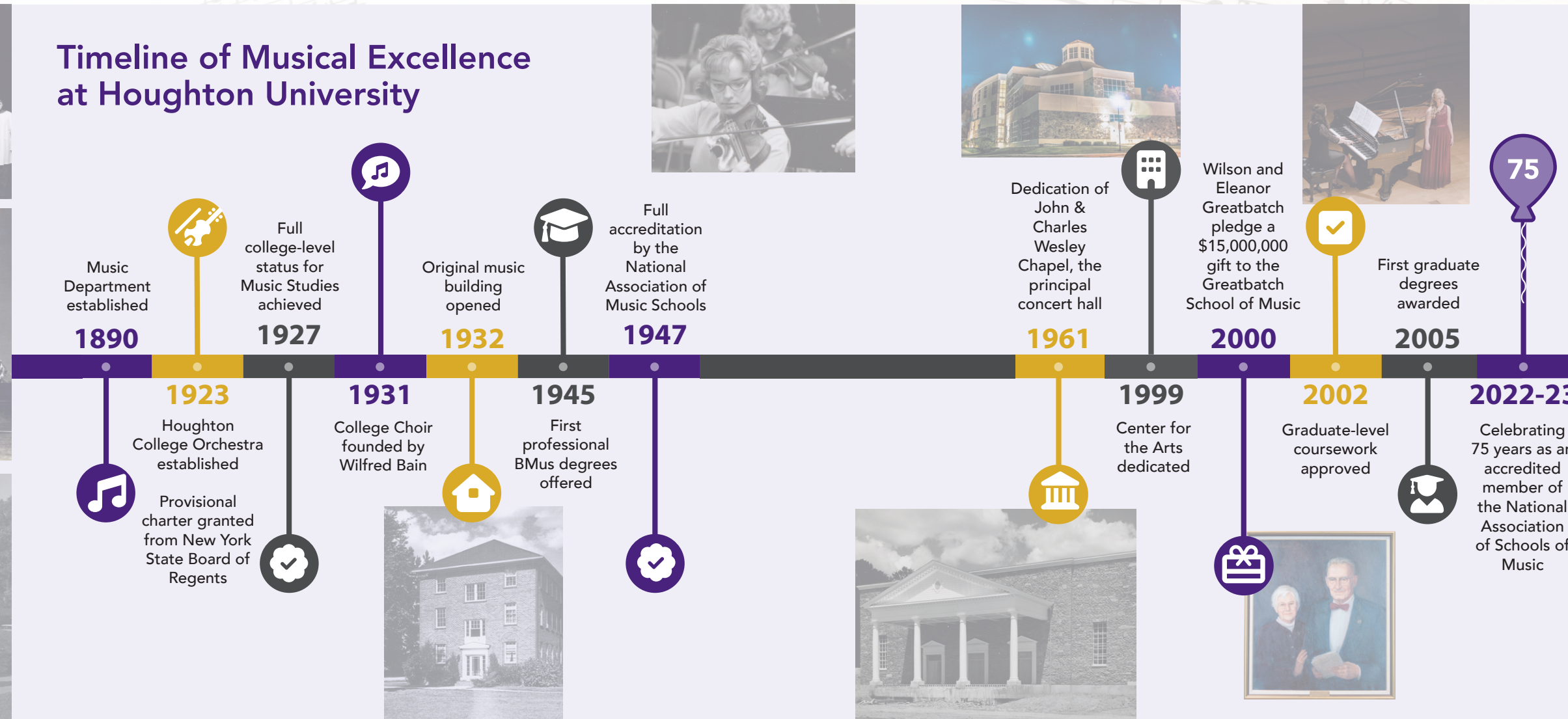
Music at Houghton has come a long way from the creation of a music department in the 1890s through the formation of ensembles and the initial accreditation process to a place where we offer graduate studies alongside our undergraduate curriculum. We offer, as we have since the 1940s, a Bachelor of Music degree. We continue to offer strong programs in

music education, composition and performance. We also now offer a Bachelor of Science in Music with tracks in Music Industry and Worship Arts – all NASM approved. As we look to the future and explore potential for pre-music therapy and hybrid masters programs, we also look forward to continued collaboration and cooperation with NASM, allowing them to help us hold ourselves accountable to our commitment to the ongoing pursuit of excellence as we continue to offer opportunities for the “study of music, both vocal and instrumental” (to quote the catalog for 1890-91) to students in a Christ-centered community that is committed to preparing them for a lifetime of growth and service. In this way, even as we change, we honor the vision of Willard J. Houghton to prepare young people to go and “fix up the world.”



Dr. David Clem '05 serves as Dean of the School of Music and Assistant Professor of Music History and Literature in the Greatbatch School of Music at Houghton University.

Timeline of Musical Excellence at Houghton University



The Greatbatch School of Music Mission Statement

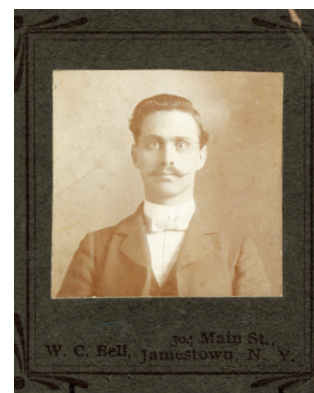
Within a Christ-centered, challenging, liberal arts education, the Greatbatch School of Music, Houghton University endeavors to produce graduates who, through commitment to musical excellence and to intelligent articulation of the integration of faith and music in their lives, can be effective musical practitioners and advocates in the Christian community and in the broader world.

A FAITHFULLY *Forward* FAMILY



^ Melvin Warburton is labeled in this photo as standing in the back row.

✓ John Willett



^ The Warburton Women



^ The Class of 1923, including Charles Pocock



< Steve and Audrey (Smith) Pocock from the 1979 Boulder



^ Allen R. Smith '43, is surrounded by 14 of his 19 grandchildren at a gathering in 2010, 8 of the grandchildren graduated from Houghton.



> Jacob Kuhlkin '22

When **Melvin Eugene Warburton 1888** enrolled in Houghton Seminary in the mid-1880s, he couldn't have imagined the impact the institution would have on himself and his family for generations. In 1888, M.E. Warburton became the first graduate of Houghton Seminary and spent his life serving as a Wesleyan pastor.

Likewise, in 1901, the first graduate of the "advanced department" (i.e., the college program prior to accreditation) – **John Starbuck Willett 1901** – couldn't have dreamed that, over 100 years later, his family would still play a significant role in life at Houghton. Both a Houghton Seminary preparatory graduate and an "advanced" graduate, Willett became a Wesleyan pastor, the editor of the denominational magazine, a frequent campus guest and an occasional baccalaureate speaker.

Mr. Warburton's niece **Edith (Warburton 1916)** and Mr. Willett's nephew **Charles Pocock 1923** continued the legacy when they married after graduating from the advanced department at Houghton Seminary and subsequently completing bachelor's degrees. Edith threw herself into life at Houghton, serving as Editor-in-Chief for the Houghton STAR, competing in intramural Basketball, and becoming well-known as a campus debater and orator. Charles was also engaged on campus, playing three different intramural sports – basketball, baseball and track – and writing for the Houghton STAR. Charles later served on the Alumni Board, and the Pococks were named Alumni of the Year in 1989.

While the Pococks were raising their two children, another legacy family enrolled at Houghton College. In 1939, **Allen R. Smith '43** (whose father, Henry R. Smith, began teaching at Houghton in 1908) and Esther (Fulton '43) Smith began their studies. Allen graduated alongside his future wife – Esther – with a dual major in physics and mathematics and a minor in German. Esther completed a dual major in Christian education and Greek with a minor in history. Allen was active in the Boulder and band while Esther joined intramural basketball and art club. Allen and Esther dedicated their careers to Houghton College, Allen as the college's printing press manager and Esther as a linotype operator and then a receptionist. Allen served the college for over forty years, and they both retired in 1986.

Richard Pocock '55, son of Charles and Edith Pocock, studied at Houghton, where he completed a BA in social science and mathematics and minored in education. He was active on campus, participating in band, choir and Science Club. After completing advanced degrees, he returned to his alma mater as a professor of mathematics in 1959, teaching until his retirement in 1995, when he was named Faculty Emeritus. His wife, **Betty Jane (Goodwin '56) Pocock**, was also a Houghton graduate, majoring in English and German and minoring in education.

In the 1970s, the Smith and Pocock families had students enrolled at the same time. **Audrey (Smith '79) Pocock**, daughter of Allen and Esther Smith, completed a degree in Christian education

with minors in Bible and psychology. **Steven Pocock '79**, son of Richard and Betty Jane, completed a major in Bible with a minor in Philosophy. The rest, as they say, is history; these two legacy Houghton families joined when Audrey and Steve married. Today, Audrey serves at Houghton University as the Senior Financial Aid Counselor.

Between 2004 and 2012, 10 grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law of Richard and Betty Jane Pocock attended Houghton, pursuing degrees as varied as music performance, psychology, intercultural studies, computer science and English.

While the youngest generation of the Smith-Pocock family are too young to peruse college brochures, the Smith-Pocock connection is still in the student body today. In December of 2022, Audrey's great-nephew, **Jacob Kuhlkin '22**, received one of the first degrees from Houghton University as an international development major.

In the April 8, 1911, edition of the Houghton STAR, John Willett remarked, "Our Alma Mater stands for a period in our life when we needed, and she so faithfully gave, the right kind of help; broadened our vision and erected ideals that have held us steady in the stress and strain of life."

In a remarkably similar manner, Jacob Kuhlkin remarked in September of 2021, "Houghton has provided me with a spiritual backbone while away from home. I lean on chapel services and Godly friends...Houghton helped me see that what I really want is to humble myself and put my intelligence to work for the world."

It seems we can say, with M.E. Warburton, "The Houghton of then was different from that of today in many ways, yet the most important elements that characterize the school today were in evidence then..." (Houghton Star, April 7, 1912).

DID YOU KNOW?

The Smith-Pocock family isn't the only family with an incredible legacy. Houghton University professors **Amanda (Young '01) Cox** and **Alison (Young '07) Reusser**, along with alumna **Hilary (Young) Gunning '07**, are the daughters of retired staff member **Deborah (Fero '76) Young**, the granddaughters of **Homer Fero '33**, and the great-granddaughters of Houghton Seminary graduate **Pearl (Strong 1893) Fero**.

Houghton Recognized as #KingChasing Institution of the Year

Houghton was named the first-ever #KingChasing Institution of the Year by the National Christian College Athletic Association following the 2021-22 academic year.

The award was presented to Houghton Director of Athletics Matthew Webb at the NCCAA National Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on June 2, 2022.

The #KingChasing program uses the four values of the NCCAA Game Plan 4 LIFE – Love, Integrity, Faith and Excellence – to enhance the purpose of collegiate athletics beyond winning championships. The mission of the program is to keep Christ at the center of the student-athlete experience and showcases the institution's commitment to integrating Christ within the athletic department.

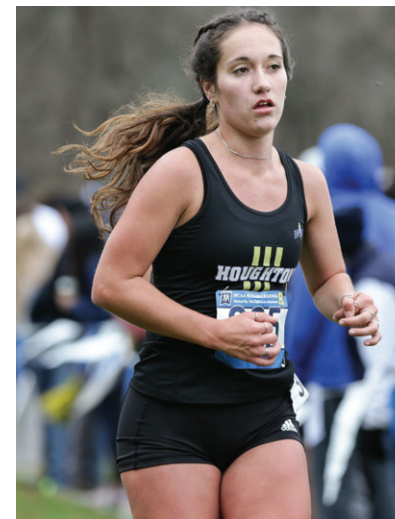
"It is an honor to receive this recognition from the NCCAA. This is a testament to who our coaches and student-athletes are as we strive for a higher purpose than just winning games," said Webb. "When we were introduced to the #KingChasing program, it resonated with what we already value and aspire to in Houghton athletics. Last year, we focused on Love as the primary value, and this year, we are focusing on Faith. We want to win championships, but we want to do it the right way. Ultimately, we are about developing young men and women who compete with excellence, lead by character, and exemplify Jesus Christ in our world. The #KingChasing program provides an umbrella under which we can make this a practical focus."

Points for the program are earned in a variety of ways, including minimizing ejections, excelling in the classroom, praying for colleagues at other institutions, and engaging in community service and missions. The #KingChasing Standards are foundational elements that athletic department staff and student-athletes commit to represent and uphold.



Muise Named National Coach of the Year

After leading the softball program to a record-setting year, Head Coach **Chad Muise '15** was named the National Christian College Athletic Association Coach of the Year. The first-year coach guided the Highlanders to a 20-17 season with the team just missing out on an Empire 8 postseason appearance. The 20 wins were a program record, besting two 13-win seasons (2018 and 2019). The conference win total was also a program record. The team and several individuals set numerous program season offensive records. The Highlanders averaged nearly seven runs per game and hit .322 at the plate. Muise was also honored as the Empire 8 and NCCAA Region Coach of the Year.



Burrichter, Klohr Named Excellence Award Winners

Amanda Burrichter '23 and **Julius Klohr '21** were recognized with Student-Athlete Excellence Awards at the annual Night of Excellence Banquet in April. The awards honor 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 (cross country/track and field) received the Velma H.M. Hewson Excellence Award, and Klohr (soccer) was the Dr. Marvin H. Eyer Excellence Award recipient.

The Night of Excellence event honors the contributions and impact of those who are concluding their careers as Highlanders and as a challenge to the newer athletes who will carry the mantle of leadership into the coming years. The program featured seniors **Tessa Brown '22** (tennis) and **Jack Howard '22** (track and field) passing a baton as a symbolic exchange of leadership to junior class representatives **Moriah Steffen '23** (soccer) and **Jason Kauffeldt '23** (baseball).

The night also included senior speeches from **Barbara Richert '20** (softball) and **Dillon Bell '21** (cross country/track and field), who shared stories of their time as Highlanders and the impact Houghton athletics has had on their lives.

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ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

1946

Fay E. (Hunting '46) Bennett celebrated her 97th birthday this year. She continues to work on family genealogy, including writing a brief history of the Hunting family.

1951

William Jersey '51 retired from a 40-year, highly rewarded role as a documentary filmmaker to take up oil painting. Bill's work, featuring nearby landscapes, can be seen in the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville, New Jersey.

1953

John Wilson '53 celebrated his 91st birthday on September 1, 2022. He has wonderful memories of Houghton and remains in touch with classmates **Wil Zike '53** and **Lois (Bailey '53) James**.

1961

After 35 years of serving as missionaries in Thailand, primarily teaching at Phayao Bible Seminary, **Gerald Wibberly '61** and his wife, **Barbara (Conant '62) Wibberly**, have retired and now live in Henrico, Virginia. Both are actively serving the Lord at Third Church (RVA) as Elders and on the Church Missions Committee.

1962

Douglas Kindschi '62 and **Barbara (Pechuman '62)** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with five of their grandchildren on a trip to Davos, Switzerland, from which Doug's great-grandfather emigrated to the US.

1964

Paul Pang '64 and his wife, **Marjorie (Dunbar '62) Pang**, retired from their ministry in Hong Kong in 2020 after 50 years of service in education. They currently make their retirement home in California, where they established the Christ Commission Online Church and International House University for training teachers and pastors

worldwide through online educational programs. Their students represent over eight different countries and have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord. Paul and Marjorie are grateful to Houghton for providing quality training that prepared them to serve the people in Hong Kong, China, and now around the world.

1967

After a fruitful ministry teaching "Christian Apologetics from a Journalist's Point of View" to students in Spain and South America, **Richard Lawyer '67** is retiring from teaching while remaining Chairman of the Board of Support and Leadership Training (SALT). The Lord continues to bless SALT as it trains pastors in remote areas and raises up young believers to follow the Lord into mission service.

1968

Jack Burnam's '68 composition "Put Your Trust in God," a setting of the text of Psalm 42, was the winner of the 2020 Peter and Lois Fyfe Choral Composition Competition and was recently performed at the closing ceremony of the 70th Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference. The piece is published by Selah Publishing Co. Jack retired in June of 2022 as Music Minister and Organist of Immanuel Church on the Green in New Castle, Delaware, after a career of over 50 years as a church, school and community choral director, organist and accompanist.

Nan (Miller '68) McCullough Huhta

retired and was moved to emeritus status in August 2022 after 54 years on staff with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). In retirement, she plans to minister with Cru's Momentum Europe on a part-time basis with her new husband, Dr. James Huhta. In 2001, she formed a fellowship with a small group of Houghton alumnae that meets annually. In Summer 2022, they met in Houston in the home of **Bev (Hatfield '68) Bowman**.

1969

Linda (Wood '69) Rondeau has been awarded a three-volume contract with Elk Lake Publishing, Inc., for devotional compilations in *Lessons Along the Way*, her third nonfiction book. These devotionals are adapted from her more than 10 years as a contributing columnist to the Malone Telegram. The first volume is expected to be released in 2023. Mrs. Rondeau continues to serve as an editor for Elk Lake Publishing House.

1970

Ann (Armstrong '70) Dodd is easing toward retirement, having recently closed her therapy practice, but is continuing to supervise new clinical social workers and providing home study and post-placement services through an adoption agency. She also serves as a Guardian ad Litem, advocating for children in the foster care system.

Kathleen (Page '70) Hunter

continues to serve alongside her husband, John, who is pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Millport, Alabama. They have served the Lord on the international mission field as well, including in Ukraine, British Virgin Islands and Guyana. They rejoice in their 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and the goodness of the Lord for their years of ministry together.

Paul Vicalvi '70 had the joy of returning to Houghton for his 50th reunion year in August of 2022. Paul and his wife, Pamela, now live in a retirement community in northern Ft. Worth, Texas, where he preaches at the chapel and volunteers in his community. Four of their five children live nearby, allowing the Vicalvis to enjoy family and celebrate their golden years.

1971

Charlene Bongiorno '71 and husband William Stephens were featured on Textiles Talks in a virtual presentation titled "Digging Deeper," researching inscribed names on 19th century quilts. The presentation is available to watch on the Studio Art Quilt Associates website. In October, they offered a hybrid-format lecture at The Library Company of Philadelphia entitled "Nothing Thou Love

Be Lost or Die,” showcasing research on an 1846 name-inscribed quilt made by an inmate at the Vermont Institute for the Inane. They also wrote an article on Mary Brainerd, which was published in the Summer 2022 issue of Heritage, the history magazine of the Old Pine Church Conservancy.

Mike Flynn '71 and his wife, Frances, have begun facilitating retreats on their farm in central Virginia for law enforcement, military and ministry leaders.

1973

Robert King '73 and his wife, Fran, celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 25, 2022.

1974

Robert Verno '74 completed over 48 years as a pastor with the Brethren in Christ Church and is now serving as Sanctuary Pastor at The Meeting House in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Bev (Hostler '74) Weston had the opportunity to reunite with **Professor Jean-Louis Roederer '64** in May of 2022 when she returned to Houghton's campus to receive her Associate of Arts degree. In September 2022, she accepted a position teaching French and now has the honor of passing along to her students the same joy for learning French she received from Professor Roederer as a sophomore at Houghton in 1971.

1976

Kathy (Garrison '76) Henderson retired after 41 years of teaching second grade at Holly Grove Christian School in Marion Station, Maryland. In her retirement, she is active in her church with outreach ministry, prayer shawl ministry and a women's weekly Bible study. She enjoys traveling to see her grandchildren in Maine and in South Carolina.

Patricia (Adels '76) McCallum now serves as a music teacher at New Shepherd's Music School in Cary, North Carolina, where she provides lessons in piano, violin, viola and cello. She serves her church by playing viola in the church orchestra.

1978

John Hugo '78 began his 35th year as a music professor at Liberty University in fall 2022. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also serves as the Chorus Master of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, a position he's held for over 20 years.

1978

Peg (Roorbach '78) Shrum was recently awarded her 30-year service pin from Wycliffe Bible Translators.

On September 10, **Joseph Hupp '79** was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was elected in 2021 as a fellow of this prestigious Academy for his innovation and invention in molecular scale materials for energy, sustainability and human protection. The Academy was founded in 1780 by John Adams and John Hancock and has elected over 13,500 fellows in its 250-year history.

Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd '79

celebrated 30 years serving as pastor of the Greater Framingham Community Church in Framingham, Massachusetts. The church is celebrating its 50th year of ministry this year.

Tom Wieland '79 and his wife, **Carol (Morgan '78)**, have moved to North Carolina as they prepare to enter retirement. Tom has spent his career working in schools and clinical settings serving children as a psychologist and mental health clinician. He anticipates working for a few more years before fully settling into his retirement.

1980

William F. Mills '80 has taken a new position as Chief Medical Officer for Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care in Arizona, overseeing the health care for Tohono O'odham Nation, including hospital and outpatient clinics.

1982

Dexter Davis '82 was named the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher for 2022. Dr. Davis is an associate professor of sports management.

Debbie (Tapper '82) Simpson took a position at Faith Christian School in Roseto, Pennsylvania, as the K-12 Music Teacher. She instructs all general music classes, music appreciation, theory, choirs, band and praise team. In Summer 2022, she led a music praise team to Portugal for a mission trip serving in Lisbon and Cascais.

1986

Major Kevin Clayton '86 was promoted to Chief of Enforcement with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, Office of Environmental Law Enforcement, Executive

Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He serves the South Coastal Bureau from Plymouth to the Rhode Island/Massachusetts boarder, providing input in natural resource, marine fisheries, hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and recreational vehicle safety and education.

1988

After 21 years at Genesee Community College, **Kathy (Fisher '88) Meloon** made a change in April 2022 and accepted a promotional opportunity at the University of Buffalo. Both her education at Houghton and her experience at GCC prepared her to lead UB's Student Accounts Office in the role of Assistant Vice President – Student Accounts. She is deeply grateful for this opportunity and sees it as God's leading in her life.

1990

Kris (Paroline '90) Castro began her MA in Pastoral Ministry through Global Awakening Theological Seminary as she seeks to combine her leadership training and coaching business. Begin to Shift, with her pastoral/teaching calling to shepherd and grow more effective leaders. More about Kris's story can be found on the Begin to Shift website.

Keith Davie '90 started his 23rd year at Nyack College and is currently facilitating the institutional name change from Nyack College to Alliance University – including chairing the Mascot Naming Committee for the University.

Bill '90 and Linda (Romanowski '91) King are now empty nesters, having dropped their youngest off at college this past August. They are both fulfilled in their careers, church life, and volunteer work but are wondering how things might change in the coming years. They trust our Heavenly Father knows the plans He has for them, and they are excited to see what the future brings. If you are in the Boston area, they would love to connect with fellow Houghton alumni!

Judi Yuen '90 completed her MS in Library and Information Science with a Certificate in Archives and Records Management at Long Island University in May 2020. After a 29-year career as the editor at the Long Island newspaper Newsday, she now serves as the Digital

Records Specialist at the YIVO Institution for Jewish Research. She assists in document preservation, including documents hidden from the Nazis in Poland during World War II. She is also currently learning Yiddish.

1992

Bethann (Mitchell '92) Vinnacombe was awarded 2022 Employee of the Year at Eaton Door and Frame, LLC in Salem, New Hampshire, where she serves as Controller and Accounting Operations Manager.

1993

Amy (Danna '93) Tetta accepted a new role at Houghton University as Alumni Engagement Manager, transitioning from her previous role on the Marketing and Communications Team. She's looking forward to facilitating conversations with alumni and providing opportunities for alumni to connect with one another and with their alma mater.

1994

Julie (Wheeler '94) Meadows was named 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year for Covington High School in Covington, Virginia.

Debbie (Davis '94) Owen completed her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Medaille University and in August 2022 began pursuing a successful private practice specializing in trauma, EMDR and hypnotherapy for adults, children and couples in Lyons, New York.

James Woodworth '94 retired from the 13th Expeditionary Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as Officer in charge of Human Resources Command.

1997

Hugh "Bill" Price '97 started a new position as a news anchor at WCTL-FM (Erie, Pennsylvania) in July 2022.

2000

Abram Kidd '00 completed his PhD in Mission Studies at Africa International University. Along with his wife, Ashby Rauch Kidd, they serve as missionaries in Tanzania. The Kidds have three children and are pursuing adoption to continue growing their family.

Becky Lehman '00 has taken a full-time position with Heart & Mind Therapy Services as Resident in Counseling in Richmond, Virginia, where she works with children, adolescents and adults with a variety of mental

health concerns. She completed her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Regent University in May 2021.

Leah (Johnson '00) Watkins completed her Master of Science in Education – Literacy Education, Birth Through Sixth Grade at SUNY Oneonta in May 2021.

2001

After 17 years of service as the Organist and Minister of Music at University Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, New York, **John Novak '01** began as Organist and Choir Director at St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia on September 15, 2022. He also continues as Business Administrator at Letchworth Central School District in Gainesville and currently lives on Silver Lake in Castile.

2002

Jennifer (Carl '02) Bullock was promoted to the Director of Admissions & Marketing at HOPE Academy, a university-model K-12th-grade school in Concord, North Carolina.

2003

Sarah (Bruce '03) Kerr has accepted the position of Grants Acquisition Manager with American Leprosy Missions (ALM). She manages the acquisition of grant funding to support the mission of ALM to serve as a channel of Christ's love to persons affected by leprosy and related diseases, helping them to be healed in body and spirit and be restored to lives of dignity and hope.

2004

DanaLea (Gorczyca '04) Woehl was recently granted tenure at Vincennes University, where she serves as a professor of mathematics. In addition to her many roles of service on campus, DanaLea and her husband, Jason, homeschool their five children, Bella, Emma, Isaiah, Logan and Lydia.

2005

Jonathan Davidson '05 was promoted to Administrator for the Department of Medicine at Lehigh Valley Health Network, where he is responsible for all administrative duties within the largest department in the network, spanning over 15 medical specialties. He leads numerous areas, including graduate medical education. He also completed his Project Management Professional certification earlier this year from the Project Management Institute.

Shawna (Keene '05) Martell

completed her MBA in August of 2022 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Rachel Moran '05 was granted tenure at the University of St. Thomas (MN) School of Law in the spring of 2022. Rachel is an associate professor of law and the founder of the Criminal and Juvenile Defense Clinic.

Devin (Hamm '05) Schuessler

completed her Master of Science in Teacher Preparation: Music Education at Syracuse University in May of 2022. She began her teaching career in the fall of 2022 at Baldwinsville Central School District as the Orchestra Teacher working with sixth- and seventh-grade orchestras and teaching all strings lessons.

Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano was promoted to Director of Advancement Communications at Houghton University in September of 2022. She is privileged to serve the Houghton University community in the development of Houghton Magazine, the James S. Luckey Society Newsletter, and other communications that connect alumni and friends to Houghton University's mission and the work God is doing through Houghton.

2006

Derek DeBoer '06 was recently promoted to Commander in the United States Navy. Derek; his wife, Angela; and their three children are deployed to Guam, where Derek serves as the Senior Medical Officer for a submarine unit.

2008

Christopher Cole '08 and his wife, Sandy Buffy Cole, have been living in South Central Kentucky for four years and were recently approved for foster care/adoption. Christopher continues to serve as a pastor in the Free Methodist Church and has lately started a photography business.

Kashmere Fitch '08 was nominated as one of Podcast Magazine's 22 Unsung Heroes of Podcasting for her work as a producer of three weekly podcasts for the Productive Dentist Academy.

Susie Locklin '08 is working on developing a written language with a people group in West Africa. She is excited to have recently helped the group develop their first written alphabet, which has been approved by both the chief and intellectual elite of the people group.

Phillip Roushey '08 celebrated 10 years of ordination on October 30, 2022. Rev. Roushey served his first three years in ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho, Vermont, and the past seven years at Zion Luther Church in Frewsburg, New York.

2009

Katie Breitigan '09 completed her Doctor of Theology: Restorative Theology – Trauma and Transformation at Evangelical Theological Seminary in May of 2022. Her dissertation was entitled “The Value of Theological Reciprocating Relationships within Faculty Pedagogy as a Response to Student Mental Health in Christian Higher Education.”

A group of fellow former Lambein residents gathered together this summer, including **Katie Breitigan '09**, **Leda Werner '08**, **Sarah (Fore '07) Zschoche**, **Becki Roes '08**, **Rachel (Fisher '08) Knepp**, **Bethany (Romig '08) Johnsen** and **Bri (Young '08) VanWie**, for their annual summer reunion – a tradition they restarted post-COVID with a gathering in Pennsylvania.

2010

Kristen Ailport '10 was recognized as a New York State Master Teacher through the NYS Master Teacher Program, which celebrates the work of the highest-performing STEM teachers by establishing an expert community dedicated to developing expertise in the areas of content, pedagogy, and students' families and communities.

Steven Grudda '10 was promoted by the Millennium Challenge Corporation from Deputy in Niger to County Director for Sierra Leone.

Dr. Rachel Starks '10 completed her doctorate in Curriculum & Teaching in May 2022 at Boston University: Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, successfully finishing her dissertation research on elementary preservice teachers' mathematical knowledge. She began a teaching position in greater Boston in the fall of 2022 to continue her work in the field of mathematics education.

2011

Oliva Butz '11 completed her Master of Divinity after five years of study. She intends to pursue further training and her residence-in-chaplaincy soon.

BOOK SHELF

New reads from faculty and alumni authors:

Karen (Nickerbocker '98) Pennington

10 Healing Truths from God's Word
Independently Published | July 21, 2022

Linda (Wood '69) Rondeau

Ghosts of Trumbull Mansion
Elk Lake Publishing House | March 15, 2022

Deborah (Kaiser '79) Loomis

The Christian's Strategies for Overcoming and Victory: A Biblical Study
Trilogy Publishing | February 25, 2022

David Johnson '76 and Gary Guinn

Midwatch in Verse: New Year's Deck Log Poetry of the United States Navy, 1941-1946
McFarland Books | January 1, 2023

Kayla (Saunders '09) Johnson

Tea With My Teacher
Onion River Press | September 1, 2022

Jon Stiansen

Leave It All on the Field: Lessons from the Athletic Field to Life's Battlefield
Independently Published | February 5, 2022

Kathryn (Bergman '73) Housepian

Be Thou My Vision: Vignettes of Light and Shadow
Independently Published | June 2, 2021

Jim Toner '88

Summer Danger: A Gil Leduc Mystery Novel
Independently Published | December 22, 2020

Shawna (Lee '01) Coleing

Shadow Trace: Shadow Alliance Book 4
Independently Published | October 4, 2022

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Kevin Dibble '11 began a new position at Houghton University's Greatbatch School of Music as Interim Director of Choral Activities and Visiting Assistant Professor of Music in August of 2022.

2013

Marcia (Mason '13) Mauger accepted a position with Samaritan Medical involved in the family residency program. Husband **Bobby Mauger '14** serves in the United States Army at Fort Drum as a primary care doctor for soldiers and their dependents. They recently moved to Watertown, New York, with their children and Bobby's mother.

Kara (Mastin '13) Song now serves as the Northeast Region Representative for Christian Veterinary Mission. Working from her home office in Ohio, Kara seeks to challenge, empower and facilitate ministry opportunities for veterinarians, vet students, technicians and other veterinary professionals to serve the Lord in 13 northeastern states.

Carly (Trask '13) Trask-Kuchta was promoted by Clifford Beers of New Haven, Connecticut, to Licensed Clinical Supervising Psychologist and Program Manager of Outpatient Services.

2014

Luke Crawford '14 launched Kingdoms Podcast, focused on spiritual formation and missional living. The podcast features interviews with Houghton University **President Emerita Shirley Mullen '76**, Philip Yancey, **Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan '99**, Gary Thomas, Houghton faculty J.L. Miller, Danielle Strickland, Houghton faculty emeritus **Dr. Michael Walters '86** and others.

Benjamin Murphy '14 completed his PhD in English in August of 2022 at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He now serves as a Lecturer in the English Department at Elon University as a full-time member of the faculty teaching writing workshops, literature surveys and advanced thematic seminars.

2015

Rachael Anacker '15 performed the role of Mabel in Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance in her debut role with the Trouper's Light Opera Company in April 2022 and the role of The Queen of the Night in Mozart's The

Magic Flute with the New Jersey Vocal Arts Collaborative in June 2022.

Abi (Sery '15) Fast has accepted the position of middle school choir and music teacher at Mohonasen Central School District in Rotterdam, New York. She teaches three middle school choir ensembles and middle school general music.

Carrie (Parsons '15) Fehrman is currently working with people with disabilities, assisting them with career options, obtaining jobs and conducting evaluations to determine their needs. God continues to use her gifts of patience, hope and love of people to motivate those with whom she works and help them discover their part in the workforce.

Elizabeth Wideman '15 completed her Master of Science in Curriculum Design and Instructional Technology from SUNY Albany in August of 2022.

2017

On November 16, 2021, **Raisa Dibble '17** completed the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage in Spain. She walked 420 miles in six weeks as a part of Freedom Trek, a project to raise awareness about and pray for an end to the Uyghur Genocide.

Barbara (Spaulding '17) Wascher completed her PsyD at Alfred University in the School of Psychology in December of 2021. She was awarded the Lea R. Powell Honors Award from Alfred University, which is presented to a doctoral student who exemplifies outstanding achievement in research, teaching, clinical practice and service to the program, the university and the community. Her dissertation research (“Media Literacy: A Direct Instruction Approach for Improving Children's Technical and Social Understanding”) involved the creation and implementation of a media literacy scale and accompanying educational intervention for elementary students.

2018

Michael Cha '18 completed his Master of Science in Quantitative Management from NYS Stern School of Business in May 2022. He subsequently accepted a job with Reynolds Consumer Products as Manager – Manufacturing Data Science.

Raynee (Kirkpatrick '18) Hodge completed her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Akron in 2021 and now serves as a Marriage and Family Therapist at Family Services of Chemung County.

Amanda Smith '18 completed her MBA at Medaille University in December of 2021 and is now enrolled at Liberty University in the Doctor of Human Resource program.

2019

Macy Baumgarten '19 is excited to announce her engagement to Thomas Prettyman. They plan to wed in June 2023.

Jacob Hoskins '19 started his own business, Bájoc Music, which currently provides custom trumpet parts and will soon offer a line of handcrafted trumpets. In addition to his small business, Jacob works full-time as a brass technician, trumpet specialist and brass shop manager for Meridian Winds in Okemos, Michigan.

2020

Brennen Cahill '20 is moving to Australia after a two-year delay due to COVID.

Hannah (Pender '20) DeGeorge was promoted to Elder Advocate Representative at St. John's Senior Living in Rochester, New York. Hannah acts as a liaison between residents, their families and elder support systems throughout the facility and the Rochester area.

2021

Johanna Florez '21 has returned to the location of her student teaching placement to serve as Hinsdale Central School's seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher. She is enjoying reconnecting with colleagues from Hinsdale and serving students in her dream school.

Zach Thompson '21 completed his MBA through Anderson University and has accepted the position of Assistant Accountant with The Bonadio Group in Rochester, New York.

2022

Katrina (Eldridge '22) Thompson started her post-graduate studies at the University of Rochester in the fall of 2022.

MARY SHAKER '23 came to Houghton University to pursue her calling as a doctor while competing as a sprinter on the track team. Through the Shannon Summer Research Institute and courses like medical terminology, she is equipped to excel in medical school and fulfill her calling to bring comfort and healing to those in need.

INSPIRING FEARLESS FUTURES

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Future Highlanders



1. A baby in a white lace dress.
2. A family of four outdoors.
3. A baby in a red outfit.
4. A baby in a white outfit.
5. A woman with glasses and a baby.
6. A family sitting on the floor.

- 2.10.22 | Levi Alexander (7)
Abigail (Taylor '19) and Andrew Skahan '19
- 4.7.22 | Addison Joy (8)
Bethany (Dembroski '14) and Matthew Ball '14
- 4.20.22 | Darren Benjamin (9)
Emily (Loomis '16) and David Ritsema
- 6.2.22 | Ezra James (10)
Elena (Vasquez '14) and Nathaniel Efthimiou '14
- 6.17.22 | Magdalene Rose (11)
Marcella (Wheeler '16) and James Hughes '16
- 6.28.22 | Leland James (12)
Hannah (Jennings '13) and Benjamin Murphy '14
- 7.13.22 | Amos (13) and 7.13.22 | Elias (13)
Kelly (Morse '09) and Christopher Bush
- 7.22.22 | Ellis Matthew
Katheryn (Dygart '13) and Preston Yoder '14
- 7.29.22 | Chloe Grace
Steven Grudda '10 and Katherine Grudda
- 8.5.22 | Lucy
Joanna Friesen '17 and Tim Schmell
- 8.9.22 | Callista Hope (14)
Elizabeth (Martindale '13 MM '15) and Nicholas Liddick '15

7. A baby crawling.
8. A family with a baby.
9. A family with a baby.
10. A family with a baby.
11. A family with a baby.
12. A family with a dog.
13. Two babies in white shirts.
14. A family with a baby.

- 11.23.18 | Talia Jean (1) and 3.1.21 | Micah Anthony (2)
Rebekah (Giammarino '09) Makary and David Makary
- 2019 | Ellee Hope
Kelly (Bennett '11) and Brandon Spencer
- 4.22.21 | Hunter Michael (3)
Carly (Trask '12) and Kyle Trask-Kuchta
- 6.28.21 | Elizabeth Levenia (4)
Sarah (Norton '19) and Ethan Geer
- 8.14.21 | Emma Rose (5)
Amber (Tanner '20) and William McLean
- 9.11.21 | David James
Kevin '11 MM '13 and Anna (Silbert '11) Dibble
- 12.26.21 | Rosalie (6)
Bethany (Crawford '11) and DJ Muddle

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DOWN *the* AISLE

1 Sarah Norton '19 married Ethan Geer on May 4, 2019. In attendance at the celebration were Houghton alumni **Kate Ross '19** and **Rev. Edward Ross '86**.

2 Elizabeth Salzman '19 wed Phillip McCoy on December 7, 2019. Among those celebrating with the couple were Houghton alumni **Eliza Burdick-Risser '18, Victoria Harrington '19, Chelsea Sluser '19, Brian Winn '19, Rachel (Sherwood '19) Evans, Rose (Comfort '19) Backus, Tyger Doell '19, Rachael (Tanner '14) O'Fallon** and **Alexis Baergas '19**. The wedding was officiated by **James McLean '18**.

3 Zachary Kitchen '15 tied the knot with Dorothy Hershey on June 19, 2021.

4 Ruthanna Wantz '17 married Blake Maust on July 3, 2021. Among those celebrating with the couple was bridesmaid and Houghton alumna **Grace MacKay '17**.

5 Rachel Sherwood '19 married Kenton Evans July 7, 2021. The wedding party included alumni **Danielle Sloan '19, Donna Boerschlein '19** and **Vicki Harrington '19**. Also celebrating with the Evanses were alumni **Eliza Burdick '18, Tyger Doell '19, Alana (Meyers '19) Dibble, Marty Dibble '21, Andrew Schulz '20, Chelsea Sluser '19, Ken Watson '20, Kierstyn Woody '20** and **Greg Ballard '19**. The wedding was photographed by alumnae **Rebecca Loomis '19** and **Kirsten (Brady '18) Hartzell**.

6 Ellenore Tarr '19 MM '20 married **Austen Kewin '15 MM '17** on August 7, 2021. Celebrating with the couple were Houghton alumni **Amanda Satre '19, Hannah Messerschmidt '17 MM '19, Duncan '19** and **Anna (Philbrick '17) Shalda, Amelia Makus MM '20, Hannah (Jager '18) Long, Tyler Cline '19, Mason Sebian '19, Evan Stern '18, John Khalaf '18, Brandon '15** and **Shelby (Weil '15) Bennett, Joseph Richard Gessler MM '17, Thomas Hallman '21, Jonathan '19** and **Annie (McConnell '19) Denham, Jonathan Jaramillo '17, Daniel '19** and **Michaela (Aliperti '19) Bussey, Nicholas '15** and **Elizabeth (Martindale '13 MM '15) Liddick, Kelly (Van Kirk '13) Suzano, Victoria Pitre MM '17, Michael '17** and **Jill (Magara '17) Carpenter, Daniel '20** and **Jesse (Rucquoi '21) Burdo, Dr. Daniel MM '08** and **Grace (Essley '07) Black, Christian Arbour '20, Collin Zehr '22, Rachel (Schaarschmidt '20 MM '22) Logee, Hannah Renée Becker '15, Jackie Algier '15, Sebastian Meyer '19, and Christopher '16** and **Sheridan (McAlister '17) Knecht**. The service was officiated by former Houghton faculty member **Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hegeman**. Houghton friends **Christine Hegeman** and **Don and Jeanie Little** were also in attendance.

7 Raynee Kirkpatrick '18 tied the knot with **Daniel Hodge '19** on August 28, 2021.



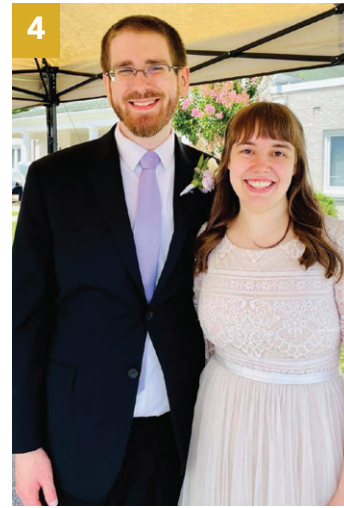
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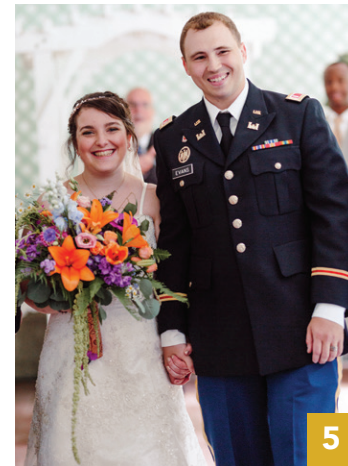
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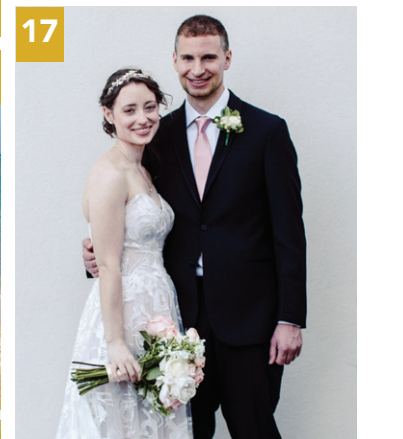
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8 Sharon Brautigam '14 tied the knot with Niall Murphy on September 18, 2021. Sharon is the daughter of **David '72** and **Amy (Konz '83) Brautigam**.

9 Marshall Brady '17 married **Kaylee (Jentsch '19)** on October 23, 2021.

10 Kara Mastin '13 married Paul Song on November 8, 2021.

11 Alicia Nuttall '19 married Spencer Kale on November 11, 2021. Houghton alumni **Laurie Call '18, Cori Beck '20, Maddy Detwiler '19, Elle Reed '17, Emily Swanson '19, Brittany (Lenart '19) Schutt, Esther Webb '16** and **Brandon Joslin '20** helped the couple celebrate their special day.

Jacob Hoskins '19 tied the knot with Maddie Faber on December 18, 2021.

Chandler Jones '17 married Brent Teraoka on January 15, 2022.

12 Hayley Messinger '19 married Cole Belk on April 9, 2022.

13 Aimee Bush '12 married Bryan Benitez on April 30, 2022. They were joined by many Houghton alumni, including **Karen (McKnight '92), Shawn '89, Ella '18, Julia '21** and **Andrew '24 Hotchkiss; Benjamin '14** and **Lydia (Snouffer '14) Bush; Dave '70** and **Ellen (Bloom '69) Rogers; Mary Beth Stevens '12; Jessica (Miller '11) Kumar; Megan (Tennant '13) Baratta; Laura White '13; Beth Larter '13;** and **Colleen (Jennings '13) Frasier**.

14 Hannah Pender '20 married Max DeGeorge on April 30, 2022. Houghton alumni **Jessica (Witter '20) Gilbert, Natalie Kyvik '20, Erin Lawrence '20** and **Ellirose Edwards '20** joined in the celebrations.

15 Carrie Parsons '15 married Alex Fehrman on May 21, 2022. Joining in the celebration were Matrons of Honor **Jillian (Parsons '10) Grattan** and **Lydia (Parsons '11) Albrecht**; brother-in-law **Daniel Albrecht '11**; and parents of the bride, **Mark '78** and **Jan (Zebulske '78) Parsons**.

Katarina Eldridge '22 wed **Zach Tompson '21** on June 18, 2022. Celebrating with the happy couple were Houghton alumni **Tom Woodward '20, Joel Vinciguerra '21, Amy (Romig '21) Vinciguerra, Jeremy Harris '21, Mike Wrobel '20, Alexa Hoag '21, Nate Anderson '21, Zach Paris '20, Quinn Hull '20** and **Dan Williamson '20**.

16 Caroline Hogan '11 tied the knot with John Young on July 1, 2022.

17 Abi Sery '15 tied the knot with Erik Fast on July 9, 2022.

Emily Stowe '20 married **Erik Sorensen '20** on September 9, 2022. Among those celebrating with them were Houghton alumni **Michael Cha '18** and **Jacob Annis '18**.

In MEMORIAM

1948

Marion (Boyajian '48) Woodard, age 95, of Newton, Massachusetts, died Monday, July 11, 2022. She was a librarian and beloved mother and grandmother. Marion is survived by her son, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter.

1949

Carol (Davis '49) Wood of Glenford, New York, passed away April 3, 2022. She was a lifelong educator, church organist and community volunteer, and an avid traveler with her late husband, **Dr. Cary E. Wood '50**. She is survived by her son, Keith, and grandson, Andrew.

1950

Dr. Harold Blatt '50 passed away at the age of 94 on June 2, 2022, in Florida. He was an Army veteran, served as a missionary, and worked in higher education as a fundraiser for much of his career. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Charles Kaltenbaugh '50 of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, passed away on August 12, 2022, at the age of 96. Charles was a WWII veteran, the owner of Walker Sales and Services, and loving husband to the late **Joan (Walker '51)**. He is survived by three children and their spouses, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1951

Joan (Walker '51) Kaltenbaugh of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, passed away on August 21, 2021, at the age of 92. She was a dedicated substitute teacher, member of Oak Grove Church, avid traveler and loving wife to the late **Charles Kaltenbaugh '50**. She is survived by three children and their spouses, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Topazian '51 of Bloomfield, Connecticut, passed away July 9, 2022,

at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife and four children. Dr. Topazian was a well-recognized oral surgeon and passionate about medical missions.

1952

Jean-Pierre Pressau '52, 92, of Cabot, Pennsylvania, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. He was a US Army veteran, an engineer, an active church member and a community volunteer. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1953

Dr. Forrest Crocker '53, 92, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. A longtime resident of Bath, Ohio, Dr. Crocker enjoyed a long private pediatric practice and later joined the Children's Hospital Physicians Association. He was devoted to serving the Lord in his church and community, particularly as a volunteer and board member. He taught Sunday school for years at Riverside Alliance Church and contributed to the music ministry there as well.

1955

Rev. Eldon LeRoy '55 passed away peacefully at home in Morrisburg, Ontario, on February 2, 2022, at the age of 91. He spent his life as a minister of the Gospel, serving the United Methodist Church. He lives lovingly on in the hearts of his wife, **Joyce (McLennan '57)**; their five children – Charlene (John), **Jeanine '87 (Ian)**, Paul (Heidi), Philip, and Stephen (Rowena) – six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1956

Janet (Lidstone '56) Bockus passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on July 5, 2022, at the Scarborough Maine Veteran's Home. She spent her life in Christian ministry and served at the Bangor Rescue Mission. She is survived by her brother,

three children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Doris (Ulrich '56) Koehler, 84 of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2019. She was a gifted musician and served as a church organist for many years.

Dr. Robert Reasner '56 passed away September 20, 2021, in Kalipsell, Montana. He was predeceased by his wife, **Shirley (Spear '56) Reasner**. Surviving are his three children. Dr. Reasner spent his life as a minister in the United Methodist Church.

Blanche "Betsy" (Dolphin '56) Woehr passed away very peacefully on June 24, 2022, at the age of 87. She was a gifted musician and worked with computers for most of her career. She is survived by her husband, two sons, a daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1957

Ann (Buckalew '57) Ahlgrim of North East, Pennsylvania, died February 15, 2022. She had a lifelong passion for Christian education and church libraries, which she expressed through her dedicated service to churches, schools and mission organizations. She is survived by her husband, three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1958

Albert Williams '58, formerly of Friendship, New York, passed away in the Wellsville Manor on Monday, March 14, 2022. He was 86 years old. He is survived by his siblings and many nieces and nephews, including **Gregory H. Williams '81** and **Beth (Williams '90) Luckey**.

The **Rev. Dr. Edward Stansfield '58**, 85, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022. He is mourned by his wife, Dorothy (Hoffman '58); his children; and grandchildren. Ed was a respected educator, coach and pastor.

1959

Esther (Norwood '59) McGrath passed away in Spring Valley, New York, March 25, 2021, at the age of 82.

1960

Jean (Lankamp '60) Anderson of Pierson, Michigan, passed away July 4, 2022, at the age of 83. She was a beloved educator and dedicated wife, mother

and friend. She is mourned by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Andrew Lyons Smith, Jr. '60 passed away on June 9, 2022, at the age of 83. He had a 50-year career in investment management, volunteered with New York City and Florida nonprofits, and founded South Forty Corporation to support those who are exiting the criminal justice system. He was predeceased by his son, **Drew '10**, and is survived by his wife, Sally, and godchild, Andrew.

1961

Constance (Johnson '61) Harges, age 82, of Rochester, New York, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022, following a brief illness. She spent her career in education, primarily teaching Spanish, and her retirement tutoring language learners and refugees. She is fondly remembered by her sister, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Beverley (Fish '61) Hurst, 82, passed away Monday, May 23, 2022, in Morrisville, New York. She dedicated her life to music education, continuing to teach part-time after she retired from Clarence Center Elementary

School. She is survived by her two daughters and four grandchildren.

Royce A. Ross '61, 82, was received into the arms of his loving Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at Olean General Hospital (New York) after a brief illness. He is mourned by his wife, **Rebecca (Harris '70)**; two sons; many loving family members; and countless young men and women he mentored as a teacher and coach.

1963

Bruce Johnson '63, 81, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 5th, 2022, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; his four children, **Rebecca '87 (Kenneth Gay)**, Karen, Kenneth (Kellie) and Amy; and seven grandchildren.

Harriet "Hattie" Kneeland '63 passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Kirksville, Missouri, at the age of 80. Hattie served on the mission field for over 50 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators with the Matses tribe in Peru. She is survived by two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ralph S. Markee '63 of Flint Hill, Virginia, passed away in an automobile accident

on September 1, 2022, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, **Dr. Lois (Everswick '65) Markee**; two sons; and six grandsons.

1964

Constance (Cook '64) Barnes of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, passed away August 19, 2022. She is survived by husband **Thomas '70**; children **Hannah '99** (Christopher Taylor), Matthew, Sarah (Gary Stumbo, Jr.), Richard (Audrey), Gerald (Susan) and Daniel (Mary Kay); and her beloved grandchildren.

1965

Dale Brook '65 passed away May 17, 2021, at the age of 81, in Charlotte, North Carolina. He spent his life as a church musician and taught music in public schools and eventually added entertainment to his repertoire. He leaves behind his wife, **Sage (Krause '66)**; daughters; sons-in-law; and five grandchildren.

William Chapin '65 has run his final race, finishing on May 16, 2022, on Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach, Florida. Bill was a devoted



DR. GUSTAVE PRINSELL

Dr. Gustave Prinsell '48 MD, Honorary D.S. '93, passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes at his home in Houghton, New York, on July 13, 2022. He had recently marked his 100th birthday. Dr. Prinsell completed his Bachelor of Arts in General Science at Houghton University in 1948 and received his MD from Columbia University Medical School in 1952. He completed his internship and general surgery residency at the University of Michigan's Saginaw Hospital and a Tropical Medicine fellowship at the University of London in 1957.

Dr. Prinsell devoted the early part of his career to medical missions, a career that began at the Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where he served from 1957 to 1964. In 1964, Dr. Prinsell returned to Houghton where he joined Dr. S. I. McMillen as practicing physician for both Houghton College and the Allegany County community. He also served as physician for Fillmore Central School. He assisted in the founding and leadership of the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship (WMF), of which he assumed directorship in 1980. Under Dr.

Prinsell's leadership, WMF grew to include 462 members serving in 13 countries, pooling their professional skills, time and resources to offer short-term service in Wesleyan hospitals overseas and to finance projects. Throughout his career, Dr. Prinsell continued serving in short-term medical missions overseas in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Haiti and Sierra Leone.

In 1993, Dr. Prinsell received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Houghton University. The degree honored his long-time medical service in Allegany County and around the world. In celebration of that event, Dr. Prinsell's four sons founded the Dr. and Mrs. Gustave and Louise Prinsell Scholarship, an endowed scholarship fund that provides scholarship aid to students pursuing a career in the medical missionary field. In 2018, Dr. Prinsell was named Houghton University's Alumnus of the Year.

In addition to his medical service, Dr. Prinsell was a veteran of the Second World War, in which he served in the U.S. Navy as a minesweeper. He was a loyal member of the American Legion and author of his autobiography, *The Papa Bear* (2017, Friesen Press). He is survived by his beloved wife of 75 years, Louise; four sons, Jonathan, James, **Jeffery '75** and **Joel '77**; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



DR. RICHARD PERKINS

Dr. Richard Perkins, retired Houghton University professor of sociology, died May 27, 2022, at his home in Caneadea, New York, after a prolonged illness. He was 79 years old. Dr. Perkins was a graduate of Wheaton College and completed his post-graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts.

He began his tenure at Houghton in 1978. He was an engaged contributor to the Houghton STAR, often maintaining dialog with colleagues and students through letters to the editors. His sense of humor and desire to challenge his students to be deeply curious and thoughtful are evident in his writings, as they were in his classroom. He was named Teacher of the Year in 1986 by the Student Senate, published his book *Looking Both Ways* (1987, Baker Publishing Group), and served as the faculty advisor for the student group Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA). Dr. Perkins was engaged in many of Houghton's off-campus learning opportunities, including spending time in Tanzania and leading a Mayterm trip on the Appalachian Trail.

Dr. Perkins retired from Houghton in May of 2006. He was granted Faculty Emeritus status in August of 2009.

Dr. Perkins was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, an avid backpacker, an insightful critic, a casual guitarist and an earnest viewer of documentaries. He deeply valued honest conversation and developed a broad network of likeminded friends. Dr. Perkins envisioned the Christian body of believers living intimate and honest lives together where people went beyond Sunday gatherings and sought to live out Christ's teachings corporately as well as individually.

Dr. Perkins leaves behind his wife, **Valerie (Novak '88)**; son **David '88 (Michelle LaBarre '02)**; daughter **Kristina '92 Stephen**; and two grandchildren.

husband and father and a dedicated community servant. He was a 55-year Rotarian and Paul Harris fellow. He was a long-serving trustee at Watertown Savings Bank and a trustee at Nyack College (now Alliance University). He served on the loan fund for the Christian and Missionary Alliance and was an invested and committed church member, including serving as Building Committee Chairman for Parkside Bible Church. Bill was an avid athlete, dedicated to running, pickleball, softball and winter sports. Bill served his alma mater on the Athletic Advisory Board and in his generosity to athletic and academic programs, including the Student Scholarship Fund. He leaves behind wife, Ruth; children, Michelle, Laura, **Janelle '96** (Matt Gelston) and Nate; siblings, **Donald '63**, Bob and Mary; and 11 grandchildren.

Rev. Clayton Glickert '65 of Baldwinsville, New York, entered the glories of heaven on July 16, 2022, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, **Marlene (Johnson '65)**, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shortly before his passing, he was honored for 50 years of ordained ministry with the Assemblies of God.

1966

Joseph Lesko '66 passed away March 24, 2018, at the age of 74 in Herkimer, New York.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wood '66 of Apalachin, New York, passed away April 13, 2022, at the age of 77. Kenneth spent his life in ministry as a United Methodist minister and continued to minister part-time after his retirement. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

1967

Helen (Keysor '67) Harrold, age 78, went to be with her Father in Heaven on Thursday, July 28, 2022, when she passed away unexpectedly. She dedicated her life to elementary education and Christian education. She is survived by her husband, daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Sandberg '67, age 77, of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, peacefully went to be with his Lord on July 17, 2022. He was a veteran of the US Army and the US Coast Guard Reserves and spent his civilian career as an auditor. He was an active community volunteer, and leaves behind sister **Elizabeth '73 Loray**, nephew **Paul Loray '05** and his extended family.

1969

Rev. Allen Johnson '69, 77, of Masontown, West Virginia, passed away Jun 12, 2022. He spent his life as a pastor and member of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his son, **Michael '98**, and daughter-in-law, AnnMarie; and three grandchildren.

Carole (Timberlake '69) Quinn passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2022, at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren.

1970

Rev. Erik L. Smith '70 passed away peacefully on May 13, 2022, at the age of 75. He was a resident of Bronx, New York, and served as a pastor for many years, including as a Lieutenant Colonel Chaplain in the Air National Guard and as a Hospice Chaplain. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and two sisters.

Linda Wolfe '70 of Merritt Island, Florida, passed away on October 16, 2020, at the age of 71. She was a dedicated youth ministry leader serving with Teen Mission International and Calvary Chapel Merritt Island.

1971

Wilma Jean (Alessi '71) Anders, age 71, of Round Rock, Texas, passed away into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior of natural causes on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, while on vacation in Belize with her husband and family. Wilma was a dedicated Bible teacher at Florida Bible College and Round Rock Christian Academy. She is survived by her husband, children and grandchildren.

1972

Kaye Goodwin '72 passed away in February 2022 at the age of 71. Kaye worked as a counselor in California for many years.

William J. Price III '72, 68 of Bliss, New York, passed away suddenly at home on April 7, 2018. He was a history teacher for over 30 years at Letchworth Central School and is survived by his wife, Cara, and two stepchildren.

1973

Sandra (Beesmer '73) Bossard, 70, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 20, 2020, surrounded by family at home. She was a lifelong educator with a special passion for working with students with learning disabilities and devoted 25 years to the AWANA ministry. She is survived by her husband, four children and two grandchildren.

Linda Helterline '73 passed away in Stratford, New York, on August 6, 2022, at the age of 71. Linda spent over 30 years of her life teaching vocal and instrumental music at Dolgeville School.

1975

Holly (Long '75) Harrison, 65 of Geneva, New York, passed away June 4, 2017, after a brief illness. Holly spent her career as an educator and is fondly remembered by her husband, Daniel; brother, **James '74** and sister **Susan '77**; and siblings-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

1978

Jeffery Long '78 of Farmington, New York, passed away July 15, 2022, at the age of 66. Jeff served the Lord through pastoral ministry and pastoral mentoring throughout his life. He is survived by wife, **Beth (Mattke '77)**, and his children, grandchildren and extended family.

1979

Lynn (Cornell '79) Straus, 64, passed away suddenly March 29, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Jim; sister, **Dr. Diane Cornell-McCoy '82** (Mike McCoy); four children, Rachel (Joe Wagner), **Aaron '11** (Julie), Jonathan (Dominique) and Nathaniel (Ashley); and niece, **Christina McCoy '24**.

1981

Marc Johnson '81 went to be with Christ on Sunday, July 31, 2022. He had a long career with Arvos and served as an elder in the Wellsville Bible Church (NY). He is survived by his wife, 3 of his 4 children and 12 grandchildren.

1997

Jeffery Zerbe '97 of Fort Meyers, Florida, passed away February 12, 2018, at the age of 64.

2005

Hannah (Bae '05) Guillory passed away at home in Allen, Texas, on July 23, 2022, at the age of 39 after a long battle with cancer. She is mourned by her husband, Nich, and their children, extended family and countless friends.

2009

Grace (Weidman '09) Haynes passed away in August of 2022. She was a gifted singer and worked as a music librarian. Grace is mourned by her husband, Tyson, and her family and friends.

Obituaries received as of August 31, 2022.

DR. CARL SCHULTZ

Dr. Carl Schultz '53, retired professor of Old Testament at Houghton University, passed away on August 18, 2022, at the age of 91. He was a resident of Franklin, Massachusetts. Dr. Schultz completed his post-graduate studies at Wheaton College (MA), Malone College (BRE) and Brandeis University (PhD). He took up a teaching post at his undergraduate alma mater in 1965 and served the institution for 42 years before retiring in 2011. He was named Professor Emeritus the following year.

As Professor of Old Testament, Dr. Schultz also served Houghton University in various administrative roles. From 1976 to 1997, he served as Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy. He taught with the London Honors Program, provided leadership for the accreditation process as necessary and served as Dean of the Buffalo campus.

Dr. Schultz led over 17 tours of the Holy Lands, many for Houghton alumni. He was a routine speaker for conferences, a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International and a Templeton Prize winner. Dr. Schultz published commentaries on Job, Ecclesiastes and Psalms 76-150 in addition to periodical publications.

In addition to his 42-year teaching career, Dr. Schultz was an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church and served as a pastor locally at both Ischua United Methodist Church and Hinsdale United Methodist Church for 39 years. He was a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and The Center for Theology and Natural Sciences.

Dr. Schultz is remembered as having a distinct love of teaching 8 a.m. classes but, more importantly, as a diligent, reverent and passionate scholar of the Word of God.

He was predeceased by his wife and longtime Houghton employee Annalee Schultz. He is fondly remembered by his children, **Barbara '78 (Wayne '80) Rhodes, Esther '79 Brenner** and **Carl '83 (Jean Kephard '85)**, and his grandchildren.





CONGRATULATIONS, HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2022!



Photos, clockwise,
 starting at the top left:

- » Commencement in Houghton, NY, May 14, 2022.
- » Co-Valedictorians: Anna Kalivoda, Gavin Luckey, and Bryce Preston. Salutatorian: Jenna Bittinger.
- » Commencement Celebration in Buffalo, NY, May 21, 2022.
- » Golden Highlanders 50 Year Reunion during Commencement weekend in Houghton, NY.
- » Commencement speaker Dr. Gabriel Salguero.

