

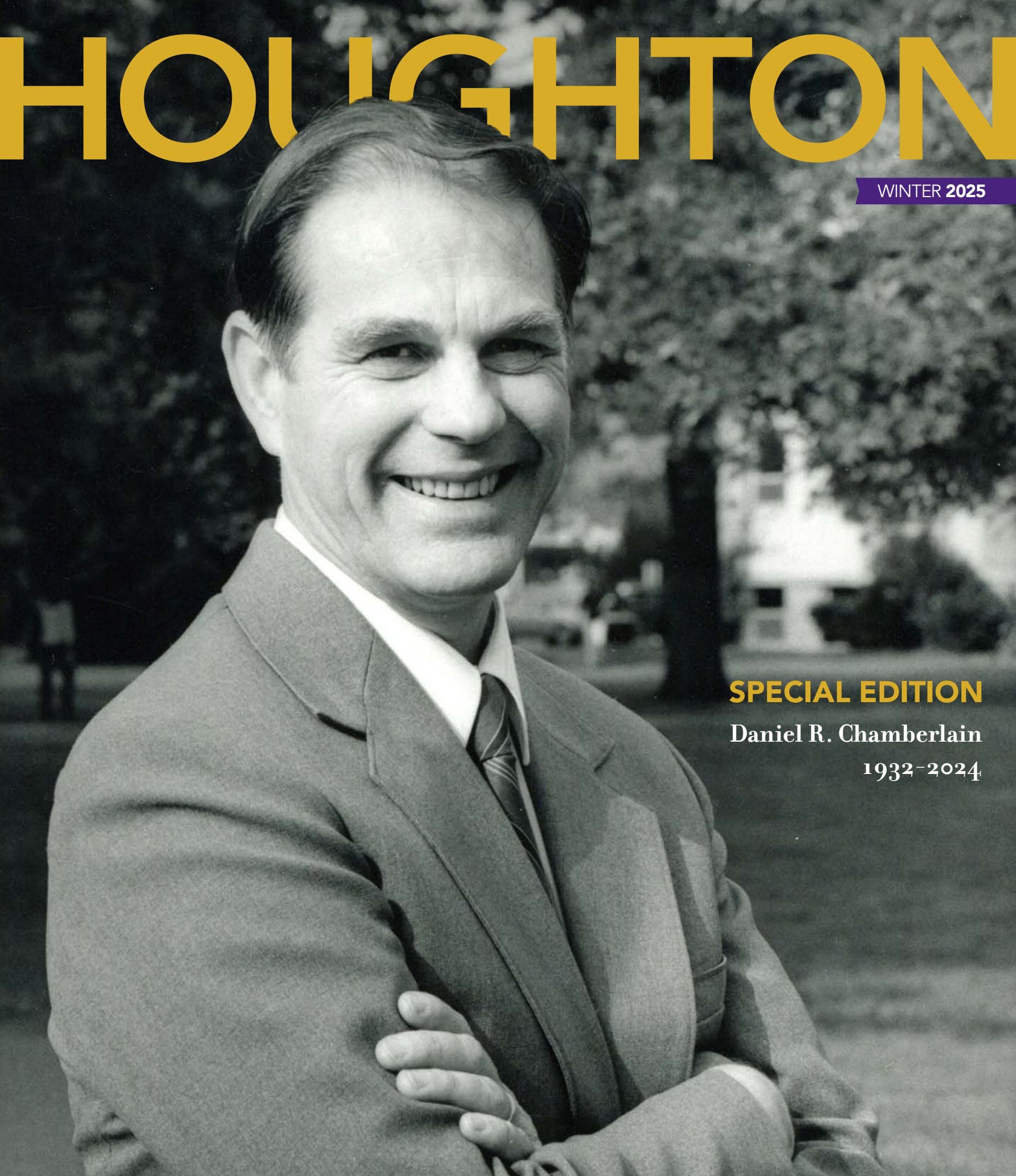
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Throughout a president's tenure, official photographs are taken for use in university publications, such as the Milieu (the predecessor to Houghton Magazine), in publicity materials for the institution, and for press releases and other formal print pieces. The image on the cover, unlike many other presidential photos, was staged outside with a small glimpse of the Paine Center for Science in the background. Above are other photos taken for official university purposes throughout Dr. Chamberlain's 30 year career.



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Dear Friends,

With this issue, we pause to celebrate the life of former Houghton president Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain, one of Houghton’s most highly respected servant leaders and a quintessential scholar-servant. Dr. Chamberlain passed away on May 31, 2024, in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, at the age of 91. Few people have had a comparable impact on the shaping of Houghton University. As such, it is more than fitting that we dedicate this issue to remembering him and the leadership legacy of Dan and Joyce Chamberlain at Houghton.

President Chamberlain’s commitments to students, academic excellence, intercollegiate athletics, community, and spiritual development are well-documented and celebrated in this issue of Houghton Magazine and beyond. Even prior to his recent passing, stories were often told of his spirited attendance at Highlander athletics events, his participation in intramural sports and racquetball dominance, his relational approach with students, his thoughtful and skillful leadership which facilitated the remarkable blossoming of the Houghton campus, leading to an expansion of the college’s programs and offerings domestically and internationally and a growing student enrollment. His leadership successes contributed significantly to the high expectations the

Houghton community has for its presidents. What I find even more noteworthy than the endless metrics and indicators of his leadership success at Houghton, are the heartfelt testimonials of who he was, not just as a college president, but as a man.

Dan Chamberlain, the man, clearly served Houghton College as president for 30 years and did so extraordinarily well, but he did and was so much more. I admire his leadership and accomplishments. The institution I serve today as president has been shaped in profound ways by his leadership and the leadership presidents Luckey, Paine, Dayton, and Mullen. But what I respect and appreciate about Dr. Chamberlain, even more than what he produced, is who he was as a husband, father, churchman, friend, humanitarian, and a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the life and legacy of Dan Chamberlain, let us never forget how blessed Houghton was to have been served exceptionally well by a skilled leader who not only loved Houghton, but who loved his family, his church, his community, and most of all, who loved God.

May God bless and keep all of you.

Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.

CHAMBERLAIN TIMELINE

1953-59

- Western Pilgrim College
- o teacher, history & English
 - o academic dean

1953

BA Upland College (California)

1957

MA, California State University, Los Angeles

1953-63

- Pasadena City Schools
- o Teacher, history & English
 - o Co-Director, Experimental Team Teaching Project

1963-68

- Upland College (California)
- o Chairman, division of professional studies
 - o Teacher, English
 - o Acting President

1967

Ed. D., University of Southern California

1965-68

- State University of New York
- o Assistant Dean for University-Wide Activities

1968-76

- Messiah College
- o Dean of the College



Family:

- Wife: Joyce
- Children: Rodney, Mark, Anthony, Priscilla, Aletha, Cynthia & Marianne
- 25 Grandchildren
- 25 Great-Grandchildren

1976-2006

1976

Daniel Chamberlain becomes college’s fourth president

1980

Nielsen Physical Education Center opens

1981

Tragic deaths of the Houghton Six

1983

Houghton’s Centennial celebration

1985

South (Rothenbuhler) Hall opens

1987

Fancher Hall is relocated to its current position

1988

New Academic Building (Chamberlain Center) opens

1993

First graduating class of P.A.C.E students

1994

Equestrian lesson barn constructed

1996

First Year London Honors program begins

1999

Center for the Arts opens

2000

\$15M endowment gift to create the Greatbatch School of Music

2006

President Chamberlain retires after 30 years of service

For 30 years, students at Houghton University, then Houghton College, were equipped as scholar-servants and charged to lead and labor in a changing world. That call came from Daniel R. Chamberlain, the institution’s long-time president, who not only pursued excellence in scholarship and service himself but modeled it for the thousands of students who attended the institution during his tenure. On May 31, 2024, Chamberlain, one of Houghton’s most dedicated scholar-servants, passed away in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. He was 91.

Chamberlain’s presidency, which lasted from 1976-2006, was marked by numerous enhancements to academic life, significant improvements to the physical campus, meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth, and a steadfast commitment to serving the Kingdom of God and the greater world.

If you would like to make a gift in memory of Dr. Chamberlain, please visit the website at Houghton.edu/MakeaGift or send a check to

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Office of Advancement
1 Willard Avenue
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Use of memorial gifts honoring Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will be used for renovations and updates to the Daniel R. and Joyce F. Chamberlain Center.

Developing the Whole Student

By **Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano**

In his 1977 inaugural address, Dr. Daniel Chamberlain remarked “We must all work harder to make our college an hospitable shelter for the human spirit... Houghton College must become increasingly more than a place of information. It must be a community of acceptance and a place of meaning.” Later in the same address, he remarked, “In short, we must strive to make our campus a place of truth, beauty, goodness and wholeness, a place of healing and a place of helping.”

Dr. Chamberlain was signaling to the Houghton community the start of something new. His holistic view of educating the whole person, informed by student development theory that began to emerge in the early 1970s, required that Houghton be far more than “lectures, laboratories and libraries.” As a consummate educator, Dr. Chamberlain turned his attention to not only academic rigor, but also to the spiritual and emotional development of Houghton students. He set out to develop scholar-servants.

According to Dr. Robert “Bob” Danner—affectionately known by generations of students as Dean Danner—although Dr. Chamberlain’s worldview was broad and wide-ranging, he was most passionate about the spiritual growth and development of students. “He believed that study and engagement with others facilitated growth in personal faith and commitment,” shared Dean Danner. This type of co-curricular education was not to be seen as somehow secondary or lesser to what happened in the classroom. Rather, this learning was to serve as an equal partner, helping to accomplish President Chamberlain’s vision for what Christian liberal arts should be.

Dr. Chamberlain put it this way in his 2001 Founder’s Day speech, entitled Light and the Liberating Arts. “Liberal arts education focuses on the fundamental skills of life—analysis,

inquiry, understanding, and expression, as well as on the essential tasks of life which prepare us to use our knowledge and exercise our responsibilities in intelligent, ethical, thoughtful and flexible ways. The first goal of the liberating arts is to free individuals from the shackles of sloth, ignorance and prejudice while cultivating a person’s character: intelligent citizenship, social responsibility, personal integrity. The liberal arts are those that develop the whole person—soul, body, mind and spirit—to serve the wide-ranging needs of society.”

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Dr. Chamberlain was a champion of Houghton’s Chapel program. Dean Danner reflected that the president’s thoughts and attitudes regarding chapel grew out of what he saw as a requirement of his own faith and a product of his own study. The formation of the chapel program, which eventually led to the creation of a full-time Dean of the Chapel position, was an outgrowth of the president’s study, commitment and personal belief.

Of Dr. Chamberlain’s many marks on Student Life at Houghton, none is perhaps more long-lived and indicative of his heart for students and their families than the new student dedication service. Growing out of the meeting of three friends—Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Danner and **Rev. James Spurrier ’74**—a service was envisioned and developed to help facilitate a Christ-centered, meaningful transition to college life for students and their families. Alongside a liturgy developed by poet-in-residence **Professor John “Jack” Leax ’66**.

Dr. Chamberlain always shared his story of traveling to the States for college carrying his trombone case and wearing a pair of pants with the seat ripped out. This unifying story was told and retold until it became part of Houghton University lore. While the story of the holey pants is no longer shared, the structure of the new student dedication service remains much the same.

Community is a hallmark of Houghton that Dr. Chamberlain sought to facilitate on our small, tight-knit campus in rural Western New York. Community is built, not in the classroom, but in all the other spaces on campus: places like Rothenbuhler (South) Hall, the Nielsen Physical Education Center, and the EPIC Adventures Ropes Course. These three facilities, in addition to academic spaces on campus, were constructed during his tenure. This commitment to the whole person extended beyond chapel programs, dinners in the dining hall or robust activities calendars. Dr. Chamberlain’s commitment to the whole student is built into the fabric of the campus. Today’s students live and walk in halls dedicated to their well-rounded development as scholar-servants.

It is perhaps this missional phrase “scholar-servant” that sums up well Dr. Chamberlain’s vision of educating the whole person. Scholarship happens in the classroom. Servanthood is developed outside of “lectures, labs and libraries.” When we say scholar-servant, it is always with that tiny, seemingly insignificant hyphen in the middle. That hyphen indicates that one term is not to be taken as more important than the other. The two are equal, and intentionally so. Investing in the whole person as Dr. Chamberlain envisioned requires the hyphen. As a one-time English teacher, he would no doubt remind us that the hyphen matters.



Reflections

from **Dr. Bill Burrichter '92,**
Vice President for Student Life

Today, as during Dr. Chamberlain’s tenure as president, faculty and staff carry on the legacy of living out the concept of community with our students. Dr. Chamberlain was known to play a tough game of racquetball with students. (Although I played racquetball with my peers, I was never brave enough to challenge him to a

duel). Today, while racquetball is less common, students and faculty can be seen working out in the gym, going for a walk, sharing a meal or a cup of coffee together; living life side-by-side in an organic and Christ-centered way.

This relational nature is expected in our residence hall programming where Resident Assistants, Resident Directors, and students don’t merely reside in proximity to each other, but are engaged in an intentionally relational environment where students are known, loved and supported. Houghton continues to embrace the value of student engagement beyond the classroom through robust and relevant student activities, clubs, and organizations where students can develop skills in leadership, service, and hard work: developing the “whole person.” I can’t help but think that our newly developed co-curricular transcript would be an endeavor that Dr. Chamberlain would have championed. The opportunity that our students have to represent a broader and more complete picture of their Houghton experience through both a curricular transcript and a co-curricular transcript is exactly what he would have celebrated.

The Center for Student Success is another example of Houghton’s efforts to create “

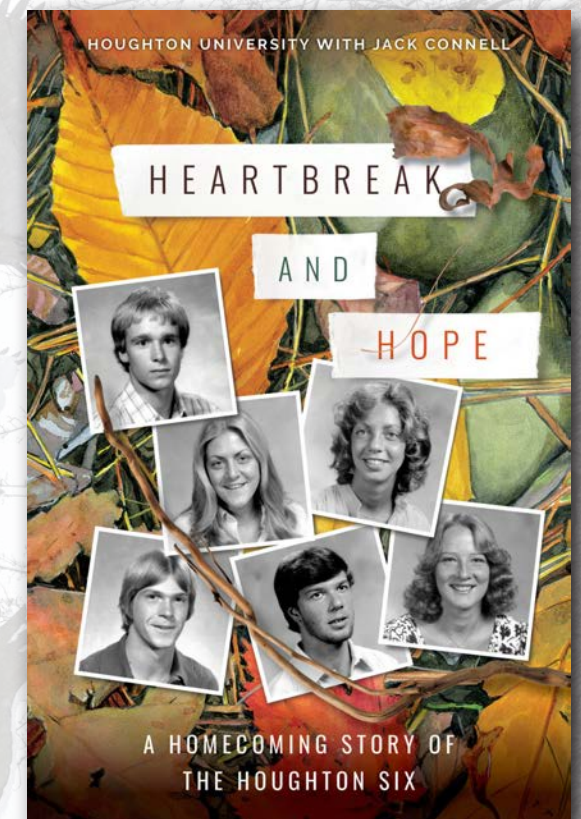
...a place of healing and a place of helping.” When Dr. Chamberlain first arrived on campus in 1976, none of the services offered by today’s Center were available. Now, students have expressed that the Center for Student Success is precisely what he called for 50 years ago. Through professional mental health services, academic support, and vocation and calling advising, students are able to find healing and help for the things that so easily get in the way of their learning and academic success. Houghton has been and must continue to be a place where both academic rigor and rigorous support are held in tension: one pulling the other, thereby making it stronger.

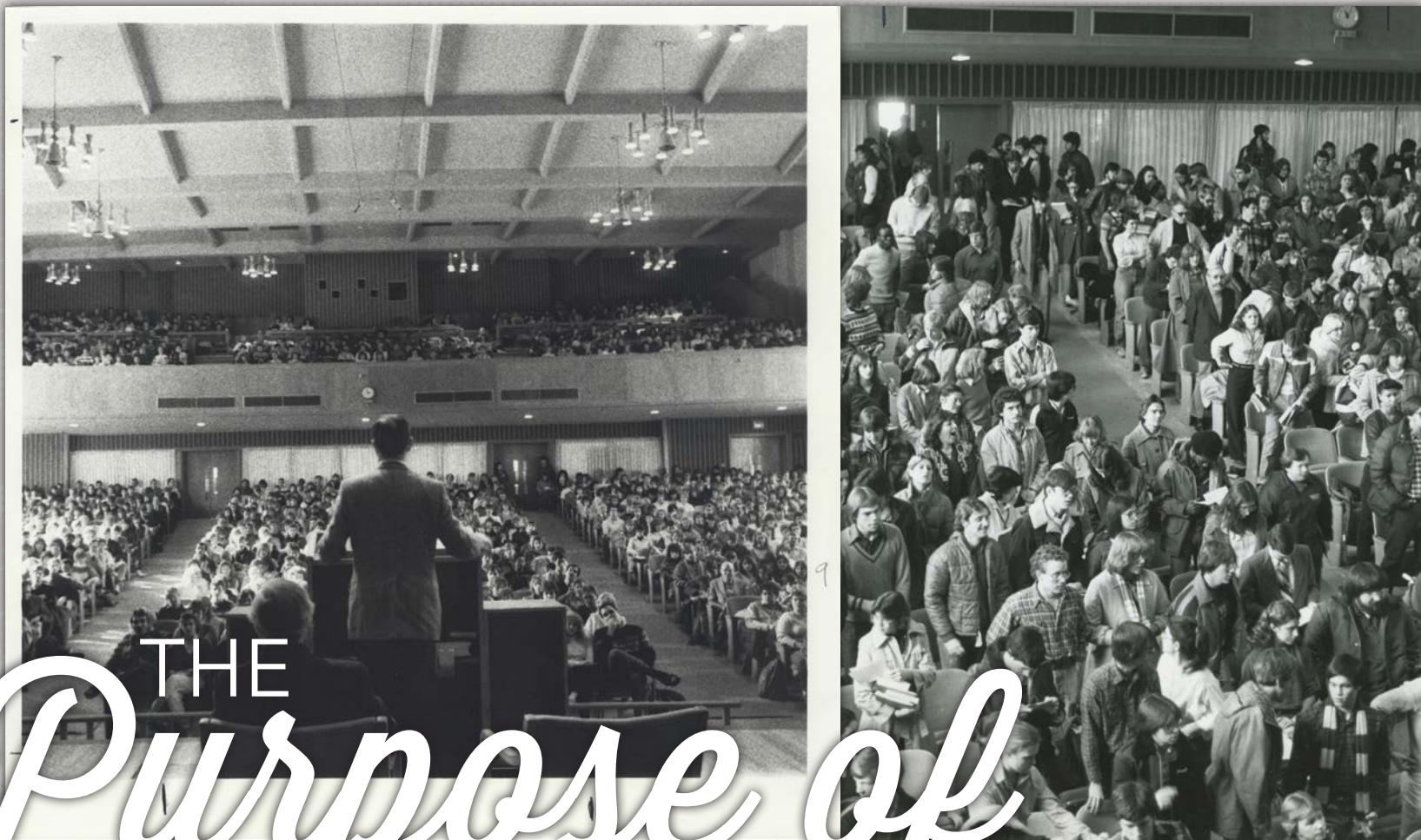
Heartbreak & Hope

As the leader of the Houghton community, it often fell to President Chamberlain to be front and center in the midst of significant turmoil and tragedy. From building fires in the first year of his tenure, to the tragic loss of the Houghton Six in October 1981 to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, President Chamberlain led the campus with compassionate concern and a heart to bring hope in the bleakest of circumstances.

Houghton University partnered with **Dr. Jack Connell '83** to tell one of these stories in the newly released book Heartbreak and Hope. The book tells the story of the brief lives of the Houghton Six, their tragic deaths and the ongoing impact of their loss among their families, fellow students and the broader Houghton community.

Order your copy today through The Highlanders Shop at **Store.Houghton.edu**





THE Purpose of CHAPEL

*The following excerpts were taken from an address entitled *The Purpose of Chapel* written and given by Dr. Daniel Chamberlain on October 4, 1977. It is the earliest chapel address in the Houghton Archives from President Chamberlain's tenure, given at the request of the Chapel Committee.*

"I would observe that Chapel is not what makes a college Christian. We have chapel because we are a Christian college, but we must be very sensitive to the danger that chapel becomes the holy water that we sprinkle or pour or in which we are immersed – as your form may prefer – that sanctifies what would otherwise be a secular institution. The academic and spiritual in short are not to be viewed as Siamese twins. The moment we adopt that point of view someone will vote for their surgical removal. Rather, the intellectual and spiritual mission of Houghton must permeate all that we do. Heart and brains are essential to the life and health of the body. It is possible to separate Siamese twins and both live. But divide the heart from the brain and you will surely destroy both. Thus, chapel becomes the occasion and the activity for our corporate correlation of

faith and learning. We hereby serve notice that our faith is a vital part of all we do. We will not regulate our Christianity to our catalog and to our ceremonies. It will be a regular and integral part of our lives together...

"Chapel provides opportunities for corporate worship. Now, I would hope that in our corporate worship together we learn that good worship has vitality, certainly, and that means it is alive, but that it also has variety... we will have grown corporately as we recognize that each of these is a valid way of expressing and experiencing worship and that all of these forms can have integrity. "Chapel will provide instructions and examples of integrating our faith and our learning. Again, I stress here that chapel cannot, does not profess to, carry this load alone. It must be done consistently in our classes and there we will see many more specific instances of how this integration occurs. But here we can together experience some things that give us a common point of reference and community is maintained and heightened as we have common experiences to share...

"Chapel will provide the opportunity for specific kinds of sharing what God has been doing... There will be times when we will want to talk about what God is doing corporately, and this makes an excellent opportunity... I would hope that in chapel we are inspired to serve... Chapel provides for us the opportunity to emphasize the importance of relating religious experience to life. We must constantly be reminded of the Christian perspective on our culture and on our ethics. We must constantly and consciously avoid being squeezed into the world's mold as we are reminded in Romans. We are bombarded incessantly with secular sources and if we do not work very hard we will not even be aware of the influences – subtle or not so subtle – that has upon our values, upon our outlook. We must constantly be reminded that Christ is Lord and chapel is one of those very best ways to remind us of that in our activities and in the words that we hear from this pulpit."



Reflections from Rev. Dr. JL Miller, Interim Dean of Spiritual Life

President Chamberlain's thoughtful leadership regarding the core work of chapel on Houghton's campus continues to shape our worship today.

Dr. Chamberlain always understood that chapel worship was corporate—it was an expression of all of us together. It's never a bunch of individuals worshiping in parallel. It's all of us together, learning to love God together, and—in a diverse community—learning each other's love languages for God. Standing on Dr. Chamberlain's legacy, we maintain an approach to worship that centralizes the importance of keeping the Word of God central. Houghton does not consider spiritual formation as an optional garnish to the larger menu of higher education. God's Word sustains our community, and when we gather for chapel, we're reminded of the source and strength of our life together.

Dr. Chamberlain understood the essential need to connect our spiritual lives with our whole being. As a result, Houghton's chapel services continue to pursue the important balance of head and heart. We invite students to encounter the life-changing

love of God while recognizing this reality does not happen in a vacuum. God's grace meets us within our lives, relationships, and the larger world around us. As a result, we continue to create spaces for students, faculty, and staff to imagine how life as a Christian informs and shapes our relationships with the world around us.

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These approaches are still central to who we are today. Houghton is diverse, even more diverse than during Dr. Chamberlain's tenure, and so the chapel is diverse. Sometimes the organ thunders; sometimes a band plays. Sometimes a well-dressed speaker speaks from the pulpit; other times, a preacher in sneakers strides the stage. We are finding our way forward together—and the

Word is still central. Every time we gather together, the Word is read aloud and proclaimed. For the Houghton community, chapel is where we gain our breath, our life together, our life with God.



Tribute to Daniel Chamberlain

By Shirley A. Mullen, President Emerita

Dr. Daniel Chamberlain took office as Houghton's fourth president in 1976 just as the entire country and the Houghton community were ready for a fresh start. America had just celebrated its bicentennial. It was ready to put behind the memories of Watergate, Viet Nam, and the unrest of the 1960's. Houghton too, was ready to move on from its own version of that turbulent decade.

This was the Golden Age of Christian Higher Education. In 1976, the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities was founded with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., bringing visibility and organizational focus to the growing national movement of evangelical educational institutions across the country. George Gallop of The Gallop Poll declared 1976 "The Year of the Evangelical." There were plenty of students to go around, facilitating cooperation and collaboration among the Christian colleges in the form of student exchanges and overseas programs. There was anticipation of even greater partnership in the form of faculty exchanges and perhaps even the founding of a Christian University. Finally, in these early days of Title IX (1972) and a separate Department of Education (founded in 1979), government regulation was at a minimum.

Houghton was poised to benefit from these circumstances. As the oldest fully accredited institution of Christian higher education in New York State, and an early member of the

Christian College Consortium, out of which the CCCU had been born, Houghton was already well known for its high-quality liberal arts curriculum with a stellar reputation in choral music and the sciences, especially pre-medical training. The new science building, along with the growing partnership between the inventor-entrepreneur Wilson Greatbatch and the Houghton chemistry faculty as they sought to perfect the pace-maker enhanced Houghton's status even further as a center of excellence and innovation.

President Chamberlain brought his own rich connections to capitalize on this moment in Houghton's history. Having worked closely with Dr. Ernest Boyer, nationally renowned educational leader, at the State University of New York, and as the Academic Dean at Messiah College, he was already well known and respected in both the world of Christian higher education and the world of New York State education.

Dr. Chamberlain presided over an unprecedented season of expanded programming and overall extension of Houghton's mission that included the development of global programs in Australia, London, and Tanzania, as well as the Star Lake program in the Adirondacks; outreach to new student populations through the adult-degree completion programs and prison education; an innovative partnership with Alfred University, Geneva College and SUNY – Buffalo

State University to offer a graduate program in Student Life; expansion of Houghton's presence in West Seneca into the City of Buffalo through the work of Dr. Charles Massey; the overall growth of Student Life programming commensurate with Houghton's academic reputation—including the development of facilities for a tiered residential housing program in dormitories, town-houses, and apartments; and the growing presence of Houghton College as an agent of economic development in Allegany County. It seemed to the Houghton community as if this growth and expansion could continue in perpetuity.

As President Chamberlain entered his third decade, he saw—earlier than most—that this season of bounty would not, in fact, go on forever. In the 1990's, he encouraged faculty to develop the London Honors program, and began the practice of discounting tuition, as hedges on the reality of increasing competition in enrollment. He witnessed the growing impact of state and federal regulation, specifically in changing regulations around the ready availability of government funding for capital projects for faith-based institutions. During his final term, he brought in a national consultant to review Houghton's position in the marketplace and to advise on how Houghton might more intentionally and urgently prepare for the changing context for higher education in general, and private Christian higher education in particular. Some of the results were difficult for the community to hear.

Over the past two decades, Houghton has worked diligently to come to terms with the realities of a new landscape for American higher education—the realities that Dr. Chamberlain saw on the horizon back in the early years of the 21st century. Thanks to President Chamberlain's foresight, and the continued effort of the Board, administration, faculty, staff, and the generous support of alumni and friends, Houghton is now positioned for a new season of innovation in the world of Christian higher education under the leadership of President Wayne Lewis.

May God prosper the work of Houghton University in this 21st century as it remains faithful to the mission of its founder, Willard J. Houghton, to "fix up the world," in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Dr. Shirley A. Mullen,
a graduate of the
Houghton University
Class of 1976, served as
Houghton's 5th president
from 2006-2021**



In his inaugural address in 1976, President Daniel Chamberlain enumerated some of the primary tasks of Christian higher education. As a part of that list, he included this statement: “There must be time for physical activity so essential to sound emotional and physical health.” Houghton Magazine recently had the opportunity to speak with two of Houghton’s most successful coaches, E. Doug Burke and **H. “Skip” Lord ’80** as they shared some of their memories of Dr. Chamberlain and the ways this particular task of Christian higher education was accomplished under his presidency.

Coach Burke, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame Coach and former men’s soccer coach and athletics director who helped launch Houghton’s intercollegiate athletic program, reflected that Dr. Chamberlain’s statement in his inaugural address wasn’t just a nice collection of words. “He followed through,” remarked Burke. “He was supportive of athletic programs, teams and athletes.”

Coach Lord, National Christian College Athletic Association Hall of Fame member, former women’s basketball and volleyball coach and athletic director and now National Director for Athletics Engagement serving in the Houghton Office of Advancement, noted that Dr. Chamberlain didn’t just support others in their pursuit of physical activity. Dr. Chamberlain modeled commitment to physical wellbeing, living out an active lifestyle throughout his thirty years of presidency.

Those who knew Dr. Chamberlain recognized him as an avid competitor. He could routinely be found in the racquetball courts in the Nielsen Physical

Reflections from Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Athletics

Dan Chamberlain’s commitment to athletic excellence continues to influence Houghton athletics. “Excellence for the Glory of God” is the motto of the Houghton athletic department, and although this did not come directly from Dan, the commitment to excellence is something Dan modeled and helped establish at the University. Our new Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex is a continuation of providing state of the art facilities both for our student athletes and community.

Striving for regular post-season play continues to be a goal for all our programs, and has recently been included in the new institutional strategic plan. So, not only

is competitive excellence something that coaches and athletes prioritize, it is also prioritized from an institutional perspective, something Dan Chamberlain emphasized. The influence that coaches can have on student athletes is significant, and this was also something Dan understood. The athletic experience is a significant part of a student athlete’s time at Houghton, and it is important that the mentoring and culture that is created in each team is done well, thus the continued emphasis on coaching and team culture.



Education Center—a building he helped see from conception to opening in January of 1980. Dr. Chamberlain would compete against anyone—friends, faculty, colleagues, board members, students—and when he was on the court the competition was fierce.

Coach Burke talked at length about President Chamberlain’s commitment to intercollegiate athletics and to student athletes. He wanted teams to be competitive and he wanted them to go on to postseason competition. In the days when Houghton competed in the NAIA and NCCAA, there funding wasn’t available to send students to post-season competition, but Dr. Chamberlain was always on the front lines of finding the resources to help teams get to tournaments. In 2012, Dr. Chamberlain was named to Houghton’s Athletics Hall of Honor for his support of the program.

Dr. Chamberlain’s commitment to physical activity wasn’t limited to intercollegiate play. In addition to his consistent appearances on the racquetball court, he was known to occasionally show up on an intramural athletics team—including All The President’s Men volleyball team in 1977-1978, led by **Bob Kratzat ’80**.* He was supportive of efforts to ensure physical activity remained part of Houghton’s core curriculum, prioritizing wellness and exposure to lifelong sports for all students. Dr. Chamberlain’s support of physical wellness even expanded to the community with the creation of a senior fitness class.

When the opportunity arose to invest in Houghton’s trails and build the ropes course, Dan saw the benefits. He supported **Doris “Mabel” Nielsen ’71** as she worked to build Houghton’s outdoor recreation program, including Highlander Wilderness Adventure, STEP and other predecessors to what Houghton knows today as EPIC Adventures.

Throughout President Chamberlain’s 30 years of service at Houghton, his verbal support of athletics and wellness aligned with his actions. The word that arose repeatedly in conversation with Coaches Burke and Lord was supportive. Dr. Chamberlain was the quintessential “Highlander Superfan.” More than that, he lived a life that exemplified what it meant to care well for the physical body and he invited others to join him.

**Thanks to Bob Kratzat for sharing this great tidbit on the Houghton University Facebook page in the tribute post to Dr. Chamberlain on June 3.*



Hospitality and Winsomeness: Celebrating Joyce Chamberlain

The Houghton University community was grieved to learn of the passing of Joyce Chamberlain on December 22, 2024, shortly before the publication of this issue of Houghton Magazine. A formal obituary for Mrs. Chamberlain will be published in the Summer 2025 edition.

It has been said that behind every great man there is a great woman. When speaking of Joyce Chamberlain, however, it’s clear that she was never “behind” anyone. Houghton Magazine recently had the privilege of speaking with Cherie Brown, wife of long-time Houghton music professor Bruce Brown and close friend of Joyce Chamberlain, to get just a small glimpse of the woman who faithfully served alongside her husband Dr. Daniel Chamberlain.

According to Cherie, Joyce “made things happen among people.” She had a gift for drawing people together, whether that be over a game of canasta, through Anna Houghton Daughters Literary Club or in hosting employees and students. Joyce, while down-to-earth and no-nonsense, dearly loved to have fun. Many Houghton student has fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain’s vocal performances during Homecoming, particularly the Broadway favorite “Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better” from Annie Get Your Gun.

Joyce, in particular, lived out a special aspect of Houghton that is still observed today by those who visit campus: the welcoming atmosphere. “Everyone is so friendly,” a visitor will say. “The hospitality is remarkable.” Joyce was the quintessential hostess, bringing together groups of people who might otherwise not regularly cross paths: faculty and staff, community and college, couples and singles. Her gift of relating to anyone served her well. She worked hard to break down stereotypes, welcoming people in with good food and good fellowship, and the Houghton community still strives to emulate this quality today.

In 1998, Joyce was presented with the 10th Annual Houghton College President’s Advisory Council on Excellence Award. She was recognized for her hospitality, from baking cookies for the annual graduating seniors’ tea to flipping pancakes for employee Christmas gatherings. Her service at Houghton Wesleyan Church as an undershepherd ministering to those living on Centerville Road and on the missions committee were both noted. Even her membership on an employee intramural team – The She-Boppers – was mentioned.

Kevin Knowlton ’79, then representing the President’s Advisory Council and today a member of the Board of Trustees, said in the award citation, “We applaud your service, your spirit, your commitment to Christ and his kingdom, your

love for your husband and children and grandchildren. We offer this award, both in recognition of your many accomplishments and in hopes that others will be inspired to follow your lead in service to the college and to Jesus Christ, our Lord.” In 2005, Joyce was again recognized for these wonderful qualities when she received the Alumna of the Year award, in spite of not being a Houghton graduate.

Alongside Dr. Chamberlain, Joyce raised seven children. They then set about sharing their hearts and homes with international students, going so far as to informally adopt them into their family. Today, Joyce’s life is full of beloved family members: in addition to her children and their spouses, she has 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren (and counting!). After many years enjoying a robust social life in Brooksville, Florida, she now lives near family in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

“Joyce was the best friend I could have ever had,” remarks Cherie. “She was a wonderful role model, an exemplary Christian, and a supportive wife.” Anyone who knows Joyce would no doubt share these sentiments. A beloved member of the Houghton community, Joyce’s legacy of hospitality and winsomeness remains a hallmark of the institution we know and love today.



I had the good fortune of arriving to teach at the Houghton College at the beginning of the fall semester, 1976, at the same time Dan Chamberlain arrived to begin his long tenure as president. After a year of teaching in the education department, I served for three and a half years as dean of students and seven years as dean at the branch campus in West Seneca. Over the next 26 and a half years I spent time teaching, developing special projects and programs in adult education, distance education and service education, with a special focus on race, culture and gender issues and inequities evident in urban centers such as Buffalo, New York. During the 30 years I was at Houghton under Dan’s leadership, he served as a mentor who guided and prodded and pushed me; he allowed me to pursue my interests when he could reconcile those with larger interests of the college. He introduced me to new people and new ideas and challenged me to state my views and defend my positions even when they were unpopular.

Dan believed strongly in the place of “dialogue” at Houghton—in faculty meetings,

in classrooms, residences, the dining hall and, on occasion, even in chapel. In 1980, with Dan’s encouragement and financial assistance from The Wesleyan Church Department of Educational Institutions, I edited a booklet titled “The Christian College and Community Standards: Beginning Dialogue in Search of Understanding.” “Dialogue” as used here requires a profound love for the world and its inhabitants and an attitude of humility and respect. This booklet was distributed at all five Wesleyan institutions. Dan knew meaningful dialogue needed to extend beyond our statement of community standards and as such, he was willing to summon an outsider to visit campus and challenge our thinking. One of his friends who visited campus during Dan’s second year as president challenged my worldview while expanding the campus dialogue exponentially.

Ronald Sider, author of Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger and a colleague of Dan’s from Messiah College, shared his global perspective on wealth and poverty and his biblical perspective on the poor and possessions. This,

combined with his challenge to move toward a simpler lifestyle, provided an interesting counterbalance to “prosperity theology” and “trickle down economic theory” competing for attention from students, faculty and the local Wesleyan church at that point in time. I am still struggling to balance the biblical call for equity, justice and mercy and the American preoccupation with wealth and security. The dialogue, begun nearly fifty years ago, continues today.

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Dan was a wonderful storyteller, but an equally good listener. This may explain why students welcomed the opportunity to join him and Joyce for conversation on their regular and frequent visits to the college dining hall. I did wonder at times how a man who held such strong anabaptist values and was inclined toward “peace” would so willingly go to war on a racket ball court. I was also impressed with his frugality and came to understand that he was as watchful of the institution’s resources as he was of his own. Anyone who traveled with Dan on college business came to understand this. He wasn’t inclined to look for five-star hotels, and the salad bar at Wendy’s was a presidential meal.

Friendship with Dan for more than 30 years was a special gift for which I will always be thankful!



From the OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT:

Highlander Family,

As I look back over my first fall semester as Houghton’s Director of Alumni Engagement, I am overcome by a sense of tremendous blessing. The people that I get to serve are some of the most exceptional folks I have ever met. In our alumni, I have observed excellence, humility and Christ-centeredness. Truly, you embody Dr. Daniel Chamberlain’s vision of scholar-servanthood.

I am especially fond of the time we shared at Homecoming and Family Weekend. To kick festivities off on Thursday, October 3rd, we celebrated our First Year Scarf Tradition, which is a time when we initiate our freshman into Houghton’s community. At our annual Legacy Chapel on Friday, we presented Alumni Awards to David Causer ’74, Dr. Jordan Scott ’17, Dr. James Rogan ’83, and both P. Douglas and Barbara (Pechuman) Kindschi ’62. We also had Dr. Jack Connell ’83 visit campus throughout the week to invite our students into the story of the Soaring Eagles in light of the release of Houghton’s new book, Heartbreak and Hope. During our Homecoming Festival, we celebrated with an indoor parade and reunions for the classes of ’94, ’99, ’04, ’09, ’14, ’19, and ’24. And, amid all of this, our Alumni Board convened to discern how we can continue to best serve you, our alumni.

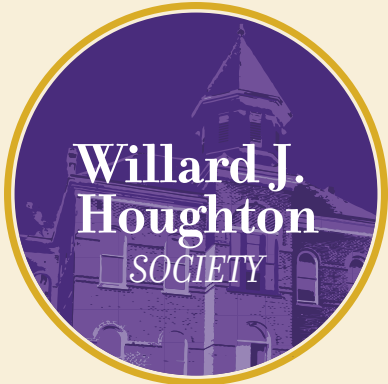
Moving forward, I am eager to meet more of you, and I hope to see you at one of our events in the near future. Thank you for being such an incredible group of people to serve.



In Christ’s Service,
Caleb Choate



Director of Alumni Engagement



Your Commitment to Student Scholarships

In 1883, Willard J Houghton founded Houghton University alongside the Wesleyan Methodist connection to ensure that students from disadvantaged backgrounds could access a high quality, Christ-centered education that equipped them to serve their communities and the Church. Today, thousands of Houghton alumni and friends help carry that vision forward with their support of our Student Scholarship Fund. When these supporters make gifts equal to or greater than 10% of current tuition for current use scholarships, they are welcomed into the Willard J. Houghton Society. Newly founded in 2024, this society enables Houghton University to express our gratitude for the alumni and friends who play an integral role in ensuring that a Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences is affordable and accessible to students regardless of their economic backgrounds.

Join today by making your gift to the Student Scholarship Fund equal to or greater than \$1,780*. Houghton.edu/Giving

*\$1,780 represents 10% of student tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year.



SAVE THE 2025 DATES!

GOLDEN HIGHLANDER REUNION

May 9-11
Class of 1975

SUMMER ALUMNI REUNION

August 1-3
Reunion Classes: ’60, ’65, ’70, ’80, ’85

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

October 2-4
Reunion Classes: ’95, ’00, ’05, ’10, ’15, ’20, ’25

Mark your calendars!
We look forward to seeing you.



- A** President Lewis
- B** Club Cheerleading
- C** Lucky the Lion
- D** Alumni Award Recipients
- E** SPOT
- F** Purple and Gold Laser Tag
- G** Women's Volleyball
- H** Purple and Gold Dance
- I** Purple and Gold Karaoke
- J** First Year Scarf Tradition
- K** Alumni Board volunteers
- L** Ted Murphy Art Reception
- M** Men's Soccer
- N** SPOT

ALUMNI AWARD Recipients

From left to right: President Lewis; David Causer '74, Distinguished Achievement Award; Jordan Scott '17, Young Alumnus of the Year; Jamie Rogan '83, FEARLESS Award; Barbara (Pechuman '62) and Douglas Kindschi '62, Alumni of the Year



HOMECOMING & Family Weekend 2024



HIGHLANDER ATHLETICS NEWS

ATHLETICS WELCOMES FIVE NEW HEAD COACHES

Five Houghton sports programs have new head coaches for the 2024-2025 seasons.

Danielle Heffernan, women's volleyball

Jordan Crouch '18, men's and women's tennis

Olivia Kincanon, softball

David Bourne, men's volleyball

Austin Beauregard, men's and women's track and field

"We are thrilled with our five new head coaches that have joined our staff over the past few months and excited about the impact they are each going to make on our programs and with our student-athletes," said Director of Athletics Matthew Webb. "The new track and field coach is part of a strategic initiative with potential for both enrollment growth and competitive gains. Track is a sport with a plethora of specialized events, and adding Coach Beauregard specifically for sprints, hurdles, and field events, should allow us to grow in roster size in a sport which has much more room for growth than most of our other sports."

Former track coach Patrick Hager will continue to serve as head coach of the cross country programs while providing oversight to the track program as Director of Cross Country and Track & Field.

Full bios for each coach can be found on each team's respective page at [Athletics.Houghton.edu](https://athletics.houghton.edu)



From left to right, Coaches Beauregard, Heffernan, Kincanon, Crouch, and Bourne



ATHLETICS LAUNCHES PROGRAM AIMED AT MENTAL WELLNESS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Department of Athletics has partnered with Core IV Athlete to address many of the mental health issues student-athletes face daily.

Core IV is a faith-based platform for mental health and awareness, tailored for college athletes, club sports, and individuals, aimed at holistic health and peak performance. The web-based platform provides articles and resources on various topics, all centered on the four-pillar model of heart, soul, mind, and strength.

"Data shows a significant increase in mental health challenges that are unique to student-athletes," said Director of Athletics Matthew Webb. "This platform has been designed to specifically address those challenges."

Student leaders are serving as representatives and facilitators for their respective teams to encourage discussion on selected topics among their teammates and across Houghton's 17 programs.

"This is simply an effort to recognize and support our student-athletes as they navigate a very busy schedule with extra commitments and pressures that athletics can bring," said Webb.

More information on Core IV can be found at www.coreivathlete.com.



HEY, ALUMNI. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Sports Information staff are working on a large project to fill in gaps in our Highlander intercollegiate history. We are missing many years of statistics, results, and honors for our teams throughout the years. The primary focus at this time is men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball, although we also have gaps in our early years of tennis, baseball, and softball.

If you are a former Highlander student-athlete or coach and have old articles, box scores, game reports, record books, yearly statistics, results or results and are willing to share, please let us know. Send us an email at [sports.information@houghton.edu](mailto:information@houghton.edu).

ATHLETICS EXPERIENCES RECORD NUMBER OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Roster numbers are booming in Houghton Athletics this fall as Highlander teams surpassed the department recruiting goals for the Fall 2024 incoming class by 152 percent.

Success can be owed to the efforts of each program's coaching staff and the support and relationship between Athletics and the Department of Admission.

"Athletics continues to be a significant reason that students choose to attend college," said Director of Athletics Matthew Webb. "Our coaches are a big reason for this continued growth and attraction to Houghton. Coaches typically spend the majority of their time as a coach recruiting. This entails attending contests, watching film, regularly communicating with prospective athletes, and most importantly, building relationships with their potential new athletes."



ALUMNI News & Notes

1958

Rev. Robert Sabean, a retired missionary with MESA Global and Latin American Association of Christian Camping International (CCI Latin America), helped plan and prepare the 60th anniversary celebration of CCI Latin American, which was held in October 2024 in Medellín, Columbia. He and his wife Nancy live in Costa Rica. ¹

1960

Dean and Carmen (VanderVeen) Liddick celebrated their 60th anniversary in August, 2024. The event was coordinated by their children **Casda (Liddick '88)** and **Nathan Danner '89**, and **Karen (Weaver '91) and Mitchell Liddick '92**. The Liddicks were joined by six grandchildren and four of 10 greatgrandchildren at a party hosted at Houghton University's Equestrian Event Center, where Mitchell is the farm manager. The Liddicks have now marked twenty years since retirement from Houghton University and Houghton Academy respectively and still call Houghton home. ²

1964

Dr. David Droppa, Professor of Social Work and program director at Seton Hill University, was presented with the Outstanding Social Work Program Director Award from the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors at the national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, in March of 2024. ³

Dr. Audrey (Stockin) Eyler has been working for 25 years with the Ortlip Family Art Trust to build a database of the works of the four Ortlip artists who served Houghton University and Houghton Academy over five decades: William Henry Ortlip, Henry Willard Ortlip, Aimée Eschner Ortlip and Aileen Ortlip Shea. In addition to works owned by the two institutions, a digital gallery can be found at <https://ortlip.art>

1965

Dr. Robert Davidson and his wife **Alice (Bence '67)** joined **Dr. Stephen Lynip** and his wife **Karen (Greer)** at the 55th Reunion of Graduates from Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York. ⁴

1966

Dr. Wayne Adams recently retired from his position as Chairperson of the doctoral program in clinical psychology at George Fox University (Oregon). His retirement comes after the publication a practical guide for clinical psychologists, which is intended to assist practitioners with assessments of memory functions utilizing two tests Dr. Adams co-developed in 2021. These assessments are commonly used to evaluate effects of head injury, brain tumor treatment, learning disability or dementia. Dr. Adams and his wife **Nora (Swindler '68)** have relocated to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to enjoy retirement.

1967

John Hyvonen and his wife, Shiela, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 20th, 2024.

1968

James Calder retired from his position as Senior Certified Senior Advisor for Calder and Colegrove Investment Group in Georgia. He had been with the family-owned group since 1998.

1969

Dr. Maralee Crandon recently retired after serving 47 years on the English faculty at Bethel University (Indiana). Upon her retirement, a lecture hall was named in her honor.

1970

Jonathan Prinsell recently completed a 7-day climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain worldwide at 19,341 feet. Jonathan is an avid hiker whose previous hikes have included Mt. Whitney and the Grand Canyon. ⁵

1971

Houghton University's **Professor Emeritus Ken Bates** and his business partners **Professor Dick Halberg '71**, **Professor Dave Frasier '72** and **Tom Miner '76** celebrated 30 years of operating the Inn at Houghton Creek. Since 1994, more than a dozen Houghton alumni have served as Innkeepers and over 165,000 alumni, parents, family members and community guests have enjoyed the hospitality of the Inn.

Dr. Dan Daugherty was awarded a "Fifty Years in Medicine Pin" by the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians for his 50 years of service and commitment to family medicine. ⁶

Dr. David Wyrzten joined colleagues from Dallas Seminary and Southern Bible Institute and College to teach almost 600 Kenyan leaders via Zoom as they explore the redemptive story in Revelation. A future session is scheduled for February 2025.

1973

Rev. Gerry Keener hosted alumni and friends of Houghton University at Hub450, a part of Eastern Mennonite Missions in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in June of 2024. President Lewis was in attendance to share with alumni about how God is working at Houghton University. ⁷

1975

Rev. Dr. Frank Billman now teaches doctoral students at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and pastors two Global Methodist churches in north central Pennsylvania. In 2021, he published a revised and updated edition of his *The Supernatural Thread in Methodism: Signs and Wonders Among Methodists Then and Now*. In 2023, it was translated into Spanish and it is now being translated into Korean and Portuguese.

Ronald Truax was recognized by the Allegany (New York) County Board of Legislators for 45 years of community service. Mr. Truax has been an active member of the Clarksville Fire Department and the Clarksville Ambulance Service. Mr. Truax served as Clarksville Town Supervisor from 1984-1994, a role he reprised in 2010 and continues to fill today.

1976

Craig Proulx has dedicated the last four years to integrating artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms into a cloud-based condition-based maintenance software system, which he built for the Department of Homeland Security. The system is designed for autonomous unmanned systems being built around the world.

1978

Dr. Brian Hazlett received Briar Cliff University's (BCU, Sioux City, Iowa) Duff Pursuit of Excellence Award in May of 2024 in recognition of his service to the institution. He has served at BCU for over 30 years.

Dr. John Hugo recently completed 25 years of service as the Chorus Master of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. In 2022, his work was honored by the Virginia General Assembly and Senate for services rendered to the Commonwealth of Virginia. ⁸

Janet (Weber) MacKenzie and her husband Scott hosted President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., and fellow Houghton alumni at events at Camp-of-the-Woods and at their home in July 2024. Over 45 alumni at the two events shared fond memories of their time at Houghton and spent time hearing from President Lewis. ⁹

Anita (Hill) Placido has fully retired from both her bank position and her role as church secretary. She is writing in her retirement and is currently developing a devotional book.

Susan (Denton) Thurber has retired – for a second time – from her position as a school psychologist in Maui. She's now enjoying retirement on Molokai and finding time for hobbies and projects she never had the opportunity to complete while she was working.

1979

Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Lennox has announced his intention to retire as president of Kingswood University, effective June 30, 2025. Dr. Lennox's retirement comes in his 10th year of service as the 12th president of Kingswood, which is one of the WE (Wesleyan Education) Five institutions.

1980

Ben Colter now serves as the inaugural development directort for Pathway to Freedom, a ministry near Little Rock, Arkansas. ¹⁰

1981

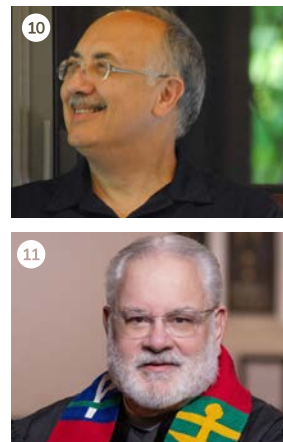
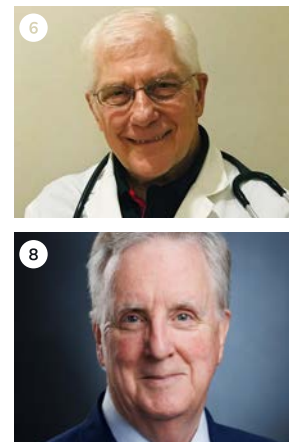
Rev. Dr. Mark Caruana retired from full-time congregational ministry at the end of 2024 from First Presbyterian and Westminster Moriah Olivet Presbyterian Churches in Utica, New York, where he has served as a transitional pastor since 2019. ¹¹

1982

Debbie (Jaekley) Davis retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators, JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina after 35 years in full-time service. In retirement, she plans to continue part-time with the JAARS Center while also serving as a chaplain with the Billy Graham Evangelist Association. ¹²

1984

Dr. Christine (Campbell) Callahan, research associate professor with the University of Maryland School of Social Work's Financial Social Work Initiative (FWSI), was named chair of FSWI in 2022. She has been with FSWI since completing her PhD at Catholic University of America in 2024. Prior to her work at FWSI, she spent two decades as a clinical counselor at the National Institute of Heath Clinicial Center in Bethesda.



1986

Dr. Timothy Coetzee, formerly the Chief Advocacy, Services and Science Officer New York for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society was recently promoted to serve as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s President and CEO. The National MS Society is a national non-profit organization focused on curing multiple sclerosis and empowering those affected by the disease to lead their best lives.

Donald Smith retired from service as pastor of Rural Retreat United Methodist Church in Virginia. He had served in the church for a decade.

Dr. J. Michael Walters, Houghton University Professor Emeritus of Christian Ministry, serves as the pastoral theologian-in-residence at St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. As he assists in worship, teaching Bible study and Christian formation classes, he continues much of what he did during his faculty tenure at Houghton.

1989

Adam Compton has been appointed Chief Financial Officer with Bank Independent. Adam brings over 30 years of capital markets and operation experience. Beyond his professional achievements, Adam is deeply involved in philanthropic work volunteering with organizations including Second Helpings Atlanta, the Central Presbyterian night Shelter, the NAOMI House for Native American Children and Houghton University’s President’s Advisory Board.

1991

Kathleen (Hung) Li partnered with **Gwenn (Sheet ’90) Lochstet** to record the audiobook of Gwenn’s recently published fantasy adventure novel Adamant in Dust. The audiobook was released in April 2024. ¹³

1993

Darren Berkley recently wrapped up a 24-year high school basketball coaching career to return home to New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he will work alongside his father and brother in the family’s business, New Castle Industrial Railroad.

1994

Darcie (Yetter) Gudger recently had a novella, Grace, published in the collection “The Legacy of Rocking K Ranch”, released on January 1, 2024 by Barbour Publications, Inc.

1996

Major Hollie (See) Leonardi has been promoted to Spanish Track Coordinator with The Salvation Army College for Office Training in Suffern, New York.

Scott See recently began a certificate program in Spiritual Direction through CenterQuest (Asia) School of Spiritual Direction. Additionally, he will be serving on the Contemplative Outreach’s Diversity Team.

1998

Karen (Knickerbocker) Pennington began her role as Academic Dean at Houghton Academy (Houghton, New York) in August of 2024.

1999

Christy (Yeaton) Roberts is now the outreach specialist at the McAuliffe-Shepherd Discovery Center, a science museum in Concord, New Hampshire. Her work in educational outreach brings programming to students throughout the New England region. ¹⁴

2000

Crystal (Gardner) Biccum completed her Master of Arts in Catholic Studies at Franciscan University and now serves as organist and cantor at St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake in Leander, Texas.

2001

Dr. Jeremy Martin assumed the role of President of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, on August 1, 2024. He comes from service as Vice President for Strategy and Innovation at William and Mary, where he had been since 2008.

2002

Jennifer (Carl) Bullock has been promoted to Director of Advancement at HOPE Academy in Concord, North Carolina. The promotion came after serving in several roles at the Christian K-12 school over the last nine years. Jennifer successfully facilitated dual enrollment for her upper level Spanish students so they could earn college credits through Houghton University. ¹⁵

2005

Dr. Amanda (Frey) Snyder completed her Doctor of Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction from Regent University in May 2024. Dr. Snyder’s dissertation was entitled “Digital Literacy in the Workplace”. ¹⁶

2008

Kashmere Fitch hiked the Pacific Crest Trail in the summer of 2024, a 2,650 mile trail running from the board of Mexico in California to the boarder of Canada in Washington State. The hike took approximately five and a half months, traversing the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges. ¹⁷

Dr. Thomas Lerew was appointed Associate Professor of Choral Music & Conducting at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. In addition to classroom and private instruction, Thomas serves as the conductor of the acclaimed Liberty University Chamber Singers.

2009

Dr. Daniel Rechlin accepted a position as a nephrologist with the URMN Noyes Health, serving both Dansville and Geneseo, New York. Dr. Rechlin provides inpatient care at Noyes Hospital in Dansville and outpatient care at a nephrology clinic in Geneseo. The position came after the completion of his fellowship training at URMN in September 2023.

2010

Steven Grudda was selected to the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Stephen M. Kellen Term Member Program. This program provides young professionals in government,

media, nongovernmental organizations, law, business, finance and academia the opportunity to participate in a sustained conversation on international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. Steven has served as the Country Director – Sierra Leone at Millennium Challenge Corporation since June 2022.

Clayton Hamilton accepted the position of Director of Instrumental Studies at Ensworth High School in Nashville, Tennessee. His duties include direction of the school’s rock band, jazz band, orchestra, spirit band and pit orchestra. ¹⁸

2011

Sondra Dawes, the Director of Maternal and Child Health for Jericho Road in Buffalo, New York, accepted the 2024 Community Service Award from the WNY Perinatal Bereavement Network for her work supporting grieving families experiencing infant loss in the Priscilla Project.

Mengfei Lei has been promoted to the position of speech and debate teacher at Beijing International Bilingual Academy. ¹⁹

2013

Dr. Anthony Cappello completed his PhD in Mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh in May 2024. He is a newly hired Professor of Mathematics at Alvernia University and lives in Reading, Pennsylvania, with his wife **Emily (Prychodko ’13)** and their two boys.

Jayson Moore accepted a position as Youth Pastor for First Baptist Church of Maine, New

York. He has a goal of helping youth come to a personal faith in Jesus Christ and develop into spiritually mature Christians who are actively involved in the church and the community, and who actively share their faith with others.

2014

Marissa (Meassick) Kocher completed her Masters of Higher Education in May of 2024 at Stony Brook University. Since April of 2023, she has been the head field hockey coach for Roberts Wesleyan University, where she launched the program and completed the team’s inaugural season.

2015

Lara Larsson presented research at the Biennial Music National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Music Research and Teacher Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, September 25-28, 2024, alongside Dr. Joanne Rutkowski. The presentation was entitled “An Investigation of Extended Range Singing Prompts for the Singing Voice Development Measure.” ²⁰

2016

Tory Bonners celebrated her ordination on October 27, 2024, at Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship in Belfast, New York. Tory has served as pastor for the congregation for the past two years.

Jerbrell Bowens MS ’22 has accepted the position of high school assistant principal at Brighton Central School District in Brighton, New York. He is looking forward to positively impacting the lives of his students. ²¹



DOWN the AISLE

Olivia Graziano recently completed an 8,000 mile bikepacking trip across South America. She blogged about her travels at [medium.com/@laoliviafilm](#) ²²

2017

Dr. Jonathan Jaramillo completed his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell University in December of 2023. He was recently hired at Cornell as a Lecturer in Systems Engineering teaching graduate courses in cyber- physical systems and conducting agricultural computer vision research.

Sophia Ross completed a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in May of 2024, at George Mason University. During her studies, she was named Outstanding Graduate Student by the university's English Department.

2018

Alyssa Rogan completed a ten-week dental assisting program in Alpharetta, Georgia, and was subsequently hired as an assistant at Pinnacle Endodontics. She assists in oral surgery and enjoys her position so much she is now considering an associate's degree in dental hygiene.

2019

Shehan Rodrigo, a brand identity designer in Nashville, Tennessee, recently had the privilege of designing the visual identity for the Harlem Globetrotters' 2025 World Tour.

2020

Capt. Gwen (Stokes) Gostomski graduated with her doctor of dental medicine from LECOM School of Dental Medicine on June 1, 2024. She was promoted from Second Lieutenant at the time of graduation. She was a recipient of the military's Health Professions Scholarship Program, spending three years at LECOM's Bradenton, Florida, campus and 1 year at LECOM's Dental Outreach Clinic in Erie, Pennsylvania. She will begin her AEGD residency program at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after completion of Officer Training. ²³

2021

Evan Miller recently began a position with Aquatic Environmental Consultants of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, as an Aquatic Biologist. ²⁴

2023

Sarah Burton now serves as the Theology and Literature Teacher as Chesterton Academy of Buffalo in Cheektowaga, New York.

Rachel Caine recently accepted the role of Residence Life Coordinator for Residential Education and Leadership at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. This comes after a year of overseeing a team of the institution's resident assistants.

Isaac Mann recently completed a solo hike of the Appalachian Trail.

Ella Osuzoka graduated from Wake Forest University with her Masters of Science in Accounting on May 18, 2024. ²⁵

Ygeutte Rudahindwa completed her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with TESOL at Buffalo State University in May 2024. She has been employed with the Buffalo Public Schools since 2023. ²⁶

2024

Luke Schriver began his first teaching position as the 9th and 10th grade English Language Arts teacher at Belfast Central School District in Belfast, New York.

¹ **Jonathan Jaramillo** wed Rebecca DeWees on August 29, 2021, in Watkins Glen, New York. Fellow alumni **Will Bruno '17**, **Kayla (Miller '17)** and **Michael Ganger '17**, **Andrew Redman '17**, **Austen Kewin '15 MA '17** and **Ellenore Tarr Kewin '18 MM '20**; and **Ricky Gessler '17** joined the happy couple.

² **Robin McLaughlin '16** married Grant Conine on November 12, 2022 at Hope Chapel in Greensboro, North Carolina. The celebration included **Rebekah Wallace '16**, **Brett Loretz '16** and **Jessica Guillory '16**.

³ **Tessa Brown '22** tied the knot with **Nicholas Beach '23** July 22, 2023, at Schuykill Haven, Pennsylvania.

⁴ **Rachel Domaracki '23** married **Evan Miller '21** on October 15, 2023, in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. They were joined in their celebrations by fellow Highlanders **Ellie (Ketinger '22)** and **Alex Haines'21 MBA '22**; **Madelyn (Kruth '21)** and **Tristin Gleason '21**; **Joel Wheeler '21**; **Dillon Bell '21**; **Lindsey Waters '23**; **Mary Shaker '23**; **Shawn Sullivan '22**; **Ethan Yung '21**; **Dylan Beckhorn '22**; **Gwen (Stokes '20)** and **Matt Gostomski '19**; **Julia Hotchkiss '21**; **Dave Russo '22**; **Shannon Pigott '19**; **Anna Hardiman '20**; **Jess (Rucquoi '21)** and **Dan Burdo '20**; **Aubrie Cole '24**; **Kennedy McCoy '24**; **Anja Oberg '21**; **Sarah Burton '23**; and **Ashely Burton '23**.

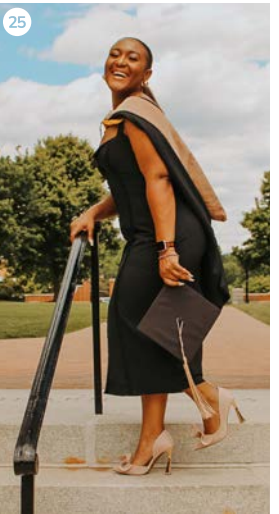
⁵ **Marissa Hollinger '18** wed Cyrus Askarisedeh on January 13, 2024., in Hurdle Mills, North Carolina. Among those celebrating with the couple was Houghton alumna **Ashley Hughes '18**.

⁶ **Macy Baumgarten '19** married Brad Derk on May 18, 2024., at Willow Stone Farm in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

⁷ **Andrea Adams '92** married **Dr. James Hilliard, Jr. '93** on July 6, 2024 at James Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They were joined by several Houghton friends, including bridesmaid **Wendy (Hoke '92) Witmer**, **Peggy (Belcher '92) Brimer**, **Katherine (Turner '92) Liddle**, **Michelle (Lowne '92)** and **Dr. Andrew Bontempo '91**, **Kathy Lunsford**, **Dr. Judy Congdon** and **Dr. Bill Doezema**, **Sharon Givler** and **Hunter Gregory '17**.

⁸ **Rebekah Scharf '21 MM '23** tied the knot with Nathan Yoder at Normandie Orchards in Perry, New York on August 3, 2024. **Mikayla (Bond '23) Schaumleffel**, **Rachel Scharf '25** and **Jocelyn Kagoro '22** were members of the wedding party. Other Houghtonites joining the celebration included **Austin Schaumleffel '23**; **Jeshurun (Periannan '14)** and **Kurtis Perry '15** ; **Kevin Dibble '11 MM '13**; **Dr. Kimberly Prins Moeller '05** and **Christopher Moeller '05**; **Kelsey (Howse '13)** and **Dan Austin '13**; **Peter Meyer-Pflug '24**; **Katrina (Ameele '93) VanHoover**; **Emma Wetherell '23**; **Michael McLure '21**; **Amanda (Young '01)** and **Michel Cox '00**; **Donna (Becker '92) Freiburg**; **Dr. Grace (Essley '07)** and **Dr. Daniel Black MM '08**. **Ethan Carr '21 MM '23** and **Jack Smith MM '22** offered musical performances during the ceremony.

⁹ **Laurie Call '18** married Josh Rice on August 10, 2024 in Oakfield, New York. Joining the wedding party were women's head soccer coach **Esther (Webb '16) Pellegrino**, **Emily Swanson '19**, **Allysa Pascoe '20**, **Madison (Detwiler '19) Underwood** and **Alicia (Nuttall '19) Kale**. Other Highlanders to join the celebration were **Jordan Mullen '18**, **Stephanie McMahon '19**, **Leslie Moose '19**, head tennis coach **Jordan Crouch '18**, **Emma Webb '16**, **Cori (Beck '20)** and **Brandon Joslin '20**, **Bailey Shattell '17** and **Taylor Button '16**.





Bethany Rudolph '17 tied the knot with Evan Bahmer on August 11, 2024 in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. They were joined in their celebrations by **Jill (Magara '17) and Michael Carpenter '17**, Kylie Gibbs '18, Melissa (MacLean '17) Argenna, Amanda Nouvong '17, Sara (Steffenhagen '16) Beyerlein, Professor Marty Coates, Ben and Christine Hegeman and Gail Schlosser.



Grace Deitrick '23 wed **Cody Johnson '24** on August 17, 2024, in Allenwood Pennsylvania. They were joined in their celebrations by **Jenn (Freeman '13) and Bill Deitrick '13**, Isabelle Murch '23, Zoe Utterback '23, Kathryn Groff '23, Makaila Van Wie-Adair '23, Rachel Huchthausen '23 MM '26, Chloë Monday '23, Arianna Zampella '23, Danielle Cohen '23, Esther Tse '25, Lydia Rech '24, Abby Pixley '24, Ethan Carr '21 MM '23, Rachel McVeigh '23 MM '25, Linette Taylor '23, Michael McLure '20, Emily Quick '23 MM '25, Christian Welker '24, Marith Anderson '22, Adelynn Killian '25, Karey (Derr '98) Killian, Katie Corbeill '26, Larissa Harnish '26, Emerson Ormond '26, Rethy Armes '26, Emma Dainty '26, Sophia Vernon '26, Josie Lipscomb '25, Thomas Auld '24, Emily Porter '24, Aliza Brothers '24, Luke Schriver '24, Jonathan Hutmire '24 MM '26, Will Allen '24, Emily Allen '20, Katie Allen '22, Sarah Rocha '24, Alexa Binney '24, Rachel Bedell '26, Anna Lloyd '26, Hannah Dunmire '26, Jadon Harley '26, Michel Cox '00, Tyler Boynton '24, Annabel Cousins '24, Professor Jon and Mim Case, Professor Ben Lipscomb and Professor Susan Bruxvoort-Lipscomb, Professor **Katrina Koehler '11**, Professor Doug and Phyllis Gaerte, Professor **Kevin Dibble '11** MM '13, Rev. David and Heidi (Shea '96) Huizenga and Andrew Reith MM '22.



Mary Ellen "Mel" Milford '12 tied the knot with **Daniel Sendker '12** on August 17, 2024 in Williamsville, New York. Groomsmen included two Houghton alumni and 16 other Houghton graduates were in attendance.

Cori Beck '20 married **Brandon Joslin '20** on August 18, 2024, in Hamburg, New York. Celebrating with the couple were fellow Highlanders **Brittany (Lenart '19) Schutt**; Emily Swanson '19; Laurie (Call '18) Rice; Alicia (Nuttall '19) Kale; Victor Cavalieri '18; Tage '18 and Alyssa (Strom '18) Johnson; Brooke (Lewandowski '20) and David Wessells '20; Lauren (Couturier '20) and Ned Monthie '17; John Zamites '19; Griffin Tubbs '20; Whitney Cook '20; Holden Deres '20; Caleb Philips '20; Taylor Huntsman '18; Amy Huddell '20; Jaimee Glendenning '20; Marissa Hews '20; Barbara Richert '20; Carly Cronin '19; Ronnie Lott '21; and baseball coach Brian Reitnour. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.



Kalen Rauch '24 tied the knot with Andrew Hotchkiss '24 on September 1, 2024. They were joined by a huge Houghton party, including **Joelle (McKnight '81) and Doug Pember '79**, Karen (McKnight '92) and Shawn Hotchkiss '89, Esther (McKnight '89) Schultz, Linda (Shea '01) and Eli Knapp '00, Ella Hotchkiss '18, Julia Hotchkiss '21, Nate Davie '22, Andrew Reith MM '22, Adam McCutcheon '23, Adeline Roeske '23, Mary VandenBosch '23, Will Allen '24, Alexa Binney '24, Samuel Calkins '24, Demetri Court '24, Emily Fausnaught '24, Jonathan Hutmire '24 MM '26, Rachel King '24, Miriam Kother '24, Chunsun Lei '24, Andrew Martin '24, Bella Matton '24, Peter Meyer-Pflug '24, Tim Ockrin '24, David Olson '24, Joey Schunemann '24, Savannah Stitt '24, Emily Wahlenmayer '24, Levi Webb '24, Tobias Webb '24, Abigail Wheeler '24, Ethan Zirilli '24, Aubrey Armes '25, Graham Cook '25, Owen Fall '25, Matthew Foster '25, Noah Harley '25, Sam Roth '25, Zach Roussie '25, Mackenzie Waterman '25, Raylene Schultz '25, Caleb See '25, Michael McCutcheon '26, Jon and Mim Case, and Kim Cockle.



Future Highlanders



Josephine | 9.30.22 ¹
Jody and Jerbrel Bowens '16 MS '22

Benjamin | 4.26.23 ²
Chase '16 and Emily (Mertzluftt '15) Rangel

Emma Grace | 7.10.23 ³
Philip and Laura (Jackson '10) Rash

Levi Jacob | 2.3.24 ⁴
Emily and Luke Crawford '14

Declan Robert | 2.26.24 ⁵
Robert and Rebekah (Bartlett '11) Doig

Yousef Timothy | 3.3.24 ⁶
Natalia Sytch '18 and Mina Maksemous

Avery Jean | 3.14.24 ⁷
Dorothy and Zachary Kitchen '15

Adorée | 3.19.24 ⁸
Andrew and Shannon Ames Fuller '12

Jaylen Elijah | adopted 7.5.23

Mirabelle Irene | adopted 10.10.23

Clara Hope | 4.10.24 ⁹
Duane and Joelle (Potts '07) VanEtten

Amelia Faith | 4.16.24 ¹⁰
Jared '11 and Brittany (Ioset '10) Houseman

Abigail Rose | 4.17.24 ¹¹
Alyssa and Zachary Moyer '21

Adam | 5.8.24 ¹²
Dr. Rachel Starks Chaves '10 and Adriano Chaves

Lucy Eleanor | 5.22.24 ¹³
Andrew '19 and Abigail (Taylor '19) Skahan

Owen Martin | 5.29.24 ¹⁴
Christopher and Kelly (Morse '09) Bush

Liam Killian | 6.1.24 ¹⁵
Nathan and Celeste (Allen '08) McCormick

Margaret Louise | 6.10.24 ¹⁶
Mitchell '17 and Teri (Koetsier '18) Beattie

Lincoln | 6.27.24 ¹⁷
Caleb and Jessica (Robinson '18) Buckwalter

Henry | 7.26.24 ¹⁸
Alison Young Reusser '07 and George Reusser

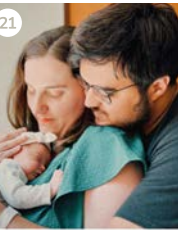
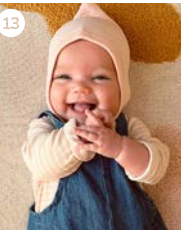
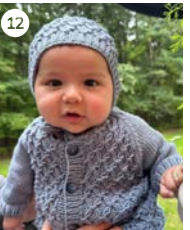
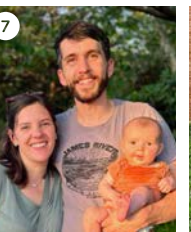
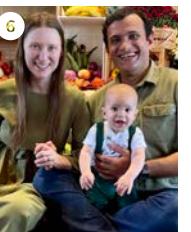
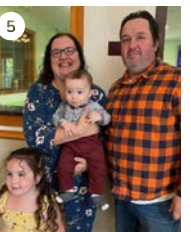
Oliver Tobias | 7.27.24 ¹⁹
Tristin '21 and Madelyn (Kruth '21) Gleason

Jack Michael | 7.30.24 ²⁰
Michael '11 and Kayla (Saunders '09) Johnson

Marina | 8.16.24 ²¹
Mila Suzano Fernandes Lima MA '21 and Pablo Barra Requena

Evelyn | 8.17.24 ²²
DJ and Bethany (Crawford '11) Mudde

Bodie Grant | 9.10.24
Levi and Emily (Fox '19) Ebersole



CORRECTION:

In a previous issue of Houghton Magazine there were errors that require correction. We apologize for any confusion caused by these errors. Berneta (Baldeck '63) Reed was the beloved step-mother and step-grandmother of the family members mentioned in her obituary on page 33 in the Winter 2024 edition of Houghton Magazine. In the Summer 2024 edition on page 8, Dr. David Davies '01 was incorrectly identified as a graduate of the University of Florida; Dr. Davies holds an MM and a DMA from University of Miami.

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In
MEMORIAM

1946

Arlene (Northrup) Flack, 100, of Brier Hill, New York, died on June 15, 2024. She spent much of her life operating a dairy farm with her late husband. A woman of many talents and interests, she is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

1948

Rev. H. Blaine West of Apollo, Pennsylvania, passed peacefully into his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the age of 101. Rev. West spent 76 years in full-time pastoral and preaching ministry for the Wesleyan Church, a ministry which began during his years a student at Houghton. He is survived by his brother, four children, seven grandchildren, including former Houghton professor Rev. Sarah Coleson-Derck, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

1949

James Boyd, 96, went home to be with the Lord on September 7, 2024, in Rochester, New York. An engineer with Kodak by trade, James helped found Camp Li Lo Li and Northgate Bible Chapel, where he served as an elder. Jim is survived by his children, **R. Eleanor (Boyd '77)** and her husband **Theodore Fox '77**, **Nancy (Boyd '79) Kennedy**, and **Janet (Boyd '81) Hallatt**; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rosalie Lombard, 96, of The Villages, Florida, passed away on March 1, 2024. She dedicated her career to nursing education and nursing administration. She is remembered fondly by her nine nieces and nephews and her many friends.

Phyllis (Hersey) Redding, 97, of Springfield, Illinois, died on June 6, 2024. A gifted pianist and organist, she loved to serve her church through music. Phyllis was a dedicated pastor's wife and mother

who served churches and social service agencies of the Free Methodist Church alongside her husband, the late **Rev. Clifford D. Redding '48**. She is survived by her two children.

Elva Jean (Barr) Strawser passed from this life on July 1, 2024, surrounded by her family in Westminster, Maryland. She served in ministry alongside her late husband, **Rev. Ray Strawser '54**, and was a dedicated musician and librarian. She is survived by three children, including **Kathy (Strawser '77) Worgul** and **Rev. Ray Strawser II '78**; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1950

John Bachman, 101, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, went home to be with his Lord on March 26, 2024. A World War II veteran, he spent his career as a realtor and was a dedicated member of his church. He is survived by three children, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Robert Harter passed peacefully into the arms of his Loving Savior on May 22, 2024, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A career Marine veteran, he served in numerous command-, staff- and instructor-level positions. He served as Dean of Students at Houghton University under President Wilbur Dayton, and then began a counselor and teaching position at the New York Military Academy in

Cornwall-on-Hudson. He volunteered with The Gideons, his church and the American Red Cross. He is survived by daughter **Aleatha (Harter '75) Ziegler Hatcher**, two sons, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Frances MacNeill died on April 14, 2024, at Landis Homes in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Fran dedicated of 32 years of her life to serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, primarily among the Aymara-speaking people of Bolivia.

Barbara (Frush) Schultz passed away peacefully on May 10, 2024, in Parker, Colorado. A dedicated musician, she spent many years in music ministry. Along with her late husband, Barbara ministered to young people through Youth for Christ. She is survived by three children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Chp Richard "Dick" Sprowl, 95, of Marion, Indiana, left his earthly home and went to his eternal home with his Lord on July 8, 2024. After beginning his career as a Wesleyan minister, he joined the US Air Force and spent the remainder of his career as an Air Force chaplain. He is survived by his wife, daughter **Rebecca (Sprowl '78) Franklin**, son **Donald Sprowl '78**, nieces **Cynthia (Sprowl '81) Rawley** and **Sylvia (Sprowl '83) Duttweiler**, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



PROFESSOR LOIS (HARDY '46) WILT died September 27, 2024, at the age of 99. Professor Wilt served at Houghton University from 1968 to 1988 as Professor of Music. After completing her degree in music as a flautist at Houghton, Professor Wilt completed a master's degree at Case Western Reserve (Ohio), then dedicated some years to serving alongside her husband, the late **Dr. Lloyd Wilt '46**, as a pastor's wife and church musician while also teaching music in schools. When Dr. Wilt returned to Houghton to teach in the English department, Professor Wilt was offered a position teaching flute and sight-singing. During her 20-year tenure at Houghton, Professor Wilt established a thriving flute choir and performed regularly with the faculty woodwind ensemble. Professor Wilt continued to serve as a church musician, until the age of 97. She was predeceased by her husband and her daughter **Cynthia (Wilt '79) Colville**, and is survived by two sons, **Kendall Wilt '73** and **Timothy Wilt '75**.

1951

Paul Cook entered the presence of his Savior on November 12, 2023, shortly after his 99th birthday, in Sidney, Ohio. A preacher, summer camp minister and pulpit supply pastor in Western New York, Mr. Cook spent much of his career as a physics and earth sciences teacher. He is mourned by his wife, two children, five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Walter Dryer passed away on February 12, 2024, at the age of 97, in Charlotte, North Carolina. A World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corp, Walter spent much of his life as a church pastor, until taking up service as a nursing home chaplain. Walter is survived by five children, including **Nancy (Dryer '75) Muro** and **Richard Dryer '77**; four step-children; 27 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

1952

Barbara (Smith) Beekman, 92, passed away peacefully at home on April 21, 2024, in Bath, New York. A dedicated educator, she spent much of her career teaching 5th grade. Barbara was also an active community volunteer. She is mourned by her four children, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She is also fondly remembered by her five stepchildren and their families.

Paul Freeland passed away on April 17, 2024, shortly after his 95th birthday. He was a resident of Morristown, New Jersey. Paul is survived by his wife, three children, and his grandchildren.

Nancy (Kreider) Hoke, 93, graduated to glory on February 10, 2024, from her residence in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She taught in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), serving until 1979 when political unrest required her to return to the United States. She spent the remainder of her career working in the library of Messiah College. After retirement, she married for the first time, and is today mourned by the three children, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren who made up her new family.

Dr. Evelyn (Lamberton) Richards, 92, died peacefully in the presence of her family on February 29, 2024, in Salem, Oregon. With her husband, the late **Dr. Lawrence Richards '52**, she was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church, USA, as missionaries, serving in Iraq and Beirut, Lebanon. In the 1980s, the Richards were relocated to the US until retirement, due to political restrictions. She continued to advocate for peace and justice in both the Middle East and at home throughout the remainder of her life. She is survived by her three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1953

Rev. Warren Hartway, Jr., passed away on August 20, 2023, in Homosassa, Florida, at the age of 101. He had recently celebrated his 77th wedding anniversary. A World War II veteran member of the Navy Seabees, Rev. Hartway dedicated his civilian career to pastoral ministry. After retirement at age 65, he continued to provide interim ministry for nearly 30 years. He is survived by his wife, two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Lynn Ostrander peacefully passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior on June 9, 2024, in Syracuse, New York, shortly before his 101st birthday. A World War II veteran, POW and purple-heart recipient, Rev. Ostrander dedicated his civilian career to pastoral ministry. He is survived by his wife, four children including **Dr. Robert Ostrander '82** and daughter-in-law **Marjorie (Harmes '77) Ostrander**; nine grandchildren including **Naomi (Ostrander '04) Trivison**; and 16 great-grandchildren.

1955

Rachel (Frase) Bower, age 90, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024. A longtime resident of Willard, Ohio, she served as church organist and church secretary, worked at AAA and taught piano. She is mourned by two daughters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Emma (Pollock) Pollock of Lakeville, Connecticut, entered into heaven on August 10, 2024, at the age of 91. The wife of the late **Rev. Gerald Pollock '55**,

she dedicated her life to serving churches alongside her husband as a musician, Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School leader. She is survived by her bother **Rev. Wilbur "Bill" Pollock '57**; three daughters, including **Dr. Susan (Pollock '78) May** and **Heidi (Pollock '82) Versland** and her husband **Dr. Mark Versland '81**; one son, **Christopher '92 and his wife Christine (Lamos '92)**; seven grandsons; and ten great-grandchildren.

Evangelyn (Gordon) Tenney, 89, of Forest, Virginia, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 18, 2024. She was a longtime classroom teacher and dedicated member of her church. She is survived by her three children including **Leslie "Tyke" Tenney '79** and his wife **Cynthia (McPherson '78)**; seven grandchildren, including **Elizabeth Mizelle '08** and **Jill (Tenney '11) Cox**; and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Ames) Tullar of Houghton, New York, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 9, 2024. Dorothy dedicated her career to music education, first in the classroom and then in a private studio. A committed member of her church and long-time volunteer, Dorothy is survived by her four children; seven grandchildren, including **Devin Tullar '24**; and 18 great-grandchildren.

1957

Kenneth Balch, 89, of Weedsport, New York, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2024, at home with his family by his side. A Navy veteran and member of the US Navy Band Sea Chanters, Ken was a piano tuner and technician who also ran a private studio. He served as church organist and choir director for nearly 30 years. Ken is survived by his wife, three children, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. Edward Jones died on May 22, 2023, in his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was 88 years old. A passionate classroom teacher, Dr. Jones also took on the role of state coordinator for in-service training for the New Mexico State Department of Education. He is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and very dear friends.

Dr. Douglas Kingdon passed away on July 30, 2024, at the age of 94, in Middleburg, Florida. He was a teacher, working with students of all ages. From 1960-1963 he taught undergraduate coursework at Houghton University. From 1972 until his retirement, he taught at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is survived by his wife **Mary (Nichols '58)**, two children, brother **Dr. Harold Kingdon '57**, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Lee (Rodeheaver) Moore, 90, of Deer Park, Maryland, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 23, 2024, surrounded by her family. Mary Lee spent her life as a pastor's wife, mother, homemaker and church organist She is survived by her husband, two children and one granddaughter.

1959

Rev. Ernest Batten, 87, of Marshfield, Vermont, passed away on April 17, 2024. Rev. Batten began his career as a missionary in Germany until taking up a pastoral position in Holliston, Massachusetts. In retirement, he served as a hospice chaplain. He leaves behind two children and three grandchildren.

David O. Keller moved to his heavenly home on July 3, 2024. He was 87. A longtime church leader, he also served as President of O. Keller Tool Engineering. David enjoyed singing in church choirs and also volunteered in leading community organizations. He leaves behind his wife, two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donald Wingard went to be with the Lord on August 7, 2024, at the age of 88. Don dedicated 35 years of his life to teaching high school math. He was an active servant in his church and his community, and sharing some of his summers volunteering with missionaries on Native American Reservations. Donald is survived by his wife of over 60 years, **Donna (Rude '64)**; two sons, **Dr. David Wingard '88** and **Dr. Daren Wingard '91** and his wife **Christine (Bennett '92)**; and five grandchildren

1960

Carolyn (Vossler) Bindon, 86, of Novi, Michigan, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 3, 2024. Alongside her husband, Carolyn was the founder, owner and operator of Trijicon, Inc. She is survived by her nine children, including **BethAnne (Bindon '00) Falkowski** and **Ruthann (Bindon '02) Fleenor**; 27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Verna (Shedd) Curry of Winona Lake, Indiana, passed away on September 16, 2024, at the age of 93. Verna was a special education teacher and served her church as organist and worship team leader. She is

1961

Douglas Warren, 84, of Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica, died August 3, 2024. Doug spent his life in ministry both as a college chaplain and as a church pastor. He played a key role in the creation of ministry programs, including Our Kenyan Kids. His survived by two brothers, including **Dr. Don Warren '64**; two sisters-in-law, including **Barbara (Wilson '64) Warren**; niece **Sara (Warren '94) Roberts**; and nephews **Robb Warren '89**, **Scott Warren '91**, and **Mark Warren '93**.

Elizabeth (Church) Williams, 84, passed away May 13, 2024, in Plattsburgh, New York. Elizabeth was a dedicated teacher, and spent much of her career teaching high school math. An active member of her church, Elizabeth was also a member of a camp meeting association and more than one local grange. She is survived by her husband and her children, including **Mark Williams '02**.

1963

Richard Nearbin took his final breath on earth on April 23, 2024, in Palatine Bridge, New York, a few months shy of his 90th birthday. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he spent most of career working at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Richard is survived by his five children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

1964

June (Risk) Bostwick of Levittown, Pennsylvania, was called home to Heaven on February 10, 2024, at the age of 81. A passionate educator, June spent much of her career as a reference librarian while also serving her community as a member of the local school board. She is survived by her husband, **John '64**, two children, and three granddaughters.

William Hatzenbuhler passed away March 11, 2024, in Ransomville, New York. A long-time organist at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Buffalo, New York, he also owned and operated Hatzenbuhler Piano and Pipe Organ. He is survived by his wife and one of his daughters.

Karen (Bronner) Stumpf, 81, passed away July 17, 2024, in Watertown, New York, surrounded by her family. Karen gave 32 years of her life to teaching high school students and in retirement taught undergraduate courses. She was an active member of her church and a supportive volunteer for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She is survived by her husband and two children.

1965

Nancy (Perrine) Frable, 80, of Lindenhurst, Illinois, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2024. Nancy was a businesswoman, and spent the years before her retirement as a real estate agent. She was an active member of her church. She is survived by her husband, a son and two grandchildren.

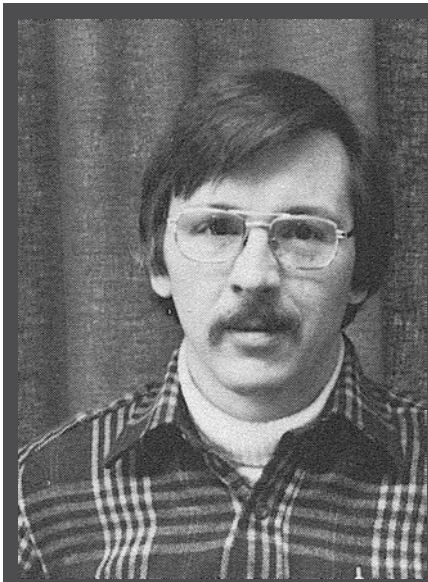
Gerald Kennedy of Auburn, New York, passed away on August 23, 2024, at the age of 81. He began his career as a history teacher and later became a school guidance counselor. Gerald also coached soccer and softball. Dedicated to his church, he served as a ruling elder and committee chairman. He leaves behind his wife, three children, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

1966

Rita (Sprowls) Bachmann, 79, of Ashland, Ohio, passed away on May 5, 2024. Rita was a career French teacher and spent her retirement as a substitute teacher. She is survived by her son and two granddaughters.

Linda (Rapo) Wainionpaa passed away on August 18, 2024, just a few days before her 80th birthday, in Centerville, Massachusetts. A Navy wife, Linda had a varied career that including teaching elementary school children in classrooms around the world and volunteering in many capacities. She is survived by her husband, three children including **Erik Wainionpaa '94**, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond Wagner, 90, formerly of Hinsdale, New York, celebrated his arrival in Heaven with his Savior on August 28, 2024. He dedicated 30 years of his life to teaching math and computer science at Hinsdale Central School. Ray is survived by his three children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



(2000) and "Grace is Where I Live" (1993, revised 2004). In addition to teaching and mentoring, Professor Leax served Houghton as the poet-in-residence from 1983 until his retirement. In this role, he wrote inaugural poems for two Houghton presidents (Dr. Daniel Chamberlain and **President Emerita Dr. Shirley Mullen '76**), wrote countless building and program dedication liturgies, and contributed regularly to the Houghton Milieu (the previous iteration of Houghton Magazine, which he credited with his publishing debut). He leaves behind his loving wife, Linda, and his daughter **Melissa (Leax '89) Stevens**.

1967

Amos Tanner passed away peacefully on May 16, 2024, in Spencerport, New York. Amos spent 22 years of his career as a systems engineer for IBM before taking up a career as a professor of computer science at Roberts Wesleyan University. An active member of his church, Amos was a beloved Bible study leader and Sunday School teacher. He is survived by his wife **Mary (Wilday '67)**; three children including **Paul Tanner '91** and **Dr. Becky (Tanner '98) Anstadt**; and eight grandchildren.

Gail (Kuhn) Tatko went to be with Jesus on April 25, 2024, from her residence in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She had a passion for teaching science and spent 20 years as a 5th grade teacher. She served her church as a children's leader in Bible Study Fellowship. Gail is survived by her husband **John '67**, her two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also mourned by her sister **Laurie (Kuhn '74) Bishop**, brother-in-law **S. William Bishop '71**; and her sister-in-law **Pat (Tatko '64) Zuber** and spouse **Rev. Dave Zuber '65**.

1968

Susan (Grettler) Brooks, 78, of Erie, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2024. Susan had an illustrious career as an opera and oratorio singer, recitalist and music educator. A member of the faculty of music at Gordon College, she also served her church as a member of the music and worship committee. She is survived by her husband **Tom '68**, two children and five grandchildren.

Patricia "Pat" (Margeson) Estes, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away April 2, 2023, at the age of 77. Pat devoted her time to teaching, raising her children and mission work. An active member of her church, she participated in youth ministry, prison ministry, Sierra Leone Missions and Croatia-Afghans for Newborns Mission. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, **Joseph R. Estes '72**, two children and four grandchildren.

Helen (Edwards) Tosch of Poughkeepsie, New York, died September 9, 2024. She worked as a teacher, tape librarian for IBM, and bank teller. She is survived by her son, daughter-in-law and one grandson.

1969

Roger Miller left this life on August 8, 2024, at the age of 77. He was a resident of Columbus, Ohio. A Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he spent much of his civilian career with the Salvation Army. He is survived by his current wife, step-daughter, step-grandchildren, grandchildren, his younger sister **Roxanne (Miller '71) Fisk** and niece **Betsy (Fisk '94) Russell**.

1970

Stephen Bascom, 76, of Warrenton, Virginia, passed away on May 13, 2024. Stephen spent nearly 40 years as a cartographer for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). He is survived by his wife **Allaire (Maynard '70)** and his son.

1971

Dr. Paul Mason, 76, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, formerly of Readington, New Jersey, passed away December 18, 2023, after a heroic 18-year battle with cancer. Paul and his wife were founding members of Grace Community Church (Bridgewater, New Jersey), where he served as a ruling elder. Paul was a drug development specialist for major pharmaceutical companies and also an independent pharmaceutical consultant. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Kathleen (Oehrig '72)**; three children; six grandchildren; sister **Wendy (Mason '72)** Ferns and brother-in-law **Robert Ferns '72**; and brothers-in-law **Robert Oehrig '75** and **James Oehrig '83**.

1972

Edith “Edie” (Pettit) Hutton, 74, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, passed away on June 17, 2024. A longtime member of her church, she was dedicated member of the church choir. Edie spent many years caring for children in a daycare setting. She is survived by her husband **Jim '74**, two children and three grandchildren.

Joy (Stence) Weldon passed away peacefully with her family by her side on August 11, 2024 at her home in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. A graduate of United Wesleyan College, she spent her career as an elementary teacher and pastor’s wife. She is survived by her husband, **Rev. Scott Weldon '70**, two children, three grandchildren and two siblings including **Russell Stence '73**.

1974

Larry Kamp, of Lynn, Massachusetts, sadly and unexpectedly left this earth on August 6, 2024, at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. A gifted musician and educator, he shared his talents with churches and students alike. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Rex Marvin of Olean, New York, passed away May 21, 2024. Rex spent many years in the grocery industry as a department manager. He shared his leadership gifts as a youth leader in his churches. Rex is survived by his wife **Gale (Storey '76)**, three children and eight grandchildren.

Sharon Porter went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 5, 2024, at the age of 74. She was a lifetime elementary school librarian and a competition judge for Odyssey of the Mind. She is survived by five siblings, two half-sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Jean (Lake) Wolf, 72, passed away unexpectedly on April 26, 2024, with her family by her side. Jean resided in Canandaigua, New York. She was a school teacher, substitute teacher and homemaker. Jean actively engaged in the life of her church and sang in the church choir. She is survived by her husband, two children and four grandchildren.

1977

Rev. Brian Newcomb, 67, of Centerville, Ohio, passed away April 15, 2024, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Brian spent his life in pastoral ministry and enjoyed a side career as a music journalist with reviews in such publications as CCM Magazine and Billboard. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, three children, three grandchildren, and three siblings including **Paula (Newcomb '80) McLellan** and **Douglas Newcomb '87**.

1978

Cynthia (Hutton) Farney of Blasdell, New York, entered into Glory on July 21, 2024. She was 67. Cindy leaves behind her husband, daughter **Julie (Farney '07) Moffat**, and two granddaughters. She was predeceased by her son **Roger Farney, III, '04**.

Rev. James Johnson, 70, passed away on March 21, 2024, in Springfield, Illinois. Rev. Johnson was an Army veteran and served as a military chaplain for the Illinois Army Guard

1979

Capt. Ronald Arnold, 66, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away on June 11, 2024. He was a career member of the United States Air Force and veteran of the Gulf War. After military retirement he was a small business owner. He shared his musical and teaching talents with his church family throughout his life. Ron is survived by his wife, mother, two children,

brother **Jon Arnold '83** and sister **Laureen (Arnold '77) Howden**.

Daniel Brawdy of Buffalo, New York, passed away on April 4, 2024. He was 67. A banker and credit officer, Daniel leaves behind his wife and three children.

1980

Dr. Craig Johnston passed away tragically and suddenly on February 26, 2024. A resident of West Burke, Vermont, he was 65. He dedicated his career to animal care as a veterinarian and practiced alongside his wife for many years. He is survived by his wife, two children, one stepdaughter, two grandchildren and four siblings including **Dr. Sheryl (Johnston '77) Wilkins** and **Theresa (Johnston '71) Loveless**.

1982

Steven Baer passed away September 17, 2024, in Buffalo, New York, at the age of 68. Steve was an avid chess player and an active servant in his church where he taught Sunday school, served as a trustee and assisted with community outreach. He is survived by two siblings and a nephew.

Cynthia “Cindy” Lees, 71, of Falconer, New York, died March 3, 2024. She was a poet, cook and volunteer at St. Susan’s Center, a local food pantry. She is survived by her mother, sister, four step-siblings, nephew, niece and two cousins.

1983

Alan Cappella, 64, of Chestertown, New York, went home to be with his lord on January 30, 2024. Alan was a longtime librarian, first serving at Moody Bible Institute and then with Word of Life Bible Institute. A gifted musician, he served his church though leading worship and as a coach of the Olympian’s children’s Bible club. Alan is survived by his wife and five children.

1984

James Modozie died suddenly on April 18, 2024. He was an elder, senior warden of St. Christopher’s Church and Leader of the City of God Chapel (Maryland). He leaves behind is wife and five children, including **Amy Modozie '22**.

1989

Dominique (Schilke) Hill, 57, of Elko New Market, Minnesota, passed away after an 18-month battle with cancer. Dominique spent her career in finance and as a business owner. She is survived by her loving husband **Wayne Hill, Jr. Esq. '88**; her mother; her in-laws **Rev. Wayne Sr. '62** and **Frances (Ragonese '62) Hill**; three children; a grandson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, **Stephan '91** and **Janice (Wayner '92) Schilke** and **Daniel '94** and **Amy (Chamberlain '96) Schilke**; and 20 nieces and nephews, including **Cameron Groff '17, Elizabeth Groff '19, Anna Schilke '19, Tess Schilke '21, Kathryn Groff '23, Micah Schilke '23** and **Lydia Schilke '26**.

2006

David Cook, 70, of Lockport, New York, passed away July 9, 2024. David was a medical technician, repairing medical equipment throughout the United States and eventually owning and independently operating Cook Medical Technology. He leaves behind two children.

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Louise Prinsell of Houghton, New York, passed away peacefully in her home on March 15, 2024, at the age of 99. As a nurse, alongside her physician husband the late **Dr. Gustave Prinsell '48**, she first served patients at the Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Lone, West Africa. When her husband took up the role of campus physician at Houghton University, she was the volunteer leader of the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship, a dedicated servant to Houghton Wesleyan Church and a mentor of many Houghton University students. Louise is survived by her four sons, **Jonathan Prinsell '70, Dr. Jeffrey Prinsell '75, Joel Prinsell, Esq. '77** and James; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Vesta Mullen, of Houghton, New York, passed away on July 4, 2024, at the age of 96. A lifelong Canadian citizen, Vesta spent her life as a pastor’s wife, mother, teacher and school administrator. Vesta was the wife of Rev. Laurence Mullen, a long-time professor at Houghton University. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her four children and their spouses, **President Emerita Dr. Shirley Mullen '76** and **Dr. Paul Mills '61, Barbara (Mullen '78) and Dr. Richard Pointer '77, Jana and Dr. Andrew Mullen '82, and Darice (Beardsley '86) and James Mullen '86**; eight grandchildren including **Jessica (Mullen '08) Romance, Victoria (Mullen '13) Bowers, Jordan Mullen '18, Phoebe Mullen '21, and Frances Mullen '23**; and nine great-grandchildren.

GERALD “ANGE” SZYMANSKI entered his heavenly rest on June 1, 2024, at the age of 79. He was a resident of Belfast, New York. Mr. Szymanski began his career at Houghton University as a custodian in 1982 and spent many years fulfilling roles in the facilities department of the University. A trusted and respected mentor to the hundreds of Houghton students who worked for him, Mr. Szymanski retired as Director of Custodial Services in 2010. In addition to ministering to those who worked for him, Mr. Szymanski used the challenges he faced in his own life to mentor Houghton students who needed solid guidance and a helping hand. Mr. Szymanski was a 30-year active member of the Houghton community and was recently inducted as a lifetime member of the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). Mr. Szymanski was a certified FI-10 (fire investigator) for Allegany County, an ambulance driver, a member of the Houghton Volunteer Ambulance Service (HVAS) executive committee, and the “go to guy” for HVFD and HVAS radio system needs. Mr. Szymanski was a beloved member of the Houghton community, committed to serving and helping others any way he could. He leaves behind his wife, children and grandchildren, including son and daughter-in-law **Jeffrey '91** and **Leslie (Matthews '90) Szymanski** and grandson **Simon Szymanski '28**.



We do not say
“Good-bye,”
we say “till we
meet again!”

-Daniel R. Chamberlain, October 1981

