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...not passive—but active.

Dear Alumni—

It is fashionable today to be concerned about the environment. “Green” is in. In fact, even the word “stewardship” may be making a comeback. If you look up the word “stewardship” today in a dictionary, it will say something like, “the individual’s responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others.” Nothing surprising there—at least not at first glance.

On closer reflection, what is truly interesting here is how the word “stewardship” has changed in meaning over the past two centuries. Today, “stewardship” is about rights and the exchange of duties among equals. Not all that long ago, “stewardship” was all about caring for something that had been entrusted to us—someone to whom we would be expected to give an account. It was not about rights—but, about trust.

In a 1768 sermon, John Wesley suggested that no label so aptly described our present relationship to God as that of “steward.” As “stewards,” we have been entrusted with all sorts of resources—our bodies, minds, speech, possessions—by God. The responsibility is not passive—but active.

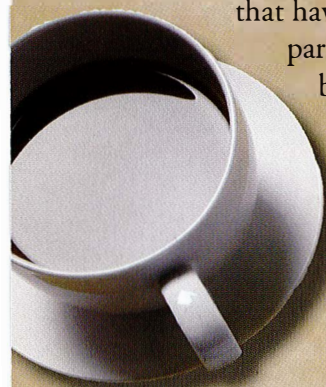
In this special abbreviated issue of the Milieu, we are seeking to take stock of our role as stewards of the formal communication channels among Houghton’s 16,000 alumni. How can we be actively serving your hopes and desires for information? What kinds of articles would be most useful to you in your ongoing journey as a learner? How can we be facilitating connections among alumni?

We are responsible to you, our alumni, for the communication resources that have been entrusted to us. We would be most grateful if you would participate in the enclosed survey and let us know how we can better serve you with these resources. Thank you in advance for helping us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Shirley A. Mullen '76, President



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63 Sharon (Johnson) Konecne has been named 2009 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at Northwestern University School of Physical Therapy and Movement Science in Chicago for pioneering work in cancer rehabilitation. She contributed to the formation and operation of the Oncology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association and has presented and consulted locally and nationally, most recently as the clinical consultant in an ongoing University of Colorado (CU) Latina breast cancer rehabilitation research. Sharon is the author of the Central Nervous System (CNS) Neoplasms chapter in the 2009 edition of *Pathology* –

Implications for the Physical Therapist, by Goodman and Fuller.

She lives with her husband Donald in Arvada, CO, where they attend Arvada Covenant Church.

89 Thom Satterlee has received a National Endowment for the Arts award of \$25,000 in the form of a literature fellowship for his poetry. Satterlee graduated from Houghton College with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and went on to receive a master’s degree in English literature and a master’s of fine arts. He has published one book of poetry entitled *Burning Wyclif: Poems* as



Karen Buell '03

03 Karen J. Buell has been promoted to Internet Branch Officer at Peoples-Bank in Holyoke, MA. After earning her degree in Business Administration from Houghton, Karen attended the University of Massachusetts where she received her MBA. She also serves as the Marketing Director for the Northampton Area Young Professionals.



Brian Pickard '00

00 Brian C. Pickard recently joined the law firm of Archer & Greiner, P.C., in the firm's Haddonfield, N.J., office. An Associate in the Litigation Services Department, Pickard concentrates on environmental litigation. Prior to earning his law degree with High Honors from Rutgers University School of Law at Camden, Pickard worked as a software engineer for several different high-tech companies. A resident of Barrington, N.J., he serves in the Rutgers-Camden Street Law program where he taught legal topics to inner-city high school students.

well as numerous individual poems, translations and works of prose and visited the Houghton College campus in April to honor Dr. John Leax's retirement.

99 Mark and Keely (Jones) Stater were married (*see Down the Aisle*) in Kirkville, NY. Keely met Mark Stater, Ph.D. while they were both serving as assistant professors at UGA in Athens, Georgia. This past fall, Mark

took a position as assistant professor of economics at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Keely is working as research analyst at Housing Authority Insurance Group in Cheshire, CT, and is teaching as an adjunct with the University of Connecticut.

01 Andrew Tinsley just finished Internal Medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. He will be starting specialty training in Gastroenterology at Mount Sinai in NYC. His wife Melissa (Dzulewski '00) graduated this year from the University of Vermont with a Master's in microbiology and molecular genetics.

04 James and Rachel (Fore) Midyette III were married (*see Down the Aisle*) in Rochester, NY, and are currently living in Maryland. James works as an electrical engineer and Rachel teaches first grade at a Christian school.

06 Jesse and Jessica (Spear '04) Ryals were married (*see Down the Aisle*) in Houghton, NY. Richard and Frances (Spink '56) Filmer '56 and Eileen Spear '52 were the musicians, and the wedding party included Rachel Spear '11, Erin (Galloway '03) Cushing, and the following 2005 graduates: Jillian Argue, Nicolas Gunning, Benjamin Howard, and Christopher Moeller. The wedding reception was held in the Campus Center Dining Hall. Jesse and Jessica are located in Maitland, NSW, Australia, where Jesse is the pastor of the Maitland Wesleyan Methodist Church.

07 Kathryn (Henderson) and Jeffrey DeYoung were married (*see Down the Aisle*) and are living in Silver Spring, MD, where Jeffrey is a computer programmer and Kathryn works in clinical research.

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Houghton alumni gathered at the MFA Art Show of Hi Uan Kang at Washington University in St. Louis. From left to right are Benjamin Loos '07, Christine (DiFonzo '06) Loos, Kelsey Harro '06, Hi Uan Kang '06, and Ron Leax, Washington University Art Professor and brother to Houghton's Jack Leax.

08 Bradley and Linnea (Landin '07) Burr (*see Down the Aisle*) are now living in Ithaca, NY. Brad is pursuing a master's in Saxophone Performance at Ithaca College.

P.A.C.E.

Q4 Gretchen (Szucs) Gary is the new Executive Director of the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Q5 Heidi Carlson is the Human Resource Manager for Lowe's Home Centers in Warren,

PA. Responsibilities include recruiting talent and talent management, benefits, payroll, and public relations events in the community. Heidi states, "Houghton College P.A.C.E. was an unforgettable experience. I acquired so much valuable information and loved my time in the program."

K2 Janet (Will) Halliday is working as a Science and Math Teacher in an Alternative Education Program in Dover, DE. In addition, she adopted 8-year-old daughter Kallie in October 2008.

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Down the Aisle

Bradley and Linnea (Landin '07) Burr '08	7.12.08
Timothy (Norton '04) and Jillian (Carey '05) Carter	3.20.08
Jeffrey and Kathryn (Henderson '07) DeYoung '07	4.19.08
Curt and Jennifer (Davis '94) Heins	6.7.08
Alejandro and Stephanie (Price '01) Martinez	12.12.08
James and Rachel (Fore '04) Midyette	8.10.08
Jesse and Jessica (Spear '05) Ryals '06	10.18.08
Mark and Keely (Jones '99) Stater	7.20.08



Mr. & Mrs. Ryals



Mr. & Mrs. Heins



Mr. & Mrs. Midyette

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Many Houghton alumni were able to join the DeYoung's wedding, including: (from far left to right) Steve Matiasz '07, Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith, Roc Lee '07, Jessica (Spear '04) Ryals, Shannon Callan '07, Jesse Ryals '06, Ben Walker '07, Maggie Bell '07, Jason Smith '05, Jeffrey DeYoung '07 (groom), Timothy Boland '05, Ellen Bartlett '08, David Ford '07, Kathryn (Henderson '07) DeYoung (bride), Kathryn Scrafford '07, Susannah Smith '07, Rodney Eberly '07, Jamie Kulick '08, Shellie Salmikov '07, Stanislav Salmikov '07



Houghton Alumni guests at the Stater wedding include: R1 (left to right): Rev. Dr Kelvin Jones '76; Lara (Lundgren '99) Schuler; Andrew Huth '00; Keely (Jones '99) Stater (bride); Mark Stater (groom); JoAnne (DeSerio '76) Jones R2: Heather (Conklin '00) Huth; Corenna (Boucher '98) Hoyt; Daniel Jones '03 R3: Richard Filmer '56; Heidi (Oberholtzer '96) Lee; Keri Barnett '99; Kevin Thompson '06 R4: Frances Filmer '56; Carol (Szymaszek '98) Kelly R5: Larry Nemitz '72; Carolyn (Roy '99) Kiddy; Donald Thompson '77 R6: Cheryl (Jones '94) Mitchell; Mary Sue (Jones '78) Thompson

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Mr. & Mrs. Burr



Mr. & Mrs. Carter



Mr. & Mrs. Martinez

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Ethan Gorham



Samuel Borer



Sarah Tremblay

Future Alumni

John and Bethany (Bialy '05) Borer
Christopher and Mary (Hemphill '97) Borzell

Matt and Shawna (Lee '01) Coleing
Bruce Dailey, Jr. and Carrie (Martin '95) Dailey
Joel and Sonya (Marthai '03) Dunham '01
Jeremy and Erin (Spear '04) Gorham '03
Janet (Will '97) Halliday
Monte and Kathleen (DePeal '95) Herford

Robert and Katherine (Lightbody '97) Knight
Souly and Kristin (Voorhees '05) Sanasith
Jason and Robin (Valentine '98) Sawicki
Jason and Daniella (Knapp '06) Shambach '06
Andrew and Melissa (Dzuzelewski '00) Tinsley '01

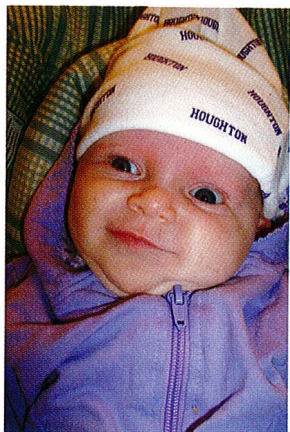
Paul and Beth (Hodgson '91) Tremblay
Robert and Alicia (Atwater '03) White

*adopted

Samuel John	10.10.08
Shaun Robert	2.18.08
Patrick James	2.18.08
Seth	5.28.08
Sarah Elizabeth	10.16.08
Elsa Kate	5.8.08
Ethan Benaiah	10.14.08
Kallie*	10.08
Isaac Lee	6.18.04
Audrey Noelle	10.26.06
Quentin Matthew	10.3.08
Annalise Arden	7.20.08
Carson Duon	9.25.08
Caton Daniel	12.2.08
Soren Alan	9.27.07
Caleb Michael	3.5.08
Luke Alan	3.5.08
Sarah Faith	8.23.08
Marissa Darcy	7.24.08

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Marissa White

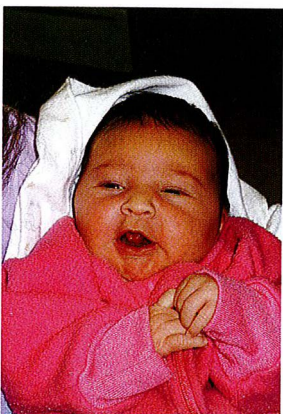
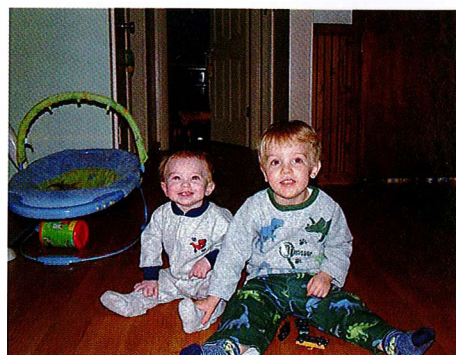


Shaun (L) and Patrick Borzell

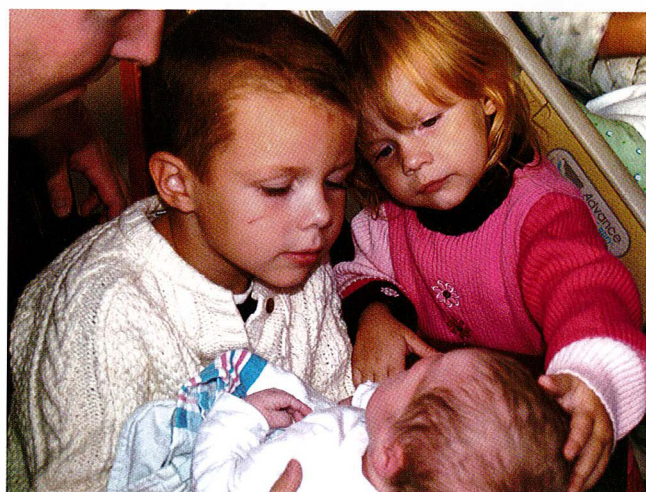


Carson Sanasith

This picture of Gregory Michael Schuler, Jr. (L) was omitted from his birth announcement in the Fall 2008 Milieu. We apologize for this inconvenience.

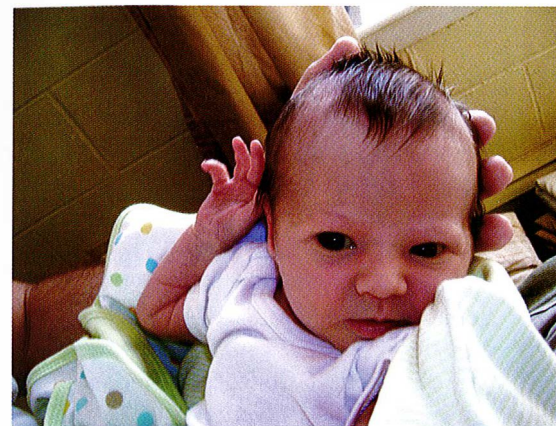


Sarah Dailey



The Herford children; Isaac (L), Audrey (R) and Quentin

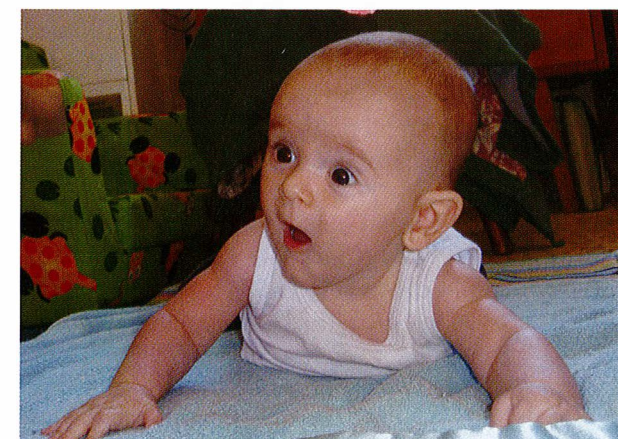
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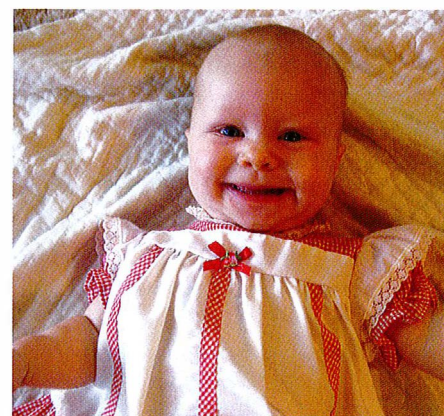
Soren Shambach



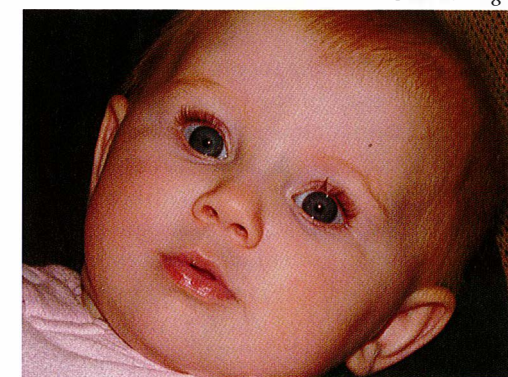
Caleb (L) and Luke Tinsley



Seth Coleing



Elsa Dunham



Annalise Knight



REMEMBRANCE

35 Dr. Alden Earl VanOrnum, 95, passed away on November 29, 2008. He graduated from Houghton with his Bachelor's degree and later went on to the University of Michigan to receive his doctorate in dentistry in 1944. Dr. VanOrnum is survived by his wife **Elizabeth (Sellman '37)** and his children.

43 Dr. Robert F. Clark, 88, died January 19 in Fort Myers, FL. Born in Sodus, NY, he attended Houghton and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. Upon his discharge, Clark began a distinguished 40 year career as a dermatologist. He was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, **Ruth (Gibson '44)**, and his wife of 15 years, **Betty (Clark '44)**. Clark is survived by three children, including **Susan (Clark '69)**, and five grandchildren.

46 Helen R. Tschantz, 85, went to be with the Lord on January 4, 2009. A native of Ohio, Helen was a librarian and English teacher at Jackson Local Schools in Massillon for 24 years, retiring in 1982. She served as secretary to the Ohio chapter of the Houghton College Alumni Association, also attending many Alumni Weekends and events. A member of the American Guild of Organists and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Helen was an organist for various churches for over 30 years. She is survived by her husband Martin of 58 years, as well as her daughter **Janet Barkas '75**, two grand-

daughters, four brothers, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews including **Paula (Sell '72) Haywood**.

Rev. Dr. Herbert Henry Dongell, 88, passed away on October 23, 2008 at his home. In addition to his B.A. in Bible from Houghton College, Rev. Dongell attended United Wesleyan College, Master's programs at Lehigh University and Temple University, and earned doctorates from Trinity Theological Seminary and United Wesleyan College. He taught at United Wesleyan College for 22 years, at Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University) for 22 years and headed their Department of Religion from 1968-1975. A pastor for almost 50 years, Rev. Dongell also served as Secretary of Middle Atlantic States Conference from 1962-68 and was chosen to serve as Delegate to General Conference five times.

Rev. Dongell is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Virginia (Swauger '48)**, four children, and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by six sisters and four brothers, including **Oliver Dongell '50**.

49 H. Ellis Kreider of Palmyra, PA, 84, died at his residence at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home on January 6, 2009. Born in Campbelltown, PA, he worked in real estate for most of his working life. He was a lifetime member of the Palmyra Brethren in Christ Church, enjoyed walking, and was an avid hiker. His wife of 45 years, Pat, survives him, as well as two sons and two grandsons.

Gordon G. Talbolt, 80, went to be with the Lord on January 11, 2009. After attending Houghton College and receiving a Ministerial B.A. in 1949, Gordon went on to attend Nyack College and completed graduate studies at Wheaton College and New York University.

He wrote over 200 articles for religious periodicals, an independent contract curriculum writer, several books. He is survived by his wife Katherine and nine children, including **David '83**.

51 William D. Kerchoff, 80, passed away on September 3, 2008 in Batavia. A former president of the Houghton College Alumni Association and Alumni Board member, William spent 34 years in Social Security Administration and 23 years as District Manager in Batavia. His wife, **Janice '53**, predeceased him; he is survived by their children **David '80**, **Steven '82**, **Cynthia '78**, and **Jane '85**, a brother-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

53 Janice S. (Straley) Kerchoff, 76, passed away on June 13, 2008 in Batavia. After Houghton, Janice earned her EDM from SUNY Geneseo and became an elementary school teacher. She is survived by (her husband died see '51) her sons **David '80** and **Steven '82**, daughters **Cynthia '78** and **Jane '85**, a sister, a granddaughter, a brother-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

REMEMBRANCE

61 Lawrence I. (Larry) Ritchey, 67, passed away on April 13, 2006 surrounded by loving family and friends. Lawrence began his musical career at age of four when his musical abilities became apparent.

Lawrence studied at Houghton College, Haverford College, and Syracuse University. He won the Brussels International Prize in Improvisation, established the RCCO Regina Centre in Canada, designed many pipe organs across N. America, and worked extensively with the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of thirty years, Candace, four children, and four siblings including **Elizabeth (Ritchey '62) Hamilton**.



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Alumni opinion survey

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Dear Houghton Alumni,

As valued members of Houghton's worldwide family, you are the greatest testaments of the impact of a Houghton College education. We cannot achieve our full potential without the participation and support of our more than 16,000 alumni. For these reasons, your opinions and feedback are vital.

Please take the time to answer the questions below. Your answers will help us plan better events, communicate more effectively, and be better stewards of our resources.

GENERAL ►

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Providing us with your e-mail helps us be better stewards of both the environment and our financial resources by reducing the need for traditional print mail.

1. When were you last on the Houghton campus?

- ☐ 1 year ☐ 5 years ☐ 10 years ☐ 15 years

2. What types of events or activities would attract you to return to Houghton? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Musical event/concert ☐ Athletic event ☐ Class reunion
☐ Event honoring a Houghton professor ☐ Homecoming
☐ Summer alumni college ☐ Summer alumni weekend
☐ Other _____

3. What factors have an impact on whether you might attend an alumni event in your area? (check all that apply)

- ☐ The presence of a Houghton student
☐ The presence of a Houghton faculty member
☐ A child friendly environment
☐ Location of the event in a person's home
☐ Other _____

4. In what ways would you be willing to help current students to be exposed to career opportunities? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Inform Houghton about job openings where I work
☐ Represent employer at an on-campus career fair
☐ Mentor a student interested in a career in my field
☐ Help find employment, housing, etc. in my geographic area
☐ Other _____

COMMUNICATION ►

5. What type of information from Houghton do you find most interesting? (check all that apply)

- ☐ General news/events
☐ Stories/updates on HC students/faculty/staff/alumni
☐ Athletic information
☐ Mission/vision items (i.e. Houghton's goals for the future)
☐ Opportunities for involvement (i.e. ways you can get involved through participation, giving, etc...)
☐ Educational/academic articles
☐ Other _____

6. For each section of the Milieu, please rate your interest—1 "not interested"-5 "very interested".

- _____ Alumni notes _____ Faculty updates
_____ Feature articles _____ Campus updates

Comments: _____

7. What topics would you like to see addressed in future Milieu issues?

8. How often do you visit www.houghton.edu?

- ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Once a year ☐ Never

9. Please rate the college's web site in each of the areas below from 1 "Poor"-5 "Excellent."

- _____ Design _____ Content
_____ Photography _____ Writing/editing
_____ Ease of use/navigation/functionality

Comments: _____

10. What information do you typically look for when you visit www.houghton.edu? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Sports information ☐ General updates/news/events
☐ Contact information (i.e. for people on campus)
☐ Giving information ☐ Admissions information
☐ Other _____

GIVING ►

11. Have you ever given a financial gift to Houghton? ☐ yes ☐ no

12. What item(s) are you most likely to support in your current or future giving to Houghton College? (check up to two selections)

- ☐ Student scholarships ☐ Academic programs
☐ Capital projects (buildings, equipment, etc.)
☐ General endowment
☐ Other _____

13. What method would you prefer to give a current or future gift to Houghton? (check up to two selections)

- ☐ Direct mail (i.e. brochure, postcard)
☐ Phone (i.e. student phonathon call)
☐ Online (i.e. Web, e-mail)
☐ Personal request (i.e. from a peer, Houghton faculty/staff)
☐ Other/comments _____

14. How would you prefer your financial support be acknowledged (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Thank you note ☐ Small gift/token of appreciation
☐ Impact report (i.e. tell me what my gift did—how it impacted students, the college, the world.)
☐ Phone call ☐ Other _____

{ WHEN COMPLETED, MAIL BY JUNE 30 }