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The background features a collage of two historic buildings. On the left is a large, light-colored building with a prominent dome and classical columns. On the right is a red brick building with a similar domed structure. The entire image is overlaid with a pattern of large, overlapping triangles in various shades of tan and beige. The text "SERVING OUR PRESENT AGE" is centered over the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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—Shirley A. Mullen '76,  
President

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## CORRECTION

We make every effort to ensure that information presented within this publication is accurate and timely. The following correction is for the 2013 Fall/Winter Issue of *Houghton*.

**Rachel Wightman '05** was mistakenly listed as Rachel (Wightman '05) Conn under the Marriages section (page 16). Rachel did not change her name when she married Brian; we apologize for the oversight.

## FROM THE EDITOR

The Spring/Summer 2014 issue of *Houghton* generated a healthy amount of feedback, some of which is highlighted here. I appreciate the way alumni from across the decades responded with words of affirmation and encouragement as well as disagreement and frustration. Letters, comments, corrections and suggestions for *Houghton* may be submitted online, by postal mail or by email. We reserve the right to edit comments for length, clarity and style.

**Jeff Babbitt '96**

## COMMENTS AND CONVERSATION

I was discouraged that you didn't offer viewpoints that were more critical of Common Core and the Affordable Care Act in the most recent edition of the *Houghton* magazine. I felt like it was agenda-driven material. There are a number of Houghton grads who hold to a more conservative ideology and we'd like to see articles that reflect that worldview as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Bob Price '97**

Painted Post, New York

Thank you for the article about Joseph Sedu Mans in the "In Memoriam" section in the Spring/Summer 2014 issue. While I was attending Houghton, I served a

small Methodist church in Garwoods, New York. I had met Sedu as a member of Mrs. McMillen's Bible Introduction class and invited him to speak at my church one Sunday. My wife-to-be was attending that service and recommitted her life to Christ that day. After the service, we were invited to the home of one of my church members for lunch. We had hardly entered the home when Sedu asked the husband if he had committed his life to Christ. It was clear he had one mission in life: to tell others of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Serving Jesus was his burning desire.

**David E. Roe '63**

York, Pennsylvania

Dr. Mullen:

I read your reflection column in the 2014 Spring/Summer *Houghton* magazine and it really struck a chord. I had never quite been able to put into words what the Houghton experience meant to me. So many formative events occurred there. I became serious about my faith and about learning. I discovered a love for public speaking and debating. Houghton (primarily through Dr. Lindley) prepared me for law school. I learned what it meant to live in community.

But this idea about a place apart is what really resonates with me. That's definitely the role that Houghton played in my life. We had more snow than sand, but it wasn't all that different from Moses' wilderness experience. I heard God's voice at Houghton. I set my compass there.

Even now, when I'm about to go through a grinding experience of some sort, I will pull away first and find a place apart to pray and to prepare my heart and soul. Jesus did that in the Garden. I will reconcile myself to God's will for my life and then try to face the circumstances with courage, clarity and grace. I have always been struck by the fact that after he rose from his knees in the Garden, Jesus never flinched again.

Thanks again for such a thoughtful piece. As an alumnus, I appreciate your leadership. It is great to know that a place so important in my life is in good hands.

**Randy Singer '78**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

The cover of the current issue of *Houghton* (Spring/Summer 2014) states that its focus is "viewpoints in education and health care." Three articles are devoted to each. But there is no diversity in points of view: all three who write on education endorse the Common Core curriculum and all three who write on health care advocate equal "justice" for all, worldwide, regardless of diversity of economic circumstance or political environment. The use of the plural, "viewpoints," is only apt in that two topics are considered; there is no diversity in respect to points of view, and the implication is that from a Christian perspective none is possible.

**David C. Lachman '61**

Wyncote, Pennsylvania

After reading the latest Houghton magazine, I felt compelled to let you know how thrilled I was that Houghton students are participating in educational reforms as well as working toward social justice in health care. The articles written by educators concerning Common Core were informative; it is encouraging that there are teachers who truly care and are doing their best to find creative ways to meet the diverse needs of students. The article written by Dr. Glick was especially pertinent as I, too, struggle to care for my diverse population in an OB/GYN office in Charlotte, North Carolina. I certainly hope that we all can work toward justice in our health care system for all people.

**Sage Brook '66**

Charlotte, North Carolina

A liberal arts education—and especially a Christian liberal arts education—is always in style. It is always a necessity for society and never a luxury. Human beings are always in need of being freed from fear, prejudice, convention, small mindedness and parochialism of place and time. Human beings are always in need of being freed for seeing a larger world, living more generously, acting more compassionately and understanding life from another's point of view.

Nevertheless, a liberal arts education—and especially a Christian liberal arts education—is always in need of explaining itself. People often think of the “liberal arts” as a set of disciplines—history, philosophy, literature, languages—rather than an approach to education. They assume that it must be residential education because it often happens in small colleges. They assume that it must be for the elite of a society just because it is usually expensive. Perhaps most regrettable of all in a challenged economy, people assume it is disconnected from work just because it is often not training a person for a specific job.

A liberal arts education—and especially a Christian liberal arts education—is always in need of reinventing itself to make sure it is speaking to its own time. This process is not perfect. No doubt some things of value get lost in the various transitions. For some, the liberal arts will never be quite as powerful without Greek and Latin. There will often be debate about which disciplinary content is most freeing. For example, should we teach Western Civilization or World Civilization? Because the world is changing, the liberal arts—and Christian liberal arts—must accommodate those changes in order to accomplish the same end. If we are to succeed in preparing graduates for lifelong effectiveness as free and liberating people, we must be attuned to the tools they need for the challenges to that freedom in our time.

Today at Houghton, we are exploring new ways to more effectively prepare young men and women to be empowering agents of freedom in the global, technological, compartmentalized and ever changing world of the 21st century. More than ever, the Vocational Opportunities and Career Advising (VOCA) Center is working to help students think of their workplace preparation as more than preparing for one job. They need to be prepared for a lifetime of changing opportunities.

We must be proactive in linking traditional disciplines to new circumstances. In the Greatbatch School of Music, for example, we are adding a program in Music Industry so that students are prepared to translate the gifts of music into the high-tech and commercialized world of today's music economy.



We must be proactive in looking for new audiences who need the opportunities afforded by a Houghton education in today's world. In 1883, it was the socially disadvantaged young men and women of Allegany County. In 2014, it includes the refugee communities of Buffalo's west side.

It is this tradition of Christian liberal arts—ever old and ever new—that we seek to practice at Houghton College. It is the relevance and timelessness of the Christian liberal arts that we celebrate in this issue of *Houghton*. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shirley A. Mullen".

Shirley A. Mullen, Class of 1976  
President



# TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE

## HOUGHTON COLLEGE BUFFALO'S CONTEMPORARY MISSION

Cameron Airhart, Dean of Houghton College Buffalo

Americans are an immigrant people. Most people you meet have an immigration story in their family lore.

Sometimes the story is about a grandparent, sometimes a parent, or occasionally the story is about the Mayflower. Sometimes the story is about an Atlantic passage, a westward migration, or moving north to find work. Stories often involve the attractions of a better life or fleeing persecution, and many involve multiple migrations in the same family: a harrowing middle passage from Africa, followed by a brutal rural existence in bondage or great poverty, and ending in a recent northern migration to an urban center.

My own migration story features a grandfather I never knew who was shipped off to Canada when he was a child of 10. He worked on a farm in London, Ontario, before the Great War, escaped to northern Ontario, resurfaced in Edmonton, Alberta, had a daughter—my mother—and disappeared again. I joined the glorious company of immigrants when my peripatetic parents dragged me to the United States when I was a teenager. After a rocky start in my

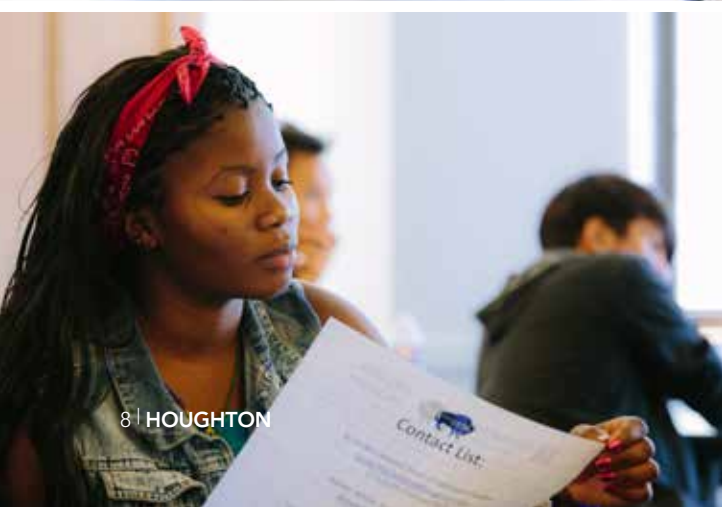
new country, I have strived, and my story has merged with the stories of millions of other immigrants to America.

And so the stories go, each one rich in particular detail about language, cuisine, customs and religion, some more familiar than others. All share many features though. Every story is about an anxious journey, a painful separation from things familiar, an overwhelming disorientation in a new land, and, as a basso continuo underlying the whole experience, a tenacious holding onto hope for a better future.

Before our eyes, on the West Side of Buffalo, New York, the old story is being repeated. This time, the immigrants are from Southeast Asia and Central Africa, and these latest additions to the immigrant story usually come as refugees. “Refugee” is a word first coined on London’s Brick Lane to describe the sheltering of Huguenots fleeing France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The word had deep Old Testament roots, and for the persecuted Huguenots, London became their city of refuge. Our contemporary Buffalo refugees have fled political and ethnic persecution in their former homes and usually arrive in America after years

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spent warehoused in emergency camps where only the basic necessities of life were provided. For the young, this was a particular hardship, for many were shut out of organized schooling, effectively cutting them off from their own futures. Buffalo has now become their city of refuge, and part of our region’s moral responsibility is to restore to them their futures. »



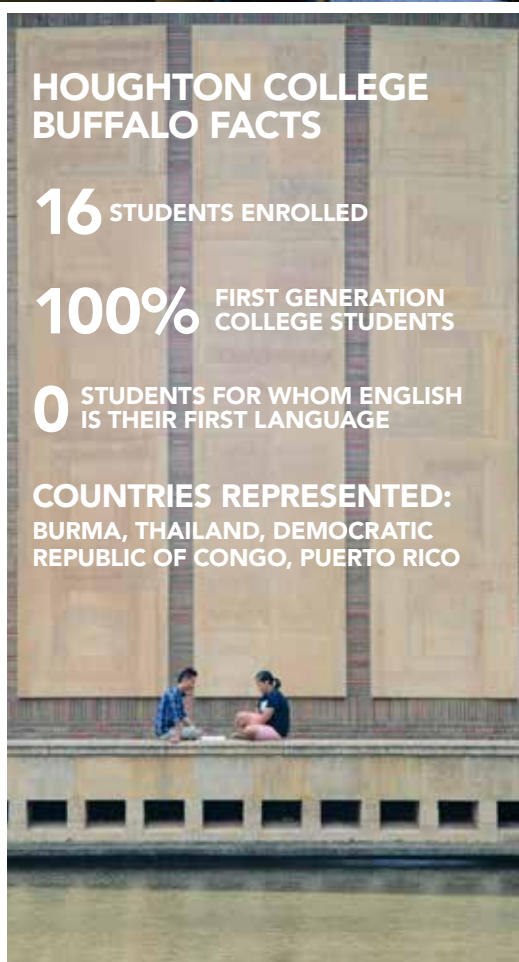
## HOUGHTON COLLEGE BUFFALO FACTS

**16** STUDENTS ENROLLED

**100%** FIRST GENERATION  
COLLEGE STUDENTS

**0** STUDENTS FOR WHOM ENGLISH  
IS THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE

**COUNTRIES REPRESENTED:**  
BURMA, THAILAND, DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF CONGO, PUERTO RICO



## HOUGHTON COLLEGE BUFFALO STUDENT PROFILES



### Kay Oo

Ethnicity: Karen

Languages: Karen, Burmese, English

Kay Oo was born in a small village in Thailand to a family of a mixed ethnic background. Her mother is Karen, and her father is Mon. She lived in a refugee camp in Thailand for several years and was separated from her family for a short

time when she was 8 years old. Kay Oo grew up speaking Karen but, since moving to the United States in 2007, is also fluent in Burmese. Her academic interests include Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, which facilitate her interest in civil engineering. She wants to return to Thailand and help economically impoverished communities. Her greatest goal is to build a beautiful home for her mother.



### Jean Mugisha

Home: Democratic Republic of Congo

Languages: Kinyarwanda, English

Jean Mugisha was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He spent most of his young life as a refugee in Rwanda. As a result, he considers Kinyarwanda his home language. He loves music and volleyball and is involved in planning chapel services for the Houghton College

Buffalo Program. Jean firmly believes that higher education will help him to build a better life for his family, his community and himself. He is interested in pursuing careers in social work and nursing.



### Angel Kuilan

Home: Puerto Rico

Languages: Spanish, English

Angel Kuilan lives with his mother in Buffalo while his father is in Puerto Rico. Angel grew up as a part of the rapidly expanding Puerto Rican community in Buffalo. Dr. Cameron Airhart's Urban Life course is his favorite class with Houghton College

Buffalo, but he eventually hopes to study business. His keen interest in fashion guides many of his more open-ended class projects and drives him to seek a future career in the fashion industry. He hopes to work with small clothing businesses and someday start his own business.

Building on the work already being done in Buffalo by dedicated people and committed resettlement agencies, Houghton College has accepted our part of that responsibility; to give back to some of these young people the futures that were snatched from them. We are doing this by beginning an Associate of Arts degree program designed to prepare them to thrive in the local economy by offering them the skills needed to be workforce ready upon graduation. In a cohort model in their own neighborhood, we are giving them the essence of a liberal arts education—an education that enlarges their sense of themselves and their appreciation for the world around them. We are combining that essence with other coursework that will allow them to fully participate in the economic renaissance happening in Buffalo, much of which is centered in the very neighborhood where most of them have settled. We have started small with 16 students, but we hope to grow to 60 students at our present site at First Presbyterian Church on Symphony Circle in Buffalo. We will have succeeded in our work when we see our students entering the adult world and confidently shouldering responsibilities as citizens, employees, business owners, teachers, parents, homeowners, church members and community leaders where they live.

The task is daunting, but I have been reminded lately of the second verse of Charles Wesley's hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have":

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill:  
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage  
To do my Master's will! ■



CHANGING  
REALITIES

**M**usically excellent. Academically engaged. Profoundly Christian. These words describe the heart and vision of the Greatbatch School of Music, a vision that has inspired music faculty throughout the decades to prepare graduates for lives of excellence in composition, education, performance and church music.

Today we face the challenge of translating these longstanding values into the changing realities of music in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Houghton's newly minted major in music industry positions the Greatbatch School of Music to broaden its reach and remain relevant in today's marketplace.

Kevin Jackson, Director of Technical Arts and Music Industry, took time out of his schedule to talk to *Houghton* magazine about his passion for training the next generation of Houghton music alumni.

### How did you get into music?

The fire and passion for wanting to work within the music industry started in high school. I had a teacher who saw the passion within. He taught me how to play the drums, piano and guitar, and he loaned me Christian albums from his collection. This was the turning point in my life that inspired me to pursue music as a career.

### What launched your career in commercial music?

The band I played in at college did pretty well. We toured up and down the East Coast during the summer, getting larger as a band and getting paid. I later left the band and moved into the commercial end of music, working at a recording studio in Rochester, New York. We traveled and worked out record deals; we developed artists and sold them off to major labels. During this time, I was able to work with some of the top artists and best producers in the industry. I learned "the ropes" within the music industry—from publishing all the way through music production and recording.

### How did you find your way to Houghton?

I was working at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg as a technical arts director when I received a call from a student I knew at Houghton. "There's an opening at Houghton," she said. "You should apply."

I said at the time I was going to stay six months. Six months turned into a year. One turned into two and two years turned into eight.

### What can students do with training in music industry?

The degree is an amazing "jumping off" point for those wanting to pursue music, music business, worship arts or recording arts as a career.

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## **Describe the state of music recording today.**

Music went from vinyl to cassettes to CDs (the digital era) and finally to MP3s—which took the quality of the music and truncated it so it's not really great sounding. We live in a society where everything is easy—it's easy to grab it and get it. I call it the McDonald's mentality of recording arts: fast, now, easy. Some critics would say there is a bleak outlook in the music industry; however, last year record label sales were equal to the peak of the industry in 1999. Today there are many more revenue streams within the industry. Streaming services are coming of age and there will always be a need for great music within the film and video game industries.

## **What do students learn in music industry classes at Houghton?**

In my Intro to Music Technology and Recording Arts class, I'll play the song "Sledgehammer" from Peter Gabriel's *So* album on vinyl. The students light up. The sound is big and full and has a lot of dynamic range. It doesn't sound "squashed" or overly compressed. I see the fire inside of the students and the desire to learn how to craft a mix like they are hearing, how to capture sound the right way from the originating source.

We teach students the art of recording, how to walk in front of the cello and find where the richest tones are coming out, then placing the mic there as if it were your ear. We're trying to bring the art back into the recording arts.

We also teach students how to balance the mix once they capture it the correct way within the recording. We instruct students that sometimes you have to make something sound bad to make it sound good within the big picture of a mix. For instance, sometimes you tone down an acoustic guitar, make it sound a little tinny so it fits within the fullness of mix alongside the drums and bass. That's the art of mixing.

## **At the end of the day, what are your hopes and dreams for your students?**

Now you're hitting the passion point with me. The first thing I say when I walk into my first class is that if you are going to take what I teach you and use it for selfish ambition, I would quit teaching today. My hope is that students will take the depth and richness of their Houghton education and make the world a better place through spreading the Gospel of Christ through their actions, their art and their lives.

We know that a song can change a person. We know that a video with an amazing soundtrack can touch a person in places that sometimes a pastor can't even reach. Multimedia. Music. These are some of the most powerful ways to communicate with people.

If students leave here and people's lives are changed because of what we taught them, that's worth everything. That's worth every day of walking into the classroom. ■

# AN INSPIRING VIEW

A CONVERSATION WITH COACH HAROLD "SKIP" LORD AT THE  
BEGINNING OF A NEW ATHLETIC ERA

Jason Mucher, Director of Compliance and Communication





WHEN I'VE BROUGHT PEOPLE  
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INVOLUNTARY GASP.

It's late October and Houghton's executive director of intercollegiate athletics, **H. "Skip" Lord '80**, takes a moment to admire the view from his corner office of the Kerr-Pegula Field House.

The past three years have been a whirlwind of activity for Lord and Houghton athletics. A move to NCAA Division III, the addition of six sports and the three-phase \$23 million Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex project have only added to the normal responsibilities of running a successful athletics department.

Daily use of the field house began the week of Homecoming in early October, and a dedication and ribbon cutting celebration among Houghton alumni, students, administrators, faculty and special guests took place on Saturday of Homecoming weekend.

The task has now shifted to turn the initial vision for the complex—kick started by a \$12 million gift from Terry and **Kim (Kerr '91) Pegula**—into a working plan that Lord hopes will not only have an impact across campus but beyond into the local community and across Western New York state.

Still unpacking from his move from the Nielsen Center to the field house, Lord took a moment to discuss the past three years overseeing the project and the vision for the facility and Houghton athletics in the years ahead.



## When someone first steps into the Kerr-Pegula Field House, what is the reaction?

When I've brought people in for the first time, they walk in the building and you can hear an audible, involuntary gasp. You know it's a big building from the outside, but walking through the doors, you pause due to the magnitude of it.

## How did the idea for the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex initially come about?

We knew that by moving to the NCAA, we were going to have to add sports to meet the minimum requirements. With that came the need for additional fields and facilities. After some conversations with Kim Pegula's father, Ralph Kerr, he shared with the Pegulas a proposal that included a multi-field turf facility and a field house. We needed the additional fields, but we realized that with our weather situation in the spring and fall, we would need artificial turf and lights to maximize usage. With the addition of tennis, the need for indoor practice space in inclement weather, limited office and locker room space and the potential for wider usage by the campus and community, a field house made sense.

## What is the vision for the use of the field house and the entire complex?

Obviously it must serve the needs of Houghton faculty, staff and students. Those who work and study here need to be

able to use the facility for its fitness and wellness options but also for educational opportunities and cultural programming. The second priority is exposing prospective students and those who influence them to Houghton College. The third is to schedule and host activities that can serve as a revenue stream for the institution. Finally, the facility needs to serve the local area and become an economic engine for Allegany County and the region.

## How will this affect recruitment and enrollment?

The new facilities put us above and beyond anything available at many of the schools we are competing against. It will be a big draw for prospective student-athletes.

That being said, our vision reaches beyond athletics. Any time a college adds facilities or renovates existing facilities, it gives a sense of vibrancy about what is happening on campus. When I was coaching, I would take recruits through the Center for the Arts building, whether they were music majors or not, to show them the new facilities in that area. It gives a sense of newness and growth campus wide.

## How does the scheduling of outside groups and events fit the vision?

The week the field house opened, we hosted a college fair with over 40 colleges and students from the 14 high schools in Allegany County. This fits our recruitment vision but also shows that this is a venue

that outside groups should consider for their events. Homecoming featured a concert with 2,300 in attendance, and the seating barely covered a third of the floor. Concerts will be big opportunities, as will the obvious college and high school athletic events. I can also foresee more youth activities and conferences, special speakers, lunch and dinner events and trade shows. The ideas are endless. Figuring out which events best fit our priorities and maximizing the space are the challenges.

## The fourth priority is local and regional impact. Can you go more into that?

The college is one of the largest employers in Allegany County. As Houghton flourishes, it brings students here to study and employees here to work. As our enrollment grows, our students and employees need places to purchase their goods and services. As we schedule more events, the demand grows for restaurants, gas stations and hotels. It will enhance the local economy while creating demand for new businesses.

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Lord has a bit more time to focus on other business now that the field house is officially open. A top priority is the college's continued transition to NCAA Division III, a process on pace to be complete in the fall of 2016. From his new second floor office, he has an inspiring view of what is possible with hard work, generous alumni and friends, and a faithful God. ■



# ACCEPTING THE INVITATION

Kim Pool, Director of VOCA (Vocational Opportunities and Career Advising)

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Similar to many students, “Kevin” arrived at Houghton with a clear idea of what he wanted to major in and a career goal in mind. Ever since he went on a mission trip to Nairobi with his church in middle school, he wanted to be a surgeon and open a hospital in Kenya. Midway through his first semester, however, he found himself not enjoying lab and scoring poorly on exams. He began to rethink his career path and made an appointment with the VOCA Center.

When I met with Kevin, I asked him about his interests and gifts. He shared with me his passion for East Africans and also his love for video. He has his own videography business and he explained his enjoyment of creating stories through film. We also talked about his values and work preferences. He recognized his independent nature and desire to be his own boss. I could see Kevin’s excitement grow as we talked about how he could use his videography skills to tell the stories of East Africa. I encouraged him to take a digital video

class and an entrepreneurship class. I also suggested a few alumni for him to speak with to get a better idea of what a career in videography entails. It is a joy and privilege to help Kevin and other students gain a better understanding of the gifts they have been given and how they can use them to meet a need in the world.

During the last year, the college has delved deeper into the topic of vocation and explored how calling and career are closely connected. Vocation is the response to God's invitation to participate in His redemptive plan for our lives and all of creation. God has uniquely designed each of us with different gifts and abilities. Vocation is what weaves together the very fabric of our identity with God's divine call. One person's particular vocation may be to serve as a pastor of a church, another may be called to administer justice as a county judge, and another may be called to care for the dying as a hospice nurse. Whatever and wherever the location of our service, we are all called to minister to others and do everything we can to bring the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

At the beginning of 2014, the college received a two-year grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to provide a "more intentional and consistent focus on the theological and practical connections between vocation and career." In the following months, the Career Services office also changed its name to VOCA (Vocational Opportunities and Career Advising) and moved to a more visible location in the

## GOD HAS UNIQUELY DESIGNED EACH OF US WITH DIFFERENT GIFTS AND ABILITIES. VOCATION IS WHAT WEAVES TOGETHER THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR IDENTITY WITH GOD'S DIVINE CALL.

Van Dyk Lounge of the Campus Center. These changes have resulted in increased conversations with students like Kevin about their individual vocations.

The mission of the new Fleming-Farver VOCA Center is to help students and alumni integrate God's call with a career plan. A comprehensive four-year career plan was developed which guides students in understanding their unique gifts, selecting a major, pursuing an applied learning experience and gaining the necessary market-ready skills to be competitive in the workforce.

Vocation is not just a career. It is the wholeness of life: work, family, neighbors and civic responsibility, locally and globally. Our vocation is who we are in the truest sense and what we do in response to God's call to serve others. Frederick Buechner's quote sums it up best, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." ■

**ALUMNI** can experience the joy of taking part in the journey of Houghton students by serving as a volunteer career advisor through Houghton Connects, our online career advising system. Houghton Connects is a means for alumni and parents to talk with students about their career paths, provide networking opportunities within their fields, refer students to hiring personnel within their organizations and perhaps provide internships or entry-level jobs to a Houghton candidate.

[www.houghton.edu/alumni/houghton-connects](http://www.houghton.edu/alumni/houghton-connects)



# HOMECOMING2014

The Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex was formally dedicated over Homecoming Weekend. (Pictured at the ribbon cutting, L-R, Houghton student-athlete **Connor Vogan '15**; President **Shirley Mullen '76**; Terry Pegula; **Kim (Kerr '91) Pegula**; Ralph Kerr; Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics **Harold "Skip" Lord '80**) **1**

**John Bechtel '62** was named Alumnus of the Year. John serves on the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries Team as the Regional Advisor for Asia.

(Pictured from L-R, Director of Alumni Relations **Dan Noyes '93**; John Bechtel; President Shirley Mullen) **2**

**Audrey Stockin Eyler '64** was this year's Homecoming chapel speaker. Audrey has been serving as the chair of the Ortlip Family Art Board since 1998. (Pictured from L-R, Audrey Stockin Eyler, President Shirley Mullen) **3**

Christian rock band Tenth Avenue North, along with Christian artist Matt Maher, performed for an audience of 2,300 at the Kerr-Pegula Field House. **4**

First-year students gather around the eagle sculpture for the new student scarf tradition ceremony. This year's ceremony took place thirty-three years to the day of the Homecoming tragedy in 1981 that took the lives of 6 Houghton students. **5**

Visit the Homecoming website to view more photos, including class reunion photos taken at Homecoming this year.  
[www.houghton.edu/homecoming](http://www.houghton.edu/homecoming)



HOMECOMING2014



PLAN NOW FOR HOMECOMING 2015

**OCT. 2-3, 2015**

Reunions for all classes ending in 0 or 5\*

\*except for the class of 1965 which will  
celebrate their reunion in May 2015

# CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

## SUMMER 2014 HAPPENINGS

15  
Houghton students who worked with natural science and mathematics faculty members on collaborative research projects as part of the Summer Research Institute



5,300

Guests on campus for camps and conferences



3,755

Houghton t-shirts handed out at Kingdom Bound to prospective students, youth pastors, current students and Houghton alumni

## FALL 2014 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

13%  
FIRST  
GENERATION  
COLLEGE  
STUDENTS

11% ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF CLASS  
(SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD)

12  
COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

23  
U.S. STATES  
REPRESENTED

9%

INCREASE

IN INCOMING STUDENTS OVER LAST YEAR

31%

Students with family alumni connections

### MOST COMMON FIRST NAMES

WOMEN

Elizabeth  
Hannah  
(tie)

MEN

Andrew

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

★★★★★ OF ★★★★★★  
**FOR QUALITY OF LIFE**  
 Fiske Guide to Colleges 2015

**BEST NATIONAL  
 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE**  
 U.S. News & World Report

**ONE OF THE BEST  
 IN THE NORTHEAST**  
 Princeton Review

**BEST VALUE  
 IN PRIVATE COLLEGES**  
 Kiplinger's Personal Finance

**TOP 50  
 CHRISTIAN COLLEGES  
 IN THE U.S.**  
 Christian Universities Online

**TOP 20  
 ADVANCEMENT GIVING DAYS**  
 EverTrue

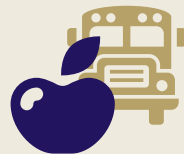


## FALL UPDATES

**The Office of Ministry Resources** presented the conference “We are the Pastors of New York State,” attended by 130 pastors and held on the Houghton campus in October 2014. The pastors and presenters came from 9 states (and 1 foreign country) and represented an array of faith traditions, including Assemblies of God, Baptist, Mennonite, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Seventh Day Baptist and Wesleyan.



**After a five-year hiatus**, Houghton is once again recruiting for an honors semester in London. The program is modeled in part after the former First-Year Honors Program (FYHP) London semester and will feature daily discussions of great texts, assignments to visit world-class museums and galleries and the option of volunteer placements with Christian service organizations around the city. Learn more at [www.houghton.edu/london-honors](http://www.houghton.edu/london-honors).

**Houghton's teacher education program**

now includes an option for dual-certification in Inclusive Adolescence Education allowing the opportunity to serve students with disabilities at the middle/high school level (grades 7-12).

**Internationally renowned artist Willie Cole** held an exhibit and lecture on campus in September. The exhibit, *Complex Conversations: Willie Cole Sculptures and Wall Works*, presented Cole's work over a 35-year period, much of which is featured in private collections and museum collections around the world.

**The fourth annual Faith and Justice Symposium** was titled *War, Conflict and Violence: Stories of Hope*. The symposium featured speakers from across the country, including Reverend Celestin Musekura, president and CEO of African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM); Han and Laylay Moe from the Jericho Road Community Health Center in Buffalo, New York; **Julian Cook '13** from Boston University; Jackie Ogega with Catholic Relief Services; Sukhdeep Brar, senior education specialist with The World Bank; and **Molly Little '97**, humanitarian relief and international development.



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

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## TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE

### 1952

At the age of 83, **Bruce Waltke** was ordained into the diaconate of the North American Missionary District of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. Along with this honor, the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company released his newest book, *The Psalms as Christian Lament: A Historical Commentary* (June 6, 2014), co-authored with James M. Houston and Erika Moore. This volume complements *The Psalms as Christian Worship: A Historical Commentary* (November 22, 2010).

### 1953

**Clara (Bowers)** and Anthony **Maffucci** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 14, 2014. Married in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, in 1954, they now live in the Alliance Retirement Community in DeLand, Florida.

### 1958

**Bob** and **Nancy Sabean** celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 13, 2014, in Orlando, Florida, while visiting their daughter and her family.

### 1959

**Enid Nagel** has recently retired after a career of editing high school mathematics and business education textbooks. She enjoys watching her grandchildren grow and working with the Sierra Club on clean water issues and renewable energy.

### 1960

**Dean** and **Carmen (VanderVeen) Liddick** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their children and 11 grandchildren on August 22, 2014. Dean retired in 2006, after 42 years at Houghton College while Carmen retired in 1996 having taught English at the college and at Houghton Academy. They continue to live in the Houghton house they designed and built in 1966. **1**

### 1963

**Dave** and **Alice (Fasold) Hull** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise at the end of June 2014, with a special high school YFC friend and family members.

### 1965

**Beverly (Haines) Truxton** retired in May 2014 from SIM International. Dr. Truxton had been serving in Jos, Nigeria, since 1973 doing medical missions work. During her service, she treated many patients and was part of a team that trained Nigerian doctors in family practice. She is enjoying retirement close to her daughters and grandchildren in Pennsylvania.

### 1967

**David Oetinger** recently retired from full-time teaching on September 1, 2014. Oetinger served as a professor at Houghton for seven years and spent the next 30 years of his career at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Kentucky. He continues to teach part-time.



**Rolf Storz** recently retired from a 30-year career as a teacher in Christian education. Rev. Storz teaches an adult Sunday school class, ministers in a prison and preaches in a local rest home. He and his wife, Carol, live in North Carolina.

## 1968

Over the course of three decades, **Mimi (Hurd) Harrington Carlson** traveled to each continent at least once. Her adventures are recorded in her new children's book, *Beyond Never – The Making of an Adventurer*, published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform (March 19, 2014). Since retiring as an elementary teacher, she and her husband have continued to travel. They reside in Sedona, Arizona. Find her book at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). **2**

## 1970

**James M. Lewis** has recently passed the American Board of Pediatrics recertifying exam in neurodevelopmental disabilities, making him one of fewer than 300 diplomates in the United States. Currently, he works at the Joan C. Edwards School

of Medicine at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where he cares for children and adolescents with ADHD, autism and learning disabilities. He and Libby, his wife of 33 years, have six children and reside in Huntington.

## 1971

**Shirley Pauler** recently finished her work at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, and will be moving to South Korea to teach kindergarten at Gyeonggi Suwon International School, a Christian international school located 12 miles south of Seoul.

## 1973

**Jay Russel** recently retired after 22 years with the Tampa Airport Police Department where he was the commander of the Criminal Investigation Unit. Prior to that, he served as a Florida State Trooper and attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In his retirement, he enjoys time with his five children and six grandchildren. **3**

## 1974

**Evelyn Bence** announces the release of her book *Room at My Table: Preparing Heart and Home for Christian Hospitality* published by Upper Room Books (October 1, 2014). During Homecoming 2014, she signed copies of her book and presented a session for students titled "The Myths and Realities of Writing and Editing." Evelyn is an editor and writer in Arlington, Virginia. To learn more about Evelyn, read "A Conversation with Evelyn Bence" at [books.upperroom.org/book-author/evelyn-bence](http://books.upperroom.org/book-author/evelyn-bence).

## 1976

**Jack Bradley** is a pastor, works as clergy for Irvine's Funeral Home and continues to be a supply teacher in elementary and secondary schools for the Upper Canada District School Board. He and his wife Bonnie live in Brockville, Ontario.

**Judy (Harper) Salviolo** has been volunteering at an exotic animal ranch in California where she helps to care for lions, tigers, leopards, grizzly bears, monkeys and a hyena. This is in addition to her job as an RN in Santa Barbara, California. **4**

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**Nick Placido** received tenure as an associate professor at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, where he teaches in the Masters of Social Work program. In February 2014, he co-authored an article titled “Implementing Best Practices for Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning Systems: Social Work and Faith Based Organization Collaboration—A Case Study” published in the *Social Work and Christianity Journal*.

1977

After 36 years, **Douglas Dunham** has retired from AT&T. He spent the last 25 years in the corporate finance department.

**Eric A. Kouns** recently published an autobiographical novel entitled *The Long Road from Highland Springs: A Faith Odyssey*. The book was published August 23, 2014 by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform and is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Houghton College plays an important role in the story.

**Jim and Alice (Grunge '75) Vanderhoof** celebrated 30 years in Kenya with World Gospel Mission. They spent 22 of those years as teachers/administrators at Kenya Highlands Evangelical University. In 2006, they were named the Country Directors for World Gospel Mission.

**Michael Frost** was recently elected to a second term as dean of the Hazelton/Lehigh Mission District of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. On August 11, 2013, Michael was honored to baptize his first grandchild, Bryan Lee Everett, at Zion's Stone Church in New Ringgold, Pennsylvania, where he has been pastoring since 2000. **5**

**Tom Trautman** is now serving as a pastor in the United Methodist Church after a 35-year career in psychology and education. He pastors churches in Fletcher and Cyril, Oklahoma, and is joined in ministry by his wife of 37 years, **Lucy (Costanzo '75)**. **6**

1978

**Dave Olsen** is co-founder of Ministratics, an organization that exists to help leaders in churches and faith-based nonprofits identify solutions to the everyday challenges of running their organizations. For more information see [www.ministratics.com](http://www.ministratics.com).

**Paul Clark** has accepted a new job as Director of Education and Engagement at Overseas Council, a ministry that provides biblical training to Christian leaders around the globe. Paul is based out of Indianapolis, Indiana, where he leads the educational initiatives of the Overseas Council as it gives leadership training support to

nearly 200 seminaries. In addition, he plans the Institutes for Excellence in Christian Leadership Development held in 12 locations around the world. **7**

1979

**Joseph Hupp**, professor of chemistry at Northwestern University, was named as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a UK group bringing together chemical scientists from all over the world. He was awarded the society's Stephanie Kwolek Award in materials chemistry. Joseph was also given the Electrochemistry Award of the Analytical Division of the American Chemical Society and elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

1981

**Bethany (Emmett) Harter** was awarded the Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for outstanding achievement during the Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, Joint Commission Inspection. Bethany is the senior behavioral health nurse case manager responsible for all air evacuation to the mainland and continuity of care for military personnel and family members who are psychiatric patients.



**1982**

**Patricia Ann (Cunningham) Sweet** has published her first novel, *The Code* (Anaphora Literary Press, July 10, 2014). Patricia is a retired English teacher who spent most of her career at Buffalo PS 81. She works with disabled people through Heritage Christian Services while working on her second young adult novel. She and her husband, Doug, live in Buffalo, New York.

**1983**

**Carol Allston-Stiles** is the Director of Enrollment at Wilmington Christian School (WCS) in Hockessin, Delaware, where she oversees enrollment, communication and marketing. Her job has enabled her to travel with WCS students, most recently to Spain and to Budapest. She resides in Newark, Delaware, with her husband, **Peter Stiles '87**. **8**

**1984**

In addition to his role as a senior pastor, **Gordon Braun** serves on the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska's Missions Department and is the secretary/treasurer of the Norfolk Area Ministerial Association. He also sits on the board of Keystone Christian Academy in Norfolk, Nebraska, and in 2013, started a Spanish language worship service at his church. **9**

**1986**

**Barbara Pinto** married Andrew Heitner on June 26, 2014, in Newport, Rhode Island. **10**

On May 3, 2014, **Denise (Yourth) Roswick, Beth (Orlemann) Knecht, Gloria (Woodmansee) Good** and **Ellen (Durgala) Si** gathered for a mini-reunion in Ocean City, New Jersey. The four met in East Hall (now Gillette Hall) as freshmen in 1982 and have been meeting together once a year for the past 10 years. This year, the friends celebrated Ellen's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday together.

**Kevin Clayton** graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree in 2011 from the Sawyer Business School at Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts. He currently works as an environmental police officer on Martha's Vineyard and was recently promoted to Sergeant, Environmental Officer II.

**1988**

**Laura (Grim) Taylor** released a children's book titled *EE Otter and the Bullfrog Bullies* through Ambassador International on October 21, 2014. The story deals with bullying through applying principles from God's Word. The book is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Family Life and Family Christian bookstores.

To learn more, visit her website [www.thelaurelwood.webs.com](http://www.thelaurelwood.webs.com). Laura works as a physical education and Bible teacher at a Christian school in South Carolina. She and her husband have five sons and operate a small martial arts school.

**1989**

In January 2014, **Sharon (Wittmann) MacKinnon** and her colleagues in the Department of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte published a paper in public health titled "Racial Disparity in Years of Potential Life Lost to Induced Abortion" in the *Open Journal of Preventive Medicine, Vol. 4 No.1*. The seminal paper marked the first time the statistical construct of years of potential life lost (YPLL) had ever been applied to induced abortion. In addition, Sharon is completing her doctoral work at UNCC in health services research after a 20-year career as a nurse, nurse practitioner and faculty in the School of Nursing at UNCC and Queens University.



**Susan Schmidt** recently worked as a senior research consultant for “Children on the Run,” a report for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refuge. The team interviewed unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico about their journey to the U.S. The report is available at [unhcrwashington.org/children](http://unhcrwashington.org/children). Susan is an adjunct social work instructor for the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, and is working on her doctorate in social work at the University of St. Thomas.

## 1990

**Linda (Geiger)** and **Ed Fleth** welcomed a baby girl, Alanna Joy, to their family on May 24, 2013. She joins siblings Hannah (17), Holly (15), Austin (13) and Heather (8). **11**

## 1991

Houghton College librarian and alumnus **Brad Wilber** has been selected to be the puzzle editor for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. In addition to his editing, Brad also constructs puzzles for *The New York Times*.

## 1994

**Amy (Pierce) Pacini** received the first place prize for her two poems in the Annual Romancing the Craft of Poetry and Fiction Contest for 2013-2014. Her poems are published in *Torrid Literature Journal*, Volume VIII - Revolution and Volume XII - Tension. Amy resides in Tampa, Florida, and works as a freelance writer and a poetry editor.

**Darcie (Yetter) Gudger** recently launched her debut novel, *Spin*, published by Mountainview Books, LLC (September 17, 2014). The book is a young adult novel about a high school sophomore whose life spins out of control when vicious rumors fly. It is available for Kindle, Nook, iTunes and Kobo. In addition to writing, Darcie is the director of the Evergreen High School Color Guard. She and her husband live in Denver, Colorado, with their 8-year-old son. **12**

## 1997

**James DeFelice** completed his master’s degree in organizational leadership in March 2014 from Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He recently accepted a position as a physical education

teacher at Franklin Academy, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He and his wife, **Sarah (Kolz '96) DeFelice**, relocated to West Palm Beach, Florida, this past July.

## 1998

On May 17, 2014, **Brian Freeman** and Joanna Fox were married in Austin, Texas. Brian is a graphic designer for the Texas Department of Transportation where he is a part of the creative services team. He and Joanna live in Texas with their 10-year-old daughter, Zoe. **13**

**Rebekah (Randall)** and Adam **Ekelund** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Elayne, on March 8, 2014. She was welcomed by older brothers Caleb (10), Timothy (6), and Joshua (2) as well as big sisters Hannah (8) and Sarah (4). The family is located in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where Rebekah is an online chemistry instructor for Minnesota State Community and Technical College and a stay-at-home mom. Adam works for the Health Information Systems department at Lake Region Health Care. **14**



## 2000

After teaching band and chorus in New York and Pennsylvania for several years, **Ryan Milliken** went back to school and received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 30, 2014. He is working as a pharmacist at CVS, in Washington, D.C.

## 2001

**Aaron and Ali (Roach) Harrington** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Lilah Elise, on May 31, 2013. Lilah joins her big sister, Tessa. The Harrington family resides in Fairport, New York, where Aaron is a physics teacher at Newark High School while Ali is a French teacher at Avon Middle and High Schools. **15**

**Jeremy Wilton** and his wife, Kari, are pleased to share the birth of daughter, Brielle Catherine, on November 25, 2013. Brielle joins older sisters, Sydney Madison (9) and Emaline Olivia (6). **16**

**Melissa (Smith) and Rob Luckey '00** celebrated the birth of their son, Camden Christopher David, on January 3, 2014. He joins older brother, Jaden (4). The family lives in Farmington, New York, where Melissa is a stay-at-home mom and Rob has a chiropractic practice located in Pittsford. **17**

**Timothy Chapman** received both his J.D. and MBA from Notre Dame Law School on May 17, 2014, graduating magna cum laude from both degree programs. Timothy is a law clerk with Nixon Peabody in Rochester.

## 2004

**Joshua Stamp, M.A. '06**, is now assistant principal at Gouverneur Middle/High School in Gouverneur, New York. Josh and his wife, **Gena (Keifer '06)**, live in Croghan, New York, with their 3-year-old son, Tobias. Gena teaches music part-time.

**Matt Meabon** accepted the role of account executive for CDW, for which he is relocating to northern California. Matt has been with the company in New Jersey since 2004. His wife, **Angela (Layne '03)**, is a stay-at-home mother to children Ella (8), Noah (6), Leah (4), Ezra (1) and one on the way. **18**

**Megan (Springstead) and Jonathan Neurock** welcomed son, Malcolm Mason on May 19, 2014. He joins an older sister, Jocelyn (4). The family resides in Winchester, New Hampshire, where Megan is a third-grade teacher at Cutler Elementary School, and Jonathan is the branch manager at the River Valley Credit Union. **19**

**Peter Sumner** graduated from the Neurology/Movement Disorders Fellowship program at Georgetown University and has recently accepted a position in private practice as a neurologist/movement disorder specialist. In June of 2014, Dr. Sumner was invited to present two of his papers at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Movement Disorders in Stockholm, Sweden. He and his wife, **Carissa (Lee '05)**, live in North Carolina with their 2-1/2-year-old daughter, Ellie.

**Tamarah (Czebotar) Staschiak** and Dan Staschiak were married on April 27, 2014 at ThorpeWood mountain retreat in Thurmont, Maryland. The couple resides in Columbia, South Carolina, where Tamarah is a clinical counselor and Dan is owner/manager of Staschiak Painting Company. **20**

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**Blake Winter** defended his dissertation on July 1, 2014 at the University of Buffalo and now has a Ph.D. in mathematics. He and his wife **Jessica (Leete) Winter** reside in Orchard Park, New York.

**Charla (Bradley)** and Matthew **Williams** are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter, Maisie Joy, on August 1, 2014. Charla is a French immersion teacher for the Upper Canada District School Board.

**Elaine Tooley**, associate director of creative communications at Wake Forest University, received two Cicero Speechwriting Awards. Her speech, “Leading Lives that Matter,” won Best Campaign Speech of the Year and earned honorable mention as a finalist for the Overall Grand Award. The competition was judged by a panel made up of former U.S. presidential speechwriters, corporate speechwriters and longtime speechwriting professionals. “Leading Lives that Matter” was originally delivered by Wake Forest President Nathan Hatch at a campaign event in Asheville, North Carolina in June 2013. **21**

**Nicole (Clayson)** and **Kevin Housel** are proud to announce the adoption of twins, Madeline Catalina and Connor Santiago, on September 15, 2013. The 5-year-olds are filled with joy to be part of the family. The Housels also celebrated the birth of their son, Franklin Ignacio, on November 20, 2013. **22**

**Rebecca (Fuller)** and Christopher **Crocker** were married on July 5, 2014, in Brevard, North Carolina. Alumni present included parents of the bride, **Tim** and **Carol (Zimmerman ‘78) Fuller ‘79**, and brother of the bride, **Daniel Fuller ‘06**. The couple lives in Greenville, South Carolina, where Rebecca is a senior payroll specialist at Paychex and Christopher is an athletic trainer at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic. **23**

2006

**Daniella (Knapp)** and **Jason Shambach** are pleased to share the birth of their son, Alister Wilhelm, on April 16, 2014. He joins brother Soren (5) and sisters Avielle (3) and Eden (1.5). **24**

2007

**Brandon Hawk** completed his Ph.D. in Medieval Studies at the University of Connecticut in August 2014. He is an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he teaches a postdoctoral class in addition to teaching his undergraduate classes.

2008

**Daniel Black, M.M. ‘08**, graduated from the University of Arizona with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting in August 2014. He is now an assistant professor of music and director of choral activities at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He and his wife, **Grace (Essley ‘07)**, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Essley, on August 3, 2014. The family lives in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

**Janna (Bradley)** and **Cory Swann** announce the birth of their son, Jackson Richard, on November 3, 2012. Janna is a teacher with the Upper Canada District School Board.



**Jessica Davidson** will be finishing her two-year commitment with the Peace Corps in Macedonia in November 2014, but will stay on another year as senior programming coordinator for Camp GLOW, a leadership camp for girls. For more information, visit her blog at [nguyendavidson.tumblr.com](http://nguyendavidson.tumblr.com).

**Kimberly (Kuntz) Duff** and **Christopher Duff** were married on October 26, 2013 in Yorkshire, New York. Alumni in the wedding party included matron of honor, **Kathryn (Kuntz '03) Ralph** and bridesmaid **Samantha (Lippert '08) Darling**. The couple lives in East Aurora, New York, where Kimberly is an elementary special education teacher in the Pioneer School District and Christopher is a customer service representative at A. Duie Pyle. **25**

**April Hegland** completed her apprenticeship at Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. in April 2014, and received her Guide Dog Mobility Instructor license through the state of California in July 2014. She currently works as a guide dog mobility instructor at Guide Dogs for the Blind's Oregon campus where she trains dogs for the visually impaired,

instructs clients on proper use of the dogs and assists graduates in the field. **26**

**Lisa York** was recently hired as gallery director by Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. In addition, she is the ceramic arts technical coordinator and an adjunct instructor. She resides in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

## 2010

**Dan Tomlinson** serves as the advancement manager for CompassCare Pregnancy Services, an organization that provides services to women with unplanned pregnancies. Dan plans and organizes all events that raise the funds for the nonprofit to function. For more information on CompassCare, visit [www.compasscare.info/about-us](http://www.compasscare.info/about-us).

## 2011

**Emily Rinehart** is serving with One Mission Society's ministry of human trafficking prevention, HOPE61. She is currently in America on home assignment though regularly serves in Australia and New Zealand.

**Rachel (Smith, M.M. '13) Decker** married Jason Decker on October 25, 2014. **Rev. Steve Dunmire '01** officiated the wedding, and alumni in the wedding party included bridesmaids **Mary Robinson '14** and **Katie Pitts '12/M.M. '14**. The couple resides in Portageville, New York. Rachel is on the library staff at Houghton College, and Jason is a music teacher at Letchworth Central School. **27**

## 2012

**Erin Smith** served as the assistant camp director for the 2014 Houghton College Summer Equestrian Camp. She was recently hired as an assistant pre-k teacher at Right Steps Child Development Center in Lafayette, Indiana, where she resides. In addition, She is serving part-time as the church music leader at Two Cities Church in Lafayette.

**Joyce (Taylor) Bingeman** and Michael Bingeman were married on July 7, 2014 in Narragansett, Rhode Island. The couple lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Joyce is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Michael is a hospital chaplain. **28**

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**Lauren (Staley)** and Jeffery **Jones** were married on June 14, 2014. In August 2014, the couple relocated to St. Petersburg, Russia, where they teach at the International Academy of St. Petersburg—the only English-speaking international Christian school in the city. The school provides them with daily opportunities to share Christ with the children of the missionary and international business communities. **29**

**2013**  
**Isabel (Sanders)** and **James Vitale '14** were married on May 24, 2014 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The couple lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Isabel is an assistant preschool teacher at Step by Step Montessori while James is a student at Luther Seminary as well as a youth minister at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis. **30**

**William Clunn** and **Melinda (Ramey '12) Clunn** were married on August 9, 2014. The couple lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where William is a law student and Melinda is a reading coach for Charlotte Mecklenburg schools. She will be graduating this December with a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction with a TESOL Concentration from Concordia University-Portland.

**2014**  
**Rochelle Cecil** was recently promoted to director of alumni and family relations at Central Christian College of Kansas, located in McPherson, Kansas. Prior to this position, Rochelle served as Central's athletic and transfer coordinator.

ADULT EDUCATION

**2006**  
**Agnes Starr**, West Seneca Cohort M5, is the site organizer for the Buffalo/WNY Conquer Chiari Walk Across America. The walk took place on September 20, 2014 in over 80 sites across the country. This year, the Buffalo event raised over \$28,000 toward research and awareness for Chiari, a little known, life-threatening neurological condition. Last year, Agnes proposed that September be Chiari Awareness month in Buffalo, and both Mayor Myron Brown and Senator Ranzenhofer signed proclamations recognizing her proposal.

**2010**  
**Wendy Cocca**, West Seneca Cohort J6, is serving as the executive director at Love in the Name of Christ, a local affiliate of the national movement by the same name. Their mission is to “transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.” They help churches address issues of poverty in an area that serves a 15-mile radius around Springville, New York.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## DO YOU EVER WONDER

what your favorite former professor is up to these days? We polled our Houghton Alumni Facebook page to find out whom you wanted to hear about, and below is the first installment of what we hope will be a continuing segment in the *Houghton* magazine.



### DR. SUE CRIDER ATKINS

**Associate professor of English 1986-98**

When Dr. Sue Crider Atkins was married July 11, 1998, the whole hamlet of Houghton helped celebrate the wedding of the 52-year-old professor. They provided decorations, sang in the choir or played an instrument, put on hilarious acts for the rehearsal dinner (Cindy Lastoria, Doug Gaerte, Dan and Joyce Chamberlain, **Paul Young '76** and others) and even drove a ski boat on Rushford Lake (**Daryl Stevenson '70**).

Whisked away to New Zealand by pharmacist husband Peter, Sue taught as an adjunct at a national university for the next four years, returning each year to Washington, D.C., to supervise the CCCU's Washington Journalism Center Summer Institute of Journalism which she had co-founded in 1995.

The commitment to Christian higher education drew the Atkinses to San Diego where Sue taught at Point Loma Nazarene University for a decade before her retirement in 2012. Houghton ties remained strong as the Lord blessed Sue through dear friends such as **Lawrie Merz '79**, Sharon Givler and Jean Reigles who visited during the time of her chemotherapy and radiation after breast cancer surgery.

Since 2012, Sue and Peter have lived in Auckland where they are happily grandparenting (4 in New Zealand, 3 in Thailand), and Sue is playing lots of tennis (competitive as ever—though nothing like the “She-Boppers” faculty/staff volleyball team of the Houghton recreation league). Together, they are leading their church's Life Groups. This ministry has proved both a great fit and a great stretch as they prepare study materials, distribute sermon notes and encourage leaders and participants.

Sue would love to hear from former colleagues and students at [SueAtkins@pointloma.edu](mailto:SueAtkins@pointloma.edu).



**DR. DARLENE BRESSLER**  
**Professor of education 1981-2008,**  
**associate and interim academic dean 2004-2008**

Five years ago, Dr. Darlene Bressler embarked on a new adventure after serving Houghton College for over 25 years. “Since the summer of 2008 I have been privileged to serve as an academic administrator at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana,” writes Bressler. “As Vice President for Academic Affairs for the College of Arts and Sciences, I work with more than 200 faculty and academic staff who in turn teach and serve approximately 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students.”

Because Indiana Wesleyan University, like Houghton, is sponsored by The Wesleyan Church, Dr. Bressler feels right at home. “It has been a joy to continue to work with colleagues and friends we first met during our Houghton tenure,” says Bressler. “While I miss our Houghton friends, the mountains, fall colors and Wegmans, Midwest sunrises and sunsets are gorgeous, and making new friends in the warm and welcoming town of Marion has brought a variety of enriching community service opportunities.”

Her greatest joy these days? Being grandmother (“Mimi”) to 2-year-old Stella Jane, who is anticipating a sibling in February.



**DR. HAROLD KINGDON**  
**Emeritus professor of Christian ministries 1967-2006**

“What I enjoy about retirement,” says Emeritus professor of Christian Ministries, **Harold Kingdon '57**, “is having my second cup of coffee while watching my colleagues head off to work.” Dry wit and eye-twinkle still intact, Dr. Kingdon retired from teaching at Houghton in 2006. He and his wife, **Mary (Sell) '56**, still live in the house in Houghton that he built in 1971, and will soon be celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. But the Kingdons are hardly slowing down. Harold is still active in local church ministry, most recently serving as interim pastor for two merging congregations as well as doing occasional pulpit supply for several area churches. His ministry expanded nationally in 2008 when he was appointed the international chaplain for the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), an RV club made up of nearly 6,500 owners of exclusively Airstream manufactured vehicles.

“Mary and I enjoy traveling in our Airstream travel trailer,” he says. Now on their third Airstream, the Kingdons have logged over 100,000 miles since they bought their first one 30 years ago. Every summer, Harold and Mary tow their Airstream to the annual WBCCI convention/rally, held in a different location every year, where Dr. Kingdon serves as pastor of the temporary “silver city” for the 10-day rally and the preceding 2-3 week setup by early worker volunteers.

“Mary and I love meeting new people, seeing new places and volunteering our time,” says Kingdon. “I suppose my motto might be: ‘Have prayer will pray; have sermon will preach; have trailer will travel!’” ■

# IN MEMORIAM

## UWC

**Robert P. Duttweiler Sr.**, 80, passed away on April 11, 2014 in Alden, New York. Robert graduated from Buffalo Bible Institute (BBI) in 1955. He served in the United States Army and in the Army Reserves. He retired as director of shipping for Buffalo wholesaler Erb Co. Inc., and was very active in his church. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Mary (Eastman '57, BBI) Duttweiler**; 10 children: Mary Cobb, **Robert Jr. '82** and his wife **Grace Ann (Godshall '82)**, Richard, **Russell "Roscoe" '86**, **Ronald '85** and his wife **Sylvia (Sprowl '83)**, Rodney, **Randall '88** and his wife **Jaqueline (Christiana '88)**, Roger, **Roland "Rollie" '91** and his wife **Pam (Bigham '90)**, and **Melody (Duttweiler '94) Weaver**; 28 grandchildren including **Pam (Duttweiler '08) Guajardo**, **Jonathon Duttweiler '13**, **Joshua Duttweiler '15**, **Ashlee Duttweiler '16**, **Luke Duttweiler '16**, **Ronald Duttweiler '17**, and **Sarah Duttweiler '17**. He was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Duttweiler and a sister, Betty Duttweiler.

**Clyde A. Bellville**, 86, passed away Sunday June 22, 2014, in Oswego, New York. Clyde attended Eastern Pilgrim College.

## TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE 1942

**Kathleen (Snow) Tyler**, 92, died June 3, 2014, in Lyons, New York. Kathleen worked for the Charles Rooke Agency and the Dept. of Social Services, raised her family and helped on the family farm. She sang in her church choir for many years, taught Sunday school and was a past president of the Lyons Council of Churches. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Robert Tyler; daughter Andrea Evangelist; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two great grandsons; and one sister, Louise Twitchell. She was predeceased by her daughter, **Judy Tyler '67**; and sister, **Miriam (Snow '47) Priebe**.

## 1945

**Robert W. Harper**, 89, passed away on October 11, 2013, in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Rev. Harper was a longtime Bible teacher and pastor in his local area. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, **Jeanette (Fortran '47) Harper**, three sons and their families.

## DEAN THOMPSON



**Dean V. Thompson '38** died at age 97 on May 6, 2014, in Seattle, Washington. A life-long educator who stated once that he was "born to teach," Thompson began his career as a teacher in the New York public schools. In 1941, he married his college sweetheart and fellow educator, **Doris Bain '38**, and by 1947, he was school principal in Heuvelton, New York. He received a Master of Science degree in education from Cornell University, followed by a Doctor of Education degree from New York University.

In 1951, Thompson and his family moved to Aruba, Netherlands Antilles, where he served for 26 years as supervising principal of schools for Lago Oil & Transport Co. Ltd., now Exxon Mobil. He retired from Exxon in 1977, and he and Doris moved to Texas where they both taught for several years at the University of Houston-Downtown campus. They relocated to Seattle in 1999.

The Thompsons have given generously to Houghton College over their lifetimes, and many contributions were matched by Exxon-Mobil, increasing the donations by threefold. In 1997, Dean and Doris gifted Houghton College with the Dean V. and Doris Bain Thompson Scholarship Fund 1934-38, which provides aid to secondary education students with major concentrations in English, science, history, music or mathematics. Since its inception, 77 education students have benefited from the Thompsons' generous gift.

Dean is survived by his three children and their spouses: Mary Margaret Hansen; John and Patricia Thompson; Kate and Dennis Maher; seven grandchildren and their spouses; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, **Doris (Bain '38) Thompson**.

### 1946

**Mary (Dukeshire) Burke**, 89, died on June 1, 2014, in Norwich, Norfolk, U.K. Mary was the valedictorian of the class of '46 and went on to Yale University to earn her first M.A. She then taught at Rutgers New Jersey College for Women before earning another master's in religious education. She returned to Yale for her Ph.D. where she met and married Dr. Derek Burke. Mary was one of the first professors to teach in the Houghton in London program. In addition to her husband, Mary is survived by a son, Stephen; two daughters: Elizabeth Tregear and Virginia West; 10 grandchildren; nephew **Peter LaCelle '84**; and nieces **Andrea (LaCelle '79) Redfern** and **Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82**. She was preceded in death by her sister, **June (Dukeshire '50) LaCelle**, and brother-in-law **Paul LaCelle '51**.

### 1949

**Gertrude (Bailey) Ruder**, 87, passed away on May 2, 2014, in Port Charlotte, Florida. Gertrude is survived by her husband of 66 years, **Arthur Walter Ruder '47**; seven children: Nancy Joy, **Ann Marie (Ruder '72) Roth**, **Rebecca (Ruder '76) DeBlaey** and husband, **Christopher DeBlaey '75**, Rachel Cash, **A. Joseph Ruder '80**, Priscilla Bomgardner, **Naomi (Ruder '83) Wenger**; 6 siblings; 18 grandchildren, including **Elisabeth Wenger '10**, **Margaret Wenger '12** and **Emily Wenger '13**; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

### 1950

**Ellen Thompson**, 85, died on September 14, 2014, in Wheaton, Illinois. Ellen held advanced degrees in music from Columbia Teachers College (M.A.) and from the American Conservatory of Music (M.M.). She was professor of piano and theory for 39 years at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, chairing the theory department for 25 years. She was a loving "Aunt Ellen" to many nieces and nephews who will miss her enthusiastic encouragement and faithful prayers. She is survived by a brother, Guilliard D. Thompson.

### ROBERT LONGACRE

#### Robert "Bob" Longacre

**'43** passed away on April 20, 2014, at the age of 91. Dr. Longacre joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL in 1946, and his work in linguistics spanned more than half a century. He began his translation work with the Trique people in the mountains of Oaxaca in early 1947 and was the first to reduce the Chicahautla Trique language to writing. By 1968, he had completed and dedicated the Trique New Testament.



Bob's work with the Trique revealed his unique giftedness for discovering the intricacies and patterns of language, leading to a lengthy career of training and leadership roles within SIL and beyond. Along with his work in the field, Bob was the academic face of SIL throughout the world for many years. He authored or co-authored over 200 articles and books; was professor emeritus at the University of Texas at Arlington where he taught linguistics for over 20 years; was the founder and editor of the *Journal of Translation and Textlinguistics*; and he served as president of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States.

The broad influence of Dr. Longacre's work reached Western New York in 1992 when two of his former students, Dr. Stephen Doty and his wife, **Marjorie (Miller '84)**, launched Houghton's linguistics program—an offering that continues to be strong today. "Bob was a great teacher and I enjoyed learning from him," said Doty. "He passed on his enthusiasm for linguistics to his students. He also helped me publish my first article on linguistics and was a friend who made sure there was never a dull moment with his frequent puns."

He is survived by his four children, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Gwen, his wife of 63 years.



## LINDOL HUTTON

**Lindol Hutton '57** died April 12, 2014, at home after a long period of declining health. He was 90 years old. Lindol grew up on his parents' dairy farm on Harvey's Mountain in West Barnet, Vermont, and graduated from Peacham Academy in 1941 as the valedictorian of his class. Because he was needed on the farm, he was exempted from military service in World War II and in 1947 took over management of the farm when his father died suddenly of a heart attack. Over the years, the Hutton farm served as temporary housing for vacationers and those traveling through the area; one such visitor was **Ruth Fancher '43**, an itinerant Bible teacher from Houghton, New York, who stayed at the farmhouse on alternate weekends. They were married in 1950, and in 1953 they moved back to Ruth's hometown so Lindol could attend Houghton College. After graduation, Lindol became business manager and a history teacher at Houghton Academy. He earned an MBA at the University at Buffalo and in 1969 began teaching full-time at Houghton College in the business department. In 1975, he began a career in real estate, and he was the owner of Hutton Realty for many years until he gradually retired after he turned 80. Lindol was a man of strong, quiet faith who served as an example of godliness and generosity to his family and community. Survivors include sons, **Jeremy Hutton '77** and his wife **Lisa (Heller '78)**, **Timothy Hutton '79** and his wife **Susan (Cooper '79) Hutton**, **Roderic Hutton '81**, **Willard Hutton '85**; daughters, **Nancy Jo (Hutton '74) Pullen** and her husband, **David Pullen '70** and **Rebecca Hutton '85**; 26 grandchildren including **Jonathan Hutton '06**, **Heather (Hutton '07) Elliott**, **Alastair Hutton '10**; and **Andrew Hutton '18**; one great-grandchild; a foster daughter, Kelly Turner-Ireland; a sister, Geneva Faris; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, **Ruth (Fancher '43) Hutton**; his sister Elsie Hutton Anderson; and a grandchild, Gloria Hutton.

## 1951

**Stanley P. Clattenburg**, 85, died December 5, 2013. Stanley served in The U.S. Army, with distinction, in the Corps of Engineers, the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division and the Allied Occupation Forces in Japan. Stan majored in music at Houghton; after graduation, he pursued coursework in mechanical engineering technology at Drexel Institute in Philadelphia. Stan served as choir director for multiple churches in the greater Philadelphia area until his retirement in 1994. He is survived by four children: Karen McManus, Keith Clattenburg, Linda Miklos and Laurie Eaton; four grandchildren; and one sister, Elisabeth Bailey. He was preceded in death by his brother, Calvin Clattenburg. His wife of 65 years, **Hazel (Seher '47) Clattenburg**, followed him in death on June 22, 2014.

**Capt. Joseph A. Howland**, 87, died on April 9, 2014. Capt. Howland enlisted in the Navy after high school and fought in WWII. He graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained a minister of the American Baptist Church. He earned a master's degree in marriage and family from the University of La Verne, received his commission in the Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps in 1957 and reported to Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1964. Chaplain Howland retired after 30 years of service. His awards are numerous and include the World War II Victory Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Evelyn (German '49) Howland**; children Norman, Eric and Laura Howland Ingram; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Cleora "Cleo" (Handel) Keeley** passed away May 30, 2014, in Fort Myers, Florida. Cleo graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School in 1955 and practiced medicine in Buffalo, New York, and in Cleveland, Ohio, as an obstetrician/gynecologist. She retired in 1985 and was an active member of the Shell Point retirement community and in the Village Church. Cleo had a life-long love of traveling visiting over 100 foreign countries; friends say that her life was a living testimony of her Christian faith. She is survived by her brother, Dr. John Handel; a step-daughter, Darlene Perrett; a step-son, **Robert Widlicka '79**; and four grandchildren.

## 1952

**Theodore “Ted” Hazlett**, 85, passed away on February 6, 2014, in Prescott, Arizona, surrounded by family. Son of Houghton professor emeritus, the late Ray W. Hazlett, Ted joined the U.S. Navy and also attended the Forestry College at the University of Washington. He taught high school science at Phelps Central School in Phelps, New York and at Waterloo Central School, Waterloo, New York. He retired in 1992 to Prescott, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Jean; son **Dr. Brian Hazlett ‘78** and his wife **Yvonne (Calkins ‘79)**, and daughter **Kathryn (Hazlett ‘83) Cline**; two grandchildren; two brothers, **F. Ray Hazlett ‘58** and **Don P. Hazlett ‘54**; and a sister, **Carol (Hazlett ‘58) Venuto**. He was preceded in death by his parents Ray W. and **E. Francis (McCord ‘26) Hazlett**; sister, **M. Jeanne (Hazlett ‘45) Blowers**; and brother, **Richard Hazlett ‘52**.

**David Livingston Hill** died February 23, 2013. David graduated with a master’s degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1955 and served for many years as a Wesleyan pastor in the Michigan district. He and his wife, Ellen, served together as missionaries in Puerto Rico, and upon their return to the states, Rev. Hill taught at Houghton Academy, as well as pastoring churches in the New York district. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, **Ellen (Schneider ‘54) Hill**; two children, Stephen Hill and Lorrie Conteras; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law **Ingeborg (Schneider ‘55) Carena**.

## 1954

**Helen (Stitson) Cornell** passed away on March 21, 2014. Helen was actively involved in her family and her church over the years and served in the Gideons with her husband, Henry. She later worked as a successful saleswoman at her local JC Penney. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, **Henry “Hank” ‘52**; son **Steven ‘77** and his wife **Lillian (Sprole ‘77)**, daughters Kathleen Palmer and Laura Robinson; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## BIG AL: THE MAN, THE SNACKSHOP, THE LEGEND

Alan “Big Al” Rehn passed away Saturday, September 13, 2014 in Columbia, South Carolina.



If you attended Houghton College between the years 1982 and 2000, Big Al is most likely stitched into the fabric of your fondest college memories. You remember seeing him at every meal, a wide smile on a cherry-red face, giving you the thumbs-up and saying “Ooookaaaay!” You can picture him now, serving meals in full bumble-bee costume at Halloween, or playing Santa at the Midnight Breakfast, or as Super-Al, wielding a chain saw delicately through his latest ice sculpture.

You can probably still taste the wings you ate while staying up way too late studying in the snack shop (or watching the Bills make it to their fourth Super Bowl in a row). The next day you probably ate Big Al’s cold pizza for breakfast. You remember having to stand in line to get tickets for the Friday night steak and seafood night, or sneaking out of the dining hall with that tall stack of chocolate chip cookies under your jacket (they were that good).

What sticks out to you the most, though, when you think of Big Al, is probably his kindness. Maybe he was your first boss, and he treated you like you mattered—even if you were “only a freshman” rinsing dishes in the dish room. Maybe it was your first time away from home, and Big Al was the welcoming, fatherly presence you needed. Or maybe you can’t forget his humility and his servant heart when you learned by watching him what it means to lead with love—or how it looks when a master serves his followers.

For 18 years as Pioneer’s director of food service, Big Al touched the lives of thousands of Houghton students, faculty and staff. You might have been one of them. And you can never forget him. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janet; daughter Karen Rehn; son Jeffery Rehn; and grandson, Christopher Alan Rehn. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack C. Rehn.

## 1955

**Gail (Wooster) Bagley** died September 8, 2014, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Gail graduated from the Lankenau Hospital School of X-ray Technology and worked as an X-ray technician before becoming a homemaker. She was a charter member of Hempfield United Methodist Church. An animal lover, Gail raised and showed Ragdoll cats, even training some to be therapy cats who would accompany her on visits to shut-ins. In addition to her husband of 58 years, **Dr. George Bagley '54**, she is survived by four children: **Dr. Daniel Bagley '80**, Deborah Scott, Douglas Bagley and Jonathan Bagley; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Donald and **Evelyn (Hippis) Bagley '56**; and sister-in-law **Grace (Bagley '61) Snyder**.

## 1963

**Brenda (Kleinschmidt) Mulroy** died on July 6, 2014, in Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Bill Mulroy; four daughters: Kelly Mulroy, **Jill (Mulroy '96) Sommer**, Katie Hatzidakis and Megan Harpine; and two brothers.

## 1966

**Sharon "Shari" (Heritage) Angell** passed away on August 20, 2014, with her husband and daughters by her side. She was a teacher, cheerleading coach, Bible study leader, choir member, world traveler, sweet friend, devoted wife and loving mom. She will be remembered for her sweet and humble nature, quick wit and contagious laughter. Shari is survived by her husband of almost 48 years, **Jonathan Angell '66**; daughters Jodi McCarty and Heidi Wilkey; and 9 grandchildren.

## 1974

**Cynthia Penne** passed away in Buena Vista, Virginia, on July 2, 2014. Cynthia attended Eastman School of Music where she majored in viola performance. She enjoyed a 40-year career as a classical violinist, violist and strings teacher. In addition to performing in several Virginia orchestras and ensembles, she served as a strings instructor at Washington and Lee University and created Lexington's Suzuki Strings program for children. Cynthia is survived by her husband, Andrew Johnson Jr.; daughter Emily Shea; stepson Christopher Johnson; mother Florence Penne, sisters Mary Penne Mays and Alice Marks; and brother **David Penne '77**. She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Penne.

## 1979

**Cindy (Wilt) Colville**, 58, died on July 10, 2014. Daughter of former Houghton faculty members **Lois (Hardy '46) Wilt** and the late **Dr. Lloyd Wilt '46**, Cindy moved with her family from Maine to Houghton in 1968. In 1985, she moved to Nashville to become a singer/songwriter but soon found herself working as production manager for Greg Nelson, who was producing records for Sandi Patty, Larnelle Harris, Steve Green and Steven Curtis Chapman. Most recently, Cindy started her own music publishing and songwriting company, CWC Creative Music. Over the last six years, Cindy taught and developed hundreds of early-career songwriters, traveled and led workshops across the country, including the Christian Musician Summit's Songwriting Boot Camp. For 15 years, Cindy ministered to and loved "her girls" at Tennessee Prison for Women. In addition to her mother, Cindy is survived by her husband, Bruce Colville; brothers, **Kendall '73** and **Timothy '75**; loving in-laws; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and the many friends in the Christian music business.

## FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

**Richard "Dick" Cutting**, former chef, died June 10, 2014, in Olean, New York. Dick started his Houghton career as a herdsman on the College Farm in 1967. He moved over to food services where he worked until the early '80s. Prior to his employment, Dick was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and served his country in the Korean War from 1953-55. He is survived by his children: Karlyn Robinson, Rich Cutting and his wife **Deborah '98**, Chandler Cutting, **Thomas Cutting '89** and his wife **Peggy (Chatson '89)**, and Andrew Cutting; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Louise Hughes; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

**John "Jack" Robson**, 83, first director of Houghton's P.A.C.E. (now Adult Education) program, died May 28, 2014, in Gerry, New York. Jack joined the Navy in 1953 and was commissioned in 1954 as a pilot of fixed-wing and lighter-than-air craft. Upon completing his active military service, he earned a master's degree in education from the University at Buffalo. He began his career in education in 1958 as an English teacher and steadily moved into school administration, earning his doctorate of education in 1971. He was director of secondary curriculum for West Seneca Central Schools and in 1983, Jack was named assistant superintendent at West Seneca, a position he held until he retired in 1991. He served as the full-time director of the P.A.C.E. program from 1991-1995. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Esther Robson; three sons: David, Mark and Robert; two daughters: Marcia Cromer and Bethany Robson; a brother, Earl; a sister, Jean Darling; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.





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