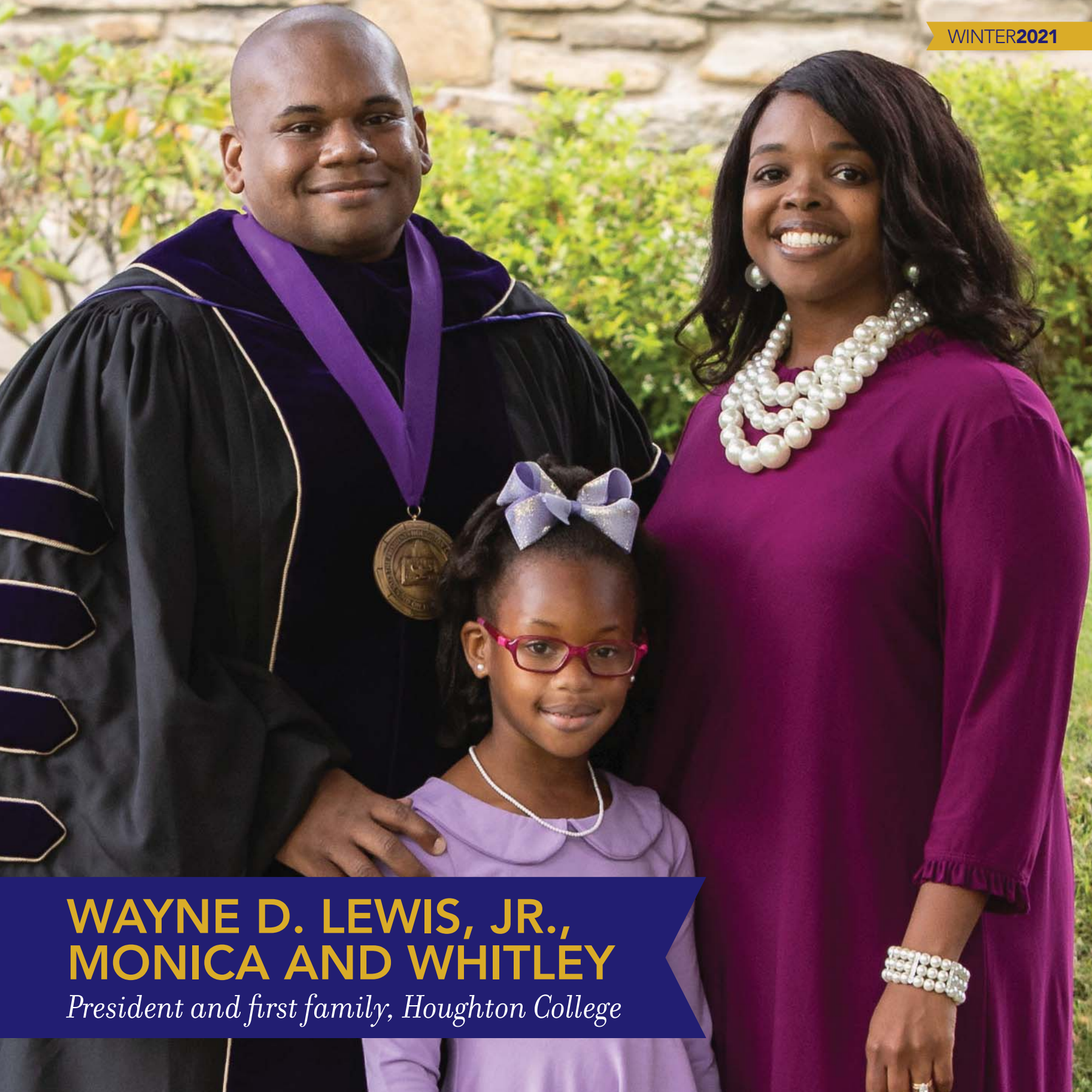


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# BOLDLY & FEARLESSLY FORWARD

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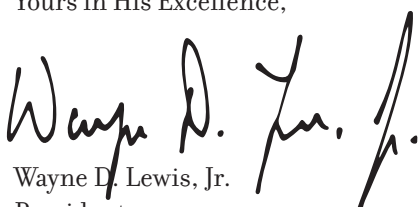
As only the sixth person to lead Houghton College, I am thankful for the leadership, sacrifices and Godly obedience of those who came before me. Past presidents James S. Luckey, Stephen W. Paine, Wilbur Dayton, Daniel R. Chamberlain and Shirley A. Mullen, in various ways, across many decades, through actions known and others unknown, have made significant contributions to the college we know and love dearly. As I begin my term as president, I do so with thankfulness, a full heart, and deep respect and appreciation for the leaders who have preceded me.

In this next chapter of Houghton's story, our direction is clear. Our mission is unchanged: to provide an academically challenging, Christ-centered education to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds, equipping them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world. From our founding, we have been a deeply Christian community, intentionally integrating our Christian faith with academic excellence. We have not only equipped students with the knowledge and skills needed for professional success, but, even more important, we have equipped generations of Houghton students for faithful lives of Christian service and disciple-making. Even in the midst of a changing world, social upheaval, and the erosion of families and communities, we hold fast to our faith and to our mission, and we march forward boldly and fearlessly, knowing that God is our rock, our shield and our salvation (Psalms 18:2).

I am passionate about Houghton's mission and Christian higher education first and foremost because I love Jesus. I am passionate about equipping young people of faith with the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in graduate programs and careers in data science, teaching, business, medicine, law and the arts. But just as important, I am passionate about equipping them with the understanding and tools they will need to withstand the attacks of the enemy, be effective defenders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and fulfill our first great calling as Christians: to make disciples of Jesus. We continue to fulfill our mission on the Allegany County residential campus and through our online programs and in Buffalo. We are securing the foundation for what we believe will be significant growth for Houghton College Online and Houghton College Buffalo in the very near future.

Make no mistake about it, our challenges are great. Christianity and Christian higher education are under attack. This is neither cliché nor hyperbole. But as great as our challenges are, we know that God is greater. With God's grace and favor; our humble obedience; and your continued prayers, partnership and support, Houghton will continue to grow stronger and stand for generations to come as a testament to the glory of God. We are so thankful for all that you do to support what God is doing at Houghton, and we humbly solicit your continued prayers and partnership.

Yours in His Excellence,



Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.  
President



# ON A MISSION

By Amanda (Shine'o5) Zambrano

## Meeting President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr.,

is a delightful experience.

He's a thoughtful listener and engaging speaker. He's a consummate storyteller in the way of a memorable professor or preacher. His stories are never self-aggrandizing but, rather, are instructive, told in a winsome way to make a point of deep relevance.

When I sat with President Lewis to interview him for this article, he told a number of engaging stories, but there is one that serves as a profound insight into Houghton's sixth president.



Education was significantly important to the Lewis family. President Lewis saw both parents pursue their college degrees while working full-time and raising a family. They made it clear through their words and the way they lived their lives that they expected only the very best efforts in academic work.

Growing up in New Orleans, President Lewis encountered students of St. Augustine High School and knew he wanted the same education they were receiving. The way those students carried themselves, the way they spoke, the way they interacted with younger people – these were enviable traits to an aspiring young man from a rough neighborhood.

Each year, St. Augustine offered two full-tuition scholarships to top academic performers in their summer school program. As a seventh-grader, a young Wayne Lewis made it – as he says with a gleam in his eye – his “mission in life” to receive that scholarship.

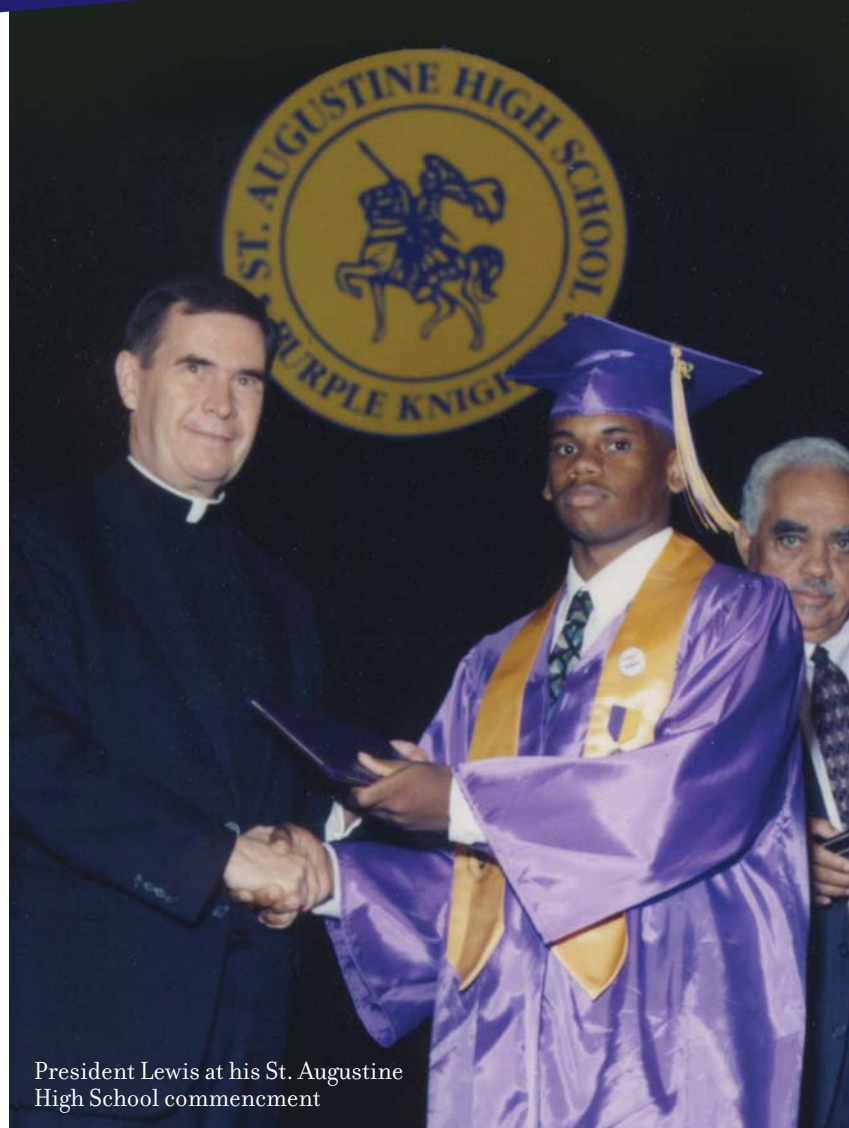
He achieved that mission and received a full-tuition scholarship providing access to a life-changing Catholic education.

“As a young black man,” reflects President Lewis, “I walked away from my education at St. Augustine with no doubt about who I was and what I was capable of accomplishing. I understood my self-worth, I had a great deal of pride in my education, I was affirmed in my abilities and I knew that, through a tremendous amount of hard work, I could do anything.”

This story is illustrative not only of the transforming power of a high-quality education but of the iron will beneath a thoughtful, easy-going exterior. That will, that determination, carried a young Wayne Lewis from his initial career aspirations in law enforcement to the public school classroom. It was in that classroom of underserved and underprepared ninth-graders that President Lewis discovered a larger calling: reaching beyond the classroom to change the very systems that impact the state of education in our country.

With a background in public policy, urban studies and education, it is obvious that God placed tailored experiences along the road that led President Lewis to Houghton College today.

President Lewis’s path to Houghton is a familiar one to many Houghton students and employees – one that relies on a deeply held belief in the need for Christian higher education, an alignment with the theology of Wesleyan Methodism, and a sincere openness to following God’s leading. It’s the deeply held belief in the need for Christian higher education that frames so much of what President Lewis hopes to accomplish during his tenure.



President Lewis at his St. Augustine High School commencement

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-President Lewis

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

“The world is crying out for well-prepared leaders committed to making disciples,” President Lewis remarks. “There is a need for leaders who are Christ-centered, completely committed to making disciples; leaders who are well trained and prepared to tackle any number of complex problems.

“If I can give you education or healthcare or food but am not able to give you the real foundation of Christ and His Gospel, we’re still playing around the edges and not getting to the core of the problem.”

This passionate comment on the need of well-trained disciple-makers is the foundation for a powerful argument in support of Christian higher education.

“I am, first and foremost, an ambassador for Houghton College and am committed to leading Houghton College into the next chapter. But I am also an ambassador for all Christian higher education. Houghton can’t do it alone; we can’t possibly equip all the leaders the world needs. It is vital we tell the story of Christian higher education nationally and internationally.”

When Wayne Lewis speaks of the importance of Christian higher education, I see the same gleam in his eye that I saw when he spoke of securing the scholarship to St. Augustine. It is his “mission in life.”

Christian higher education isn’t the only part of Houghton’s identity that resonates with President Lewis. Visiting Houghton’s nonresidential locations in the city of Buffalo, New York, also reminds him of his educational journey.

## INVESTMENT IN BUFFALO

“When I visit the East Side of Buffalo, I’m reminded of home. I see myself growing up.”

You can sense a felt kinship with some of Buffalo’s most underserved residents when he says this.

President Lewis reflects on the tremendous impact Houghton has had in Buffalo, dating back as early as the 1970s, with adult education, the P.A.C.E. program, the West Seneca campus, Journey’s End Tutoring, and more recently the work with new Americans and refugees on Buffalo’s West Side and predominantly Black students on Buffalo’s East Side.

“With all the work we’ve done, we’ve only just scratched the surface in Buffalo,” he remarks. “The need, particularly on the East Side, is so very great. I believe we can and should serve so many more Buffalonians.”

Beyond growing Houghton’s current program providing access to two-year associate degrees for traditional college students, President Lewis believes it is time to expand Houghton’s current offerings in Buffalo to provide weekend, evening, and part-time courses as well as access to four-year bachelor’s degrees.

“I have a vision to take our commitment to Buffalo to the next level. It is time for us to serve Buffalo with innovative programs that provide Houghton’s traditional foundation in an academically excellent liberal arts core and marry it with job skills training and degree options that move graduates to careers in their communities.”

Historically, education reaching underserved students has focused on career training, neglecting the whole-person development promoted through study of the liberal arts. Conversely, liberal arts education is substantially viewed as neglecting to provide useful skills for graduates entering the job market.

“It is time to break down the divide between the liberal arts and career development,” states Lewis.

And there it is again – that expression that says, “This is my mission.”

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

So, after chatting with President Lewis, how would I introduce him to the many Highlanders who haven’t yet had the opportunity to meet him in person?

I’d tell you he’s determined. Fearless. Inspiring.

He’s a leader you want to follow, able to envision a flourishing future and to recognize the abilities of those around him equipped to bring about that future.

He is, in so many ways, the end result that we hope for in Houghton graduates: well trained for the task at hand, equipped with the skills necessary to complete that task, passionately motivated by God’s calling to promote the Gospel, and determined to work hard to achieve the mission set before him.

“My vision is that we grow. We need to double down on who we are: providing an academically rigorous preparation integrated with intentional Christian formation and spiritual development. That’s who we’ve been; I think that’s what the world needs.”

I see it one last time—the determined look of a man on a mission.

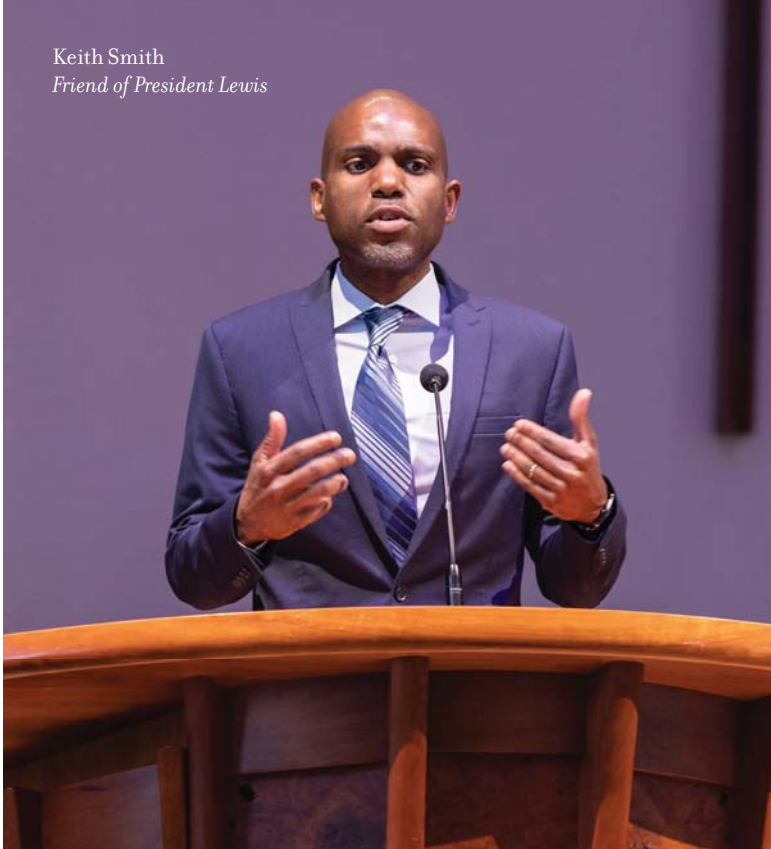


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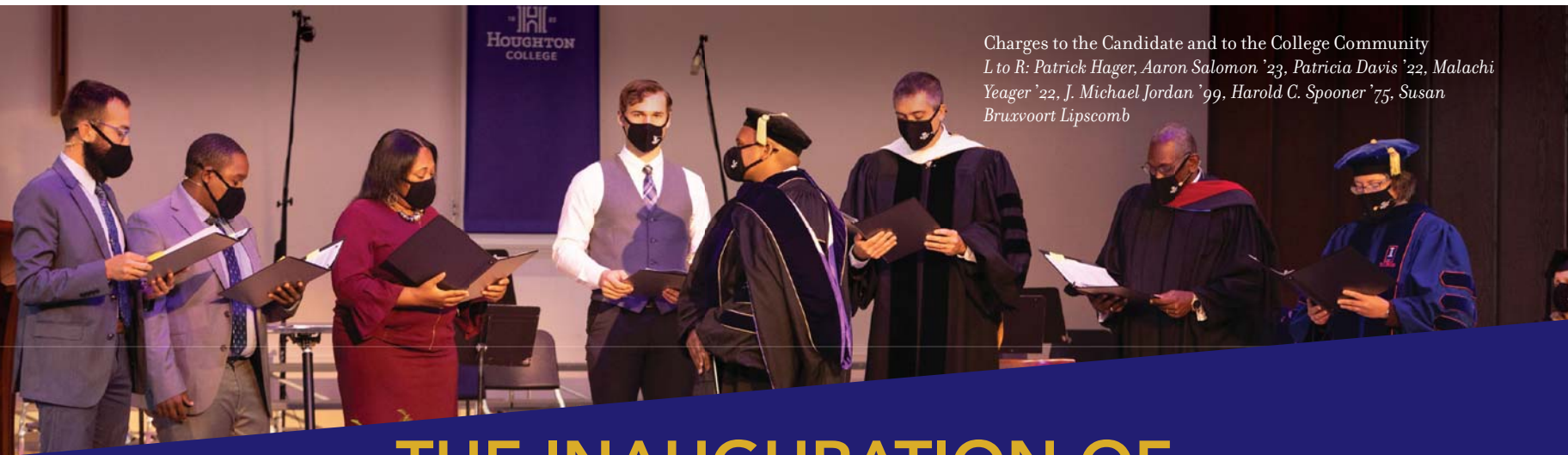
Investiture Ceremony and Presentation of the Presidential Medal  
*Left to Right: President Wayne Lewis, John G. Lee, Debra B. Canfield*



Keith Smith  
*Friend of President Lewis*



Charges to the Candidate and to the College Community  
*L to R: Patrick Hager, Aaron Salomon '23, Patricia Davis '22, Malachi Yeager '22, J. Michael Jordan '99, Harold C. Spooner '75, Susan Bruzvoort Lipscomb*



# THE INAUGURATION OF WAYNE D. LEWIS, JR.

Inauguration Gala



Houghton College Choir and Chamber Ensemble  
*with Conductor Daniel David Black MM '08*





Sigourney Cook  
Soprano Soloist



The President's parents, Wayne Sr. and Maria Lewis,  
and his sister, Jaymee Lewis Desse



Fireworks on the Quad after the Inauguration Concert



President Lewis's Inaugural Address



# A GREATER PURPOSE

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you are reading this, then you likely already recognize the benefits of higher education. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports a more than 60% increase in career earnings for college graduates over those with only a high school diploma, dramatically expanding opportunities and financial stability for those graduates and their families.'

Yet, there is a greater calling for Christian higher education. Everywhere you look, evidence of the brokenness in our world is on display in the increasing polarization of our society, in the moral depravity and miscarriages of justice found in the news and entertainment, and in the continued erosion of family units and communities. Though many in our society do not realize it, they are longing and searching for the Savior. As President Lewis so aptly says, "There is a Christ-sized hole in their lives and in their hearts that can only be filled by Jesus."

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## FRIENDS, THE WORLD needs HOUGHTON and HOUGHTON graduates.

- Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., President

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It is for this reason that Houghton College was established and still stands here today. Since the College's founding nearly 140 years ago, Houghton has provided a formational community to prepare young people for excellence in their professions. More importantly, it has equipped them to lead and labor as scholar-servants, committed to our first great calling as Christians: to make disciples of all nations.

A Christian college education yields benefits for communities as well as the students themselves with opportunities that go beyond the standard benefits of a post-secondary degree. A Christian education

Oscar Palacios '24



increases access for individuals for whom college might otherwise never have been considered as an option. In fact, within all institutions of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU), one in three students are the first in their family to attend college.<sup>2</sup> A private, nonprofit education increases students' likelihood to complete their undergraduate

degree in four years by 14 percent.<sup>3</sup> Most importantly, a college education built on a Christian foundation prepares graduates to be fearless in the face of these cultural challenges, trusting in God as they transform their professions in data science, art, healthcare, business, and more into opportunities to serve as ambassadors of Christ.

As Houghton College steps into the next exciting chapter in our history, we recognize the demanding task the lies ahead as we also eagerly anticipate the ways God will work through Christian higher education to establish the heavenly Kingdom on earth.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics earnings by educational attainment level with analysis by Parker Philips using IMPLAN.

<sup>2</sup>Econsult Solutions, "The National Impact of Christian Higher Education," 2018

<sup>3</sup>U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:12/17)," October 2019.

# FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV



## DID YOU KNOW?

As a founding member of the CCC (1971) and the CCCU (1976), Houghton College has been committed to the cause of Christian higher education on its campus and beyond for years. In fact, President Emerita Shirley Mullen continues to serve as the chair of the board of directors for the CCCU.

**CCCCU PRESIDENTS AT HOUGHTON'S INAUGURATION**—(1) L to R: Jack Connell '83, Eastern Nazarene College; Deana Porterfield, Roberts Wesleyan College; Robin Baker, George Fox University; Shirley Hoogstra, CCCU; Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., Houghton College; Jay Barnes, Christian College Consortium; Philip Ryken, Wheaton College. (2) Shirley Hoogstra, CCCU; and Shirley A. Mullen '76, President Emerita.

# MULTIPLYING THE IMPACT

By Daniel Noyes '93

**Ernie Walton '08** arrived on Houghton's campus in 2004 with a heart for sports ministry and a love of soccer. His Business major, along with minors in Spanish, Bible and Economics, would set him up to follow in his father's footsteps: working in and supporting missions work around the world. At the time, Ernie did not realize the impact his professors and experiences at Houghton would have on his life or that he would go on to a career where he would similarly challenge and support others even as he stayed true to his original vision of devoting his life to changing the world for Christ.

Prior to and throughout his Houghton journey, Ernie had been told by his father and others that he was well suited for careers outside his initial plans. "My dad told me the world needed more Christian lawyers and encouraged me to go to law school.... My roommate and others at Houghton also encouraged me to go to law school, but to me, it still didn't make sense."

Walton's perspective changed when he learned about International Justice Mission (IJM), an organization whose mission is to "protect people in poverty from violence by rescuing victims, bringing criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety and strength, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts." Learning of IJM planted the seed for a different perspective on the practice of law, and, after an introspective study-abroad experience in Costa Rica, he returned to campus ready to pursue a law school education.

After Houghton, Ernie attended Regent University School of Law. He graduated first in his class, married Regent classmate Lindsay, and began his law career in Southern California. After practicing law for two years, Ernie and Lindsay felt a call to return to Regent, where today he serves as Assistant Dean of Admissions and Assistant Professor. He teaches a variety of courses, including International Law, National Security Law, Sales and International Business Transactions.

While these two positions are life-giving for Ernie, it is the third role he plays at Regent that motivated his return to the school. Ernie serves as director of Regent Law's Center for Global Justice, promoting the center's mission to equip Christian advocates who will promote the rule of law and seek justice for the world's downtrodden – the poor, the oppressed and the enslaved – and to serve and support those already engaged in such advocacy.

Reflecting on his journey and where God has led him thus far, Ernie expresses gratitude for the opportunity to impact the lives of students through the admission process and in the classroom. He is particularly grateful to have the chance to inspire others to use their gifts to help those with the most need, a role that allows him to continue to inspire scholar-servants as his Houghton professors did with him.

"I love all the different aspects of my current work, and I am deeply grateful for my job. I am engaged on the practical side through the Center, speaking up for those who don't have a voice and fighting for trafficking victims, thereby fulfilling my original call. Furthermore, I am in the classroom teaching, discipling and mentoring students. I love to help people realize that God has called them to become lawyers, and I enjoy doing the academic work, writing and publishing."

He goes on to connect all of this to his experience at Houghton:

"I received such a great education at Houghton. I benefitted from formative Christian worldview training and from professors who helped me think critically, analyze information and logically pick apart arguments. Houghton set me on a road to success and imparted to me things that I am now sharing with my students, multiplying the impact of a transformative Christian liberal arts education."



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# GENERATIONS OF TRANSFORMATION

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

**“Although not a college graduate herself, Houghton College provided a way out of rural poverty.”**

The impact of Houghton College on the Brautigam family is striking. At the time of matriarch Edna’s passing, her granddaughter, Houghton College math professor **Dr. Jill (Brautigam ’99) Jordan**, made the statement above – the opening of an amazing story.



L to R: Donald, Daryl, David, Dwight, and Faith Brautigam

In rural Pennsylvania in the early 20th century, the families of Edna Angerer and Frank Brautigam were significantly impacted by The Great Depression. Neither Frank nor Edna was able to attend college due to finances, and they dreamed of better things for their children.

According to son and Houghton alumnus **Dr. Donald Brautigam '70**, “My parents were determined that all their children should get a college education. They wanted us to go to a Christian college, and we were willing to do so to advance our education and grow in our faith.”

Frank and Edna’s determination paid off. A Houghton education was affordable for the farming family from Chautauqua County, New York, and all five Brautigam children attended Houghton: **Donald '70, David '72, Daryl '77, Dwight '79 and Faith '82**.

A transformational Houghton education opened doors for careers of impact for them all. Don is a physician, David and Daryl are attorneys, Dwight is a college professor, and Faith is a library director.

Nine of Edna and Frank’s grandchildren are also Houghton alumni: **Heidi '97, Jill '99, Joy '02, Andrew '05, Hilary '07, Sarah '10, Joanna '10, Susie '12 and Sharon '14**. They make a formidable cohort of professionals in law, childhood education, finance, library science and higher education. Two of them – Jill and Susie – are highly valued Houghton employees.



Houghton's importance to the Brautigams is hard to overstate. "I was grounded in thinking critically and thoroughly from a Christian perspective," remarks David. "The academic rigor of Houghton resulted in my finding law school to be not nearly as challenging as many of my classmates found it."

Faith shares similar insights. "One of the most influential classes I took was Philosophy and Christianity. We read philosophical arguments for and critiques of Christianity and wrote a paper outlining our personal conclusions about Christianity. Having my faith challenged in that way and in that environment was a milestone in my Christian life."

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"The role models I had at Houghton," states Dwight, "especially Kay Lindley, David Howard and Karl Schultz, were instrumental in my decision to become a college professor."

While the next generation of Brautigams are not old enough to attend Houghton yet, the family continues to bless the College. Under the leadership of Don and his wife Elaine, the family joined together to create the Brautigam Family Scholarship, an endowed fund that provides annual scholarships to first-generation college students who also hail from Chautauqua County.

"We wished for years we could give something back to show our appreciation for all that Houghton had done for us," said Don. "Our greater family has been generous in supporting what is truly a family fund."

"Houghton shaped me in many profound ways," agrees Daryl. "My wife Sharon (Sard '78) and I are extremely grateful and happy to be a thoroughly Houghton family!"

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As Houghton continues to excel at meeting the educational and spiritual formation needs of first-generation college students, we anticipate more students like the Brautigams – students who will benefit from the generosity of an incredible family legacy to ensure that a Houghton education remains affordable and accessible.

# DISCIPLESHIP IN DATA BIBLE TRANSLATION

By Molly Brizzell '21

Combining numbers and words does not just make for interesting algebra; it also makes for a chance to create more and better disciples—something Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Brandon Bate '04** knows very well. This summer, he was presented with an opportunity to interweave his Houghton students' and his own love for mathematics and God directly into a meaningful project.

Bate was approached by former Houghton classmate **Joshua Nemecek '03**. The SIL International data scientist presented Bate with the AQuA project, which seeks to use new advances in machine learning and natural language processing to make efficient tools for Biblical translation. After hearing about Houghton's Data Science program, Nemecek proposed collaborating with Houghton faculty and students on the project. Bate agreed without hesitation. "I could see how well this project matched with Houghton's mission and the students God has blessed us with," Bate shared.

The Houghton team, including **Benjamin "Benji" Marmor '22** and **Christianna Fisk '24**, spent June and July tasked with developing tools to aid with back-translations of Biblical passages. "A 'back-translation,'" Bate defined, "is a Bible translation produced into a low-resource language that is then assessed by performing a translation of the low-resource Bible translation into a similar language, but with more language resources." This sits at the heart of the AQuA project: the ability to develop tools that will help these consultants to more easily identify problematic back-translation verses in comparison to standard translations. Even if that back-translation cannot be understood, the work could still be done effectively. "I really like linguistics, although this project used that very little," Marmor shared. "It was more the computer science side of things, meaning that there is plenty of room for just about anyone in translation work!"

Thanks to Houghton donors, the team was able to use a powerful data science server system that was recently gifted to the college. "We were exceedingly blessed," Bate writes. "This system greatly expedited work that might have otherwise taken considerably longer and at greater expense." Without the donors, this project—one that will impact not just those using the translations, but also those who worked on the Houghton team—would likely have not been able to be completed. "It was exciting to be a part of something really meaningful," Fisk shared. "I really appreciated getting that glimpse to see if it's something I really want to do in my future."

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Benjamin "Benji" Marmor '22

# FINDING THE FUTURE'S OPEN DOORS

By Molly Brizzell '21

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Education has the power to open doors of opportunity otherwise unseen, and **LaCher Reynolds '22** was able to step through her door the day she saw faculty from the Houghton College Buffalo—East Side campus exploring the halls of her high school. Representatives from various colleges had come to South Park High School to visit classes that day, but Reynolds remained fixed on one. “The only school that caught my eye was Houghton,” Reynolds shared. “They have small classes, and they actually care to help and do whatever they need to do to help the students.” When she was accepted by Houghton, the choice was obvious for her.

Reynolds has established a reliable routine at the East Side campus in her second year. She arrives every morning at nine, attends two classes, participates in group study with her classmates, then she heads off to work at a local hospital. She leaves no later than one in the afternoon feeling fulfilled by her work in the classroom, and the academic support she receives onsite helps with her busy schedule outside of school. According to Reynolds, however, her greatest help comes from the Buffalo East faculty themselves.

When speaking about the highlights of her Houghton experience thus far, Reynolds was quick to offer two names: Prof. Sirgourney Cook and Prof. Shellonnee Chinn. “Professor Cook has helped with anything I need in terms of books and laptops,” Reynolds shared. After suddenly losing her mother in May, Reynolds received unified support from the Houghton East Side community—especially from Professor Chinn. “She called to check on me and made sure I was still able to get work done during that time.”

This small yet tight-knit community is what has defined Reynolds’ experience at Houghton Buffalo. From the class sizes to the one-on-one tutoring, Reynolds has received transformative help in her academics that has encouraged her to think about a future beyond her associate degree. “I came to [Houghton] to get my general studies, but I’m talking to Professor Cook about coming to the main Houghton campus to pursue nursing,” Reynolds said. Though she hasn’t yet fully decided, she knows Houghton has already impacted her future. “Houghton really helps a lot. There’s not a lot more to say!”

# ADAPTING AND FEARLESSLY PURSUING

By Amanda (Shine '05) Zambrano

When **Ygeutte Rudahindwa '23** arrived in Houghton, moving out of the city to the countryside it was a bit of a shock. But Ygeutte adapts well to change – a trait made even more admirable by her cheerful and winsome spirit.

Ygeutte's life has been a study in adapting to change, and her passion for working with young people who have also experienced significant changes and adversity is evident when she speaks.

Born in DRC Congo, Ygeutte fled to Uganda at an early age with her family due to war in her home country. She lost her parents when she was very young and grew up with uncles and cousins under the loving care of her great-grandmother. In 2016, this refugee family was relocated to Buffalo, hopeful for better opportunities in the United States.

Ygeutte eventually found a job with Buffalo Public Schools, working alongside a young ESL teacher named Chelsea. Houghton alumna, **Chelsea Ellis '12** has an infectious love of Houghton College, of missions, and of the beautiful diversity of the City of Buffalo. It was Chelsea who introduced Ygeutte to the idea of studying education in Houghton.

Two other alumni have been instrumental in Ygeutte's Houghton story. **Ann (Irving '85)** and **Robert McNeill '87** have walked with Ygeutte since her initial registration. They accompanied her to the registrar's office to help her enroll for her classes and have not left her side since. Ygeutte calls Ann her "Houghton mom."

Coming to Houghton meant giving up working with young refugees in a job she loved, and it meant giving up a mentoring and support group she had started for refugee girls. It also meant leaving friend Chelsea, who, as many Houghton alumni know, suffered a traumatic accident in 2020 that severely injured her spinal cord. The cost is painful, but it's worth it for Ygeutte as she pursues a Houghton degree that prepares her to teach students in the classroom and more fully live out a life of impact shaped by God's faithful presence and guidance.

The influence of Houghton and our alumni in the City of Buffalo has been ongoing for decades. It continues today through scholar-servants working in industries and ministries across the city, through residential students growing into servant-leaders, and through access to an affordable life-changing education for young men and women in the communities that need it most. We look forward to seeing the impact Ygeutte has on her colleagues, her students and her Buffalo community in the future.









Co-valedictorians were Cory James Messerschmidt (not pictured) and Elizabeth Jane Stone (left). The salutatorian was Johanna Florez (right).



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#### Isaac Cassulis

##### Data Science “Speeding” into Success

Today’s world is experiencing an overflow of data in need of collection and application, something **Isaac Cassulis '22** knew he wanted to help with even before he applied to Houghton College. With such a desperate need comes the power to create meaningful changes in the world, which Data Science—a program designed to transform data into action using statistics, computer programming, and more—is equipped to offer.

This past summer, Cassulis was able to apply his passion in real life at the “ALLY 400” NASCAR Cup Series Race at the Nashville Superspeedway in Tennessee. Data Science Program Director **Carmen McKell '87** described the experience in detail. “Our students were at the Speedway interacting directly with fans, which gave them a 360 or comprehensive view of what it’s like to be a NASCAR fan,” she shared. “This gave them the confidence they needed to make suggestions for improvement, which the Nashville Superspeedway has already implemented. Students got to experience what it’s like to discover and communicate insights, which have already been used to improve the fan experience for next year.”

Cassulis felt well-equipped for these challenges thanks to the courses he has taken at Houghton—and he urges others to give the rewarding Data Science program a chance for themselves. “There are applications for data science in practically every field,” Cassulis shared, “and if students are unsure which career path they want to take, the Data Science program at Houghton is a great way to have a major that allows you to change into whichever fields you become interested in.”



#### Ella Osuzoka

##### More than Just the Numbers

**Emmanuella “Ella” Osuzoka '23** has wanted to study accounting since the ninth grade, but what brought her to Houghton College’s Accounting major has more to do with two unexpected factors: the city of London and a snowstorm.

“When I came over for the Honors in London interview weekend, everything just worked out perfectly,” Osuzoka shared. “There was a snowstorm that weekend. I guess it worked out for the better because that meant my dad and I were stuck in Houghton for two extra days, so I really got to have the full experience of what life would be like here. I just fell in love with the people.”

People have continued to be what has drawn Osuzoka even further into the Accounting Major at Houghton. **Elianna McHenry '18 MBA '20**, an Assistant Professor in Houghton’s Business program, has been the essential highlight for Osuzoka with the way she brings her classroom to life, including a final exam centered around the game of Monopoly.

Osuzoka shared that, after a visitor from KPMG (Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler) came into one of her Houghton classrooms, she leapt at an opportunity to work for Deloitte. KPMG and Deloitte are two of the “Big Four” accounting firms that spread their services to over 150 countries worldwide. Osuzoka was able to use the insights gained from people like McHenry at Houghton to participate in an internship with Deloitte this past summer. She believes Houghton has had a profound impact on her work there.

“Before Houghton, I had never done any group projects,” Osuzoka said. “So it was really good getting that experience and then spending this past summer working with new people to do research and present it in front of professionals.”

The networking Osuzoka was able to do at Deloitte led her to solidify her post-graduation goals. She intends to earn her Master of Accounting degree and prepare to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam. “I’m excited to intern with Deloitte again and apply the knowledge I’ve learned,” Osuzoka stated, “and continue to make my parents proud, by the grace of God!”

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Christian Esh

### Developing a Christian Lens in the Courtroom

The call to discipleship **Dr. Christian Esh '98** experienced while pursuing his studies at Houghton has made his mentorship of Pre-Law students his favorite feature as well as one of the program's most distinctive.

Dr. Esh is the Director of Houghton's Pre-Law program and Associate Professor of History. He focuses on teaching Pre-Law students how their work in law can contribute to history, government and justice work as a whole, especially through a Christian lens. He has expressed his enthusiasm for students getting involved in the new Pre-Law minor no matter what their major is.

"They're not all History majors," Dr. Esh shared. "They're Theology majors, they're Political Science majors, they're a whole host of different majors. I can see how the work of Dr. Kay Lindley continues, and that's very gratifying as an alumnus and a Christian scholar."

Dr. Kay Lindley was a long-time professor of History and the Chair of the Division of Social Science at Houghton. In February of 2021, Houghton opened the Katherine E. Lindley Center for Law and Constitutional Studies on the third floor of the Chamberlain Center in her honor. Dr. Esh is encouraged to see the Lindley Center already doing the things he and the Pre-Law faculty envisioned for it: student research, collaboration, and practice interviews. "As a recruiting space, it's very powerful," Dr. Esh shared. "Students step into the Lindley Center, and they feel like they're in a law space."

With the growing success of Houghton's Pre-Law program, Dr. Esh recognizes the contributions of the entire faculty. He described the program as a "team-taught curriculum," one that is not only comprehensive but also impactful. This teamwork gives Dr. Esh the freedom to do exactly what he loves and envisions for the future of the Pre-Law program and its students: discipleship.

## ALUMNI BOARD UPDATE

*By Bill Allen '89, Alumni Board President and  
Tim Deckert '95, Immediate Past Alumni Board President*

The inauguration of President Lewis wasn't the only leadership change on Houghton's campus that beautiful October weekend. At the conclusion of the Alumni Board's fall meeting, **Tim Deckert '95** passed the proverbial gavel (we actually have a gavel somewhere, but it did not make an appearance during the meeting) to incoming Board President **Bill Allen '89**, who starts his three-year term.

While the fall meeting was somewhat abbreviated to accommodate inauguration festivities, much of our time was spent planning alumni participation in the Inauguration Service Day planned for March 12, 2022. The Service Day was commissioned to continue celebrating the inauguration of President Wayne D. Lewis, Jr. It focuses on bringing together the Houghton Community to put into practice the biblical admonition to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly, as explored by President Lewis in his inauguration address.

Volunteer events are being scheduled in the Houghton, Buffalo and Rochester areas. The Alumni Board is hopeful to mobilize alumni in many more communities to partner with their own local organizations on March 12 to celebrate in a similar way. This event will be a great way to meet new alumni, reacquaint with old friends and make a positive difference in our own backyards. More details to follow!

## SAVE THE DATES

### APRIL 1-2, 2022: ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND

- » Alumni Awards presentation chapel
- » Intercollegiate and alumni athletic competitions
- » Family-friendly activities
- » Lyric Theatre performance



### AUGUST 4-7, 2022 SUMMER ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

- » The gathering will include classes that had postponed reunions:
  - 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 65, 66, 67, 70, 71, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 90, 91, 95, 96, 00, 01, 05, 06, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20.
- » Classes of 1970 and 1971 begin on August 4 to celebrate their 50th reunions. All other classes will begin on August 5.

### OCTOBER 7-9, 2022 HOMECOMING

- » Reunions for Classes of 87, 92, 97, 02, 07, 12, 17



### EMPIRE 8 COMMISSIONER'S CUP

The Houghton Athletic Department found itself in the top half of the Empire 8 Conference for the second consecutive year as they finished No. 4 in the Final E8 Commissioner's Cup standings. The Commissioner's Cup recognizes department-wide success across all athletic programs based on results throughout the academic year.

Houghton was led by the men's tennis program, which grabbed its first conference title and advanced to the NCAA National Tournament. Men's soccer claimed a share of the conference regular season title before falling in the tournament semifinals. Baseball finished second, field hockey and women's soccer were each third, and volleyball and women's tennis were each fourth in each sport's final regular season standings.

### STUDENT-ATHLETE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

#### Edena Sanchez '21—Velma H.M. Hewson Excellence Award

- » 4 conference titles in 800 meters
- » 2nd fastest indoor 800 time in Empire 8 history
- » Podium finish 14 times at E8 Track Championships
- » Holds school records in indoor 400 and 800 meters

#### David Wessells '21—Dr. Marvin H. Eyler Excellence Award

- » 2nd straight year receiving honor
- » 3x All-Empire 8 First Team Selection
- » Most all-conference votes among outfielders all three seasons of undergraduate
- » 3x Empire 8 Player of the Week
- » 2x NCCAA All-Region selection
- » School career leader in hits, runs scored, walks and stolen bases

### EMPIRE 8 PRESIDENTS' LIST

A record total of 86 Houghton student-athletes were recognized by the Empire 8 for their classroom performance during the spring 2021 semester. These student-athletes maintained a 3.75 GPA or higher to earn a spot on the E8 Presidents' List. The total represents 39 percent of Houghton's student-athletes.

- » 223 student-athletes
- » 3.31 Spring department GPA
- » 28 student-athletes achieved 4.0 GPA in the Fall
- » 13 teams earned team GPA of 3.2 or higher

### MEN'S TENNIS CLAIMS FIRST E8 TITLE, ADVANCES TO NCAA NATIONALS

Houghton men's tennis had an historic season, winning its first Empire 8 Championship and advancing to the first round of the NCAA National Tournament. The team finished the campaign with a record of 10-4. They won 10 straight matches after starting the season 0-3 and claimed their second straight E8 regular season title. They earned the No. 1 seed in the E8 Tournament and advanced to the NCAAAs after defeating No. 2 Nazareth, 5-4, in a thrilling E8 title match. This was the program's first appearance beyond the conference tournament.



#### « TENNIS PRO, OLYMPIAN JESSICA PEGULA FEATURED AT TENNIS CLINIC

Recent Olympian and world-ranked women's professional

tennis player Jessica Pegula was the featured instructor at a tennis clinic on campus in September. The event featured instructional sessions led by Pegula, Houghton tennis coach Zach Shilvock and current Houghton players followed by a Q&A with Pegula. It finished with the participants hitting against the Olympian. Pegula's mother, **Kim (Kerr '91) Pegula**, is a graduate of Houghton College.

### HIGHLANDER SPOTLIGHT

It's hard to keep up with **Amanda Burrichter '23**. Just ask those she races against as a member of the Houghton cross country and track and field teams. Burrichter is a two-time Empire 8 first team selection in cross country and a three-time event champion in indoor and outdoor track.

Burrichter says running has always been a part of her life and has helped her develop personal life skills and to grow spiritually. "I can't think of a time when I wasn't competing or training in some way. It has taught me what it means to work hard, persevere, manage time and so much more."

Those who know her best will say her non-stop energy, varied interests and pursuit of excellence go well beyond the realm of competitive athletics. The junior is also excelling in the classroom as an exercise science and pre-physical therapy major with a minor in psychology. Her career goal is to be a physical therapist, working with runners or children. She is even considering medical missions. "I want to spend time connecting with people and giving them simple, sustainable techniques to increase their overall function and decrease pain," Burrichter says.

Away from the course and classroom, Burrichter serves as Houghton's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president, is a member of the Pre-Health Professions Club, regularly helps at her church's youth group and volunteers at the Houghton blood drive. Whether it's overcoming nagging injuries, balancing academics and athletics, serving the needs of her fellow student-athletes, or embracing the challenges of backcountry living, Amanda Burrichter has been fearless in her pursuit of excellence.

"Being fearless as a Highlander means not worrying about the outcome of the season but being present in each moment and being grateful for the opportunity we have to compete and learn in a Christian environment," says Burrichter. "Competing collegiately has its ups and downs, and I hope that, as I continue to face hard situations, I can look back on all that I accomplished and preserved through in college and use that as encouragement to keep working hard."



# ALUMNI News & NOTES

## 1954

**Mary Beth (Decker) Mead** completed graduate school through Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN.

## 1966

**Wayne Adams** was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in appreciation for outstanding contributions by the School Neuropsychological Society of Texas in April 2021.

## 1979

**Kathleen (Brenza) Samuel** retired in June 2019 after having the opportunity to serve for 32 years as a school psychologist specializing in serving deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

**Joseph T. Huff** was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies.

## 2003

**Erik Ireland** completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2021.

## 2006

**Elizabeth Weaver** was recruited to "Feeding America" on their Public Benefits Division. Prior to her hiring, she spent the last four years working under the same title for a statewide food bank in Montana.

**Lisa (Poore) Furr** was voted by her colleagues of Pickens High School in Pickens, SC, as teacher of the year for the 2021–2022 school year. She was

also chosen as a top 4 finalist for district teacher of the year in the School District of Pickens County.

## 2008

**Daniel David Black** was promoted to Associate Professor of Vocal Music and Conducting, Director of Choral Activities. Previously, Daniel had been serving as Assistant Professor of Vocal Music and Conducting, Director of Choral Activities at Houghton since 2016.

## 2009

**Cana (Roth) Austin** had the opportunity to open a local café, "Grateful Coffee Company," which she now manages with her husband in Springfield, IL.

## 2012

**Julia (Schlosser) Clark** accepted a position as Executive Director at "Wings of Hope Ranch." Previously, she had volunteered at this organization for five years.

## 2016

**Marcella (Wheeler) Hughes** took on the role of "Ordination and Commissioning Officer" in The Salvation Army of Tiffin, OH.

**Victoria Bonners '16** earned her Master of Divinity degree from Denver Seminary in May 2021. Her current goal is to work towards becoming a board-certified chaplain of the Mennonite denomination.

## 2019

**Abigail (Taylor) Skahan** completed her Master of Arts in Teaching from New England College in May 2021. She has since been appointed as an art teacher in Nelson, NH.

## 2020

**Jake Crawford '20** accepted a position as Content Marketing Specialist at Houghton College. His main responsibilities involve the creation and management of photography, videography, and copywriting for the college's Marketing Communications Department.



## HIGHLANDERS SUPPORTING HIGHLANDERS

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To celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit and innovative efforts of our graduates, and encourage networking among our alumni, the Office of Alumni Engagement has created the online Alumni Business Directory.

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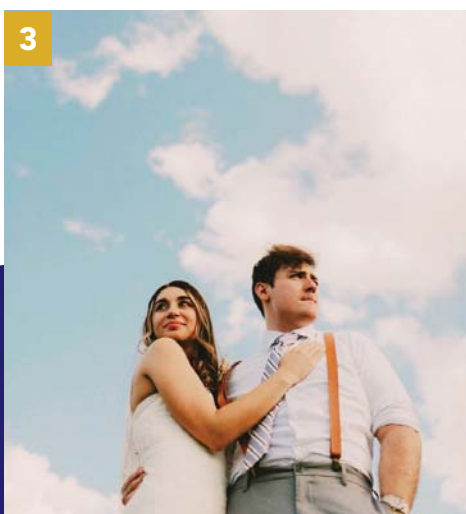


# DOWN the AISLE

**Celeste (Allen '08)** married Nathan McCormick on May 29, 2021. **(1)**

**Zachary Kitchen '15** married Dorothy Hershey on June 19, 2021. **(2)**

**Jake Crawford '20** married **Kayla (Paolini '19)** on September 5, 2021. **(3)**



**12.19.19 | Sadie (1)**  
**Joella (Eppehimer '11)** and **Eric Liddle '11**

**02.13.21 | Benjamin Anthony (2)**  
**Emily (Prychodko '13)** and **Anthony Cappello '13**

**03.10.21 | Callan Paul (3)**  
Jen and **Andrew Brubaker '10**

**04.14.21 | Gideon Laurence (4)**  
**Susanna (Brautigam '12)** and **Andrew Roorbach '13**

**05.03.21 | Desmond (5)**  
Charoma and Michael Ritter



# Future Highlanders

# ALUMNI BOOK SHELF



**Wayne Adams '66**  
**Wide Range Assessment  
of Memory and Learning**  
*Pearson, June 2021*

**John Bullock '73**  
**Seeing with Fresh Eyes:  
Sin, Salvation, and the  
Steadfast Love of God**  
*Redemption Press,  
December 5, 2019*

**Emily Asare '07**  
**Fishing With Pap**  
*Amazon Books, June 2020*

**Elise (Matthews '08) Piotrowicz**  
**Mother of Wild  
Beasts: A Novel**  
*Resource (An Imprint of Wipf  
and Stock), July 12, 2021*

## In MEMORIAM

### 1940

**Doris (Veazie) Ludder** Jan.  
5, 2019, Miami, FL.

### 1942

**Rev. Evelyn (Birkel) Thompson Aye**  
Aug. 18, 2015, Langhorne, PA.

### 1945

**Donald Hatch** Jun. 19,  
2021, East Syracuse, NY.

### 1946

**Eleanor (Phillips) Anderson**  
Jun. 19, 2021, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Frederick Schmidt** Jun. 15,  
2020, Cherrystone, VA.

### 1948

**Dorothy (Baigrie) Whiting**  
Nov. 22, 2020, Newton, NJ.

### 1949

**Janice (Burr) Burr** Sep.  
17, 2020, Miami, FL.

**Dorothy (Ellenberger) Emary** Dec.  
10, 2021, Thousand Oaks, CA.

**Doris (Koenig) Kalle** Aug.  
31, 2019, Jacksonville, FL.

### 1950

**Donna (Sumner) Bridenbaugh** Mar.  
20, 2020, Roaring Springs, PA.

**Lois (Robbins) McCann** Jan.  
24, 2020, Pinellas County, FL.

### JEAN (WALKER '46) KALTENBAUGH

**Jean (Walker '46) Kaltenbaugh** passed away peacefully on July 11, 2021, at 97 years old. Married to the late Robert "Bob" A. Kaltenbaugh, a 25-year member of the Houghton College Board of Directors, Jean shared the same gift of servanthood through her active dedication to Houghton and her community of Sandy Lake, PA, where she retained a lifelong membership to Sandy Lake Wesleyan Church, having been involved in many important roles over the years. However, Jean's servanthood wasn't limited to the folks in Sandy Lake and Houghton College. Her love of travelling took her to 49 states and countless foreign countries as she spread her warm presence to every life she came into contact with. To those who knew her, Jean's love couldn't be more apparent, especially to her family. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Within her loving family, Jean is survived by her children, **Robert W. Kaltenbaugh '69** and wife Cathy, **Ray Kaltenbaugh '73** and wife **Susan '73** and **Susan Auerbach '77** and husband Gary, all of Sandy Lake, PA; grandchildren, Shawn (Dawn) Proper, Chad (Tina) Proper, Linnie (Rick) Reither, Michele (Jason) Mumford, Lisa (Brian) Janssen, Mark (Nina) Kaltenbaugh, Jennifer Auerbach and Joshua Auerbach; 16 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law **Charles Kaltenbaugh '50**; sister-in-law Judy Walker; and many nieces and nephews.



**ROBERT "BOB" K. BROWN**

**Robert "Bob" K. Brown** passed away on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at the age of 84 years old. A true patriot for Houghton College, Bob Brown was best known for his work as Director of Financial Aid, but he was a valued servant of the college in many other capacities over the years. Bob started his legacy at Houghton in the Registrar's Office before moving to Financial Aid as the Director during the formative years of Houghton's largest enrollment record. Many during the era testified that Bob's help made it possible for them to attend Houghton College. Bob went on to finish his career at Houghton with several years in the Advancement Office as a Major Gift Officer, then went on to serve on the Athletics Advisory Board in the years of his retirement. The Brown legacy didn't end with Bob, however; his wife, Carol, served in Houghton's Education Department, notably working closely with Student Teachers. Bob's strong servant's heart was also very active in the Houghton Wesleyan Church and later in the Wesleyan Retirement Village in Brooksville, FL. Bob and Carol were blessed with four children – a son, the late Robert C. Brown, and daughters, **Carolyn Hale '08**, **Christine Warnken '93** and Jennifer Nesbit.

**1950 (CONT'D)**

**David McDowell** Aug. 11, 2018, Rising Sun, MD.

**Rev. Edward Neuhaus** Apr. 24, 2020, Fitchburg, MA.

**Ernest Preston** Nov. 11, 2020, Centerville, NY.

**Jane (Wight) Terrill** Jun. 22, 2021, Le Roy, NY.

**1951**

**Lois (Albro) Chatham** Jan. 27, 2021, Austin, TX.

**Joann (Lord) Disbrow** Jun. 11, 2021, Redmond, OR.

**David Juroe** Sep. 28, 2019, Bigfork, MT.

**1952**

**Gloria Louise (McAdams) Ring** Jan. 31, 2021, Holland, NY.

**Vern Janssen** Jun. 12, 2019, Elk Grove, CA.

**Rev. Edgar Munyan** Jun. 30, 2018, Allentown, PA.

**1954**

**Donald L. Bortner** May 26, 2019, Shrewsbury, MA.

**Donald Blowers** Dec. 18, 2019, Clearfield, PA.

**Warren Byerly** Jun. 24, 2021, Norristown, PA.

**Eloise (Clay) Carlson** Jan. 13, 2021, Mayville, NY.

**1955**

**Howard Bariteau** May 30, 2021, Ogdensburg, NY.

**Donald Kraft** Dec. 15, 2020, Bath, NY.

**1957**

**Donna (Sir Louis) Sechrist** Mar. 4, 2021, Hudson, OH.

**1958**

**Opal (Bohall) Zschiesche** Jun. 21, 2021, Oklahoma City, OK.

**1959**

**Richard A. Gardner** Mar. 10, 2021, Tucson, AZ.

**1960**

**Ronald Waite** May 14, 2021, Holden, MA.

**David T. Childs** Feb. 19, 2021, Wichita, KS.

**Eileen (Kuntz) Baldwin** Feb. 24, 2018, Allentown, PA.

**Dean Barnett** Dec. 27, 2019, Freedom, NY.

**David Harris** Sep. 9, 2019, Wilmington, OH.

**1962**

**Robert Orr** May 20, 2021, Burlington, VT.

**Dr. Robert Howard "Bob" Claxton** May 13, 2019, East Aurora, NY.

**Rev. Horace Stoddard** Jun. 1, 2021, Pine City, NY

**1964**

**Ellen (Lockwood '64) Guilford** Oct. 1, 2019, Zephyrhills, FL.

**1965**

**Nancy Ann (Marsh) Steinberger** Apr. 21, 2021, Pomona, NY.

**1966**

**Lt. Col. R. Eugene Pigford** Jun. 6, 2021, Unadilla, NY.

**Robert J. Hughes** Jul. 10, 2021, West Bloomfield, NY.

**1967**

**Susan Dyonne (Glickert) Bliss** Mar. 14, 2021, Lawrenceville, GA.

**1971**

**Ricky Allen Burdick** Jan. 14, 2020, Yorba Linda, CA.

**Alan G. Cole** Nov. 28, 2018, Johnstown, NY.

**H. Stephen Jewell** Feb. 25, 2019, Skowhegan, ME.

**Jeanne E. Miller** Nov. 2, 2019, Royersford, PA.

**Donna (Syswerda) VanderWal** Mar. 31, 2018, Rockford, MI.

## 1972

**Donna Kathryn** (Chambers) **Tuttle**  
May 27, 2021, Harleysville, PA.

**Rev. Bruce Gallup** Aug. 9, 2020,  
Fredericksburg, VA.

## 1992

**Dale Berkley** June 3, 2021, New Castle, PA.

## 2003

**Scott Hanel** Jun. 9, 2021, Alden, NY.

### MARY ONEIDA GRACE (SELL '57) KINGDON

**Mary Oneida Grace (Sell '57) Kingdon** went to be with her Lord on Sunday, August 1, 2021, at her home in High Point, NC, with her immediate family by her side. She was 87 years old. Married to Dr. Harold L. Kingdon '57, longtime Houghton faculty member in the Department of Religion, Mary was no stranger to the world of education, acting on her passion for teaching through the Friendship Central School in Friendship, NY, a neighboring town outside of Houghton. For 30 years, Mary taught in Friendship, going on to serve a number of terms as President of the Friendship Central School Teachers Union as well as becoming an acting representative of many Western New York public schools for several years at the annual meetings of the New York State Teachers Retirement System in Albany, NY. Though they'd moved to North Carolina to be closer to family, Mary and Harold called Houghton "home" for 50 years, having been deeply involved in both the college and the community. Those who knew her knew the depth of her love for service, especially her family, to whom she was extremely loyal and devoted. Mary is survived by her husband of 64 years, Harold Ivor Edwin Kingdon Sr.; their daughter, **Sheryl Lynn (Kingdon '80) Johnson** of Chattanooga, Tennessee; sons **Harold Ivor Edwin Kingdon, Jr. '86** (Debbie) and **James Todd Ezra Kingdon '85** (Paula) of High Point, NC; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Virgil and Mabel (Rowe) Sell; sister, Ruth (Sell) Hague; brothers Paul Sell (Mary) and Robert Sell (Wilma); daughter **Jill Renée Kingdon Tyson '85** (John); infant grandson, Kel Jonathan Kingdon; and son-in-law, Spencer Allen Johnson.

### DR. GERALD RAY LLOYD '59

**Dr. Gerald Ray Lloyd '59**, of Corry, PA, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 29, 2021, at UPMC Hamot in Erie, PA, after a brief hospital stay. He was 83 years old. A man of many hats, Gerald was known by all in his life for his dedication to continuous service, having been merited with many opportunities. Most memorably, Gerald had the opportunity to serve in the place he met the love of his life, **Norma (Burst '59)**—his alma mater, Houghton College, on the Alumni Board from 1991–2000. Norma would also go on to serve Houghton College with her admittance to the President's Advisory Board from 2005 to 2012. Gerald's many other titles included Corry Area School physician, Medical Director of the Corry Manor, Corry Memorial Hospital board member, Salvation Army board member and LifeCare Pregnancy Center board member. He was also an active member of the Corry Evangelical United Methodist Church, where he served on the missions committee, pastor parish committee and church council and as Boy's Brigade leader, church choir member and a Sunday school teacher for the Berean Class. However, Gerald's service was not limited to Corry; he and his wife also participated in a number of work mission trips to Kentucky; a medical mission trip to Paraguay, South America; and support to many other mission efforts around the globe. Gerald is survived by his brother Joel Wesley (Rowena) Lloyd of Muskegon, MI, and his loving children, Deborah Ruth (Todd) Morton of Erie, PA; **Stephen Gerald '90** (Suzanne) Lloyd of Milford, PA; and **Kristen Renee Lloyd '93** of Windber, PA. Also surviving are his precious grandchildren, whom he greatly treasured: Zachary Todd Morton, Joshua Ryan Lloyd, Timothy James Lloyd, Anna Rose Morton and Abigail Christine Lloyd.

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Houghton has allowed me to mature emotionally and spiritually, become more grounded in my faith, and establish relationships rooted in my faith. Houghton has given me lifelong friends, a direction for my future, and more confidence to pursue God's plans for me.

**Haley De Jager '22**

*Dual Major in Biology and Mathematics  
Aspiring Pediatrician*

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