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Dear Friends of Houghton Academy,

For over 140 years, Houghton Academy has stood as a light on a hill, faithfully nurturing young people in Christ-centered education since our founding in 1883 by Willard J. Houghton. From our earliest days as Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary to our establishment as Houghton Academy in 1958 and today, **God's provision and the faithfulness of generous partners like you have made our mission possible.**

Throughout our storied history, we have seen remarkable moments: **Mrs. Philinda Bowen** stepping in as our first full-time principal in 1917 and setting standards of academic rigor and Christlike care; **Rev. James Tysinger's** tireless work separating and strengthening our Academy in the 1950s; the construction of Bowen Hall, Tysinger Gymnasium, and the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium; and the unwavering leadership of **Philip Stockin**, who dedicated nearly 40 years to growing and stabilizing the Academy. **Each generation has added new chapters to the story of faith, perseverance, and service.**

Today, under the leadership of **Dr. Toby A. Travis**, Houghton Academy continues to stand firm, offering an exceptional college preparatory education within the framework of a Christian worldview. **We're seeing exciting growth**, with students from across the United States and around the world thriving in our safe and nurturing community.

We are grateful to share that **we have already raised \$200,175 toward our \$250,000 Annual Fund goal.** These funds are crucial to balancing this year's budget and ensuring we can continue providing a life-changing education to students like Caleb Yi (2025 Co-Salutatorian, pictured here with our Dean, **Karen Pennington**), whose parents recently shared this letter with **Jon Keith**, our CFO and Boarding Program Director:

"Greetings! We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your care and support of Caleb. We have been reflecting—perhaps it's the difference in culture or the contrast in educational systems, but more profoundly, I believe it's a renewal of faith that truly touches us.

We first learned from a student studying in the United States that American academic credentials are highly respected. Later, a pastor introduced us to the admissions information for Houghton Academy.



"...that they might be called trees of righteousness." – Isaiah 61:3



During the application process, we found the admissions officers to be incredibly kind, and my son, Caleb Yi, was successfully accepted.

When he arrived at the airport, we were deeply moved to learn that the boarding director had personally come to pick up the students and even prepared an American-style meal for them. Caleb felt joyful and warmly welcomed. As parents, hearing this made our hearts overflow with gratitude.

At Houghton Academy, we see that your team of educators and leaders truly nurture international students with the heart of a parent, cultivating, encouraging, and embracing each one. You provide a safe, inclusive, and joyful learning environment free from social barriers. This is a school that we, as parents, can wholeheartedly trust and recommend. With deepest gratitude."

As we approach June 30, we humbly invite you to **help close the remaining \$49,825 gap**. Your gift — large or small — will make a tangible difference. It will support scholarships, enhance academic and residential programs, and help us sustain the rich, Christ-centered community that has shaped generations of young people.

We stand on the shoulders of faithful stewards who have gone before us. Now it's our turn to invest in the next generation of Christ followers, leaders, and scholars.



Will you prayerfully consider making a gift today?

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