



December 9, 2023

Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank you for your faithful support of the Academy. **Your prayers and gifts make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students from around the world** who have received a quality Christian education at our campus.

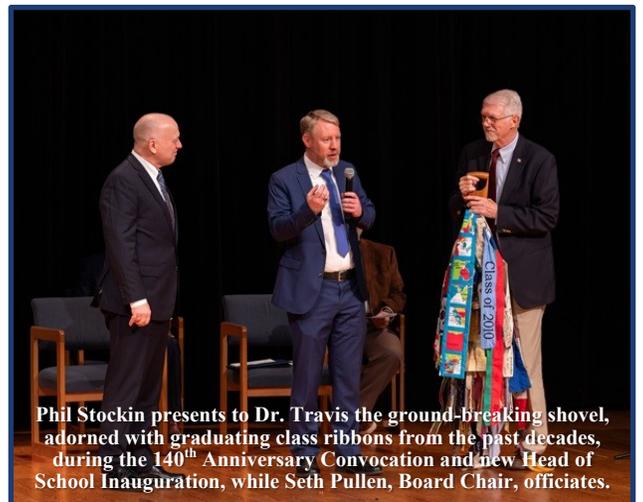
This year marks **the 140th anniversary of our school's ministry**. Since 1883, we have provided a safe and nurturing environment for young people to grow in their faith and academic excellence. We have seen generations of alumni go on to serve God and others in various fields and professions, positively impacting their communities and beyond.

We are grateful for God's faithfulness and provision throughout our history, especially during the challenging times of the pandemic, in which many similar schools closed their doors and no longer serve students and families. We praise God that we were not only sustained through the pandemic, but are rebounding and **experiencing an increase in enrollment and a vibrancy of ministry unparalleled in the school's history**. In just one year, our enrollment increased from the mid-50s in 2022-2023 to the mid-80s this year, with another 10 students joining us in January for the second semester!

We have been able to continue our operations and expand learning opportunities for our students, **thanks to the dedication of our staff and faculty, our partnership with Houghton University, and the generosity of our donors**. However, we need your help to sustain and improve our school and complete this school year on solid financial grounds.

As we look ahead to the new year, we have some **urgent needs that require funding**, such as:

- Scholarships for students who cannot afford the full tuition and fees



Phil Stockin presents to Dr. Travis the ground-breaking shovel, adorned with graduating class ribbons from the past decades, during the 140th Anniversary Convocation and new Head of School Inauguration, while Seth Pullen, Board Chair, officiates.



- Upgrades for our curriculum, classrooms and dormitories
- Maintenance and renovation of our aging facilities
- Staff and faculty salaries and benefits



To meet our budgetary needs for this year, **our Annual Fund requires \$250,000 in donations** before June 30, 2024. At the writing of this letter, we have received \$41,493.32! We are on our way and invite you to continue your journey with us by making a **special year-end gift** to help close the gap.



Your donation of any amount will **empower us to continue our mission of equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and character they need to serve God and others in the 21st century.** Your contribution today makes a significant difference in the lives of students, their families, our faculty and staff.

You can donate securely online by visiting our website at www.houghtonacademy.org or use the return envelope enclosed. (Please make your gift before December 31, 2023, to receive a tax-deductible receipt for this year).

Thank you for your partnership and generosity. May God bless you and your family with His peace and joy this Christmas and throughout the new year.



Yours for Christ,

Toby A. Travis, Ed.D.
Head of School



Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ designated for the *Houghton Academy Annual Fund*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PLEDGE: It is my/our intent to provide an additional future donation to the Annual Fund of \$ _____ before June 30, 2024.



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