



June 17, 2023

Dear Friends of Houghton Academy,

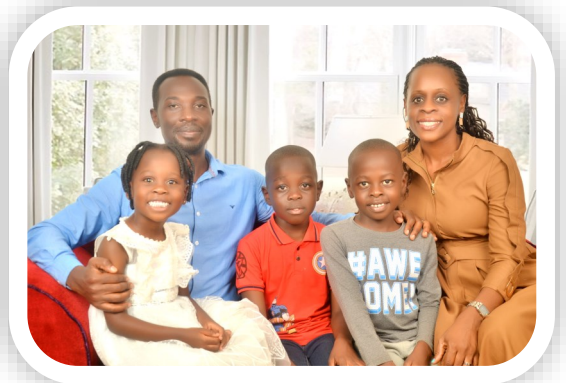
Eccelesiastes 3:1 begins with, *“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens....”* One of the challenges and joys of working and living in an academic ministry environment is the annual and cyclical “hellos” and “goodbyes” to students, faculty, and staff.



As we say “congratulations” and “goodbye” to the Class of 2023, we also want to acknowledge and express our deep and sincere thanks to the members of our staff who are wrapping up their time of service with the Academy at the end of this month. Among the full-time staff members to whom we are incredibly grateful for their contributions are: Kara Campbell, Ellie and Rob Leete, Mohammad Pahlevan, and Shelly Stevens. **Their service and commitment to living out and extending the mission and vision of Houghton Academy have been significant**, especially serving during the pandemic and post-pandemic era. Thank you all, and blessings as you each seek out and pursue what God has for you in the next phase of your journey serving Jesus Christ.

Last month I shared a few of the “hellos” to several new faculty and staff members joining us for the upcoming school year. As you may recall, we were still awaiting the visa status of our new addition to the Science and Math

team, Fionah Mulema. **Great news! Fionah, her husband, Deo, have received their J1 and J2 work visas and will be arriving in Houghton from Uganda in mid-July!** Praising God and thanking you all for your prayers. Upon their arrival, the Mulema family will stay in temporary housing while setting up their new home in Houghton. They need furniture and furnishings. If you would like to assist in helping them get settled into Houghton, please send me a note at toby.travis@houghtonacademy.org. And thank you! We are so pleased and excited to see all the new additions of quality international Christian educators joining our ministry team.

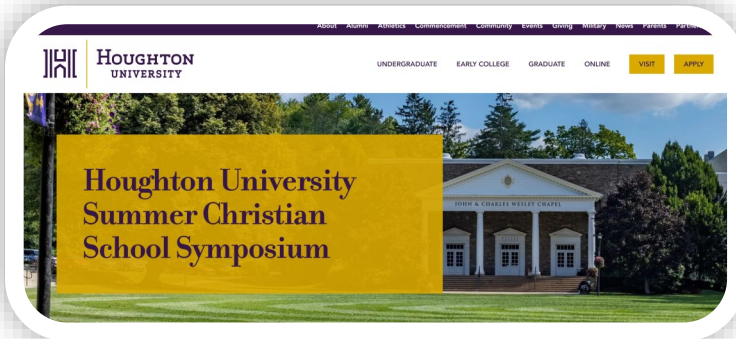
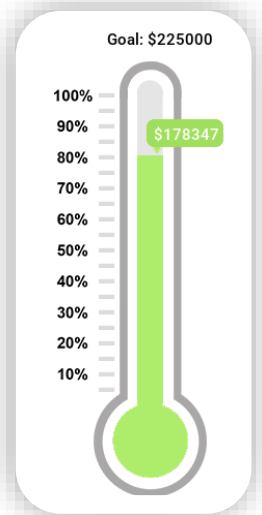


We still have several open faculty and staff positions for the coming school year. You can view updates on our remaining staffing needs at www.houghtonacademy.org/careers. You can help by sharing the open positions with individuals who may consider joining us. And, of course, your ongoing prayers for God’s perfect timing and provision are also appreciated.

We continue to draw closer to our Annual Fund goal of \$225,000 in donations. Since our last report, **we have received an additional \$23,347!**

As I shared with you last month, to close the gap between current operating expenses (e.g., salaries, maintenance, classroom supplies) and lagging tuition income and to finish the 2022-2023 school year strong and financially healthy, we need approximately \$46,653 in donation income between now and the end of this month. We are very grateful to all who participated in the year's Annual Fund. If you have not yet donated, **please prayerfully consider helping us meet that target with your contribution today.**

Financial gifts to the Annual Fund can be securely made online at HoughtonAcademy.org. Follow the link to "Giving" or mail a check today, labeled *Annual Fund*, to the school's address. Your donation of any amount makes a difference in our ability to meet the needs of our students, faculty, and staff. **Thank you.**



There are several upcoming events that I want to be sure you are aware of. First is the *Houghton University Summer Christian School Symposium* on August 17 and 18. Visit this link for all the details:

www.houghton.edu/event/summer-symposium

It will be my honor to serve as one of the keynote speakers and workshop leaders for the event. The symposium will be

beneficial for those serving in Christian school ministry, but all those who know and value the importance of authentic Christian education will benefit from the symposium. Join us if you are able, and please share the link to the conference information with others. Thank you.

Secondly, on June 23 and 24, the Houghton Academy Board of Trustees will gather for Spring meetings. The governance work accomplished during these meetings is vital to the ongoing development of our ministry.

Among the agenda items will include:

- Officially transitioning the Head of School role from Mr. Phil Stockin to myself.
- Setting organizational priorities for the year.
- **Launching plans for our 140th Anniversary Event** in the fall.

We have several tentative dates for this significant event, and we will update you as soon as we can confirm. Stay tuned and **plan now to join us for what we pray will be a milestone event** of celebrating what God has done, is doing, and shall continue to accomplish in and through our unique student ministry.



Thank you for your partnership in ministry. As a dear friend and mentor has often said, *“Your financial support makes the ministry possible, and your prayer support makes the ministry powerful!”*

Yours for His Kingdom,

Dr. Toby A. Travis