



Grace Jordan Earns National Recognition



This week it was my honor to present to **Grace Jordan** (Academy Class of 2024) a certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, recognizing Grace as being named a **"Commended Student"** in the 2024 *National Merit Scholarship Program*.

Grace is one of about 34,000 Commended Students nationwide who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. She has demonstrated outstanding potential for

academic success and represents a valuable contribution to the mission of Houghton Academy; recognizing her accomplishments, as well as the key role the Academy has played in her academic development, is vital to advancing educational excellence in our ministry as a Christian school.

Congratulations Grace!

2023 Family Cookout / Homecoming Success



The recent Family Cookout/Homecoming was a great success, with our Varsity Volleyball Girls and Varsity Soccer Boys teams securing solid victories.

In addition, dozens of family and community members joined us for a beautiful afternoon of food and fun (including the photo booth pictured above with middle school students and Dr. T.).

A BIG THANKS to everyone who helped organize and ensure a successful event.

2022-2023 Yearbooks Are Here



The 2022-2023 Yearbooks have arrived!

If you pre-ordered a yearbook or would like to purchase a yearbook from last year, they are now available in the Academy Main Office.

Music Lessons



MUSIC LESSONS



Our Service:

- Instrument Lessons
- Voice Lessons
- Group Classes and Workshops
- Performance Opportunities



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Faculty Spotlight

Aaron Jacob

Music Teacher

- B.A. Music, Music Teacher Education, Gordon College

Aaron Jacob is a pianist, conductor, and music educator. Born and raised in India. He lived in the midst of a lot of cultures and religious communities. His parents were missionaries and teachers in Northern India, and he was exposed to a wide and colorful array of music learning.



After growing up and learning both Indian and Western Music. Aaron moved to Massachusetts to pursue his studies in music and is now continuing his studies at Houghton under the guidance of Dr. Sara Massey and Dr. William J. Newbrough. "I want to educate more than just the classroom."

Music has always driven Aaron to strive to grow and live as a better individual daily. He says that music has always taught him a way to learn how to live as children of God and live a life that is good and pleasing to God. "We are called to offer our lives as worship, and I believe that music in that life is vital to glorifying God in our voices and in our daily lives."

Music is a means for people to learn how to express themselves in a healthy atmosphere that is free of judgment, and further, also a space where students may learn to excel in their instrument more than they were able to before.

Aaron is a photographer, pickup soccer player, and badminton player in his free time, and he loves to make music with friends and other musicians.

Coming Soon...

- September 30 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- October 9 - No Classes
- October 11 - SAT
- October 13 - Gordon College Recruiter on campus
- October 16-20 - Spirit Week
- October 17 - PSAT Testing
- October 26 - SAT Makeup Date
- October 27 - End of First Quarter



View times and details on the Academy Calendar [HERE](#).

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

New Diploma Tracks Infographic



DIPLOMA TRACKS



1

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA (22 CREDITS)

(Meets minimum NYSED graduation requirements).

Twenty-two credits (minimum) are required for graduation, including:

4 CREDITS (each)

English
Social Studies

3 CREDITS (each)

Math
Science

2 CREDITS (each)

Foreign Language
Physical Education

1 CREDIT

Fine Arts

0.5 CREDIT

Health

2.5 CREDITS

Electives

NOTE: 1 Christian Studies/Bible credit is required for each full year of Houghton Academy enrollment.



2

ADVANCED COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA (25 CREDITS)



This diploma requires three (3) additional credits in upper-level courses (e.g., AP, Honors).

3

DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE
(28 CREDITS)

This diploma requires three (3) additional credits in college-level dual enrollment and a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or weighted G.P.A. of 83 or higher.



4

DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE AND EMPHASIS
(30 CREDITS)

This diploma requires two (2) additional credits in an area of emphasis (e.g., STEM, Fine Arts) and a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or weighted G.P.A. of 83 or higher.

Learn more at <https://www.houghtonacademy.org/academics>.

Support the Annual Fund

Since 1883, Houghton Academy has prepared students to **live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly for the Glory of God**. Your support allows the Academy to continue this honored tradition.

**GIVE WITH
PURPOSE**
2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND

For 2023-2024, our Annual Fund Goal is \$250,000, which is needed to close the gap between income and projected operational expenses. Please help us close the gap with your donation today.

Click [HERE](#) to donate to the Houghton Academy Annual Fund today! **Thank you!**

Adult Volunteers Needed



There are multiple areas of ministry in which we need adult volunteers to ensure our ministry to students is robust. For example:

- Event Assistants
- Study Hall Monitors
- Substitute Teachers
- Tutors
- Kitchen

Please contact Dr. Travis if you are interested in serving as a volunteer. Thank you!

Did you miss an earlier communication?

Visit the Academy website's ["Recent News"](#) page to catch up on recently published Head of School Memos, Newsletters, and Ministry Updates.

Recent News

Click on the images below to read the latest ministry updates from Houghton Academy.



July 20 - Head of School Memo



June 2021 Ministry Update



May 2021 Ministry Update

“...that they might be called trees of righteousness.” - Isaiah 61:3



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