



HOUGHTON ACADEMY

LIVE. LEARN. LEAD. LOVE

Early College Registration for January NOW OPEN for Academy Students



We are excited to announce the Houghton University [Early College course offerings for Spring 2024](#). These courses begin on January 8 and are 16-week semester-based courses designed to allow students time to integrate meaningful college coursework into their busy high school schedules.

The University is committed to giving the Academy students early access to their early college courses. With this, they will not promote outside their partner school network until Monday, October 23.

These courses are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and tend to fill up quickly, so please encourage interested students to apply right away.

To apply individually, students may fill out [this form](#) and must also notify our Registrar, Miss Staton.

Lian (Ellen) Niu, HA Alum - Now Editor!



The Daily Free Press

The Independent Student Newspaper at Boston University

Author: Lian Niu

Many articles written by Lian (Ellen) Niu, Class of 2022, are featured in [The Daily Free Press](https://dailyfreepress.com), an independent student newspaper at Boston University. And now, Ellen is serving as the Editor of the publication.

Congratulations Ellen!

View Ellen's work at <https://dailyfreepress.com/author/lianniu>

Business Club is Launching



The Business Club provides a platform for exchanging ideas, leadership, insight, and marketing skills in a diverse environment at Houghton Academy.

At the core of the Business Club is the opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders. Our events and meetings provide a platform for members to build valuable connections, share insights, and forge meaningful relationships within the business world.

Houghton Academy is a multicultural place where students from different cultures learn together. We host

exclusive networking events throughout the year, including mixers and industry-specific gatherings. These events allow members to interact in a relaxed and social atmosphere, fostering relationships that can lead to collaborative opportunities.

Updated Senior Privileges

One of the highly valued traditions of the Academy by students is the practice of "[Senior Privileges](#)."

In a recent meeting with Dr. Travis, seniors requested several updates to this year's Senior Privileges. Several requests have been approved, and the [Student Handbook](#) is now updated.

Senior

— CLASS OF 2024 —

We Are Hiring



**WE ARE
HIRING**

BUSINESS MANAGER

We seek a motivated, business-minded individual to team up with an experienced CFO to meet the challenges of an educational ministry on the move.

APPLY NOW

www.houghtonacademy.org/careers

We are now accepting applications for the Business Manager position. We seek a motivated, business-minded individual to team up with our experienced CFO to meet the challenges of an educational ministry on the move. To view the job description and further details visit: www.houghtonacademy.org/careers.

Partners Pursuing Excellence



Dr. Toby Travis, Head of School for Houghton Academy (www.houghtonacademy.org), Kjell Fenn, Education Author and Trainer (www.kfenneducation.com), and Clint Holden, Director of SchoolRIGHT (www.schoolright.net), met earlier this week on the campuses of Houghton Academy and Houghton University to discuss future potential ministry together to support the growth and development of small Christian schools.

Academy Earns "A" Rating

Congratulations!



NICHE IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE

Houghton Academy

FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF **#20**

Best Christian High Schools in New York

September 2023


Luke Skurman, Chief Executive Officer



NICHE recently recognized Houghton Academy as a Grade A Best Christian High School in the country. The Academy ranked in the top twenty of 64 Christian High Schools in New York State. In addition, the Academy ranks in the top 24% of Christian High Schools in the United States!

Congratulations, Houghton Academy faculty, staff, and administration! Great job!

You Are Invited



You are invited to celebrate 140 years of Christian education ministry at Houghton Academy!

NOVEMBER 3: Alumni Dinner

DATE: Friday, November 3, 2023

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Houghton Academy Dining Room

WHO: Alumni, current and former employees, current and former parents/grandparents/guardians

COST: \$25 per person

In addition to the catered meal, the evening will feature special music and a presentation of the history and highlights of the Academy's 140 years of ministry.

Before October 20, please [click here to RSVP](#) for the Alumni Dinner.

NOVEMBER 4: Convocation & Inauguration

DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium, Houghton Academy

WHO: All are welcome!

COST: Free

PROGRAM:

- Recognition of Mr. Phil Stockin, Head of School Emeritus
- Musical Presentation by the Houghton Academy Choir
- Inauguration of our new Head of School, Dr. Toby A. Travis
- Keynote Address by Dr. Wayne Lewis, President, Houghton University
- Light Reception
- Student Art Show

Before October 20, please [click here to RSVP](#) for the Convocation and Inauguration.

Staff Spotlight

Derek Scapaccino

Facilities and Grounds Manager

Mr. Scapaccino holds a Plant Science/Horticulture degree from the State University of New York and certifications in Biology, Computers, Landscape Design, Maintenance, and Urban Forestry. His skills include construction and construction management, power equipment, HVAC, carpentry, plumbing, and laboratory procedures.



His professional experience includes working as a Plant Health Care Specialist, Maintenance Technician, Landscape Foreman, Agricultural Science Research Technician, and more.

We are so pleased to have someone of the caliber and talents caring for our school campus. In the short time he has had responsibility for the campus (starting in September), improvements to our facilities and grounds are visible everywhere. Thank you, Mr. Scapaccino, for continually striving to make the Academy a learning environment we are all proud of.

Coming Soon...

- October 16-20 - Spirit Week
 - 16
 - Pajama Day

- Senior Night - Recognizing our Volleyball and Soccer Seniors. Join us in the gymnasium at 6:45 p.m.
- 17
 - Class Color Day
 - PSAT Testing
- 18: Wacky Wednesday
- 19
 - Dress Like a Teacher Day
 - Ice Cream Social (Period 8)
- 20
 - Dress Like a Celebrity Day
 - Middle School History Field Trip
- October 27 - End of First Quarter
- October 30 - No Classes - Faculty/Staff In-Service
- November 3 - 140th Anniversary Alumni Dinner
- November 4 - 140th Anniversary Convocation (10 am - 12 pm)



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

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

Help Us Close the Gap...

GIVE WITH PURPOSE

2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND

The Academy prepares students to live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly for the Glory of God! I am witnessing the reality and impact of these expected student outcomes as we engage with students daily.

These are exciting times in the life and history of Houghton Academy. In just the last few months, we've:

- Expanded our partnership with Houghton University
- Developed additional dual-enrollment opportunities through CampusEdu
- Launched a homeschool exploratory program
- Increased our course options to include multiple diploma tracks to meet the individual needs and aspirations of students
- Initiated a new literacy initiative (i.e., Drop Everything And Read)
- Increased opportunities for faculty and staff to disciple and interact with students through our Advisory and Chapel program
- And more!



In addition, this year, God has increased our enrollment with the largest incoming enrollment in over a hundred years! However, the Academy is still recovering from many years of decline and the adverse effects of the pandemic.

We need your support to meet our financial commitments to serve this year's students and faithfully care for our faculty, staff members, campus facilities, and grounds. For 2023-2024, our Annual Fund requires \$250,000 to close the gap between income and operational expenses.

Please help with your donation today by going to www.houghtonacademy.org, clicking on the "Giving" tab to make your secure donation online to the Houghton Academy Annual Fund. Or using the enclosed response card.

Thank you for supporting this vital and significant ministry, especially in rebuilding and reigniting the global impact of Houghton Academy's ministry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Grateful for your partnership,

Dr. Toby A. Travis
Head of School

Did you miss an earlier communication?

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

Recent News

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



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



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