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## Affording Houghton Academy

Now Taking Applications for 2024-2025



When the Academy was founded, Willard Houghton's stated intention was that Houghton Academy be affordable. The world's economy has changed considerably since 1883, but Houghton Academy's price point remains competitive with other exceptional schools in secondary boarding and day schools.

While we recognize that "affordable" is a relative term, we believe that through financial aid and our mission-minded approach to cost, we offer high-quality education and exceptional experience at a modest price.

**Houghton Academy aims to make tuition affordable for families by offering need-based grants**, depending on the availability of funds. To ensure an accurate and fair assessment of a family's ability to pay, we collaborate with a trusted third-party organization, [BeneFAQ](#). Since 1999, BeneFAQ has specialized in supporting Christian school families, recognizing the significance they place on providing a quality education for their children. We are pleased to partner with them in this area of expertise.

During the application process, BeneFAQ will request financial information, including details on income, expenses, assets, and debts. Utilizing this information, they will calculate a "Family Anticipated Contribution Total" (FACT Report) and provide us with the results. Once

we receive the report, we will reach out to you to discuss the outcomes and further steps.

More information is available at [www.houghtonacademy.org/financial-information](http://www.houghtonacademy.org/financial-information).

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## Welcome Our New Business Manager

### Welcome, Cherry Wang!

Yuxi (Cherry) Wang has joined our administrative team as our Business Manager. Cherry holds a B.S. in Financial Mathematics from Ohio State University and an M.S. in Actuarial Science from Boston University.

As a teen, Cherry was an international boarding student at Wheaton Academy (how she first connected with our CFO/Boarding Director, Mr. Jon Keith), and thus, very knowledgeable about the needs of our school, employees, and students.

We are very grateful to God for Cherry and looking forward with great expectation to her ministry at the Academy.

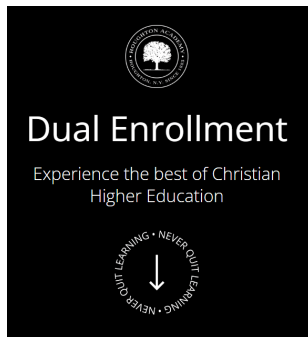
See our full staff listing at [www.houghtonacademy.org/staff](http://www.houghtonacademy.org/staff).

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## New Dual Enrollment Options

### More College-level Course Offerings for Juniors/Seniors



New college dual enrollment courses are now available for Houghton Academy grade 11 and 12 students during Semester 2. Check out the course listings at [www.campusedu.com/houghton-academy](http://www.campusedu.com/houghton-academy).

Note the following:

- Courses begin on January 15.
  - Courses are completed online during your Study Hall time.
  - Each course receives 1 full college credit and 1 full high school credit toward an HA diploma.
  - If students receive any type of tuition scholarship or discount at the Academy, there is an additional fee of \$300 for each course.
  - Students can complete the initial course request online at <https://www.campusedu.com/houghton-academy>
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## HA Students Place 6th in NYS



[The Vocabulary Bowl competition](#) was fierce this season! Almost 200,000 students collectively mastered over 5 million words in a race to be the vocabulary victors. Big thanks to the students and educators who competed for word domination. **Houghton Academy High School students took 6th place for New York State Division 3 schools!**

High School English teacher [Kathie Hilsher](#) provides more perspective on the award: *"The competition tracks how many words students in your school have "mastered" through practice. Collectively, our students have mastered 2922 words. That was the end of this school year's first semester round of competition. Another round begins after the break. Hopefully, we can do even better the second time through."*

Congratulations students!

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## Giving Tuesday Results

THANKYOU  
#GIVING  
TUESDAY

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Giving Tuesday event. Your participation resulted in a \$327.50 donation to the Houghton Academy Annual Fund! Thanks for your patronage of Coppa Co and Dover Bakery! <https://www.coppaco.com>

Make a secure online year-end donation today at [www.houghtonacademy.org/giving](http://www.houghtonacademy.org/giving).

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## Faculty Spotlight

## Fionah Nanungi Mulema

Science and Math Teacher

- B.S. Makerere University

Fionah has over a decade of experience teaching. In 2017, she was part of the International Leaders in Education Program at James Madison University in Virginia. In 2012, she coordinated the Germany-Uganda Chemo Science project in Germany in Fries Christliches Gymnasium Düsseldorf and in Seroma Christian High School. Her teaching career has flourished in both international schools and Christian schools. We are thankful for her contribution to the high level of excellence in Christian education at Houghton Academy.



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## Vacation Break Road Trip



Houghton Academy students are visiting Harvard University during their Vacation Break Road Trip with Mr. Keith!



Visiting today. Attending tomorrow?

Thank you, Mr. Keith, for serving as guide and chauffer!

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## Coming Soon...

- January 3 - Classes Resume
- January 15 - No Classes (MLK Day)
- January 18 - Club Fair Assembly
- January 19 - Last Day of Semester 1/Quarter 2
- January 22 - No Classes (Faculty/Staff In-Service)

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

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).



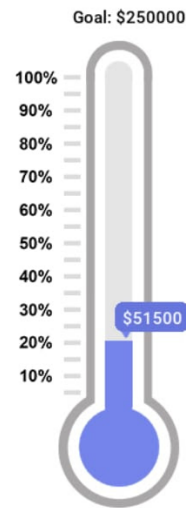
# GIVE WITH PURPOSE

## 2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND

With gratitude to so many who are investing in the Academy and its future, we have received many year-end donations over the past weeks.

There is still time to make a year-end donation. Your donation of any amount today makes a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

[DONATE SECURELY ONLINE TODAY HERE](#) or mail your donation to Houghton Academy Annual Fund, 9790 Thayer Street, Houghton, NY 14744.



### 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.



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



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