



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Gage,

For the past 125 years, Howard Payne University has committed itself to supporting students who want a Christian education – students like Katie Vernon.

When Katie first set foot on the Howard Payne campus, she knew this was the place she needed to be.

“Everyone I talked to remembered my name and who I was,” Katie said. “I visited other colleges, but none offered the welcome I received here at HPU. No matter where I went on campus, people were introducing themselves and asking, ‘How can I help you?’”

Katie is now a senior on the verge of earning a degree in secondary education. She maintains a 3.6 GPA, all while balancing her on-campus involvement as a student leader. During her junior year, she participated on a number of Baptist Student Ministry and Student Life committees. As a senior, she serves on the Student Activities Council, which hosts devotionals and events on campus.

That doesn’t even touch on her off-campus service, through which she’s involved in her church and mission work.

We are thankful that God continues to lead students like Katie to Howard Payne.

Scholarships make it possible

Because of Katie’s ongoing service to her fellow students and community, she received HPU’s prestigious Servant Leadership Award which included a scholarship. In an effort to instill a spirit of giving back, this award also provided an additional gift toward an organization of her choice.

Katie also received the Heart of Texas Scholarship which drastically offset her tuition expenses. “The Heart of Texas Scholarship definitely influenced my decision to attend Howard Payne,” Katie said. “I considered other schools, but none of their scholarships could compare to what HPU offered me.”

Your generous support helps make these scholarships possible.

Our students need your help

Without scholarships, many students wouldn’t be able to afford an exceptional Howard Payne education. We rely on supporters, like you, to help us provide the financial assistance they need.

In fact, all of the large scholarship programs, including the Heart of Texas Scholarship, are supported through



2014 End-of-Year Gift Response

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the generous gifts of Howard Payne alumni and friends to the university's Annual Fund.

HPU's Annual Fund provides scholarships for our students and is available to support other budgeted financial needs at the university. Your contribution helps us keep that fund strong, allowing extraordinary students, like Katie, to afford a Christian education.

"I realized this was a place where I could grow as a Christian," Katie said. "I knew Howard Payne would help my spiritual development. I didn't want to go anywhere else."

We hope you will take part in our students' academic and spiritual journeys.

Your gift makes a difference

For 125 years, benefactors like you have sustained Howard Payne's mission to equip its students for intellectual inquiry, personal and professional integrity, and service to God and humanity.

Your gift makes a difference to students like Katie, to the university and to the Kingdom

of God.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to Howard Payne University's Annual Fund.

Remember, your generous gift to the Annual Fund is tax deductible. You can make a gift online at <https://hputx.thankyou4caring.org/eocy>, by calling 325-649-8047 or **by mailing the attached response card today.**

Sincerely,

Randy Yeakley '83
Vice President for Development

P.S. Even the smallest gift to Howard Payne makes a difference in the lives of our students.

