

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS MESSAGE

The HLGU Office of Institutional Advancement appreciates your support and wants to be a voice of encouragement to you. Please join us for the:

- Alumni reception in St. Charles (no, wait, that has been postponed).
- You might want to join us for the Gerald (Jerry) Burkett dedication and Arbor day celebration (no, that has been postponed as well).
- Enjoy the spring musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (cancelled for the spring semester, though it will return next year).
- Perhaps you as an alum could speak with our current students and share with them all of the wisdom that you gained from your HLGU experience (but no, wait, we have moved all classes online, not many students are on campus, and most of the buildings are temporarily closed as we are currently under a shelter in place order – thus no campus visitors at this time).

Wow, the “environment of the virus” has changed many things on campus and I am certain in your life. However, I truly believe that ultimately God is in control, not the virus, and we will proceed and succeed. Today truly is the day that the Lord has made; be encouraged.

Campus is still functioning well. Offices are being supported by in-office staff as well as in-home staff, and class rooms have been converted to virtual environments. If you have any need related to HLGU please visit our web site, www.hlg.edu, or contact any office.

While I expect that most of you are deeply involved with meeting the needs of your own families, churches, and jobs there are several things that I would ask you to consider doing to support HLGU during this time of transition:

- **Prayer really does work** – As you lift up your family, offer thanks to God, and petition in prayer for your personal concerns and needs, please do include Hannibal-LaGrange, our students, and our staff. The foundation of HLGU is built on the mission of an excellent education in a distinctively Christian environment.
- **Money is always good** – The recently passed Federal Care Act allows individuals new tax deductible opportunities to contribute to HLGU.
 - **Temporary Universal charitable tax deduction.** A temporary universal charitable tax deduction for donations of up to \$300 per individual to both itemizers and nonitemizers.
 - **Temporary suspension of charitable contribution limits.** The charitable tax deduction claimed by a taxpayer each tax year is generally limited to no more than 50% of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income (AGI), unless a taxpayer gives only cash, in which case the limit increases to 60% of AGI. The bill will temporarily suspend the cash contributions limitation for the charitable tax deduction per taxpayer in 2020. <https://www.hlg.edu/scom/giving.php>
 - **Now is a good time to help support scholarships for students with your \$1,200 stimulus award.**

- **We need quality, fuel-efficient vehicles** – If you don't have cash to give, maybe you have an unused vehicle. We are in need of a couple of quality, fuel-efficient vehicles. When the ability to meet and travel in groups again does occur, our admissions counselors and athletic coaches will be traveling to recruit new students. Good cars or minivans are needed to support the recruitment of students.
- **Secure ACT** – Allows individuals who are over 70 ½ to make charitable contributions out of a traditional IRA.
- **Recommend Students** – Perhaps the most effective manner in which to recruit students is through referrals and word of mouth. Tell prospective students about your positive, life-changing experiences while you were a student on campus. Contact the office of admissions with names and information of students. <https://www.hlg.edu/admissions/>

**The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.
Psalm 28:7 (NKJV)**

Remember, keep a song in your heart (preferably the HLGU alma mater), and Hannibal-LaGrange in your mind!

Call my office directly at 573-629-3094 or text or call my cell at 573-248-5841

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