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EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY,
PUBLIC LEADERSHIP, AND
INTERRELIGIOUS PEACEBUILDING

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



HJI founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

HJI HISTORY

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership (HJI) was founded in September 1975 by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han, and its main campus was initially located in Barrytown, New York, approximately 100 miles north of New York City in the Hudson Valley. Interreligious encounters have been a central component of the school's history and vision and in recent years HJI has been committed to interreligious peacebuilding.

In 1984 HJI received a provisional charter from the State of New York, and on January 17, 1990 it was granted its Absolute Charter. On November 21, 1996 HJI was granted initial accreditation by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education. This accreditation was reaffirmed in 2003, 2010, and 2016. HJI offers four degree programs: a M.A. in Religious Studies, a M.A. in Peace Studies, a Masters of Divinity degree, and Doctor of Ministry degree. In 2019, HJI relocated its main campus to 4 West 43rd St, New York, NY.

These developments went forward under the leadership of Presidents David S.C. Kim (1975-1994); Theodore Shimmyo (1994-2000); Tyler Hendricks (2000-10); Richard Panzer (2010-15); Hugh Spurgin (2015-19); and Thomas Ward (2019-22). Dr. Thomas Walsh was appointed the seventh HJI President in May 2022.

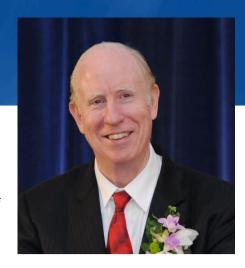
MISSION STATEMENT

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership provides advanced academic and professional education for current and future leaders of the Unification community and all faiths, that seeks to enhance their relationship with God, their effectiveness in ministry, public leadership, and interreligious peacebuilding. As a home of thought, we strive to foster deeper understanding, contextualization and application of the Unification worldview within a world of diverse faiths.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the HJI Community,

Thank you for your encouragement, support and generous contributions toward the fulfillment of our HJI mission that is securely rooted in our Founders' vision, one that underscores the essential significance of religion and academia in the noble effort to establish a world of universal peace.



We can all recognize the challenges our world is facing on all fronts at this time in history: spiritual, moral, geopolitical, economic and cultural. These challenges form a context that heightens our awareness, our sense of responsibility and indeed our commitment to our mission at HJI. The direction our world takes in 2024 and beyond will be governed by many factors. HJI may play a modest part in the larger scheme of things, and yet we live and work each day with a strong faith in both the importance and the impact of our efforts on our students, our community and the wider world.

This 2023 Annual Report provides a record of many of the highlights of the year, a very momentous year in the history of our institution. It was on July 1, 2023 that the name of our institution was officially changed, and our Charter amended by the University of the State of New York; Unification Theological Seminary was renamed as HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership. This change was the result of a series of discussions and consultations among stakeholders of our HJI community, including our Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our Board of Trustees, Past Presidents, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students.

We also bid a fond farewell to our beloved Barrytown property which served as the home for our institutions for more than four decades. With our main campus having been officially relocated in Manhattan, at 4 West 43rd St., the Board of Trustees approved the sale of the property to Bard College. As much as we cherish and honor the legacy and history of the Barrytown campus, we are grateful that our 43rd St. campus offers the opportunity to build and expand on the foundation established over the past 47 years.

The Annual Report offers a review of many of our programs convened over the course of the past year, including Faculty Roundtables, Chapel Services, and Special Events. In addition, we honor our Founders, Trustees, Faculty, Administrators and Staff, our Students, Alumni.

We are deeply grateful for the steadfast support HJI receives from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA. Over the course of our entire history, Family Federation has always been there to provide spiritual inspiration, prudent counsel and financial support. We also thank the many donors who have offered their treasure to strengthen HJI. We all know that everyone faces financial difficulties these days, and, therefore, your generosity is especially appreciated.

In closing, I assure our readers of our commitment to our HJI mission, and our resolve to continue our proud traditions of academic excellence, ministry and public leadership in service to building a world of lasting peace.

With appreciation,

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DR. THOMAS WALSH

President, HJI

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Thomas J. Ward

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Professor of Ministry

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Adjunct Assistant
Professor of Philosophy

Luonne Abram Rouse

Adjunct Assistant
Professor of Ministry

William Selig

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry

Jennifer Tanabe

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Educational Assessment

Basil Ugorji

Adjunst Associate Professor

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Lynn Walsh

Lecturer in Family Counseling

FACULTY EMERITI

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Professor of Ministry, Emeritus

Joseph McMahon

Professor of Education and Philosophy, Emeritus

Theodore T. Shimmyo

Professor of Theology, Emeritus

Kathy Winings

Professor of Religious Education and Ministry, Emerita

MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE STUDIES

The Unificationist vision, and its restorative practices, offer needed hope...[HJI] and Unificationism offer an alternative [approach to peace] with a vision that is relational, biological, comprehensive, and holistic.

DR. THOMAS WALSH AT HIS INAUGURATION AS HJI PRESIDENT

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE STUDIES IS A GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED BY PEACE PROFESSIONALS



Kaeleigh Moffitt First to Complete Peace Studies Internship

The MA in Peace Studies dedicates particular attention to the study of conflict analysis and transformation and pays special attention to the impact of religion and culture on intra-state and inter-state relations. The program is designed for individuals who intend to pursue careers in public service through intergovernmental organizations, government agencies and non-governmental organizations. The faculty and staff in the program work collaboratively with the Universal Peace Federation, a Unification-related NGO with more than 120 national chapters, which holds general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Dr. Walsh comes to [HJI] to represent [Father and Mother Moon] and represent their ideal and prepare a new generation of highly educated men and women who can understand, explain and internalize the culture of peace that they have pioneered

DR. YONG CHEON SONG
INT'L PRESIDENT OF THE FAMILY
FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE
AND UNIFICATION INT'L

STUDENTS IN THE MA PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 2021 COHORT

First Name	Last Name	Country
Krishna	Adhikari	India
Ek	Dhakal	Nepal
Zinsou	Fructueux	Benin
John	Koester	Canada
Mélanie	Komagata	Switzerland
Marlies	Ladstaetter	Austria
Avo	Martinson	Estonia
Daniel	Meadows	Australia
Kaeleigh	Moffitt	USA
Brayan	Rueda Solano	Costa Rica
Manho	Woo	Costa Rica
Samat	Zinullin	Kazakhstan

FALL 2022 COHORT

First Name	Last Name	Country	
Daniela	Andreozzi	Italy	
Andrey	Burashnov	Russia	
Valami	Burau	Fiji	
Rudolf	Faerber	Zambia	
Christopher	Kenedy	USA	
Jacques	Marion	France	
Myoga	Molisho	South Africa	
Colm	Ó Cionnaith	Ireland	
Sancha	Ogden	USA	
Chulapadma	Senaratne	Sri Lanka	
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Rolando	Velazquez	Paraguay	

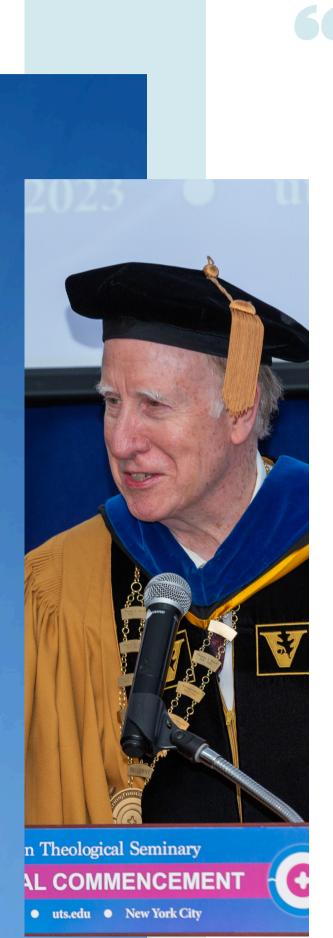
Lawrence	Waithiru	Kenya
Diarra	Wilfried	Burkina Faso
Koshin	Young	Canada

FALL 2023 COHORT

First Name	Last Name	Country
Merly	Barlaan	USA
Sophal	Chamroeun	Cambodia
Richell	Jalipa	India
Lydia	Kaforau	Solomon Islands
Grace	Kellett	USA
Rahim	Mirshahi	Iran
Martin	Slezák	Czech Republic
Kyung In	van de Ven	The Netherlands

37 29 Students Nations

GRADUATION 2023



Through Father and Mother Moon's teachings, "we can understand ourselves as part of a providential history, a history that has a goal and a purpose directly linked to the purpose and meaning of our lives. What Father and Mother Moon have taught us is that it is our understanding of, and our relationship with God that is the most fundamental "root cause"; the root cause of goodness, justice, and peace.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS BY HJI PRESIDENT DR. THOMAS WALSH

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, HJI held its forty-seventh Commencement in New York City to celebrate the class of 2023.

Special remarks were offered by Dr. Yong Cheon Song, recently named to be the International President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International, and Dr. Chang Shik Yang, newly appointed as the Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation International.

In recognition for his service to religious freedom worldwide, the Doctor of Humane Letters was awarded to the Hon. Ján Figel', former European Commissioner and Special Envoy for Religious Freedom, who also delivered the Commencement Address to the approximately 200 people assembled, both in person and online, which included HJI graduates and their family and friends.

HONORARY DOCTORATE

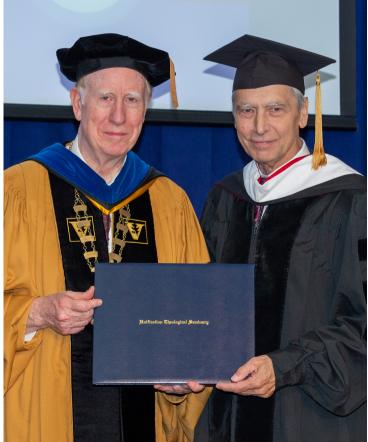
HONORABLE JÁN FIGEL'

Former European Commissioner and Special Envoy for Religious Freedom

Freedom of Religion and Belief is a "very central human right - defining issues of personal conviction, lifestyle, the basis of cultural and spiritual life, identity, the principle of belonging to the community of the like-minded. [Freedom of Religion and Belief] is a litmus test of all human rights" However the reality of religious freedom in the 21st century is that "79% of the global population live in countries with high or very high obstacles for religious freedom...Evil is widespread today because it has strong allies: indifference, ignorance and fear. If we don't care, if we don't know if we are scared to say something or to do something on behalf of the voiceless or the defenseless. Like this noble institution, let us nurture allies of the common good: quality education for all, active engagement, and simple but decisive courage."







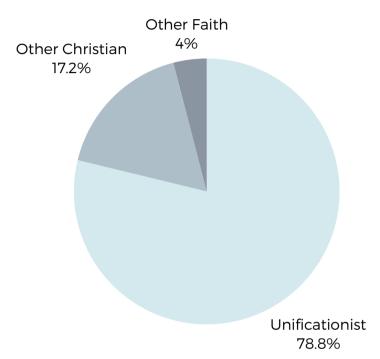
HJI STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

2022-2023

141

total students





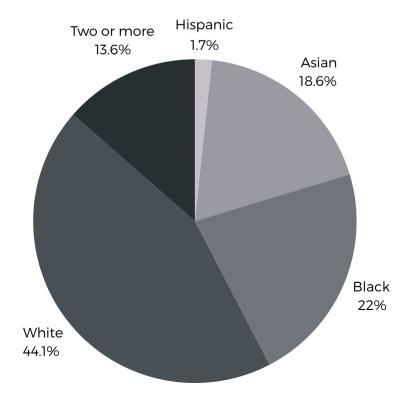
41%

international students

6:1 student to faculty ratio



Students by Race/Ethnicity





1695

total alumni from

47

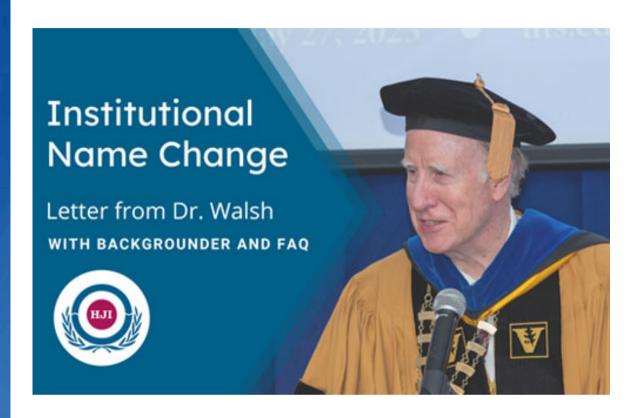
graduating classes





NAME CHANGE

ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023, UTS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO HJ INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR PEACE AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP.

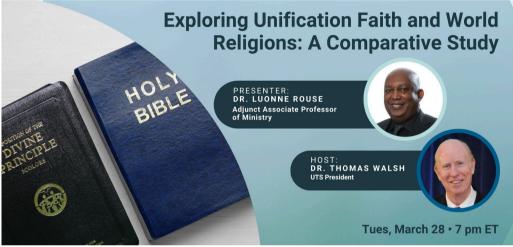


"Although our name will change on July 1, 2023, our basic mission does not change. The emphasis on religion, peace and peacebuilding have been hallmarks of UTS over the years. At this time, we are making that core aspect of our mission more visible. At the same time, we expect that the name change may allow us to reach a wider market of potential students, attracted not only to our strong Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity programs but also our Master of Religious Studies and Master of Peace Studies programs.

Be assured that we remain fully committed to the Founders' vision and the tradition of UTS, even as we go forward as HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership."

FACULTY ROUNDTABLE SERIES







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The Unification Church Movement: Shaping the Public Narrative





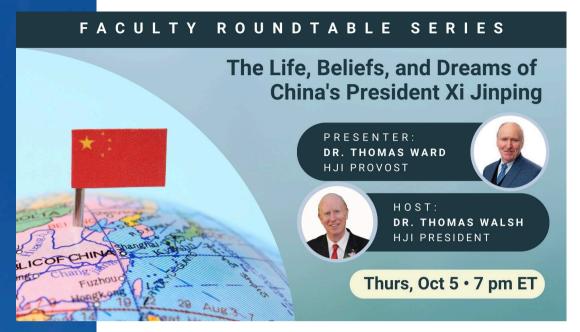
PRESENTER: DR. MICHAEL MICKLER
Dintinguished Professor of Historical Studies



HOST:
DR. THOMAS WALSH
UTS President

Wed, May 17 · 7 pm ET

FACULTY ROUNDTABLE SERIES







SPECIAL EVENT: COMMEMORATING THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND MOON'S ENTRY INTO DANBURY PRISON



THE FRAUDULENT MYTH OF THE "CULT EXPERT":

Factors Contributing to the Wrongful Indictment and Imprisonment of Sun Myung Moon

THURSDAY, JULY 20 • 7 PM ET



FEATURINGDr, Thomas Ward,
HJI Professor



HOST

Dr. Thomas Walsh,
HJI President

MC Welcome Dean Steven Boyd

Welcoming Remarks Dr. Thomas Walsh, HJI President

Main Presentation - Part 1 Dr. Thomas Ward, HJI Provost

Dialogue between Drs. Walsh and Ward

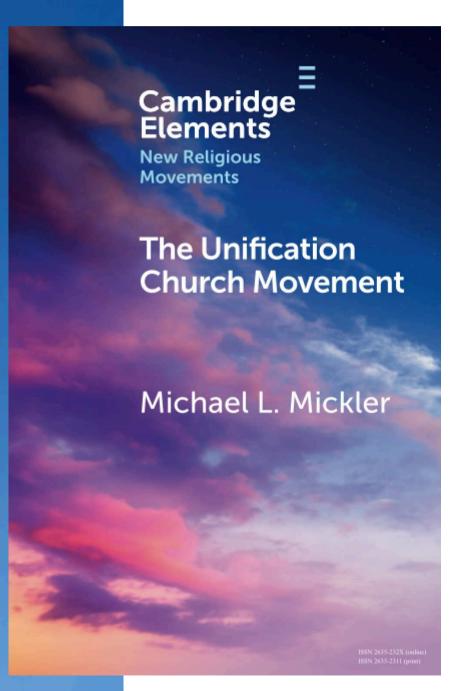
Main Presentation - Part 2

Dialogue between Drs. Walsh and Ward

Q&A

Final Remarks

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS PUBLISHES PROFESSOR MICHAEL MICKLER'S THE UNIFICATION CHURCH MOVEMENT





HJI SELF-STUDY COMING TO A CONCLUSION

Following efforts and activities, meeting every month during this crucial period of time, on December 18 HJI completed the final draft of the self-study given to the President. After thourough review, the Self-Study will be sumbitted to Middle States Commission on Higher Education on January 15, 2024.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS WITH DR. FREDERICK SWARTS - AUGUST 10, 2023













Dr. Frederick Swarts, a 1982 graduate of HJI, served for twelve years as a member of the US Department of Energy's Institutional Review Board on Research Proposals. Dr. Swarts spoke on the steps leading to the creation of federal guidelines to protect human subjects from unethical research practices. He outlined the guidelines, the mandated trainings for researchers, and the protocols in place to maximize the protection of human subjects



Dr. Rima Salah has dedicated her career to being United Nations civil servant. She served as Deputy Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) worldwide and was also chosen as a member of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's High Level Panel on Peace Operations. Dr. Salah spent much of her career in Africa and in Asia overseeing UNICEF Operations. In her presentation, Dr. Salah shared on the growing role played by "human security" in the work of the United Nations.

STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Arezou Abdi

Oommen Abraham

Prasad Abraham

Krishna Adhikari

Oluremi Alapo

Kenneth Alexander

Bruna Allen

Daniela Andreozzi

Lubin Argjir

Allemberth Atacador

Ajet Bosi

Susan Bouachri

Steven Boyd

Shirlonda Brailsford

Myla Bravo

Richard Buessing

Andrey Burashnov

Valami Burau

Eduardo Busque

Victor Castillo

Athanasius Francis

Catalan

Galina Chernomorets

Christine Chun

Diadrian Clarke

Robert Clarke

Silvana Colmenares

Katarina Connery

Kathryn Davis Toren

Crescentia DeGoede

Kalifa Dembele

Manoranjan Dennis

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Ek Dhakal

Dasse Diarra

Michael Dickerson

Charles Dixon

Robert Duffy

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Edred McNair

Daniel Meadows

Michael Mickler

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Kaeleigh Moffitt

Myoga Molisho

Carla Angeline Mongado

Marivir Montebon Auxilio

Mimi Morse

Susan Munsell

Denneze Nelson

Susan Nishio

Michael Nkrumah

Colm Ó Cionnaith

Sancha Ogden

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Ronald Pappalardo

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Roland Platt

Fnu Prabhu

Patrick Pritty

Richard Punzalan

Barbara Robertson

Matthew Robinson

Brayan Rueda Solano

Diafara Sakho

Richard Sapp

Tatsuo Sasaki

Younng-Joo Scharf

Chulapadma Senaratne

Yuka Shimada

Radomir Stantchev

Bruce Sutchar

Miki Takemoto Predescu

Sarah Takhar

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PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Revenue				
Tuition & fees	\$ 596,763	\$ 726,409	\$ 651,727	\$ 632.638
Scholarship/Discounts	\$ 290,974	\$ 370,608	\$ 281,609	\$ 176,336
Net Tuition & Fees	\$ 305,789	\$ 355,802	\$ 370,118	\$ 456,302
Govt. Grants, Contracts & Appropriations (PPP Loan Forgiveness)	\$ 20,435	\$ 786,074	\$ -	\$-
Contribution from Religious Orgs.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Contribution from Other Orgs. & Individuals	\$ 1,086,568	\$ 795,164	\$ 1,334,235	\$ 1,247,769
Value of Contributed Services - Rent for NY Campus	\$ 252,000	\$ 246,000	\$ 262,200	\$ 295,500
Investment Income	\$ 234	\$ 722	\$ 79	\$ 455
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 515,752	\$ 157,851	\$ 367,084	\$ 408,695
Net Proceeds from Asset Disposition	\$ (85,400)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Proceeds from Claims	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,237	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 2,095,378	\$ 2,341,613	\$ 2,358,954	
Expenses				
Instruction	\$ 262,348	\$ 295,326	\$ 280,623	\$ 335,826
Research	\$ 1,758	\$ 580	\$ 1,190	\$ 43,705
Public Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library	\$ 79,076	\$ 61,185	\$ 62,193	\$ 62,914
Academic Support	\$ 107,378	\$ 100,132	\$ 33,041	\$ 69,838
Student Services/Admissions	\$ 330,402	\$ 305,258	\$ 394,587	\$ 351,468
Institutional Support	\$ 599,685	\$ 492,501	\$ 561,873	\$ 680,700
Space Rent - H S A	\$ 252,000	\$ 246,000	\$ 262,200	\$ 295,500
Space Rent - UPF			\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$ 543,543	\$ 502,069	\$ 575,722	\$ 473,315
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 197,253	\$ 30,199	\$ 126,053	\$ 138,946
Total Expenses	\$ 2,373,442	\$ 2,033,250	\$ 2,417,482	\$ 2,572,212
Net Income	\$ (278,064)	\$ 308,363	\$ (58,527.34)	\$ (163,490)

Note: Net Income includes depreciation expense

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*Please note: We are still in the process of our name change.

HELP THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST ATTEND HJI

Involvement of international students is one of our greatest strengths at HJI, resulting in our diverse and exciting student population. In academic year 2023–2024, international students made up 41% of the HJI student body.



Megumi Tona MA in Peace Studies Italy

"My choice to attend this program stemmed from a genuine desire to grow personally and to gain an understanding of how I can contribute to building peace in our world. Not only is HJI an educational institution but a gateway to shaping a brighter and more harmonious future for all."



Robert TorokMA in Religious Studies *United Kingdom*

"The studies help me enhance my relationship with Heavenly Parent which is the basis of my life and actions. I am also happy to meet people from all over the world. HJI provides the platform where we can come together and reach a common denominator."



Jacques Marion
MA in Peace Studies
France

"It has been a great experience. I have done one course at a time because of my mission. The courses are extremely useful and rewarding, and I am very grateful to be here."



David Wurzer Current HJI Student *Austria*

"I always wanted to study at HJI to broaden my view on the Divine Principle and in general. To study at HJI is a great opportunity and I really enjoy it. I have broadened my view of the bible and the courses have given me confidence to speak with my Christian friends and it added so much to the Divine Principle."

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