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Does America have anything to offer?

Richard A. Panzer
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"The democratic world places value upon the individual person because each one is a child of God. The greatest care must be taken to assure each individual's liberty and freedom of choice, for without liberty, a person's actions have no value."

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Challenges and Possibilities for World Peace, June 1, 1987

Greetings!

I was happy to hear Dr. Ki Hoon Kim speak last week at a gathering just below the UTS campus in NYC about Peter Kassig, the former American Army Ranger who volunteered to return to the Middle East, this time as an aid worker serving Syrian refugees. He disappeared more than a year ago at a checkpoint in northeastern Syria while delivering medical supplies. He was beheaded by Islamic State militants in mid November.

The reasons for the horrific events unfolding in the Middle East would lead to a long discussion, but I'm sure UTS' founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, would agree that an American soldier who returns to the battlefield, not to fight, but to serve suffering refugees deserves our greatest respect. And since he was kidnapped and martyred while doing so, surely he can be located in the highest realms of the spirit world.



To me Peter Kassig represents the best of the American spirit of service that inspired Rev. Moon to come to the U.S. more than 40 years ago. America has something invaluable to offer the world, and I hope that American Unificationists do not lose sight of this.

What Parents of Barrytown College Students Say!

One of our new students, Ruta Smith, wrote a letter to the HSAUWC board expressing her gratitude for their investment in the school. She wrote "*I have found this school to be a place filled with intellect and joy. It cultivates balanced people who can experience true success and contribute to the world.*"



But what do her parents think? Her father, **James Smith**, recently wrote me a letter expressing how pleased he and his wife are to see Ruta and her twin sister Krista growing in their ability to lead others. He wrote, "*they are catching the vision [True Parents] have set out and are owning it, which*

in a real way is owning their own potential to make a difference as Second Generation. Our twins' experience at Barrytown has exceeded all our hopes and expectations!"

David Okamoto writes that his son Dachul "was very unhappy and bored when he was in the community college. Barrytown College, even though it is still small in size, shows big potential to be [an institution] where students can excel not only academically but also emotionally and spiritually. There is no college built based on the vision of True Parents' education philosophy. My son also finds Barrytown to be a place where he can freely express his creativity in the classroom and club activities where he can give his talent and develop his leadership."



David & Eveline Stewart: *We are very happy with Andrew's development since he began studying at Barrytown College in August 2013. Prior to deciding to study at BC he had been unclear, unmotivated and quite passive concerning his life and his future. For Andrew, and ourselves, the first priority was to find a place where he could feel "safe" to find his way emotionally, academically and as a Unificationist. **Barrytown College has absolutely filled this need in a way that could not have happened anywhere else in, at least, the western world.** He is much happier than he was at home, enjoying academics and finding great value in helping his fellow students and has a wonderful relationship with the very supportive Dean Of Students, Rachel Curry. **We are delighted by the results we can see so far from our son's decision to attend Barrytown!***



We have also developed a series of ads expressing these themes that can be shared via email, or downloaded and printed.

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I invite you to JOIN WITH US to ensure that Barrytown will continue to be a place for spiritual and intellectual development for new generations to come. For more information, or to apply online for the Spring or Fall 2015 semester, visit www.Barrytown.uts.edu/2015! For more information about outstanding UTS Masters or Doctoral degree programs visit www.UTS.edu! If you'd like to become a contributor/co-creator/co-owner of UTS/Barrytown College, visit [Giving!](#)

Sincerely,

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