

AMHERST COLLEGE

THE CLASS OF 1961'S 50TH REUNION GIFT



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What Is The 50th Reunion Gift?

The 50th Reunion Gift is a comprehensive class gift that includes all gifts made to the College from the 46th through 50th years. Pledges count in the gift total and are good ways to stretch special 50th Reunion support over a multi-year period, usually five years. For classes like ours that celebrate their 50th Reunion during the time frame of Amherst's *Lives of Consequence* campaign, gifts will also count in campaign totals. Also, the 50th Reunion is an excellent time for classmates to support the College's future through an estate provision. Basic gift options are described below.

Support Amherst Today Through the Annual Fund

Amherst is known for the high levels of annual support alumni give the College, which reflect the continuing connection between the College and its graduates. Annual Fund giving in the 50th Reunion year is an excellent way to celebrate your Amherst education by supporting the education taking place today. In this special year, the College and we ask you to make your most generous lifetime gift to the Annual Fund. For many, that will mean joining our 1961 Club with a gift of \$1,961 or more. Some will join the 1961 Club with a gift of \$10,000 or more, thus also becoming a member of the College's Noah Webster Circle of the 1821 Society. See Annual Fund giving by other 50th Reunion classes in the chart on the other side.

See other side for more gift options

Support Amherst in Perpetuity Through Endowment or Life Income Gifts

ENDOWMENT GIFTS If you can celebrate your 50th Reunion with a gift of \$100,000 or more, which can be pledged over a five-year period, you can endow a scholarship in your or another name to help needy students attend Amherst or enrich student experiences through internships. Or choose another purpose of interest to you. *Gifts for financial aid or internships or other purposes can also be made at levels between \$10,000 and \$100,000. These gifts can be made by pledges, which can be combined with Annual Fund pledges.*

LIFE INCOME GIFTS There are attractive ways to support Amherst while securing lifetime income for yourself and another beneficiary. Charitable remainder trusts (minimum \$100,000) are the most attractive gift at that funding level: these trusts are invested in units of Amherst's endowment, are established at no expense to the donor, and generate quarterly income at rates of 5-6%. If you wish, when the terminated remainder comes to the College, it will create a named endowment fund. A gift to a charitable remainder trust cannot be pledged. Charitable gift annuities, which also secure lifetime income for the donor and a second beneficiary, can be established for \$10,000 or more.

You will be hearing more from us throughout the year, but in the meantime, if you have any questions about these 50th Reunion Gift options, please contact **Tom Ehrgood** of the College: 413-542-7907, taehrgood@amherst.edu.

Estate Provisions

In addition to your immediate financial support for Amherst through the 50th Reunion Gift, you can support the College's future by making Amherst a beneficiary of your will or trust, or by designating the College a beneficiary of an IRA, another retirement plan, or life insurance policy. Such provisions have *no cost to you today* and are important ways to support Amherst in the future. Many of these provisions are simple to establish, and they may even be something you have done without having yet informed the College. For more information about estate provisions, visit www.amherst.edu/give/gift_planning.

50TH REUNION ANNUAL FUND GIVING

Classes of 1950-1960

