DECEMBER ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Holiday greetings to our volunteers! The Annual Fund is off to a good start this year with over $1.9 million raised so far from 3,503 donors (+665 compared to last year). December is a great time to contact your classmates who traditionally give by December 31st. You can easily identify your calendar-year-end donors in the Lybunt and Sybunt Call List reports in ClassLink by sorting by date of last gift. Please contact your class liaison if you would like help obtaining that or any other information.

UPCOMING YEAR-END COMMUNICATIONS

**Emails** - Starting in mid-December, we’ll send five "countdown" emails highlighting Amherst's commitment to financial aid.

**Letters** - This week we will mail letters written by our Alumni Fund Co-Chairs, Tim Armour ’70, P’07, ’01, Pem Brown ’06, and Kathy Chia ’88.

As a thank you to everyone who gives online in December, we will send an Amherst phone wallet, a handy card holder that attaches to a smart phone or tablet.
IMPORTANT UPDATES

Young Alumni win the Amherst vs. Williams Biggest Little Challenge

For the first time in the history of the challenge, Amherst beat Williams! The final score was 1,233 to 808 gifts, a landslide victory. During the 10-day challenge period, gifts from the youngest 15 classes raised enough money to fund 22 student internships, 1,133 new books for the library, or 9,700 meals in Val. Thank you to our volunteers and donors who made this challenge a success. A special shout-out to the Class of 2016 who raised the most gifts during the challenge. The classes of ’02-’16 are more than 453 gifts ahead compared to last year.

Calendar Year-end Gift Reminders

To qualify for a 2016 charitable deduction, gifts by check must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31st, and online credit card gifts must be made by 11:59 p.m. (PT) on the 31st. Credit card gifts called in by phone must be received by 4:00 p.m. (ET) on the 31st. Gifts of securities must be received by December 30th. Additional information about making gifts of securities is located on our website.

Thanks so much for your support and work on behalf of Amherst. Best wishes for a happy holiday season from all of us on the Annual Fund team!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ClassLink — Track your class progress, select assignments, and contact classmates. Visit ClassLink.

Volunteer Tools — Stay up-to-date with current campus news and our latest solicitations. Learn more.
Contact Us — Got questions? Find your class manager.

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