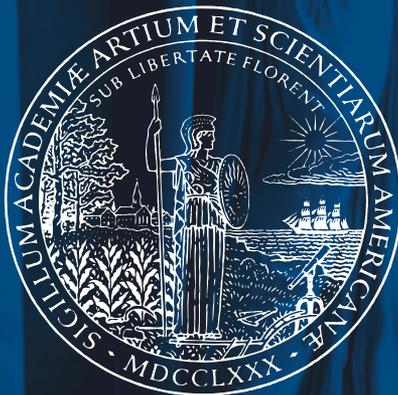


AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF ARTS & SCIENCES

THE MINERVA SOCIETY

Planned Giving





Academy members
celebrate their induction.

The Academy's impact in the world today is the result of a tradition of giving that dates back to the earliest days of America. Planned giving offers you ways to write your own legacy into the future of the Academy while also meeting your financial and philanthropic goals.

We invite you to join the Minerva Society, which celebrates members and friends who have helped to secure the Academy's continued excellence through the 21st century and beyond.

JOIN THE MINERVA SOCIETY

Planned giving allows you to strengthen the Academy's mission while also exploring financial and tax benefits for you and your family. There are several ways to do this, including bequests and gifts that provide you with income. The Academy's planned giving staff can work with you to identify options that best meet your goals.

WAYS OF GIVING

MAKING A BEQUEST

There are two ways to make a bequest:

- **Specific:** You can give a specific dollar amount or specific assets, such as securities, real estate, or tangible personal property.
- **Residuary:** You can give the Academy all or a portion of your estate that remains after all your specific bequest provisions have been fulfilled.

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

You and your attorney may consider the following text in creating a bequest provision for the Academy:

“To the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I give (_____ dollars or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its general purposes.”

RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

When left to heirs, retirement plans may be subject to both estate and income taxes, which can amount to a substantial portion of the assets.

Many people elect to avoid these taxes by designating a charitable beneficiary of their retirement accounts.

DONOR-ADVISED FUND

If you utilize a donor-advised fund for your philanthropy, you may designate the Academy to receive either a fixed sum or a fixed percentage of your remaining account balance as a planned gift.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A charitable gift annuity allows you to make a charitable gift but retain a fixed income stream (for yourself and/or others) for life. You can claim an income tax deduction for the present value of the Academy's remainder interest.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

A charitable remainder trust allows you to make a charitable gift but retain a variable income stream (for yourself and/or others) for life or a fixed number of years. You can also claim an income tax deduction for the present value of the Academy's remainder interest.

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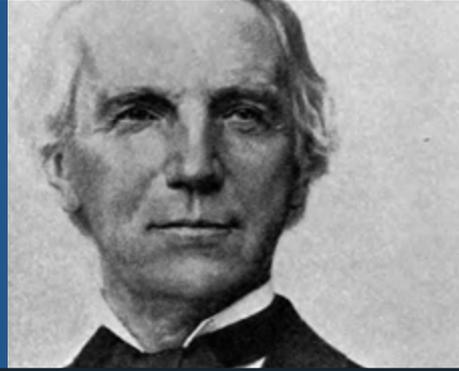


JOHN ADAMS

Founding member John Adams made the first planned gift to the Academy in 1791, bequeathing two volumes entitled *Byzantinae Historiae Scriptores* (1729) and *Rerum Italicarum Scriptores* (1723–1751).

BENJAMIN EDDY COTTING

As we near the 250th anniversary of the Academy's founding, we recognize Benjamin Eddy Cotting for his bequest of \$1,000 to establish the Centennial Publication Fund. This gift celebrated the Academy's centennial celebration in 1880.



MAY SARTON

A celebrated woman of letters, May Sarton left her legacy in the pages of American history and provided a bequest to the Academy to ensure that future poets and scientists had the chance to leave their own mark in the enduring story of our country.



EDWIN LAND

Whenever we convene in Cambridge, we are grateful to Edwin Land, whose bequest in 1976 provided for the initial construction of the House of the Academy. His foresight ensured that the Academy would long have a place to call its own.



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JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

The American Academy supports the common good through a love of learning, knowledge, and equity, fostering a stronger and more just society. As a career scientist and college president, it's my honor to help advance their mission and to cultivate the values the Academy holds dear.

LOUISE H. BRYSON

The Academy's strength is in its membership, an extraordinary group of people from every field and profession who work together to serve the common good.



JAMES AND DIANNE STIMSON

The Academy is the North Star of quality, a place where its members' highest aspirations are at home. We want the Academy to prosper. It has lasted since 1780. We need it to live for the ages.



JOHN G. HILDEBRAND AND GAIL D. BURD

Through my engagement, I have developed a deep appreciation for how seriously the Academy conducts its studies and how splendidly they are facilitated by the outstanding professional staff. My wife joins me in supporting the Academy's important work through a joint gift in our estate plan.





From its founding, the Academy has served the nation with excellence and independence, responding to the most pressing issues of the time with the collective resources of its extraordinary membership. Today, the Academy is focused on strengthening democracy, upholding justice and equality, ensuring access to education, supporting the arts, cultivating new knowledge, and preserving the security and sustainability of the world.

OUR PROGRAM AREAS INCLUDE:

Arts & Humanities
Democracy & Justice
Education

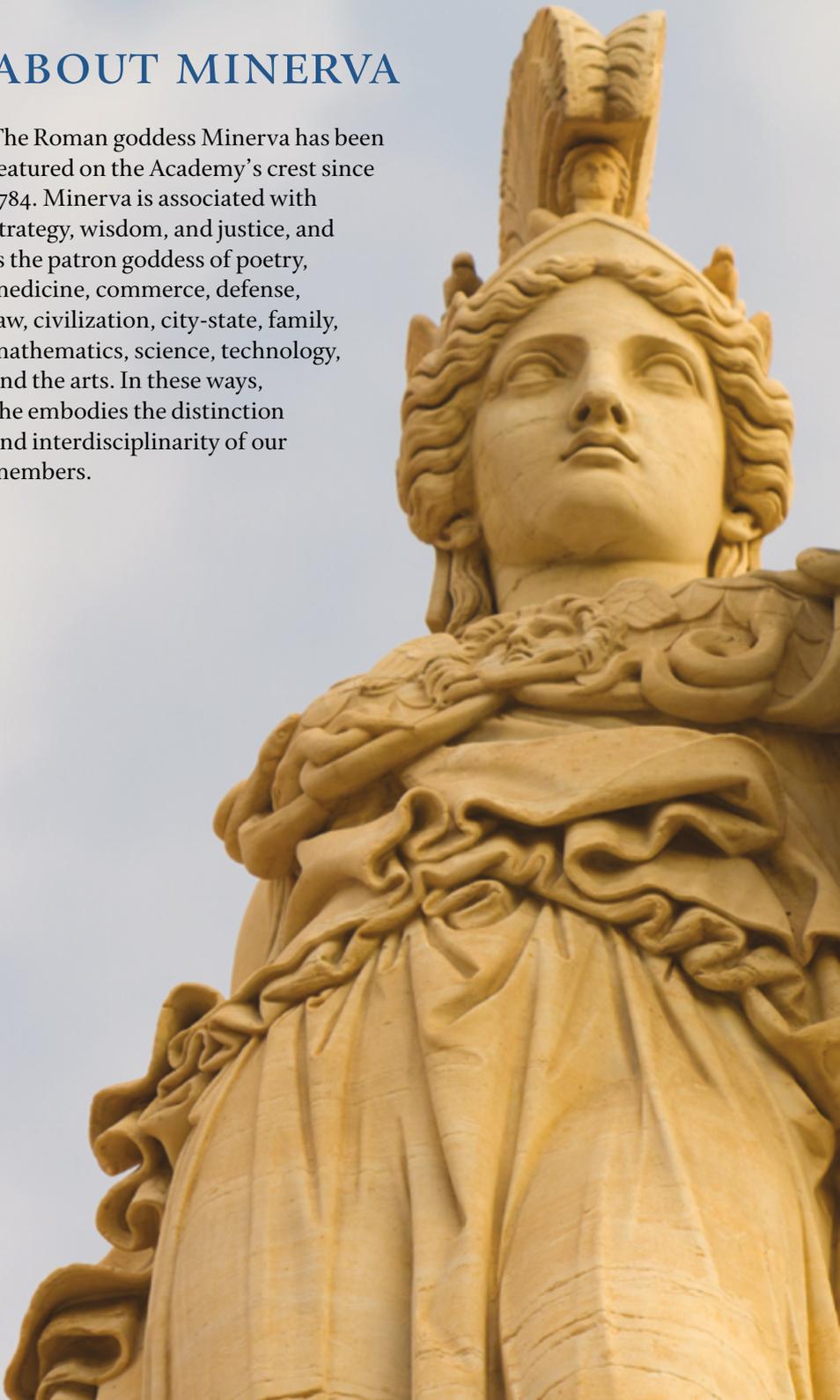
Energy & Environment
Global Affairs
Science & Technology

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ABOUT MINERVA

The Roman goddess Minerva has been featured on the Academy's crest since 1784. Minerva is associated with strategy, wisdom, and justice, and is the patron goddess of poetry, medicine, commerce, defense, law, civilization, city-state, family, mathematics, science, technology, and the arts. In these ways, she embodies the distinction and interdisciplinarity of our members.

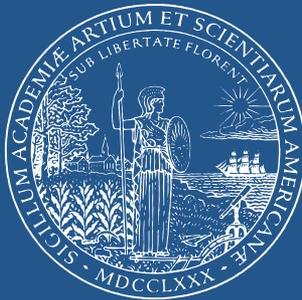


PLEASE CONTACT US

Please contact Kara Stepanian, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at (617) 576-5016 or kstepanian@amacad.org to discuss joining the Minerva Society.

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