

Become a Johnson Chapel Associate

Johnson Chapel Associates are alumni and friends who have included Amherst College in their estate plans. Each year, the College receives approximately \$3 million in bequests from numerous estates, ranging from several hundred dollars to six-figure distributions.

By making Amherst part of your plan, you can provide a gift to the College as a lasting legacy of your support.

1) Make Amherst a partial beneficiary of your retirement account. (*IRA, 401K, 403b, etc.*)

This is a great way to make a bequest to Amherst quickly, easily and affordably – you can file a simple form with your plan administrator, or change your beneficiary allocation in minutes, online with no cost to you. Simply visit your plan website and follow the beneficiary instructions.

2) Name Amherst in your will or living trust. The traditional way of making a bequest, you can leave the College a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate. When you write a new will or living trust with your attorney or amend an existing document, consider including Amherst as a designated charity. For an unrestricted bequest, you can reference *“the Trustees of Amherst College, in Amherst, Massachusetts, to be used for the general purposes of the College.”*

3) Take advantage of your existing life insurance policies, bank accounts, or donor-advised funds. As with retirement accounts, you can name the College a charitable beneficiary.

4) Donate assets in return for life income. Charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities provide secure lifetime income backed by the assets of the College, with the remaining value coming to Amherst upon termination.

As you complete any of these steps, please let us know so we can welcome you as a Johnson Chapel Associate.

For more information, please visit giftplanning.amherst.edu or contact:

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