



SOCIETY FOR CLASSICAL STUDIES

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Dear SCS colleague,

THE ANNUAL
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When the cynic Thrasyllus asked Antigonus I for a drachma, he replied, 'That kind of gift does not befit a king (οὐ βασιλικόν).' And when he responded, 'Then give me a talent,' Antigonus replied, 'But that kind of bequest does not befit a cynic (οὐ κυνικόν)' (*Plu.2.182e*). We are neither kings nor cynics, but we agree with Seneca's comment on the story: in giving, one must consider not only one's own character, but also the character of the person whom one plans to help: *Adspicienda ergo non minus sua cuique persona est quam eius, de quo iuvando quis cogitat* (*De Beneficiis 2.17*). Our letter is a request to help an organization whose character is most worthy of your gift, in whatever amount you choose to give -- be it a drachma or a talent.

And it is especially during our Sesquicentennial that we encourage you to make a gift. Quite simply, the Annual Fund allows us to make a difference in the future of our Society; it supports scholarships and fellowships for young scholars, including the minority scholarships, it reduces the financial burden on everyone who attends the Annual Meeting, and it provides travel grants for graduate students and contingent faculty to come to the Meeting. In short, the Annual Fund paves the way for the next generation of Classicists.

In that vein, precollegiate Latin and Greek teachers play an important role in cultivating the next generation, as the pipeline often begins in their classrooms. One way we honor their dedication and commitment is through the Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Precollegiate Level. We have recently increased the financial compensation that accompanies these prizes. Up to two winners receive a cash prize of \$500 and financial support (namely, airfare and two nights' accommodations) to attend either the SCS Annual Meeting or the ACL Institute. In addition, SCS would like to increase the amount, from \$200 to \$500, that each winner's institution receives towards educational resources. These prizes, funded by both our endowment and annual giving, are among the many ways that your donations support the next generation of teachers and scholars.

The next generation is in particular need of our help. The societal pressures on humanities and on Classics in particular show no sign of letting up, and in order for the SCS to continue fighting in support of the field and its members, its members need to support the SCS. Your gift will help the SCS to make the public case for the Classics, to foster and diversify our membership, and to advocate for the continuing value of teaching ancient Greek and Latin.

If you are in a position to give, please donate to the Annual Fund. Donations of every size are welcome. When our members are invested in the society's success, we all benefit. Let's celebrate our 150th year by investing in the next generation!

We're all in this together,

Anne Feltovich and Daniel Levine

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