

## Financial and Charitable Strategies for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Williams College

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Scenes from campus this fall:  
Masked study groups.  
Dining services delivering quarantine meals.  
Outdoor classes under tents.

## A SEMESTER UNLIKE ANY OTHER

**DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**, the Williams community is proud of and very thankful for a successful fall semester. In particular the well thought-out and thorough plans that made it possible for many students to have a safe semester on campus make us grateful:

- for dining services and buildings and grounds staff who pulled off feats of logistics to safely feed, house, and educate our students;
- for the Covid-19 testing site and all the volunteers who helped staff it;
- for the remarkable resilience of our students and their commitment to the public health protocols that kept them and the wider community healthy;
- for the alumni support and resources and that made it all possible.

Many of us have been regularly refreshing the college's Covid-19 dashboard. Since August through the beginning of December, Williams has performed more than 45,000 tests, with only twelve positive cases (five faculty/staff members and seven students).

The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us many lessons, but one of the most prominent is the importance of careful planning. This year in particular there are important CARES Act tax provisions that only apply to 2020. As this roller coaster of a year draws to a close, keep in mind these factors:

### Federal CARES Act: Tax Provisions for 2020



You may deduct gifts of cash to most public charities to offset as much as 100% of your adjusted gross income!



If you don't itemize you may reduce your taxable income by \$300 for your charitable contributions in 2020.

IRA

Most required minimum distributions (RMDs) are suspended for 2020. But if you are 70½ or older, you still might want to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA.



Jay and Naomi Pasachoff,  
Wayne Hammond and the Bortons  
gather at the telescope delivery

“David and I wanted Judge Brown’s telescope to have a good home where it would be seen, appreciated and well cared for, so we enlisted the help of astronomer Jay Pasachoff, whom I knew through my long friendship with his sister. We’re pleased with the selection of Williams College for its new home.”

—Harriet Borton

## YOUR AIM THE STAR

IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, Harriet and David Borton GP '23 donated to Williams an antique telescope made by the most famous American telescope maker of the 19th century, Alvan Clark. Williams owns the first telescope Clark built, ordered in 1851, and delivered and dated in a plaque on the telescope in 1852. The newly donated 4" telescope from the Bortons will be on display in the Mehlin Museum of Astronomy, on the ground floor of the Old Hopkins Observatory,

Harriet’s grandfather, Judge Addison Brown, an avid amateur botanist and astronomer, bought the telescope directly from Alvan Clark in 1874. He shipped his telescope from New York to Colorado to view the total solar eclipse in 1878. (His account of the eclipse was later published by the Naval Observatory.)

The Bortons inherited the telescope from Brown along

with the original box. Williams was thrilled to welcome them to campus (see above photo) where they presented the telescope to the Director of the Hopkins Observatory Jay Pasachoff, chair and Field Memorial Professor of Astronomy, along with Assistant Professor of Astronomy Anne Jaskot and Lecturer in Astronomy Kevin Flaherty.

Says Pasachoff of the gift, “Clark’s telescopes were craft built, before standards and interchangeable parts were invented. They are just as useful today as when they were made 150 years ago, and will be for a long time into the future.”



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# HONORING LEGACY GIFTS FROM EPHS IN MEDICINE

**NOT ONLY HAS CAREFUL PLANNING BEEN TOP OF MIND ON CAMPUS THIS SEMESTER,** but many Williams alumni have also decided to make or solidify their estate plans. We are tremendously grateful for Ephs who have generously included Williams in their estate plans. In honor of the numerous medical professionals across the country who are working to care for so many affected by Covid-19, we want to recognize a couple of our Ephs with careers in medicine.

No matter what your career path or where your interests lie, we hope you will consider including Williams in your planning. Learn more about bequest planning at [giftplanning.williams.edu](http://giftplanning.williams.edu) (and find sample bequest language on the next page.)



Dr. David Scal '50 in The Gul

## Dr. David '50 and Rosalie Scal

After graduating from Williams in 1950, David Scal went on to earn his M.D. at University of Lausanne in Switzerland. Eventually he returned to New York where he met and married Rosalie Lipton in August 1970. David and Rosalie lived happily in New York where she worked for a period as a mathematics teacher and he worked as a urologist at Beth Israel Hospital until he retired in 1996. Prior to his death in 2017, David arranged for his estate to support Rosalie for her lifetime; the estate will transfer to Williams thereafter. As executor of David's will, Rosalie has worked closely with Williams to establish

the David Scal, M.D. and Rosalie Scal Scholarship to honor David's memory and set future Ephs on a path toward a career in medicine.

## Dr. W. Conrad Liles '80 and Dr. Susan M. Graham

Both Dr. W. Conrad Liles '80 and his wife, Dr. Susan M. Graham have been on-call to help Covid-19 patients in the Pacific Northwest by communicating remotely with nurses, physicians, and public health officials. In addition, both Conrad and Susan provide clinical care to individuals with severe Covid-19 at the University of Washington Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. As physician-scientists, Conrad and Susan see patients, in addition to their research, administrative, and educational activities. Both are board-certified infectious disease physicians. Conrad concentrates on translational laboratory-research in sepsis and critical illness, while Susan conducts epidemiology-based research on HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa.

Having grown up in rural Kentucky, Conrad wants to create opportunities for future Ephs from rural parts of the US. In this spirit,

he and Susan have planned for a bequest from their estate to fund a scholarship to support these students. The W. Conrad Liles 1980 and Susan M. Graham Scholarship will give students who might not normally consider Williams as an option the opportunity to live and learn in the Purple Valley and launch their own careers. Williams is grateful for the many ways in which Conrad gives back to the Eph community. In March 2021 he will participate in one of our virtual "How'd You Get There" events, part of a series that gives students (and alumni) an example of how to forge a path in diverse fields.



Drs. Conrad Liles '80 and Susan M. Graham

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## Consider a Bequest to Williams

If you want to learn more about how to make an estate gift, our website includes helpful information on that as well. For a bequest providing unrestricted support:

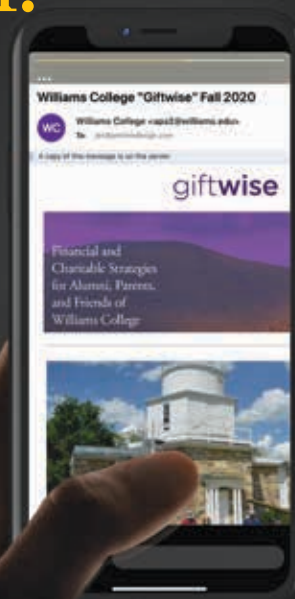
“ I hereby give and bequeath to the **PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE**, a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dollars (\$ \_\_\_ ) [or \_\_\_ percent ( \_\_\_ % ) or all of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said institution. ”

We encourage everyone who would like to create a restricted bequest (a bequest allocated to a particular area of the college—for example, financial aid or faculty support), to speak with the Office of Gift Planning so that we can discuss the parameters of your desired gift, and how it matches Williams' needs. This conversation will also help ensure that your wishes are understood and can be fulfilled by the college.

## We've Gone Digital!

This fall we also sent an email version of Giftwise including links to additional resources. If you didn't receive an emailed version, it is likely because we don't have a current email address.

Please send your current email address to [gift.planning@williams.edu](mailto:gift.planning@williams.edu) so that we can be sure to include you in future electronic mailings.



Williams College does not provide legal or tax advice. We advise you to seek your own legal and tax advice in connection with gift and planning matters.

