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“Working at the TLL showed me what philology at its best can be and do; if I still breathe a little of the spirit of the place I count it a blessing beyond measure.”
—John C. Schafer, TLL Fellow for 2009-2010, Assistant Professor of Classics,
Northwestern University

“I would not have been able to go to Greece without the APA Minority Scholarship ... We all recognize the importance and impact of experiencing the sites themselves – the sheer cliffs at Delphi, the enormous columns at Olympia ... It is imperative, more than ever, to aid students in these summer endeavors.”
—Yasuko Taoka, Minority Scholar for 2001, Assistant Professor of Classics,
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Dear APA Member,

The two scholars quoted above could be your students (or perhaps yourself) reflecting on experiences that have been essential to their (or your) development as Classics scholars and teachers. There are hundreds more like them whose lives and careers have been shaped in some way by opportunities offered by the APA – *and made possible by your gifts to the Annual Fund.*

The Gateway Campaign has raised \$2.1 million of the \$2.6 million that we need by July 31, 2012, in order to claim the full \$650,000 offered by our NEH challenge grant. While we continue this effort to secure the future of the APA, we must also ask you once again for an annual gift over and above your dues and registration fees to maintain existing APA programs at their current levels. In addition to the TLL and Minority Scholarship programs, annual giving supports

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- ✓ **THE CLASSICS ADVISORY SERVICE:** *Annual gifts* have made possible continued vigilance as Classics programs come under threat; to be effective, we work quietly and behind the scenes, and in the last decade have helped preserve well over a dozen Classics programs.
- ✓ **AND MUCH MORE — THE AMERICAN OFFICE OF L'ANNÉE PHILOLOGIQUE, PUBLICATIONS, OUTREACH, THE ANNUAL MEETING, RESEARCH, THE PEARSON FELLOWSHIP.**

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Every Annual Fund dollar we raise is an investment in the vitality and future of this field that we cherish. Help us hand down to the next generation a thriving community of Classics teachers, scholars, and students. Please make your most generous gift now.

Yours sincerely,



Kathleen M. Coleman
President

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