

# A Shared Past. A Secure Future.

Alumni, family, and friends who choose to remember TA in their estate planning become members of Thornton Academy's 1811 Society, a group of community leaders who model generosity and commitment. Membership spans generations and participants represent varying ages and backgrounds; while their gifts differ in size and nature, they share a common commitment to securing the future of the school. There are many ways to contribute, each offering an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy, while also securing your own financial future.



“When one gets older there is a thought process which asks the question of giving back to the most important influences in one’s life. The friends that

I made at Thornton Academy have endured throughout the decades and continue to this very moment. I learned so much more than I can express. Giving to the 1811 Society was an easy decision and one I will continue to honor in the coming years.”

**Peter Diakos '59**



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## 1811 Society Planned Giving





## PLANNED GIVING

# Frequently Asked Questions

### WHAT IS THE 1811 SOCIETY?

Any individual who remembers TA in their estate planning becomes a member of the 1811 Society. Members are community leaders who understand the important role philanthropy plays in securing the future of the school and show their commitment through their generosity.

### WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

A planned gift, or legacy gift, can be made in one's lifetime, or through estate planning. These gifts take many forms depending on the personal and philanthropic goals of individual donors. They often offer the greatest opportunity for individuals to make their largest gift, offering meaningful ways to create a lasting legacy.

### WHY CONSIDER A PLANNED GIFT?

Planned gifts are an effective way to support Thornton Academy without impacting your current assets. By giving in this way, many find that they can provide a greater gift than would otherwise be possible. These gifts are also fairly simple to make and often offer valuable tax benefits.

### HOW DO PLANNED GIFTS IMPACT TA?

Planned gifts provide Thornton Academy with the fiscal strength and security required for continued growth. The 1811 Society ensures that future generations of Trojans benefit from the same tradition of educational excellence TA has offered for more than 200 years.

### CAN I DESIGNATE MY GIFT?

Yes. While you may provide an unrestricted gift that enables TA to address the school's greatest needs, you can also choose to support an area that has personal significance to you.

### HOW CAN I JOIN THE 1811 SOCIETY?

Please contact TA's Development Office to discuss your options. We're ready to work with you and your advisors to create a plan that best meets your philanthropic and financial goals..

### I HAVE INCLUDED TA IN MY PLANS. NOW WHAT?

Please let us know! We would like to thank you for your generosity, make sure the school understands the purpose of your gift and recognize you as a member of the 1811 Society.

“I joined the 1811 Society out of appreciation and a desire to provide, in some way, opportunities for the students of today and the future. Thornton academy has been so important to our family... It is an honor and a privilege for us to be in a position to leave a legacy that supports the future of TA and its students.”



Mary Atkinson Johnson '51

## QUICK PLANNED GIVING GUIDE

For Flexibility	A gift through your will, retirement plan or insurance policy may be a great fit for your goals and will take affect after your lifetime.
For Life Income	A charitable remainder trust pays variable income to you or others for a time set by you, and can be a defense against inflation.
For Family Benefits	A charitable lead trust gives to charity while increasing your family's inheritance by reducing estate taxes.