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FROM GATEKEEPER TO GATEWAY

The Campaign for Classics in the 21st Century

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Dear Colleague:

At the APA's January 2009 meeting, more students than ever read papers, and the Placement Service scheduled interviews for more than 300 members with 55 institutions. Some of the work presented may appear in *TAPA* or in books published by the Association through Oxford University Press. These students, like all members, can use the Association's GreekKeys, and all of them can rely on *l'Année philologique*.

Your Contribution Ensures the Future.

By helping to provide a permanent endowment for Classics in the 21st Century, your gift will assure that the APA will be there to find jobs for future generations of scholars, publish their work, provide resources for their teaching, and, if necessary, defend endangered Classics Departments (as the Classics Advisory Service has already done this year, and will be standing by to do in the present economic crisis).

The Endowment Is Our Future.

Funded by the Capital Campaign, the Gateway (see our website or the DVD included in your Annual Meeting Program) will build on the foundations established by the APA-sponsored Database of Classical Bibliography and continue to support *l'Année philologique*. It will implement the latest technology to meet the future needs of scholars and bring the manifold rewards of studying the ancient world to a wider public than ever before.

Your Contribution Makes a Crucial Difference.

Thanks to contributions from members like you we have more than half the money we need to claim all NEH matching funds – a major step toward reaching our \$4 million campaign goal. But the difficult period begins now. Forty percent of the membership attended the Annual Meeting this year; if everyone who registered would make a pledge for these last two years of the Campaign, we could more easily persuade major donors to keep supporting our campaign. Tough economic times constrain one's giving, but your gift now, no matter how small, could very well be decisive in helping us meet our goal.

Bis dat qui cito dat.

We are calling on you now to make a pledge for the remaining two years of the Campaign. We have a critical deadline approaching in January 2010. With your help we can ensure that the Association will be able offer its resources to classicists in the future.

Very truly yours,

Josiah Ober, President

