THE MARGARET AND JOHN BARD SOCIETY recognizes and thanks those alumni/ae and friends who have included the college in their estate plans.

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DID YOU KNOW?
In 1860, St. Stephen’s College, a theologically based institution, was created thanks to a bequest made by John and Margaret Bard, in association with the leaders of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. St. Stephen’s would later become known as Bard College, and were it not for this generous bequest, Bard College might not exist today.

Planned gifts help the College maintain its tradition of innovation and excellence.
We loved our undergraduate years at Bard, but it was neither nostalgia nor a sense of duty that inspired us to include the College in our estate planning. The College ceaselessly works to bring the liberal arts to underserved communities, and the commitment to the link between higher education and civic participation seems increasingly important. We hope you’ll join us in adding Bard to your estate plans.

—Marella Consolini Rodewald ’82 and James Rodewald ’82

Making a planned gift is a powerful way to strengthen Bard’s future. By including Bard in your estate plans, you become a member of the Margaret and John Bard Society and have the satisfaction of knowing that you are providing for the next generations of Bardians.

WAYS TO GIVE

• Bequests
• Gifts of Marketable Securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
• Retirement Assets (IRA, 401(k), etc.)
• IRA Charitable Rollovers
• Life Insurance Policies
• Gifts of Real Estate or Personal Property
• Charitable Remainder Trusts
• Charitable Lead Trusts

The best [we] can do is to support Bard throughout [our] lives, in whatever ways [we] can, and make sure that when [we] die, [our] legacy is in part defined by the place that defined us.

—Pia Carusone ’03

It’s so important to me to make sure that I know where my assets will go and not let a stranger direct them.

—Eve Stahlberger ’97

PLANNED GIFTS

• Offer donors the opportunity to support Bard in a meaningful way without using current assets
• Could provide donors with substantial tax savings, especially on donations of appreciated properties and securities
• May reduce income tax and avoid capital gains tax
• Automatically make you a member of the Margaret and John Bard Society