The Student Center

at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

A complete and state-of-the-art renovation and expansion of the Student Center - comprising Loring Hall, the Annex, and West House, will transform the entire complex. It was originally built in the 1920s to serve as the residence and dining facilities for the American School’s students and visiting scholars.

The reconfiguration of these buildings will create more usable space, reduce energy consumption, and bring the buildings up to the latest technical standards. At the same time, it will preserve the historic appearance of the buildings, so that they respect the past while meeting the needs of the future.

The American School is seeking $9.9 million in total, inclusive of a maintenance endowment. We hope that you will consider joining us in fund this remarkable project, which offers a number of unique naming opportunities.

Key Benefits of the Building Program

- Increase in floor area / Flexibility in the configuration
- Heating/Cooling system upgrades and furnishings
- Seismic upgrades, fire prevention and suppression
- Double-paned windows, updated fixtures
- Attract and retain the next generation of humanists

The Student Center Expansion and Renovation

The American School of Classical Studies at Athens is the leading American teaching and research institution in Greece, dedicated to the advanced study of all aspects of Greek culture, from antiquity to the present. Founded in 1881, the School provides students and scholars from over 190 affiliated North American colleges and universities with the opportunity to explore the full range of scholarly resources in Greece. It was the first American overseas research center, and today it is the largest of the foreign institutes in Athens—and the only one that provides a regular program of instruction to students. It operates excavations in the Athenian Agora and Ancient Corinth, two distinguished libraries, an archaeological laboratory, and a prolific publications department. The School remains, as its founders envisioned, a privately-funded, nonprofit educational and cultural institution.
Project Improvements

- Increase in Floor Area from 24,046 to 25,833 sq. ft. (additional floor on top of Annex, consisting of one apartment and two double rooms)
- Flexibility in the configuration of the rooms
- Increase in total number of rooms from 32 to 36
- Increase in Double Bedrooms from 2 to 7
- Increase in Apartments from 5 to 6 (including one on each floor of West House)
- Increase in potential number of beds from 39 to 55
- Private Bathrooms for each Bedroom
- Elevators in Loring Hall and Annex
- Gymnasium
- New Kitchen
- Replacement of all Wiring, Plumbing, and Insulation
- Replacement of all existing (wooden sash) windows with double-glazed metal casement windows
- New Fire Detection and Fire-Fighting Systems
- Seismic Upgrades
- Wi-Fi Accessibility in all spaces
- Air Conditioning throughout, regulated by a new energy-efficient climate control system

First floor Annex
Single room with bathroom

First floor
West House Apartment

Third floor Annex
Double room with bathroom