



Help Me Choose an Executor of My Estate

Part of the will planning process is selecting the person to fill the critical role of executor—and who you think is up to the task. The best person for the job is someone responsible, organized and trustworthy. Common choices are a spouse, an adult child, a sibling, or a close friend.

Talk with the person you are considering and make sure they are willing to accept the responsibilities. Part of your discussion should include your values and philanthropic vision so it is clear what is important to you.

If you do not have a friend or relative you trust to complete these duties, you can name a bank or trust company to settle your estate for a fee. Many banks have expertise administering estates, especially large estates.

Tip: It is a good idea to select a backup person in case your first choice is unavailable or unable.



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What Stage is Your Plan?

Whether you are considering a will or need to update an existing one, our resource guides you through every stage of planning. Simply return the enclosed reply card to request your FREE copy of **Your Will Planning Timeline**.



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Orange Central Checklist

- Book your hotel room in an Orange Central Room Block.
- Spread the word to your classmates and prep for a fun reunion!
- Connect with us on social media for the latest updates.
- Check cusecommunity.syr.edu for a full weekend schedule and to sign up for Orange Central.

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Above, Aulton Kohn Jr. '07, G'09 (fourth from left) with friends on a recent trip to Disneyland and at right, as an award-winning track athlete at Syracuse University.



LEAVING A LEGACY BY HONORING A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'JIMINY CRICKETS'

Though Aulton Kohn Jr. '07, G'09, is only in his '30s, he has already determined how he can help others in the future. In making two bequest gifts to Syracuse University as part of the Forever Orange campaign, Mr. Kohn took a bit of inspiration from a classic Disney movie.

"Every person needs a Jiminy Cricket," says Mr. Kohn, referencing the kind, curious, smart and funny character who becomes Pinocchio's guide and conscience on his life journey (and sings the timeless lyrics: "When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are; anything your heart desires will come to you.")

Mr. Kohn pays tribute to his own Jiminy Crickets by endowing a graduate student scholarship in the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics and an undergraduate student scholarship in the School of Education. The scholarships are not in

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—AULTON KOHN JR. '07, G'09



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his name, but in the names of others who have inspired, influenced and guided him. “These gifts are honoring the legacy of what people did for me, guiding me through difficult times, helping me work through things, building me into a better person,” says Mr. Kohn. “They are all Jiminy Crickets sitting on my shoulders.”

Mr. Kohn, who currently is Associate Director of Operations at the George L. Argyros School of Business & Economics at Chapman University in California, was an award-winning track athlete at Syracuse University. He set university records for speed and won all-conference honors as a sprinter. Though track is, in many ways, a solo sport, Mr. Kohn knows he didn’t succeed entirely on his own. “My mother was the one who actually applied for a scholarship so I could attend Syracuse University,” says Mr. Kohn. “She is my greatest pillar. She had confidence in me. Whenever I had a track meet, she was there. Her encouragement allowed me to succeed.” That’s why her name—Emily A. Kohn—is on the endowed scholarship to provide financial assistance to an undergraduate in the School of Education.

The Emily A. Kohn/Frank Levell Jr. Scholarship also pays tribute to Mr. Kohn’s maternal grandfather. To the young man who would become a track star, his grandfather taught him to slow down, to see life through a calmer lens. It’s a gift Mr.

Kohn now passes on to people who work for him: “I give them permission to take their time. ‘Just slow down, we’ll get there.’” (sounding a lot like Jiminy Cricket!).

Mr. Kohn’s other bequest is in honor of five individuals whom he credits with helping him grow and “find his voice” through therapy. The N. Kriz, S. Rice, J. Byerly, M. Herrick and R. Bender Graduate Scholarship will support a graduate student in the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics who is studying marriage and family therapy and ways to help others through therapy.

With an undergraduate degree in marketing and finance from the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, and an M.S. in information management, Mr. Kohn has already achieved many of his dreams, devoting his career to inspiring others on the athletic field and in the classroom. He’s building a legacy of his own but ensuring through his legacy gifts that those who inspired him get the credit.

“Every person has a legacy inside them,” says Mr. Kohn. “Every person can be inspired by someone else. Life is all about those legacies coming together, molding the way you think, the way you treat people and the way you ultimately live your life.”



Aulton Kohn Jr. '07, G'09 with his grandfather, Frank Levell Jr.



Celebrating Commencement

Commencement at Syracuse University enveloped our campus in celebration this past May. Families united with pride and emotion as graduating students cherished the final moments of their college experience. Faculty and administrators recognized graduates’ accomplishments, affirming the bonds that have been forged within the Orange family.

David Muir, anchor and managing editor of *ABC World News Tonight* with David Muir, delivered the 2022 Commencement address in the JMA Wireless Dome. Student speaker and University Scholar Ghael Fobes Mora ’22 then shared memories of his past four years at Syracuse.

“You have done wondrous things here in the most challenging of times. Syracuse University Chancellor and President Kent Syverud said in his concluding remarks. “We all have faith you will do marvelous things in the future. Please aim high—and as always, go Orange!”

THE 1870 SOCIETY

Your planned gift to Syracuse University will have a strong and lasting impact on preserving the University’s cherished past while securing its bright future in providing academic excellence and lifelong opportunities for students. In addition to the many financial advantages you receive for making a life income or estate gift, your generosity can inspire other Syracuse University alumni and friends to consider making a planned gift of their own.

When you create a planned gift, you become Forever Syracuse. You will be recognized as a member of the Syracuse University 1870 Society—a special group of visionary individuals who have included the University in their long-term financial and estate plans. Our members are insightful leaders who guide the way for future generations of Syracuse University students.

For us to properly thank you, welcome you as an 1870 Society member, and ensure we understand how you would like Syracuse University to use your gift, please let us know of your bequest intentions. If you would like to remain anonymous, we will gladly honor your request. Simply contact us at giftplan@syr.edu or 888.352.9535 to begin creating your legacy at Syracuse University.

YOUR WILL: ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF YOUR VALUES

Your will is your legacy. It dictates how you will be remembered and can be created to reflect your values. That is why, no matter your age or wealth, you should take time to consider this important document.

10 Reasons Giving From Your Will Is a Good Idea

- **It can lessen anxiety.** Planning can make it less daunting. How? It gives you reassurance that the people and causes close to your heart are provided for in the future.
- **It can lend perspective.** Taking stock of what is important can help you focus on your goals and be more aware of how you want to impact the world.
- **It sets an example.** Your gift can be an inspiration. Your story can have a ripple effect on your loved ones or others with whom you share it.
- **It just feels good.** Giving makes you feel good. Research shows that the act of giving reduces stress-related activity in one area of the brain while increasing reward-related activity in another.
- **It can be adjusted.** A gift in your will is revocable, meaning it can be changed at any time—that includes the amount, the assets, and the area of purpose you are supporting. You are free to alter your plans as needed to reflect life’s changes.

- **It reflects your personal legacy.** A gift in your will is your opportunity to contribute to a cause that’s meaningful to you and have it extend beyond your lifetime.
- **It is versatile.** Through your will, you can give a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate. You can balance your generosity to us with an assurance that loved ones are taken care of first.
- **It is likely to be the biggest gift you have ever given.** The assets in your estate reflect a lifetime of your work and investments. Giving a gift through your will is likely to be the largest donation—and largest impact on a cause you care about—you have ever made.
- **It allows you to enjoy your assets today.** Because the distribution of your assets occurs after your lifetime, you retain control of your assets.
- **It makes a huge difference.** When you give a gift in your will, you are making that organization part of your family. Your generosity is deeply felt.

Of course, loved ones are the first people to consider when drafting your will. Then, think about the nonprofits you want to support. Providing for institutions and causes you care about, such as Syracuse University, is an excellent way to demonstrate your values, help you gain a better understanding of what is important to you and set an example for others to follow.

Find your preferred way of giving.

Like Mr. Kohn, you can make a gift that benefits Syracuse University in the future. Contact our Office of Gift Planning at 888.352.9535 or giftplan@syr.edu to learn about ways to help you realize the most benefits from your gift and make a meaningful difference at Syracuse University.