

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121 Spring 2019

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Figures shown are past results and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Share prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. For more current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses, CollegeAmerica Program Description and ABLEAmerica Program Description, which should be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing. Market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index.

This illustration must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current summary prospectus or prospectus, which details charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies. The American Funds are distributed by American Funds Distributors, Inc.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. The expense ratios for Class F-3 and ABLE-A shares are estimated. When applicable, investment results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which results would have been lower. Please see americanfunds.com for more information. For the funds and/or share classes listed below, the investment adviser is currently reimbursing a portion of the funds' fees or expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

- American Funds Corporate Bond Fund: all share classes (through at least August 1, 2018)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least October 1, 2018)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America and U.S. Government Securities Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- American High-Income Trust and American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least December 1, 2018)
- American Funds 2010 - 2020 and 2040 - 2055 Target Date Retirement funds: Class F-3 shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Mutual Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Global Balanced Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio and American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund: all share classes (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund: Class F-3, R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least February 1, 2019)
- Capital World Bond Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least March 1, 2019)

The investment adviser may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the reimbursements at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details. The expense ratios for the College Target Date Series, Target Date Retirement Series and Portfolio Fund Series include the weighted average expenses of the underlying funds. Please see the fund's most recent prospectus for details.

As compensation for its oversight and administration, Virginia529SM receives a quarterly fee accrued daily and calculated at the annual rate of 0.10% on the first \$20 billion of the net assets invested in ABLEAmerica and CollegeAmerica in the aggregate and 0.05% on net assets between \$20 billion and \$100 billion. This fee applies to both Class 529 and Class ABLE-A shares. Additional breakpoints apply to assets in excess of \$100 billion. Virginia529SM is currently waiving the fee with respect to ABLEAmerica assets. This waiver will be in effect through at least July 1, 2019. Subject to the terms of its contractual arrangement with the investment adviser, Virginia529SM may elect to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 3/31/2019

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized

Inception Max. Initial Sales

Security Name	Inception Date	Max. Initial Sales Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
The Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)	12/1/1973	5.75% Front	1.16%	10.20%	14.75%	13.38%

Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)	5.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.62%

The fund does not assess redemption fees. However, shareholders redeeming shares may be subject to the fund's Purchase Blocking Policy as described in the prospectus.

The illustration included herein does not reflect the effects of taxes in some or all of the investments.

If the results shown on the following pages do not reflect deduction of an initial sales charge (i.e. they are at net asset value), please note that they would have been lower if the sales charge had been deducted.

Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge of 5.75% for equity funds and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Advantaged Income Portfolio, and 2.50% for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America, American Funds Preservation Portfolio and American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio. The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, \$500,000 for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1 million or more. A 1% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) may be assessed if a redemption occurs within 18 months of purchase. Results on the following pages reflect deduction of the CDSC if the investment is \$1 million or more and a withdrawal is selected within 18 months of purchase. Certain withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to income tax and, if applicable, to a 10% federal penalty. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

- The A/529-A share 1, 5, and 10-year return for each fund is based on the MOP value.
- The "Average annual return on the investment" is based on the initial investment and the breakpoint chosen.
- Cumulative Volume Discount Reflected Where Applicable in This Illustration.
- NOTE: Systematic Accumulation Plans cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

The Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
04/01/1979	\$100.00	5.75%	\$94	33.784

\$100 initial investment on 04/01/1979. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$100.00 from 05/01/1979 to 03/31/2019 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 5.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 5.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1979	900	8	8	0	283	1,019
12/31/1980	1,200	38	47	0	580	2,878
12/31/1981	1,200	170	217	0	851	4,034
12/31/1982	1,200	310	527	0	1,146	6,434
12/31/1983	1,200	258	785	174	1,382	9,384
12/31/1984	1,200	220	1,005	83	1,615	10,019
12/31/1985	1,200	193	1,197	762	1,931	14,008
12/31/1986	1,200	286	1,484	808	2,212	17,433
12/31/1987	1,200	334	1,818	1,300	2,537	19,740
12/31/1988	1,200	413	2,231	787	2,808	24,584
12/31/1989	1,200	890	3,121	2,903	3,294	33,217
12/31/1990	1,200	819	3,940	1,399	3,661	32,985
12/31/1991	1,200	659	4,599	2,016	4,020	46,095
12/31/1992	1,200	391	4,990	185	4,169	50,740
12/31/1993	1,200	256	5,246	2,065	4,437	59,342
12/31/1994	1,200	384	5,630	2,352	4,740	60,508
12/31/1995	1,200	698	6,329	5,467	5,227	79,813
12/31/1996	1,200	583	6,912	4,556	5,607	92,907
12/31/1997	1,200	737	7,649	11,678	6,345	119,158
12/31/1998	1,200	576	8,225	14,148	7,073	158,430
12/31/1999	1,200	320	8,545	22,744	7,973	232,326
12/31/2000	1,200	1,161	9,706	32,794	9,263	250,833
12/31/2001	1,200	419	10,125	0	9,328	221,170
12/31/2002	1,200	178	10,304	0	9,394	173,505
12/31/2003	1,200	58	10,361	0	9,453	231,976
12/31/2004	1,200	855	11,216	0	9,531	260,956
12/31/2005	1,200	1,819	13,035	2,154	9,701	299,382
12/31/2006	1,200	2,667	15,702	10,711	10,143	333,386
12/31/2007	1,200	3,656	19,358	20,932	10,912	371,111
12/31/2008	1,200	2,563	21,921	0	11,081	226,948
12/31/2009	1,200	2,347	24,268	0	11,220	306,638
12/31/2010	1,200	2,759	27,027	0	11,354	345,603

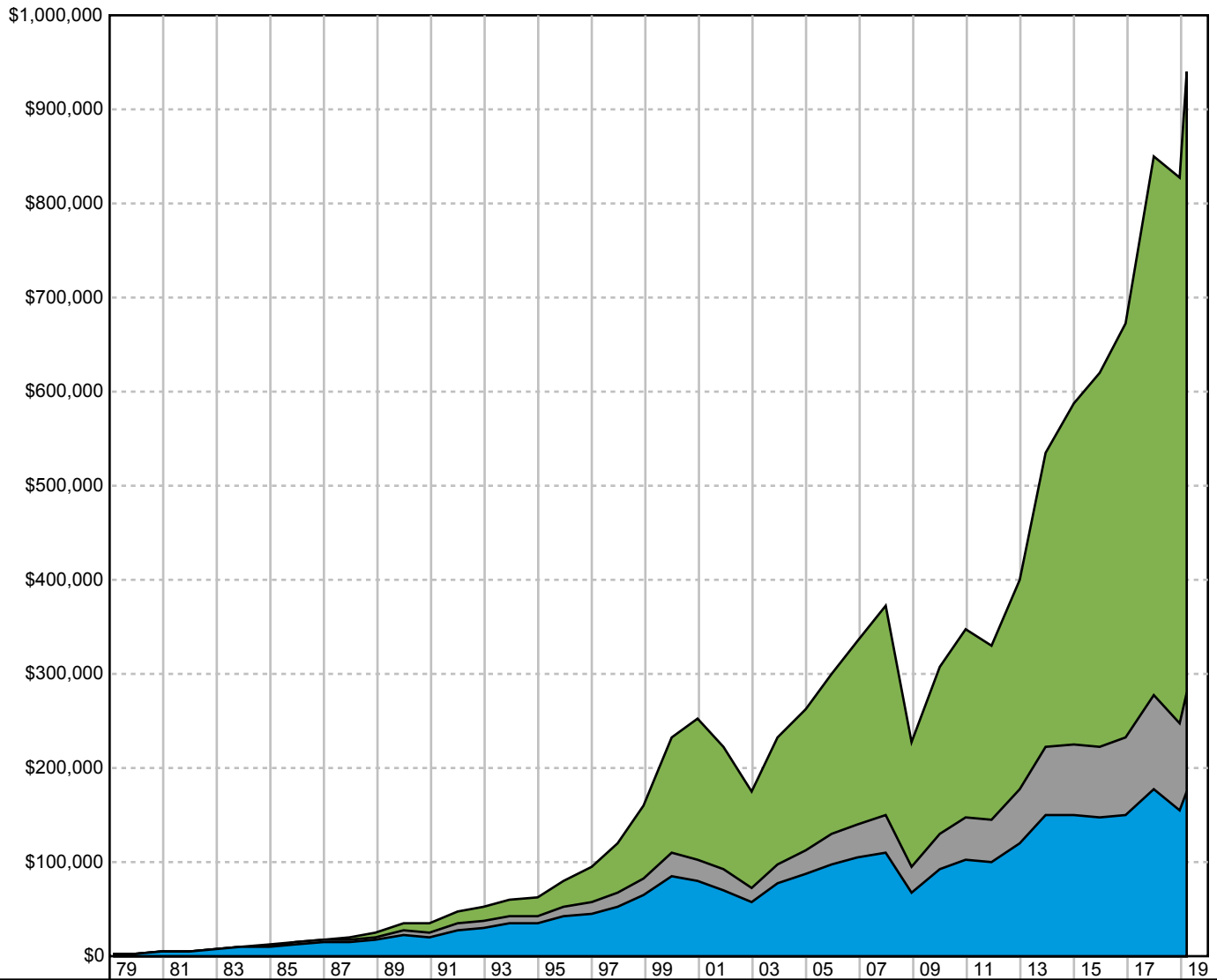
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/2011	1,200	2,495	29,522	0	11,480	329,808
12/31/2012	1,200	3,259	32,781	0	11,611	398,821
12/31/2013	1,200	1,601	34,382	31,988	12,441	534,963
12/31/2014	1,200	2,095	36,476	50,580	13,729	585,966
12/31/2015	1,200	3,748	40,225	46,646	14,981	618,586
12/31/2016	1,200	3,758	43,983	37,963	15,988	672,152
12/31/2017	1,200	4,003	47,986	51,787	17,141	849,169
12/31/2018	1,200	5,235	53,221	82,727	19,311	825,755
03/31/2019	300	0	53,221	0	19,318	939,814
Total	48,000	53,221	53,221	441,709	19,318	939,814

Average annual return on the investment for the period 04/01/1979 - 03/31/2019 : 11.86%

4/1/1979 - 3/31/2019

Total Ending Amount: \$939,814

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$660,742)
- From Income (Ending value: \$104,098)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$174,973)

This graph must be accompanied by the underlying Hypo illustration(s).