

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121 Spring 2019

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Important Disclosures

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
04/01/1989	\$60.00	5.75%	\$57	5.882

\$60 initial investment on 04/01/1989. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$60.00 from 05/01/1989 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.

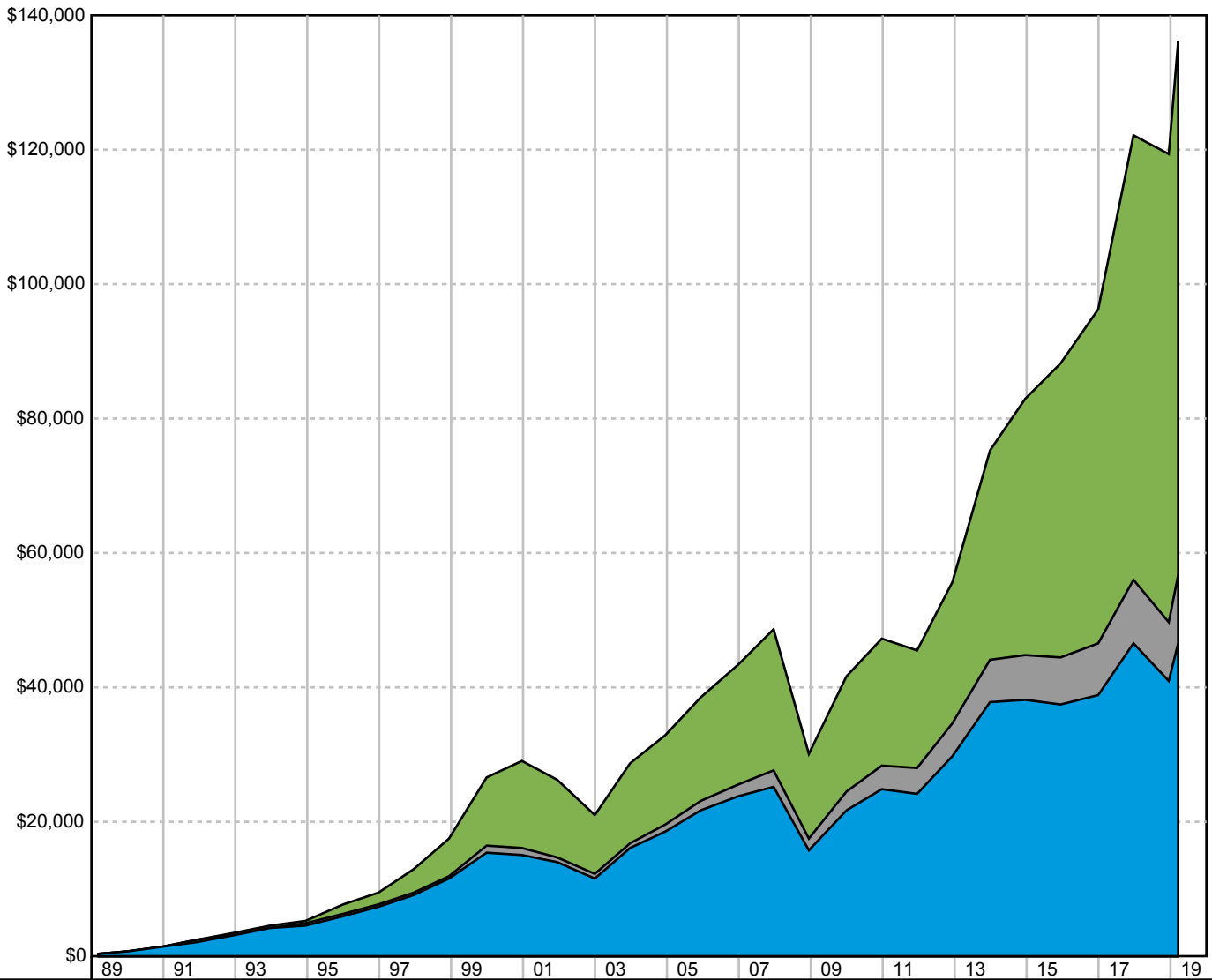
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1989	540	14	14	46	53	531
12/31/1990	720	29	44	50	132	1,186
12/31/1991	720	34	78	104	208	2,387
12/31/1992	720	25	103	12	271	3,298
12/31/1993	720	19	123	157	338	4,514
12/31/1994	720	33	156	202	407	5,198
12/31/1995	720	66	221	514	491	7,501
12/31/1996	720	59	280	459	565	9,354
12/31/1997	720	78	358	1,238	673	12,632
12/31/1998	720	64	422	1,560	780	17,470
12/31/1999	720	36	458	2,577	904	26,328
12/31/2000	720	134	592	3,785	1,069	28,952
12/31/2001	720	49	641	0	1,099	26,063
12/31/2002	720	22	663	0	1,133	20,934
12/31/2003	720	7	670	0	1,167	28,639
12/31/2004	720	107	777	0	1,198	32,803
12/31/2005	720	232	1,010	275	1,239	38,229
12/31/2006	720	345	1,355	1,386	1,312	43,140
12/31/2007	720	479	1,833	2,740	1,428	48,575
12/31/2008	720	340	2,173	0	1,469	30,086
12/31/2009	720	316	2,489	0	1,511	41,301
12/31/2010	720	376	2,866	0	1,549	47,140
12/31/2011	720	344	3,210	0	1,583	45,484
12/31/2012	720	454	3,664	0	1,618	55,568
12/31/2013	720	225	3,889	4,494	1,748	75,155
12/31/2014	720	296	4,185	7,153	1,942	82,869
12/31/2015	720	533	4,718	6,637	2,132	88,014
12/31/2016	720	538	5,256	5,433	2,288	96,194
12/31/2017	720	576	5,832	7,447	2,465	122,117
12/31/2018	720	756	6,588	11,944	2,788	119,226
03/31/2019	180	0	6,588	0	2,792	135,833
Total	21,600	6,588	6,588	58,215	2,792	135,833

Average annual return on the investment for the period 04/01/1989 - 03/31/2019 : 10.44%

4/1/1989 - 3/31/2019

Total Ending Amount: \$135,833

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$79,164)
- From Income (Ending value: \$10,218)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$46,452)

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