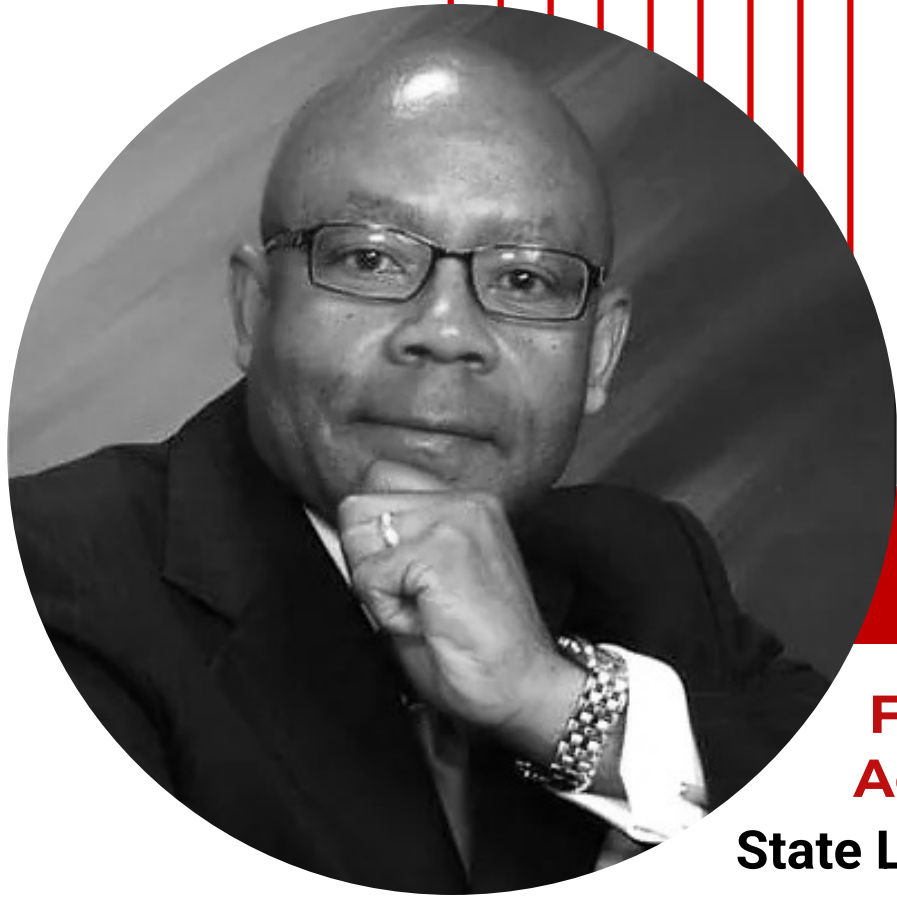


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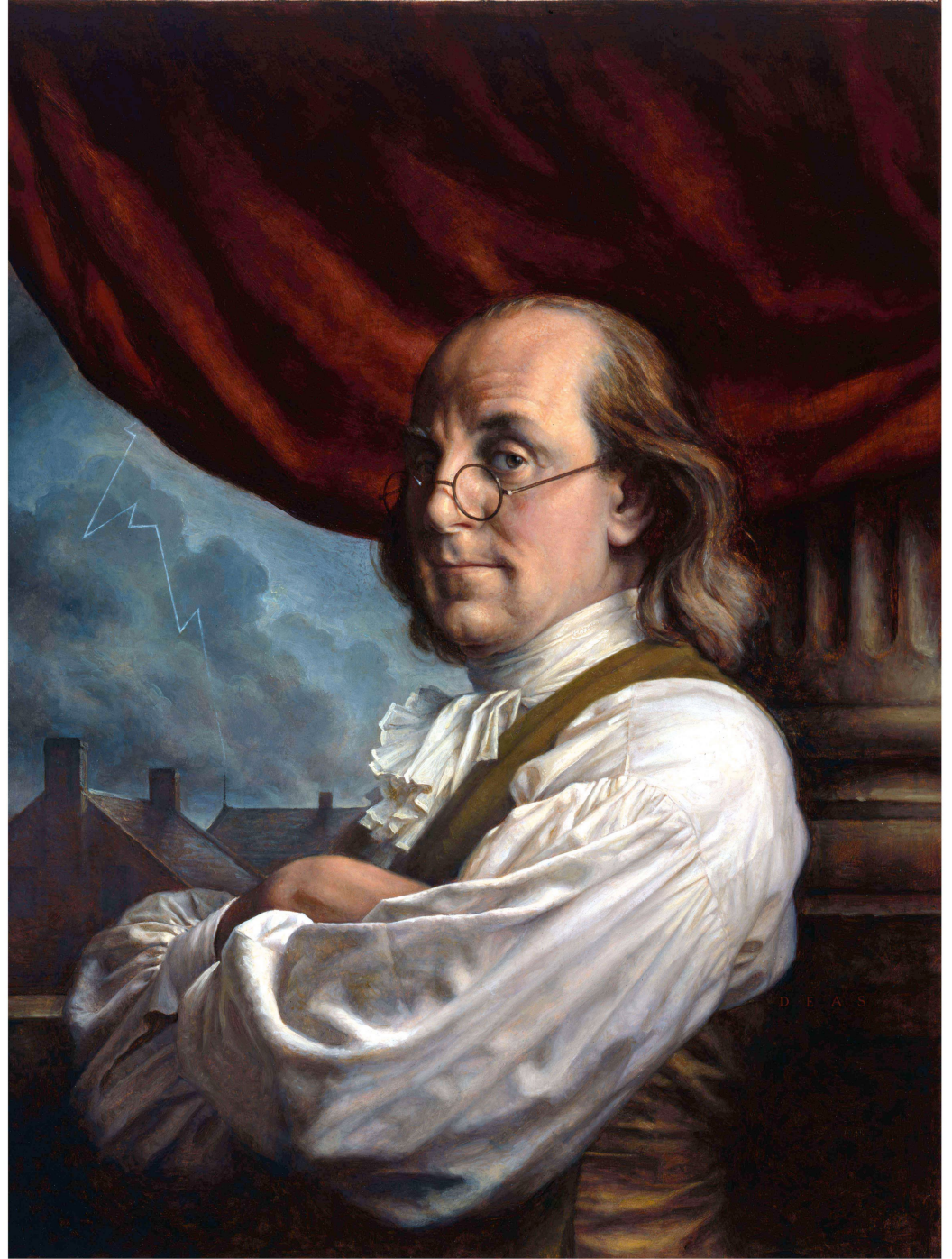
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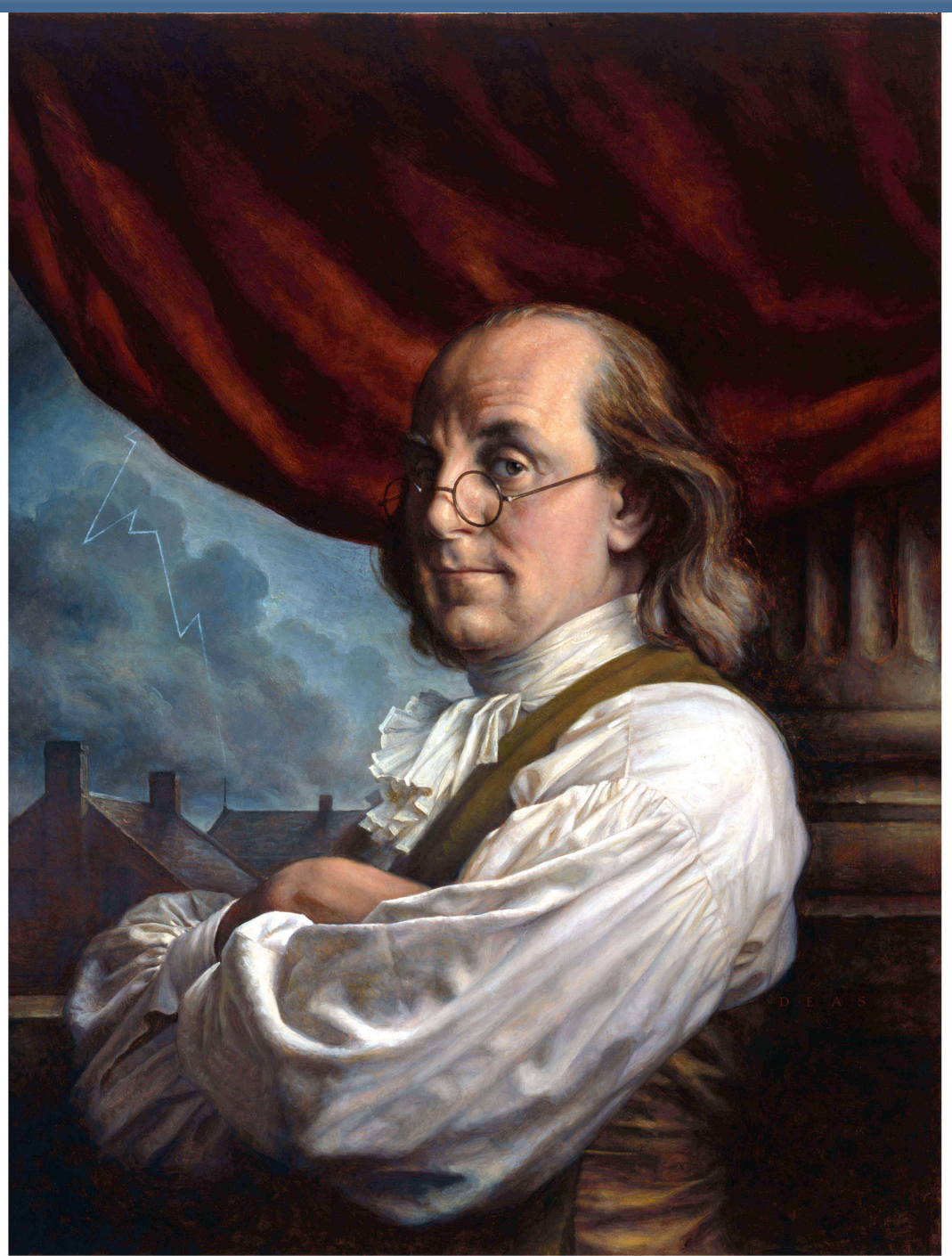
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Ben Franklin's Bequest Helps Students Pay for College

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WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Craig Mark is studying toolmaking technology at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, learning the trade of his father and his father's father. And he's getting a little help from a Founding Father too.

Mark is one of 10 Penn College students receiving a scholarship funded with money that Benjamin Franklin left in his will to benefit Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. Franklin's small bequest has grown to millions of dollars and is being used to support scholarships, symphonies and projects in Boston as well.

In his will, the printer, philosopher and Founding Father set aside 2,000 pounds sterling to be used toward making Pennsylvania's Schuylkill River navigable. But, in a codicil, he gave 1,000 pounds sterling to the cities of Boston, his birthplace, and Philadelphia, his adopted home.

"I wish to be useful even after my death, if possible, in forming and advancing other young men, that may be serviceable to their country in both these towns," wrote Franklin, who died in 1790.

But Franklin wasn't about to leave his philanthropy to chance. For the first 100 years after his death, the money was to be used to make low-interest loans to young tradesmen getting their start in business.

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