

WORCESTER STATE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2020

INSPIRE GENEROSITY. TRANSFORM LIVES.



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STRONGER AND MORE COHESIVE THAN EVER

Resilience. Grit. Adaptability. Patience. This year has tested them all. And then some. The Worcester State community worked diligently this spring adapting to a multitude of changes while simultaneously preparing for an uncertain fall. We learned to adapt in real-time as classrooms and offices transitioned into remote learning environments, practically overnight. Kitchen tables and quiet alcoves in our homes became our workspaces indefinitely, and many of us grappled with looming health issues and losses in our own families near and far. No one was untouched by this pandemic, and that in and of itself has united us and I daresay, strengthened our resolve.

Individuals and business leaders put aside their own challenges and stepped in to help our most at-risk student population, and continue to do so. There were many heroes among us: alumni first-responders, tireless administrators, innovative faculty members, and donors who stepped in to provide leadership gifts that inspired others to join in the effort.

Our fiscal year ended on a high note, as you'll see from the many examples, charts, and statistics. Behind these numbers, stories of resilience and compassion are abundant. Demonstrated by the thousands of calls and emails our staff sent to each and every student, by the outpouring of donations to the Student Emergency Fund, by faculty-led training, and stringent health protocols put in place in order to ensure a safe and vital return to campus, the support our students received was extraordinary.

This year was one for the history books, an emotional roller coaster that's taught us invaluable lessons about ourselves as individuals as well as the collective whole. The unanticipated tumult has turned a sudden spotlight on our strengths and forced us to work on areas that can be improved. In short, it's synthesized for all of us what's truly important. I'm endlessly proud to say that Lancer Nation, built on grit and fortitude to begin with, is stronger and more cohesive than ever. We are poised for great things.

I wish you all continued health and safety as we forge ahead together, united by a renewed sense of purpose doing what we do best; inspiring generosity and transforming lives. Thank you for all you do for Worcester State and our students.

With gratitude,

Thomas M. McNamara '94
President/Clerk Worcester State Foundation

FOUNDATION BOARD EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Ann L. DeBiasio '79, *Chair*

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On the cover: Thanks to the gift from Gregg '86 and Pam '87 Rosen, 1,000 t-shirts were delivered by members of the Class of 2020 to front-line workers around the city and beyond as a gesture of thanks for their hard work.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Worcester State Foundation received a total of

\$4.5
MILLION

from

4,017
DONORS

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34
new funds were created

DONORS GAVE —

- \$866,000** for scholarships
- \$1.3 million** for unrestricted support
- \$2.5 million** for other University support

The Foundation transferred **\$1.95 million** to the University, including **\$813,000** in direct student support

The endowment reached **\$35 million** with a **2.3 percent** investment return



Donors met a challenge by **Gene and Julianne DeFeudis**, who offered to match every dollar donated to the Student Emergency Fund up to \$25,000. As a result, \$88,000 was raised to help students with financial hardships related to COVID-19.



The late **Phillip M. Wasylean II '63** donated more than a million dollars to Worcester State, including the second-largest bequest in the University's history.



Although the Scholarship Tea was cancelled due to the pandemic, more than \$10,000 was raised for scholarships to honor **Professor Emerita Mary K. Alexander, Ed.D.**, a pioneering leader in nursing education.



A \$50,000 challenge gift from the **Esler Family Foundation**, established by John and Jeanne Esler, will support the Student Entrepreneurship Ambassadors Program.

A DIFFERENT TYPE OF OUTREACH

During COVID-19, outreach to our alumni and donors became a top priority, although we had to get creative with personal and virtual solutions.

1,421 constituents were contacted by a member of our team to check in during the uncertain time

532 donors received a personalized video thank you from a Worcester State student

896 constituents received a special outreach to show our appreciation of their donations of time, talent and/or financial resources

890 donors were acknowledged with a telephone call or note from our office within 48 hours of receiving a donation

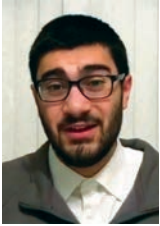
1,670 constituents received a personal solicitation in the form of handwritten notes and anniversary cards

1,274 constituent records updated

15,846 constituents received video email solicitations

6,391 business records of our alumni were updated using LinkedIn

LIVES TRANSFORMED



Hade Dabbagh '21

Recipient of the Drs. Lillian R. Goodman and Mary K. Alexander Endowed Nursing Scholarship

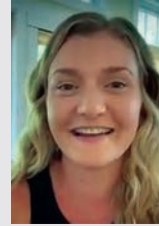
"It's been difficult balancing classes and work to pay for my tuition, and so this scholarship has allowed me to dedicate a lot more time to my studying to ensure my success, and for that you have my utmost gratitude."



Christian Santiago '21

Recipient of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation Scholarship

"Thanks to you, I'm one step closer to graduating. Your gift has enabled me to volunteer at the Latino Education Institute and participate in intramural sports at Worcester State University. My favorite thing about Worcester State is how many extracurricular activities there are and how much they help me to learn about other people's culture."



Charlotte Cheny, M.S.N. '23

An E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Scholar for public health nurses

"I am a school nurse for medically fragile children with intensive special needs in the greater Worcester area. During this pandemic, I realize how disproportionately my students and their families are affected in public health crises. This scholarship means the world to me and I know that I will be a better nurse for it. I know it will greatly benefit my students, their families, and the community I serve in for years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to go back to school and I can't wait to see what I can do with my degree."



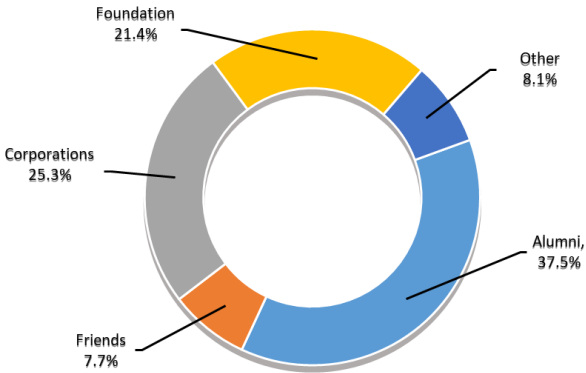
Jafet Ortiz '20

Recipient of The Vanessa Dunn Academic Major Award in Criminology

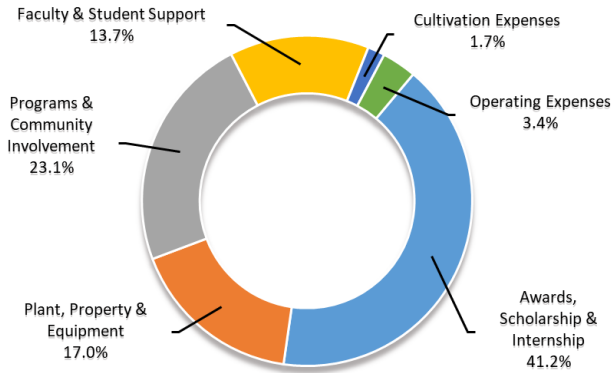
"Thank you for your generous donation and award. I plan to use my education and my experience that I've acquired over the last couple of years, and I've applied to the local police department where I hope to serve my community the best that I can and do as well as I did in the Marine Corps."

A SNAPSHOT OF SUPPORT

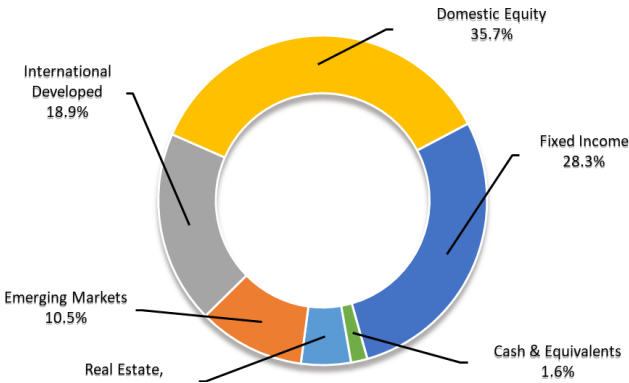
Who supported Worcester State



How that money supported university priorities



How the money is invested



WORCESTER STATE FOUNDATION PERMANENTLY ENDOWED FUNDS

The Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan, USMC Ret., Honors Program

The Barbara (Hickey) O'Brien '57 Department of Education Fund

The Business Administration and Economics Endowed Fund

The Nuclear Resonance Spectrometer Fund

The Academic/Faculty Support Fund

The Academic Programs Fund

The Class of '52 Emerging Leaders Lecture Series

The Dr. John Person Biology Reading Lounge Fund

The Verizon EdLink Fund

The Residence Life Fund

The Center for Teaching & Learning Technology Fund

The Alden Faculty Development Fund

The Faith T. Zeadey Dialogs on Social Justice and Human Rights

The Young Professional Program Fund

The Dr. G.B and Lexi Singh Fellowship Faculty Fund

The Education Department Professional Development Fund

The Judith O'Connell Hoyer Poetry Reading Series

The Habitat for Humanity Fund

The Madelin Wilmarth Fund

The Ruth Blumsack Early Education Award

The Mary C. Dolphin Art Award

The Dr. Marlin B. Kreider Biology Award

The Cheng & Christina Yuan History Award Fund

The Dr. Maureen and Edward Shamgochian Scholarship & Research Award



The George H. Albro '65 and Lillian (Brooks) Albro '65 Education Academic Achievement Award

The Class of 1952 Endowed Academic Award Fund

The Elizabeth (Beth) Axelson Award in Psychology

The Dorothy J. Hargrove '63, M.Ed. '68 Academic Award

The Malcolm Gordon Memorial Academic Major Award

The Central Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Spirit of Service Award for Criminal Justice

The Tarmey Family Academic Achievement Award Fund

The Raj-Mahendra Jain Academic Achievement Award

The SCF Urban Studies Academic Major Award

The Vincent E. "Jake" Powers Award

The Anthony Thurston Academic Achievement Award in Biology

The Dr. Stephen A. Morreale Public Service in Criminal Justice Award

The Ellen Meyers M.Ed. '88 Memorial Award Fund

The Dr. Paula L. Dufresne-Sullivan Humanitarian Award in Nursing

The William F. O'Brien, Jr., Ph.D. '84 Academic Major Award in Economics

Drs. Lillian R. Goodman & Mary K. Alexander Faculty Fellowship for PhD Education for Nursing Faculty

The Honorable John J. Binienda Center for Civic Engagement

The Professor Grace Kendrick Musical Celebrations Fund

The Matty Hehir and John Coghlin Endowed Fund for Men's Ice Hockey

The Dr. Melvin & Shirley (Stahl) Merken Two Cultures Endowed Scholarship

The Mary Faith O'Neil Student Encouragement Scholarship

The Olive I. (Lutz) Borgatti Endowed Scholarship

The Vera Dowden Baldwin Scholarship

The Father Roland Chenier Memorial Scholarship

The Worcester State Foundation Golf Tournament

The General Scholarship Fund

The 125th Anniversary Scholarship

The Blanche Carnam Memorial Scholarship

The Drs. Anna B. Cohen and Susan V. Rezen Scholarship

The Aileen D. Kelly Memorial Scholarship

The Ada Cheever Perry Memorial Scholarship

The Paul J. Carnazza Scholarship

The Mary W. Smith Scholarship

The Dr. Eugene A. Sullivan Scholarship
 The Helen M. Smith Scholarship
 The Promila Bhan Scholarship
 The Kahlil Gibran Scholarship
 The Charlotte & Ben Klein Endowed Scholarship for the Performing Arts
 The John & Loretta (White) Jensen Endowed Scholarship
 The Felix E. Masterson Memorial Scholarship
 The Jill Ann Bilodeau Memorial Nursing Scholarship
 The Dr. Francis L. Jones Memorial Scholarship
 The Drs. Goodman and Alexander Endowed Nursing Scholarship
 The Icik and Rose Plevinsky Memorial Scholarship
 The Drs. Kalyan K. & Abha P. Ghosh Endowed Scholarship
 The Lucy Chand Nursing Scholarship
 The Julia Cronin Matthews Endowed Scholarship
 The South High School Scholarship Fund
 The Mary Catherine Smalley Memorial Scholarship
 The Robert & Barbara (Hickey) O'Brien Scholarships
 The Dan Manning, Jr. Occupational Therapy Scholarship
 The National Grid Endowed Scholarship
 The Mary M. Reardon Endowed Scholarship for Early Childhood Education
 The Helen G. Shaughnessy Endowed Scholarship
 The Dr. Elizabeth V. Foster Memorial Scholarship

The Frances M. Moschella Elementary Education Memorial Scholarship
 The Ric Buxton '75 Memorial Scholarship
 The Dr. A. Barbara Pilon and Albert J. Pilon, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund
 The Dan Gavini Memorial Scholarship
 The Shirley Albert Endowed Scholarship
 The Edith C. & Philip A. Klinglof Scholarship
 The Florence Vivian "Tippie" Holmes Scholarship
 The Gene J. DeFeudis Family Endowed Scholarship
 The Allen and Ruth R. (Sadick) Rubin '52 Endowed Scholarship
 The Dr. Rose D. Haroian Endowed Scholarship
 The Stoddard Endowment Fund
 The Allen and Barbara (Lyons) '59 Levesque Endowed Book Fund
 The Dr. Ruth Griffiths Endowed Scholarship
 The Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship
 Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship
 The Class of 1954 Endowed Scholarship
 The People's United Bank Scholarship
 The Victor and Angelia Rezen Memorial Scholarship
 The Sarah E. Sharbach Memorial Scholarship
 The Class of 1969 Scholarship
 The Margaret M. Curran Endowed Scholarship
 The Dorothy F. McLoughlin Endowed Scholarship
 The Dr. Richard E. and Dolores J. Greene International Human Rights Scholarship

The Alumni Association of the Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Annie Vigeant Scholarship
 The Class of 1960 Reunion Fund
 The Class of 1965 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
 The Gregg '86 and Pamela (Swartz) '87 Rosen Endowed Scholarship
 The Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan, USMC Ret., Endowed Scholarship
 The Eileen and William Mullin Memorial Scholarship
 The McGinn Family Endowed Scholarship
 The Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship
 The Barbara Rose Herman Scholarship
 The Class of 1962 Memorial Scholarship
 The Class of 1967 Endowed Scholarship
 The Charles and Esther Golub Endowed Scholarship
 The Nathaniel Mencow U.S. History Scholarship
 The Don and Mary Jane Howard Endowed Scholarship
 The Arlyn Stahl Berlin Endowed Scholarship
 The Jessie E. Turner Class of 1911 Endowed Scholarship
 The Francis Crimmins Endowed Scholarship
 The Andrew & Sharon McDonald Family Endowed Scholarship
 The Mary D. Tateosian Scholarship
 The Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship
 The Julia Bransby Knowlton Scholarship
 The Dr. Janelle and Ray Ashley Endowed Scholarship
 The James P. McSherry Endowed Scholarship
 The Donald and Mary Moran Scholarship
 The Elizabeth "Betty" Deely Memorial Scholarship



The Dr. Robert M. Spector Endowed Scholarship

The Carol and James Donnelly Early Education and Care Graduate Scholarship

The Phillip M. Wasylean II Endowed Scholarship

The Sharen Cutting Shipley Scholarship

The Kevin David Lyons Memorial Scholarship

The Jacob and Laeh '42 and Gail '68 Aframe Scholarship

The Francis J. Mullin Memorial Scholarship

The Katie L. Fleet Memorial Award for Communication Disorders

The Ruth (Hamley) and Francis Dyson Endowed Scholarship

The WSU "Giving Back to the Average Student" Scholarship

The Vanessa Anne Dunn Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Leonard F. Farrey Memorial Scholarship

The SGA Student Leader Scholarship

The Esther Elizabeth Matthews Global Studies Endowed Scholarship

The Worcester City Hospital Annie Vigeant Graduate Nursing Scholarship

Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship

The Elizabeth W. Carver Memorial Scholarship

The Lois Cofsky Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The Class of 1968 Scholarship

The Samantha Jill Cote Memorial Nursing Scholarship

The Mary and John Ballantine Endowed Scholarship

Robert E. Mullin Scholarship Fund at Worcester State University

The Dr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Boger Endowed Scholarship

The Elizabeth DeWitt Bardsley Memorial Scholarship

The Class of 1964 Scholarship

The John and Priscilla Charron Memorial Scholarship

The Robert Emmett Mullin Graduate Scholarship in Educational Issues and Practices

The John and Kelley (Gallagher) Joseph '87 Endowed Scholarship for Elementary Education

The SPORTS ALIVE Scholarship - In memory of E. Jay Tierney

The Shawn Robert McDavitt and William Luke McDavitt Memorial Scholarship

The Robert Barros Scholarship

The Manning Family Criminal Justice Scholarship

The Vincent '66 and Rosanne (Sullivan) '65 Matulaitis Scholarship

The Maureen C. Stefanini Scholarship

The Mary G. (Kerwin) Locke '18, '58 Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Estelle Blake Endowed Scholarship

The Anne T. O'Malley Scholarship Fund

The Joanne (Doherty) Kerr, Class of 1961, Memorial Scholarship

The James and Sharon Ricciardi Family Endowed Scholarship

The Ann E. Sheehan, Class of 1939, Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The Fred R. and Lillian Anber Aramony Endowed Scholarship

The William and Helen Miller Endowed Scholarship

The Nick and Anna Monfreda Endowed Scholarship

The Mr. Thomas V. Murray '68 Endowed Scholarship

The Kevin R. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

The Dorothy F. and C. Mary McLoughlin Endowed Scholarship

The Cohen-Larrivee Family Scholarship

The Vincent R. DeBenedictis, Professor Emeritus Memorial Scholarship

The Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan, USMC Ret., Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship Program

The Donald F. Cushing '66,'77 and Kathleen M. (Kane) Cushing '65, '71 Endowed Scholarship

The Brendan O'Brien Scholarship

The Dr. Joan Keller Juralewicz and Dr. Richard S. Juralewicz Endowed Scholarship

The David '76 and Ellen M.Ed. '88 Meyers Endowed Scholarship

The Sarah Ella Wilson Memorial Scholarship

The Aaron E. Mastrorio Memorial ROTC Scholarship

The Geraldine Condon Memorial Scholarship

The Leominster Credit Union Endowed Scholarship

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[The Elizabeth and Stephen Wark Scholarship](#)

[The Joseph V. Kane Memorial Scholarship](#)

[The Dimmick Family Scholarship](#)

[The Edwin S. '51 & Margaret M. '58 Titus Scholarship Award](#)

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