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### NOTICE

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017, IN THE THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WORCESTER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LOCATED AT 89 SHREWSBURY STREET, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Notice/Agenda Attachment 1)
- 2. VOTES (Attachment 2)
- 3. APPROVAL OF NOMINEES FOR INCLUSION IN SPEAKERS/AWARDS POOL (Attachments 3A-3I)
  - 3A Memo from President
  - 3B Thomas Halloran
  - 3C Alisan Porter
  - 3D Illyasah Shabazz
  - 3E Mark and Jan Fuller
  - 3F Phillip Wasylean
  - 3G Debra Maddox
  - 3H Sharon Shipley
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- 4. APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREES AT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Attachments 4A-4C)
  - 4A Memo from President
  - 4B Mark Fuller and Janice Fuller
  - 4C Phillip Wasylean
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

Judith A. St. Amand
March 8, 2017

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Trustee George Albro, Chair
Trustee Craig Blais, Vice Chair
Trustee Maryanne Hammond, Vice Chair
Trustee Shirley Steele – (Alternate is Trustee Aleta Fazzone)
President Barry Maloney

### **Executive Committee**

Upon a motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** 

to approve the following nominees for inclusion in the Speakers/Awards

Pool:

Commencement Speaker

Thomas Halloran Alisan Porter Ilyasah Shabazz

**Honorary Doctorate** 

Mark Fuller Janice Fuller Phillip Wasylean

**Community Service Award** 

Debra Maddox Sharon Shipley Patricia Yancey

Upon a motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** 

to approve the awarding of an honorary degree to the following individuals at Academic Achievement Ceremony on April 27, 2017:

Mark W. Fuller, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Janice L. Fuller, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Phillip M. Wasylean II, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

Upon a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED:

to adjourn the meeting at



President's Office Phone: 508-929-8020 Fax: 508-929-8191

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TO:

Members, Executive Committee

FROM:

Barry M. Maloney

President

RE:

Nominees for Inclusion in Speaker/Awards Pool

DATE:

March 7, 2017

I am forwarding to you recommendations I received from the All University Committee regarding speakers and recipients for awards to be included in our pool of candidates. The AUC received the recommendations from the Speakers/Awards Committee and at their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, unanimously approved the following candidates. I concur with their recommendation and ask that you approve the inclusion of these nominees in our pool of candidates.

### **Commencement Speaker**

### Halloran, Thomas W.

President of Voya Financial Advisors, Inc. (VFA), a registered broker-dealer business. The Voya broker-dealer, offers retail financial products, services and support to clients through a network of over 2,200 affiliated representatives across the country. An industry veteran, he has over 28 years of experience with financial advisors in various marketing, product and sales leadership roles. Received a B.S. in business administration from Worcester Stated University in 1988 and an M.B.A. from Boston University in 2000. Tom was formerly a member of the Worcester State Foundation Board from 2000-2007.

### Porter, Alisan

Born to Jewish parents in Worcester, Massachusetts, she is the great-granddaughter of prominent Worcester Rabbi Joseph Klein. Her grandmother ran the Charlotte Klein Dance Center and her father, Ric Porter, was co-founder, lead singer, and songwriter of the Worcester-based band Zonkaraz. She has been singing and performing since age three and at age five, she became the youngest Star Search participant ever to win the competition. She acted in several films as a child and became known for playing the title role in the 1991 movie Curly Sue opposite Jim Belushi. She has openly discussed her battles with alcoholism and drug addiction and has been sober since October of 2007. Alisan sang the National Anthem at the 2016 A Capitol Fourth special at the U.S. Capitol West Lawn and also sang the anthem prior to the nationally televised Sunday Night Football game in Oakland, California in November of 2016. On May 24, 2016 she was crowned the season 10 winner of The Voice.

### Shabazz, Ilyasah

Third daughter of Malcom X and Betty Shabazz. She is an author, most notably of a memoir, *Growing Up X*, a community organizer, social activist and motivational speaker. She was two years old and present with her mother and sisters at the assassination of her father. She says she has no memory of the event and to learn about her father, she read his autobiography as a college student, and enrolled in a class to learn more. She is a graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz and received a master's degree in Education and Human Resource Development from Fordham University.

### **Honorary Doctorate**

#### Fuller, Mark W. and Janice L.

In November of 2009, WSU celebrated the dedication of the newly refurbished Fuller Theatre located in the Shaughnessy Administration Building. This commemoration was made possible by the generosity of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. The Fuller family's history with WSU spans more than six decades as students, faculty, and champions of scholarships, diversity and the arts. The Fullers continued their philanthropic ways by supporting the university's Latino Education Institute, numerous scholarships, other capital projects, and academic programming. They have assumed leadership roles on Boards and committees, always with WSU and its students' best interest at the forefront. They exemplify citizens for others as is evidenced by their leadership at WSU as well as their magnificent involvement on numerous charitable local foundations.

### Wasylean II, Phillip M.

Since his graduation in 1963, he shared his gifts of time, talents, and financial resources with WSU. Serving on numerous alumni committees and boards, he has devoted countless hours listening and addressing our students' evolving needs and those of the institution. A benefactor for thirty-five plus years, he has given freely and generously to the university's scholarship program, endowing numerous scholarships to memorialize professors emeriti and various reunion classes. A pioneer in his own right, he was the first individual for whom a university structure was named, based on the monetary threshold established by the Foundation Board and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees. In 2004, Wasylean Hall was officially unveiled to chronicle the largest bequest in the university's history, a \$1 million life insurance policy.

### **Community Service Award**

### Maddox '82, Dr. Debra

Alumna with a long record of community service, academic accomplishments, and is President of Multicultural Wellness Center. She is a licensed mental health counselor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is also a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed rehabilitation counselor, a certified school psychologist and a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor. She received a B.A. in Psychology from WSU, a M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College and a Psychology Doctorate from Antioch New England Graduate School. Dr. Maddox has been employed in a wide range of mental health and human services settings. She has worked in social, judicial, education and mental health clinical settings. She worked for Department of Children and Families, conducting investigations of abuse and neglect, with an emphasis on children who were sexually abused. Within the judicial system, she worked as a probation officer and also worked as an independent court investigator for the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division. Dr. Maddox has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses and supervised the clinical work of graduate students as a parttime faculty member at QCC and Assumption. She has clinical interest in race, and culture and the impact of culture on adjustment and acculturation.

### Shipley '74, Sharon

Alumna with a career in industry and a record of charity work. Worked for Unilever for most of her career in the military section. She was instrumental in developing programs to enhance the quality of life for military families through promotions that funded scholarships for military children through the Fisher House Foundation and collaborated with Unilever's laundry team to build or refurbish 20 ball fields on military installations. She refers to WSU as the most amazing place and encouraged her two nieces to attend. She is an avid donor.

### Yancey '00, Patricia

Chapter President of local NAACP with a service record in the religious community. Active in the Faith in Worcester Day of Prayer (September 2016) with leaders from diverse communities of faith to include all cultures because that is what Worcester looks like. Married to Dr. George Yancey, first vice president of the local chapter of the NAACP the response was overwhelming.

# Thomas Halloran

President, Voya Financial Advisors, Inc.



Thomas Halloran is President of Voya Financial Advisors, Inc. (VFA), a registered broker-dealer business. The Voya broker-dealer, offers retail financial products, services and support to clients through a network of over 2,200 affiliated representatives across the country. Tom is responsible for the overall management, strategy and growth of VFA, which is currently a top ten broker-dealer in the United States in terms of total licensed representatives.

An industry veteran, Tom has over 28 years of experience with financial advisors in various marketing, product and sales leadership roles. He most recently served as Managing Director at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where he developed advisory solutions for the mass affluent customer segment. Previously, Tom held positions of increasing responsibility at Putnam Investments where he worked for over 21 years.

He received a B.S in business administration from Worcester State University in 1988, and an M.B.A. from Boston University in 2000. He holds FINRA Series 6, 7, 24, 26, 51, 63 and 65 licenses.

Tom is actively involved in the Wellesley Youth Football program. He coached the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wellesley Raiders to a national championship in 2013 beating the West Side Cubs from Chicago 20-7. His team compiled a 63-2 record over 6 seasons. Additionally, he was a member of the WSU 1984 Hall of Fame football team that went 11-0.

Lastly, Tom was formerly a member of the Worcester State University foundation board from 2000 – 2007.

Tom resides in Wellesley MA with his wife Jennifer and their 5 children.



### **ALISAN PORTER**

Alisan Leigh Porter (born June 20, 1981) is an American singer, and former actress and dancer. As a child, Porter made acting appearances in *Parenthood, Stella* and *I Love You to Death*. Her breakout role came in 1991, when she played the lead in the film *Curly Sue* opposite Jim Belushi.

As an adult, Porter pursued roles in musical theatre, including a run on Broadway in *The Ten Commandments: The Musical*. A solo album followed in 2009. In 2016, she auditioned for NBC's *The Voice*, earning a spot on Team Christina. Porter was announced in May as the winner of season 10.

Born to Jewish parents in Worcester, Massachusetts, Porter is the great-granddaughter of prominent Worcester rabbi Joseph Klein. [2] Her grandmother ran the Charlotte Klein Dance Center. [3] Porter's father, Ric Porter, was cofounder, lead singer, and songwriter of the Worcester-based band Zonkaraz. [4] Her mother, Laura Klein, also taught dance, coaching Diane and Elaine Klimaszewski, who appeared on *Star Search* in 1987 in the junior dance category before they became known as the Coors Light Twins. While in Los Angeles for the twins' appearance on *Star Search*, the show's producer heard Porter singing in the hotel lobby and booked her to appear on the next episode. Porter has been singing and performing since age three; at age five, she became the youngest *Star Search* participant ever to win the competition.

Porter acted in several films as a child; she became known for playing the title role in the 1991 movie *Curly Sue* opposite Jim Belushi. On television, she played the youngest daughter of Lynn Redgrave on the short-lived ABC sitcom *Chicken Soup* in 1989. The following year, she was slated to be a new regular cast member on *Perfect Strangers*, but her character was dropped after only one episode.

Porter continued acting at Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut, where she joined a theater group and participated in various shows. While a freshman, Porter portrayed Anita in *West Side Story*, and as a senior played the lead in *Cinderella*. After Porter won *The Voice* in 2016, her former high school drama teacher said she was not surprised by the result. "She blew everybody away" with her performance in *West Side Story*, and "really seemed to get the best out of everybody else. Her energy rubbed off on everybody. She inspired others." [5]

When she was 18 years old, Porter moved to New York to audition for Broadway shows. She was cast as Urleen in the show *Footloose*. Following her move to Los Angeles, [6] Porter starred as Miriam in *The Ten Commandments: The Musical* at the Kodak Theater alongside Val Kilmer, Adam Lambert and Broadway star Lauren Kennedy. *Variety* called her performance of "Light of a New Day" "superb". [7]

In 2003, the band The Raz was formed, with Porter as the vocalist and main songwriter. The Raz split up in 2004. In March 2005, she announced the birth of her new band, The Alisan Porter Project. During 2006, she performed in the revival of *A Chorus Line* as Bebe Bensonheimer at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre in New York City. On October 9, 2009, her independent debut album *Alisan Porter* was released.<sup>[8]</sup>

Porter sang the National Anthem at the 2016 A Capitol Fourth special on July 3 at the U.S. Capitol West Lawn in Washington, D.C. The special was broadcast on PBS. She also sang the anthem prior to the nationally televised Sunday Night Football game in Oakland, CA on November 6, 2016.

# Ilyasah Shabazz

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Ilyasah Shabazz** (born July 22, 1962) is the third daughter of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz. She is an author, most notably of a memoir, *Growing Up X*, community organizer, social activist, and motivational speaker.

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## Early life

Shabazz was born in Queens, New York, on July 22, 1962. She was named after Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam, the religious and Black nationalist group to which her parents belonged.<sup>[1]</sup>

In February 1965, when she was two years old, Shabazz was present, with her mother and sisters, at the assassination of her father.<sup>[2]</sup> She says she has no memory of the event.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Ilyasah Shabazz



Shabazz at the 2014 Brooklyn Book Festival

**Born** July 22, 1962

Queens, New York, United States

Nationality American

Occupation Author, motivational speaker,

community organizer, social activist

Shabazz had an apolitical upbringing in a racially integrated neighborhood in Mount Vernon, New York. Her family never took part in demonstrations or attended rallies.<sup>[4]</sup> Together with her sisters, she joined Jack and Jill, a social club for the children of well-off African Americans.<sup>[5]</sup> She considered an acting career, though her mother was not supportive.<sup>[6]</sup> Her mother instead took interest in trying to keep her father's presence alive, and baked her cookies, which she would break a piece off to give the impression that her father had eaten it before she came.<sup>[7]</sup>

Concerning her father, Shabazz told an interviewer, "My mother always talked about our father, her husband, but ... she didn't talk about these things that defined my father as the icon." [8] To learn about her father, Shabazz read his autobiography as a college student, [9] and enrolled in a class to learn more. [10]

Shabazz was a student at Hackley School.<sup>[11]</sup> After high school, she attended State University of New York at New Paltz.<sup>[12]</sup> When she arrived, other African-American students expected her to be a firebrand. They had already elected her an officer of the Black Student Union.<sup>[9]</sup>

After graduating, Shabazz earned a master's degree in Education and Human Resource Development from Fordham University.<sup>[13]</sup>

## Career

As of 2007, Shabazz worked as Director of Public Affairs and Special Events for the city of Mount Vernon. [13]

Shabazz wrote *Growing Up X*, her memoir of her childhood and her personal views on her father, in 2002.<sup>[14]</sup> A devout Muslim, she made the pilgrimage to Mecca, the *hajj*, in 2006 as her father had in 1964 and her mother did in 1965.<sup>[13][15]</sup>

In 2007, Shabazz was an advising scholar in the award-winning, PBS-broadcast documentary *Prince Among Slaves*, produced by Unity Productions Foundation. In 2015, her young-adult novel *X* was published. [16]

Shabazz is the founder of Malcolm X Enterprises and is a trustee for the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center.

## Personal life

Shabazz is a longtime resident of Southern Westchester, living in Mount Vernon for most of her childhood years, and presently in New Rochelle, New York.

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### MARK W. FULLER AND JANICE L. FULLER

On November 12, 2009, Worcester State University celebrated the dedication of the newly refurbished Fuller Theatre located in the iconic Shaughnessy Administration Building. This commemoration was made possible by the extraordinary generosity of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. The Fuller family's history with Worcester State University spans more than six decades as students, faculty, and champions of scholarships, diversity and the arts. Collectively, the Fullers have witnessed and been an integral part of the transformation of Worcester State University. In fact, Mark Fuller stated on the occasion of the dedication of the theatre that the transformation has been exceptional and amazing. "You are bringing in a full complement of students, I'd argue that you are literally overflowing with qualified applicants who want to come here and get a wonderful education."

The Fullers continued their philanthropic ways by supporting the university's Latino Education Institute, numerous scholarships, other capital projects, and academic programming. So, too, have they assumed leadership roles on Boards and committees, always with Worcester State University and its students' best interests at the forefront. The accolades continue yet the Fuller's never seek the limelight. They exemplify citizens for others as is evidenced by their leadership at Worcester State University as well as their magnificent involvement on numerous charitable local foundations.

Often described as pillars of our society, Mark and Jan Fuller are devoted directors on a multitude of charitable boards including the *Be Like Brit Foundation*, the Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation, the Worcester Education Collaborative, Calliope Theater and so many more.

### PHILLIP M. WASYLEAN II

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." These words spoken by the late Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister of the United Kingdom, are ones by which alumnus Phillip M. Wasylean II, lives.

Since his graduation in 1963, Mr. Wasylean has shared his gifts of time, talents, and financial resources with Worcester State University. Serving on numerous alumni committees and boards, Mr. Wasylean has devoted countless hours listening and addressing our students' evolving needs and those of the institution. Always willing to step up to the plate with cogent ideas, Mr. Wasylean has advanced alma mater's offerings to well align with the twenty-first century public higher education student experience.

A benefactor for thirty-five plus years, Mr. Wasylean has given freely and generously to the University's scholarship program, endowing numerous scholarships to memorialize professors' emeriti and various reunion classes. So, too, Mr. Wasylean has provided leadership funding for our unrestricted endowment, the arts, and academic programming. A pioneer in his own right, Mr. Wasylean was the first individual for whom a university structure was named, based on the monetary threshold established by the Foundation Board and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees. In 2004, Wasylean Hall was officially unveiled to chronicle the largest bequest in the university's history, a \$1 million life insurance policy, from Mr. Wasylean.

Continuing with his legacy of giving, Mr. Wasylean not only endowed a scholarship in his class' name on the occasion of their fiftieth reunion, but also issued a challenge match to the classes

of 1960, 1964, and 1966 on the occasions of their respective reunions! And, to incentivize our young alumni, he proffered a \$10,000 challenge to the classes of 2001 - 2016.

### Phil Wasylean Matches \$100 Gifts

Nov. 19, 2015



Phillip M. Wasylean II '63 says his philanthropic philosophy can be summed up in a Winston Churchill quote: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

One of WSU's most generous benefactors, Wasylean is hoping to encourage other alumni, especially young alumni, to feel the same sense of satisfaction in giving back to their alma mater. To jump start that commitment, he has created a \$10,000 challenge grant that will match the first 100 gifts of \$100 from graduates of the Classes of 2000 to 2015 in support of the Change Lives capital campaign.

"I'm hoping that young alumni will recognize what a great bargain they received with Worcester State's excellent education. I know I do," says Wasylean. "By giving, you become part of the future growth of the university. I hope we can encourage young alumni to meet the challenge and give back to students of the future."

The \$15 million <a href="Change Lives">Change Lives</a> campaign is raising money for student scholarships, academic development, capital projects and equipment, and other University priorities.

Over the years, Wasylean has donated more than \$1 million to benefit students, especially for scholarships. The first of his family to attend college, he credits the preparation he received at Worcester State Teachers College for giving him the foundation to succeed in his 42-year teaching career. He created the Phillip M. Waslyean II Endowed Scholarship to help the next generation of passionate, dedicated teachers make a difference in the classroom.

Over his career, Wasylean taught English, Spanish, social studies, English as a second language, bilingual education, and drama. He was a yearbook advisor, media specialist, and drama director and producer. He was honored at the Kennedy Library in 1993 as the recipient of the JFK Teaching Award. Wasylean led humanities and writing workshops at the local, regional, and national levels, including at the Massachusetts Association for Bilingual Education's annual convention. He also spent 35 years with the Hampton (New Hampshire) Playhouse as an actor and entertainment director.

Wasylean has contributed generously to a scholarship that honors his class—as well as other classes—at reunion time. His goal is to have every class from the 1960s create an endowed scholarship for future students. He has given more than \$30,000 in reunion giving, some in the form of matching gifts to inspire other alumni to follow his example. In recognition of his exceptional loyalty, commitment, and dedication to WSU and its students, he was given the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater. Wasylean Hall was also named in his honor in 2004.

Phil has also made an impact outside of WSU with his philanthropic efforts. For 25 years, he organized "Magic of Christmas," a program that generated donations of thousands of toys for children in South Providence, R.I., and Lawrence, Mass.

The Worcester State Foundation honored Wasylean with the 2015 I. Robert Freelander Award in recognition of his dedication to the ideals, principles, spirit, and benevolence of the late I. Robert Freelander.

Donors can make a \$100 gift in monthly installments, which calculates out to just \$8.33 per month. Or you can pledge \$100 to be paid over multiple years—for instance, \$25 a year for four years. To make a donation, visit <a href="mailto:alumni.worcester.edu/WasyleanChallenge">alumni.worcester.edu/WasyleanChallenge</a>.

For more information about the Change Lives campaign, visit <a href="http://changelives.worcester.edu">http://changelives.worcester.edu</a>.

## **DEBRA MADDOX**

Name of Nominee	Dr. Debra Maddox
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submitted for	Community Service Award
	Nominating DR DEBRA MADDOX, WSU Class of 1982, for Community Service AND/OR Commencement Speaker
brief statement	Dr. Debra Maddox, Psy.D. is the president and CEO of Multicultural Wellness Center.  Dr. Maddox is a licensed mental health counselor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, she is also a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed rehabilitation counselor, certified school psychologist and a Nationally Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.
	Dr. Maddox received a B.A. in Psychology from Worcester State University, Worcester, MA, an M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College in Worcester, MA, and a Psychology Doctorate (Psy.D.) from Antioch New England Graduate School, in Keene, New Hampshire.
	Dr. Maddox has been employed in a wide range of mental health and human services settings. She has worked in social, judicial, education and mental health clinical settings. Within her work as a social worker, she worked for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, conducting investigations of abuse and neglect, with an emphasis on children who were sexually abused. She also provided family assessments. Within the judicial system, she worked as a probation officer, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, supervising individuals who were placed on probation due to a number of illegal crimes. Her work

allowed her to work collaboratively with attorneys, and make recommendations to judges. She also worked as an independent court investigator for the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division. Within her position as court investigator, she provided comprehensive assessment/investigation of cases involving abuse and neglect. She contacted numerous sources and detailed the results in a report to the judge, which also contained recommendations for children, parents and families. She served as an expert witness in her capacity as court investigator on matters of care and protection.

Since 1993, Dr. Maddox has worked in outpatient mental health clinical settings, providing psychological evaluations, consultation and psychotherapy for adults, children and adolescents, in both group and individual modalities. Dr. Maddox also works as a school psychologist, providing psychological evaluations to school

aged children who experience academic and emotional difficulties that impede their learning.

In addition, Dr. Maddox has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses and supervised the clinical work of graduate students in psychology and rehabilitation counseling from roughly 2005 to the present time, as a part-time faculty member at Quinsigamond Community College and Assumption College. She has also supervised the clinical work of other mental health professionals at community mental health centers and as a private clinical supervisor.

Dr. Maddox has clinical interest in race, and culture and the impact of culture on adjustment, and acculturation. Dr. Maddox also has clinical experience in the treatment of adults, adolescents and family therapy. She is trained in the area of trauma informed care, treatment of addictions and is certified in EMDR.

## **SHAREN SHIPLEY**

Field	Value
Your Name	Cody Riedle
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submitted for	Honorary Degree fand Commission Sylvering
brief statement	I would like to honor my aunt Sharen Shipley who is an amazing woman and is an amazing inspiration. She graduated from Worcester State in 74' and her education here set her life up for an amazing career. She worked for unilever for most of her career, in the military secection and was instrumental in developing programs to enhance the quality of life for military families through promotions that funded scholarships for military children through the Fisher House Foundation and collaborated with Unilever's laundry team to build or refurbish 20 ball fields on military installations. She has is always talking how Worcester state is the most amazing place and she turned me
	and my sister on to coming here and it was a great desicion. She is also an avid donor to the school.

### **PATRICIA YANCEY**

	THRIGH TARGET
Name of Nominee	Patricia Yancey
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submitted for	Community Service Award
	Nominating Patricia Yancey, WSU Class of 2000, for Community Service
	Telegram & Gazette, Sept. 24, 2016
brief statement	WORCESTER — Religious leaders from an array of local faith- based institutions will gather Tuesday on the steps of City Hall to pray.
	Dr. George Yancey, first vice president of the local chapter of the NAACP, said among those attending the Faith in Worcester Day of Prayer will be leaders from diverse
	communities of faith, including Baptist, Buddhist, Catholic, Episcopalian, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, and Seventh-day Adventist, as well as non- denominational ministries and cultures such as African, African American, Latino and Haitian.
	"We wanted to include all cultures because this is what Worcester looks like," he said.
	NAACP chapter president Patricia Yancey, who is married to Dr. Yancey, said they have received an overwhelmingly positive response to the event.

Rabbi Michael Swarttz of Beth Tikvah Synagogue will signal the start of the program at 5:30 p.m. by sounding the shofar. Mayor Joseph Petty will give opening remarks.

Faith in Worcester Day of Prayer Prayer Leaders The Rev. Leonard Cowan Melissa Myozen Blacker, Roshi Boundless Way Temple The Rev. Francy Duran Worcester Central Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Sister Marie Judith Dupuy Haitian Apostolate Ministry Rabbi Aviva Fellman Congregation Beth Israel The Rev. Jesse Gibson Throne of Grace International Ministries The Rev. Roosevelt Hughes Jr. John Street Baptist Church Brother Stephen Ives

Worcester Islamic Center

The Rev. Dimitrios Moraitis

St. Spyridon Orthodox Cathedral

Msgr. Francis Scollen

St. Peter's Catholic Church

The Rev. Clyde Talley

Belmont A.M.E. Zion Church

The Rev. Aved Terzian

Armenian Church of Our Savior

Elder Esau Vance

Worcester Black Clergy Alliance

Worcester Friends Meeting

Fifteen local men and women of the cloth will each lead the gathering in prayer.

They will pray for intervention in a host of social ills, including drug addiction, hunger, homelessness, poverty, racism and violence. They will pray for city leaders, police, firefighters, teachers, youth, families, businesses and economic development and equal prosperity. They will pray for all people who live and work in the city and that they treat one another with compassion, dignity, respect, love and tolerance.

"Most people recognize the NAACP and know we are leaders for social justice and civil rights, but sometimes they forget where this work is rooted — in humanity and compassion," Ms. Yancey said. "In this world of growing hostility and divisiveness, and with animosity growing within Worcester, we thought it was time for a different voice to be heard. Worcester is in need of prayer — all of our prayers."

Dr. Yancey, who heads the Religious Affairs Committee of the NAACP, said in addition to prayers, the Rev. Leonard Cowan will give a brief history of immigration in the city.

The event will also feature a patriotic musical performance by Lydia Fortune and Tom Conner, as well as wrap up with children from various houses of worship singing "God Bless America."

He said plans for the gathering were not prompted by recent police-involved shootings, but have been in the works for several months.

"As we look at all the challenges in the city, state and country, we think it is time to try to bring people together, and if we are going to go through some kind of healing, we think people of faith should be in the forefront of that," said Dr. Yancey, a semi-retired veterinarian who is married to Patricia.

Another goal, he said, was to promote dialogue among the leaders, of which more than 60 were sent invitations.

"We want everybody to come and by bringing all these faith leaders together, I'm hoping they get to know each other a little bit better."



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**Executive Committee** 

FROM:

Barry M. Maloney, President Law M. aklany

RE:

Approval of Honorary Degrees at Academic Achievement Ceremony

DATE:

March 7, 2017

I am recommending the awarding of an honorary degree to the following individuals at our Academic Achievement Ceremony, scheduled for April 27, 2017 at Mechanics Hall. The nominees were vetted through the Speaker and Awards Committee and the All University Committee. I concur with their recommendation and submit the following for your approval:

### Fuller, Mark W. and Janice L.

In November of 2009, WSU celebrated the dedication of the newly refurbished Fuller Theatre located in the Shaughnessy Administration Building. This commemoration was made possible by the generosity of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. The Fuller family's history with WSU spans more than six decades as students, faculty, and champions of scholarships, diversity and the arts. The Fullers continued their philanthropic ways by supporting the university's Latino Education Institute, numerous scholarships, other capital projects, and academic programming. They have assumed leadership roles on Boards and committees, always with WSU and its students' best interest at the forefront. They exemplify citizens for others as is evidenced by their leadership at WSU as well as their magnificent involvement on numerous charitable local foundations.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the community and to WSU, I respectfully request your approval of the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, to Mark W. Fuller at our Academic Achievement Awards ceremony on April 27, 2017.

In recognition of her outstanding service to the community and to WSU, I respectfully request your approval of the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, to Janice L. Fuller at our Academic Achievement Awards ceremony on April 27, 2017.

### Wasylean II, Phillip M.

Since his graduation in 1963, he shared his gifts of time, talents, and financial resources with WSU. Serving on numerous alumni committees and boards, he has devoted countless hours listening and addressing our students' evolving needs and those of the institution. A benefactor for thirty-five plus years, he has given freely and generously to the university's scholarship program, endowing numerous scholarships to memorialize professors emeriti and various reunion classes. A pioneer in his own right, he was the first individual for whom a university structure was named, based on the monetary threshold established by the Foundation Board and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees. In 2004, Wasylean Hall was officially unveiled to chronicle the largest bequest in the university's history, a \$1 million life insurance policy.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the community and to WSU, I respectfully request your approval of the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, to Phillip M. Wasylean II at our Academic Achievement Awards ceremony on April 27, 2017.

#### MARK W. FULLER AND JANICE L. FULLER

On November 12, 2009, Worcester State University celebrated the dedication of the newly refurbished Fuller Theatre located in the iconic Shaughnessy Administration Building. This commemoration was made possible by the extraordinary generosity of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. The Fuller family's history with Worcester State University spans more than six decades as students, faculty, and champions of scholarships, diversity and the arts. Collectively, the Fullers have witnessed and been an integral part of the transformation of Worcester State University. In fact, Mark Fuller stated on the occasion of the dedication of the theatre that the transformation has been exceptional and amazing. "You are bringing in a full complement of students, I'd argue that you are literally overflowing with qualified applicants who want to come here and get a wonderful education."

The Fullers continued their philanthropic ways by supporting the university's Latino Education Institute, numerous scholarships, other capital projects, and academic programming. So, too, have they assumed leadership roles on Boards and committees, always with Worcester State University and its students' best interests at the forefront. The accolades continue yet the Fuller's never seek the limelight. They exemplify citizens for others as is evidenced by their leadership at Worcester State University as well as their magnificent involvement on numerous charitable local foundations.

Often described as pillars of our society, Mark and Jan Fuller are devoted directors on a multitude of charitable boards including the *Be Like Brit Foundation*, the Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation, the Worcester Education Collaborative, Calliope Theater and so many more.