

Call for Class Agents



The WSC Alumni Association would like to hear from alumni interested in serving as class agents. Over 90 individuals representing 49 class years currently serve as class agents. Classes can be represented by more than one agent.

Launched in 2001, the Class Agent Program connects our alumni with their classmates and the College. Agents are volunteers who act as liaisons between their classmates and WSC.

Responsibilities of class agents include: bi-annual correspondence with classmates; generating enthusiasm toward and support of Alumni Office initiatives; gathering employment information on classmates; helping the Alumni Office generate a pool of nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Awards and vacant seats on various boards and committees; and much more!

If you are interested in becoming a class agent, inquire today at alumni@worchester.edu or 508-929-8141.

what's happening

JANUARY

- 17** Alumni Association's Advisory Board Meeting
- 18** Lancer Club Bus Trip to the Celtics
- 29** Class Agent Night at the Men's & Women's Basketball Games vs. Bridgewater State

FEBRUARY

- 16** Men's Alumni Basketball Game
- 21** Alumni Association's Advisory Board Meeting
- 23** Women's Alumni Basketball Game
- 28** Wine & Cheese Social For Communication Sciences & Disorders Alumni
- 29** Alumni Evening at the Worcester Sharks

MARCH

- 27** Naples, Florida Alumni Chapter Event
- 30** Deerfield Beach, Florida Alumni Chapter Event

APRIL

- 3** Alumni Association's Advisory Board Meeting
- 5** Student Center 30th Anniversary Celebration
- 9** Young Alumni Wine Tasting Event
- 17** New York Alumni Chapter Event
- 29** Class Agent Meeting



Spring Sun & Fun

Our Florida Alumni Chapter Events are just around the corner! If you plan to be in the Naples or Deerfield Beach areas in late March, and would like to join President Ashley at one or both events, please call the Office of Alumni Development at 1-888-WSC-ALUM for details.

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alumni alert

YOUR SOURCE FOR WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Class Leaves an Indelible Mark on WSC

The Class of 1957 is the latest group of alumni to launch a reunion-gift campaign to benefit WSC students.

Donald and Elaine Cousineau, Claire Cunningham, Paul Davis, Joyce George, Eleanor Haskell, Ed McGovern, Mary Moran, Claire Perry, and Patricia Taylor spearheaded an effort to raise more than \$10,000, a goal that would enable the naming of a classroom, in honor of their 50th reunion. A gift of this magnitude grows the Worcester State Foundation's unrestricted fund, which is utilized to support the

College's most pressing priorities.

An impressive 69 percent of the Class of 1957 responded to their appeal.

Members of the Class of 1957 chose to honor their beloved advisor John F. Eager by dedicating Room 221, located in the Education Department in the Sullivan Academic Center, in his memory. Class members and Education Department faculty and support staff filled the room on November 29, 2007, for a formal dedication.

Eager wore many hats at WSC. He was a natural and earth sciences professor, chair of the

Biology Department, associate director of Continuing Education, faculty advisor, and highly acclaimed baseball and basketball coach.

At the dedication ceremony, Eager's former advisees remembered him as "such a caring person" and "a real gentleman."

"This is our way of giving thanks to Mr.

Eager," said Class Agent Claire Cunningham.

Ed McGovern joked that Eager recruited all his basketball players in the first floor of the Administration Building. At 6-feet, 4-inches tall, McGovern was one of those players. Paul Davis, Ed.D., said, "I was privileged to know Jack as a student and as a colleague." He told his classmates two humorous stories about Eager's employment experiences prior to joining the WSC faculty and staff.

President Dr. Janelle Ashley commended members of the Classes of 1957 for their generosity.

This is the latest honor for Eager. The Sullivan amphitheater was dedicated in his memory as the John F. Eager Memorial Lecture Hall in 1986. He was inducted into the WSC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.



Members of the Class of 1957, Education Department faculty and staff, and President Ashley gather outside Room 221 in the Sullivan Academic Center.

Inside...

- Leonard J. Morse to be honored
- Florida events announced
- Nomination forms enclosed

Get the latest WSC news & register for upcoming alumni events at the WSC online alumni community today!

<http://alumni.worchester.edu>

- Update your personal information and submit Class Notes!
- Chat online with WSC alumni!
- Make a gift to the 2008 Annual Fund via our secured server!

To register, visit <http://alumni.worchester.edu> and click First Time Log-In. Select your record and enter your Constituent ID number, which is printed above your name on the mailing label of this *Alumni Alert*.



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Dear Fellow Alumni:

One of the privileges I've had as president of the Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board is being a part of the College's new major gifts initiative, **Opportunity for a Lifetime: A Campaign for the Future of Worcester State College.** With a goal to raise \$10 million in private gifts by June of 2010, this campaign offers an exciting challenge to WSC alumni as well as friends.



I have long been impressed with the growing support for scholarship aid among my fellow alumni—for good reason. I learned, and maybe you did too, at the Distinguished Donors Reception on October 18, 2007, that last year's total scholarship aid of \$436,000 was 29 times higher than the amount the Worcester State Foundation awarded just nine years ago!

This incredible momentum truly gives me hope that my fellow alumni will rise to the occasion presented by the **Opportunity for a Lifetime** campaign and play a crucial part in raising an additional \$4 million for scholarships as well as \$3 million for academic development initiatives and \$3 million toward the Worcester State Foundation's endowment. While this may seem like a daunting goal at first glance, the **Opportunity for a Lifetime** campaign is structured to offer donors a way to address needs of the College with their desire to make a difference at their alma mater.

This campaign is working in tandem with the foundation's Annual Fund, giving you a traditional way to be involved with this initiative. In addition, all donations given through June 30, 2010—to the Annual Fund or **Opportunity for a Lifetime** campaign—qualify for the state match of 50 percent.

Meanwhile, I continue to take great pride in working with a number of fellow alumni to enhance the Alumni Association. Our Class Agent program gets stronger every year. (We now have more than 90 agents!) The Reunion Weekends remain popular with alumni. The Young Alumni Program continues to flourish, as do our annual New York and Florida Alumni Chapter events.

This is a very exciting time to be involved with my alma mater. I look forward to the challenges ahead and to meeting and hearing from you.

Steven J. Ward '76
President,
Alumni Association's Advisory Board

The 2008 Annual Fund crosses the threshold of its second half with encouraging gains over last year's strong results. Gifts to the Annual Fund are essential to creating opportunities for WSC students via scholarships, library resources, student-faculty initiatives, and more! A key goal of the Annual Fund is to capture the 50 percent "state match" for each gift received. Opportunity knocks! May we count on you? You may make your gift online at www.worcester.edu/donate (click on the Donate Now button), by

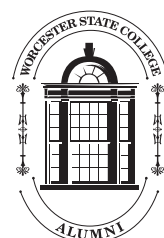
mailing it to Worcester State Foundation, ATTN: 2008 Annual Fund, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602, or by calling 1-888-WSC-ALUM.

The Student Center/Student Activities Office is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Student Center this year. The opening of the building on April 3, 1978, allowed the College to offer expanded leadership and employment opportunities for the student body. On Saturday, April 5, 2008,

all alumni student leaders and former student center employees are invited back to campus for *The 30th Anniversary Reception for Alumni Student Leaders & Former Student Center Employees*. For more information, please visit the online alumni community at <http://alumni.worcester.edu>, or contact the Alumni Office at 508-929-8141 or alumni@worchester.edu.

The WSC Alumni Association is seeking friends on MySpace and Facebook! Join the growing number of WSC alums who are reconnecting with each other and the WSC Alumni Association by visiting www.myspace.com/wscalumni and www.facebook.com. Questions or suggestions for the Worcester State College Alumni Association pages? Contact Tara Hancock at alumni@worchester.edu.

The Alumni Alert is produced in January and June by the Worcester State College Office of Alumni Development. Check out the Alumni Website at alumni.worcester.edu. Contact us at 508-929-8141/888-wsc-alum or alumni@worchester.edu.



Reminiscence, Rejoice, Reunite! Reunion 2008
Mark your calendars now and please join us!



Reunion Weekend

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2008

May 30

Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament

May 31

Reunion for the Classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 & 2003

June 1

Golden Grads Luncheon Classes of 1930-1958

Homecoming Festivities

Hundreds of alumni, friends, students, and parents filled the WSC campus on October 19-21 to celebrate Homecoming Weekend 2007.

An overflowing crowd attended the weekend's kickoff event, the 22nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, on the evening of October 19. Five standout Lancers were honored: Ed Titus '51, Bert Bolduc '61, Anthony Price '98, Renee Marcotte '99, and Eric Swedberg '02.

Memories of two years of wash-out Homecomings were erased with

the strong sunshine throughout most of Saturday. This was certainly a welcome change for those participating in alumni tailgating and family fun activities, including a moonwalk and face-painting.

At 4:30 p.m., alumni and friends gathered at Coughlin Field to cheer on the WSC Lancers as they played the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The Lancers held a 10-6 lead early in the second quarter before Coast Guard exploded for 40 unanswered points to defeat the hosts. Following the

conclusion of the football game, a spectacular fireworks display illuminated the sky above Coughlin Field.

The Senior Capping/Fall Honors Convocation ceremony on Sunday concluded the event-filled weekend. As the keynote speaker, alumna Jill Dagilis '78 encouraged the Class of 2008 to think about several "important strategies for life:" remain flexible, continue with lifelong learning, seek out role models and mentors, live life to the fullest, and have fun along the way.

"I encourage you to always reach out to your parents, teachers, and mentors for advice and to say 'thank you' for their lessons, love, support, and encouragement," she said.

Dagilis has spent her career in public and community service. She currently is the executive director of the Worcester Community Action Council. For 25 years prior to joining the Worcester CAC, Dagilis held various positions with the City of Worcester. She is also an active, involved alumna as a member of the Worcester State Foundation Board of Directors.



Scholarship Tea to Honor Dr. Leonard J. Morse



Leonard J. Morse, M.D., has dedicated his life to improving the health of humankind, be it as a physician, a leader on the national, state, and local level, or an author, editor, or presenter. A renowned infectious disease expert, Morse's contributions to society will again be acknowledged when he becomes the guest of honor at WSC's 2008 Scholarship Tea on Sunday, May 4.

While many members of Morse's generation are enjoying a leisurely retirement, Morse shows no sign of slowing down. He has served as the

City of Worcester's commissioner of public health since 2002, a professor of clinical medicine at University of Massachusetts Medical School since 1995, an affiliate faculty member of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Nursing since 2006, a medical consultant for Unum Co. of Worcester since 1997, an honorary member of St. Vincent Hospital's and UMass Memorial Hospital's medical staffs since 1997, to name several current positions.

Morse continues to dedicate his time to many causes, including membership on the Massachusetts Medical Society's History and Judicial Committee and the AIDS Project Worcester's Board of Directors. He is also a charter member

of the Worcester State Foundation. His numerous accolades include two of the Massachusetts Medical Society's most prestigious awards, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Grant V. Rodkey Award.

A graduate of Athol High School, American International College, and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Morse resides in Worcester with his wife, Maxine. The couple has four children.

"The College is delighted to honor Leonard Morse's lifelong work to advance the understanding of infectious diseases," said Thomas M. McNamara '94, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

2008 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Select ONE Award Category:

- Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Community
- Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education
- Distinguished Professional Achievement
- Outstanding Service to Alma Mater
- Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award

Name of Nominee: _____ Class Year: _____

Present or most recent job title: _____ Organization: _____

Reason(s) why Worcester State should honor: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Telephone Number: _____ Nominator's Email Address: _____

This form, along with all written supporting documentation, must be received by February 1, 2008. Please mail to:

Tara A. Hancock
 Associate Director of Alumni Development
 Worcester State College
 486 Chandler Street
 Worcester, MA 01602

NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S ADVISORY BOARD

The Alumni Association's Advisory Board of Worcester State College is accepting nominations for the vacant seats on its board of directors. Directors are elected to serve two consecutive three year terms. Those elected will assume office on July 1, 2008.

In accordance with the Alumni Association's Advisory Board bylaws, at the second-to-last meeting of the year, the Nominating Committee of the Board shall present a list of vacancies and a list of candidates to fill the vacancies. The Alumni Association's Advisory Board will vote at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year to elect candidates for board vacancies. There are four vacancies effective June 30, 2008.

To apply, please submit a letter of intent and all supporting documentation to:

Tara A. Hancock
 Associate Director of Alumni Development
 Worcester State College
 486 Chandler Street
 Worcester, MA 01602

The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15, 2008.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Candidate/Class Year: _____

Sport(s): _____

Nominated By: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____

It is required that you include a brief summary of the candidate's qualifications in support of each nomination. You may use the space below or a separate piece of paper. The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee reserves the right to make its own independent inquiry and selects the inductee(s) for each year's Hall of Fame Class.

**WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S ADVISORY BOARD'S MISSION STATEMENT**

The alumni of Worcester State College are a vital segment of the College community. The advice and support of the alumni body have been integral elements of the growth of Worcester State College over the past century. The expertise, experience, resources and support the alumni offer to Worcester State College will be even more crucial to the College as Worcester State advances through the 21st century as a leading public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board is the representative body to the College for thousands of Worcester State alumni. As such, the Board's responsibility is to serve as the liaison between the alumni and the various elements, offices and officers of the College community. As the representative body, the Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the College for the alumni.

The Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board also serves the College by promoting current programs and offering assistance to departments within the College.

The Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board also has an active interest in assisting the current students and future alumni of Worcester State as well as its current alumni.

To best represent all alumni of the College, the Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board seeks diversity in its membership. The Worcester State College Alumni Association's Advisory Board seeks members from as wide a span of graduating classes as possible and from as wide a range of educational degrees and levels as possible.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and Office of Alumni Development are accepting nominations for inductees to the Worcester State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Inductees are honored at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. Nominations should be submitted to:

Office of Alumni Development
Worcester State College
486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602

Nominees must qualify in one of the following three categories:

Alumni of the College

- Participated in a varsity sport at WSC
- Graduated from WSC more than 5 years ago
- Made an outstanding contribution to WSC Athletics

Contributor to the College

- Demonstrated outstanding commitment and/or service to the Athletic Program at WSC
- May or may not possess a degree from WSC

Varsity Team

- Competed in or won a post-season championship (Annual Conference Champions in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference will not be considered as the sole contribution.)
- Team must have competed more than 10 years ago

Please fill out and return nomination form printed on back to the above address by November 1, 2008.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards, the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College on an alumnus or alumna. The Worcester State College Mission Statement is the foundation for the awards, which are presented in five distinct categories:

- **Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Community:** for an alumnus/alumna who performs outstanding and praiseworthy service in the interests of humanity and seeks to promote justice within his/her community.
- **Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education:** for an alumnus/alumna who contributes significantly to the intellectual life of those whom he/she has served. He/she is recognized by colleagues as greatly accomplished in the field of education.
- **Distinguished Professional Achievement:** for an alumnus/alumna who, as a leader in business, professional or civic life, lives by the highest intellectual and ethical standards. The individual's private business or professional affairs are imbued with hard work and integrity.
- **Outstanding Service to Alma Mater:** awarded to an alumnus/alumna who exemplifies exceptional loyalty, commitment and dedication to the College. The alumnus/alumna is widely recognized by alumni for his/her enduring affinity and volunteerism to the College.
- **Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award:** awarded to an alumnus/alumna, under the age of 40, who has demonstrated a promising degree of worthy accomplishment. He/she values teaching excellence and has achieved outstanding personal or professional accomplishments that reflect honor on the College.

Nominations and all supporting documentation **must be submitted in writing** to the Office of Alumni Development by **February 1, 2008**. In order to be eligible for nomination, individuals must be Worcester State graduates who have not received an honorary degree from the College. Current Worcester State College trustees and Alumni Advisory Board directors are not eligible while in service on the boards.

The nominations and selections committee will review the nominees' credentials and make recommendations to the vice president of institutional advancement to be forwarded to the president. The committee is comprised of the assistant vice president of institutional advancement and the executive committee of the Alumni Advisory Board.

The twenty-third annual Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner will be held on May 8, 2008.

Please fill out and return nomination form printed on the back with all of the nominee's supporting documentation.

The George I. Alden Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year the College will recognize a current full-time WSC tenured or tenure-track professor who has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to teaching that is grounded in academically challenging, motivating and supporting students.

Name of Faculty Nominee: _____ Academic Department: _____

Your name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please check: Current Student Alumni Class of _____

Please elaborate on any of the following qualities of the professor you are nominating:

- What has this professor done to make your educational experience at Worcester State memorable?
- Describe the reasons why you believe this professor demonstrates teaching excellence in the classroom, and why s/he should be recognized for her/his efforts.
- What strategies did this professor use to help you learn and develop an appreciation for the subject?
- Are there any of your achievements that you would attribute to this professor?
- How has this professor fostered creativity in her/his lessons or assignments?
- Has this professor involved you in research or scholarly activities?
- Describe the ways the professor has inspired you and your classmates as learners.
- Any additional qualities including commitment to teaching and learning as demonstrated through her/his scholarship, research, advising, outreach, etc.?

This form may also be found online at community.worcester.edu.

You may use the reverse side or attach additional sheets to this form; however, all forms must be sent to the address below.



The George I. Alden Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee
Office of Academic Affairs
Worcester State College
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602

Nomination Form Deadline: February 15, 2008