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

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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.
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BY THE NUMBERS

The Worcester State Foundation received a total of $4.5 million from 4,017 donors. 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.

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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.

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<td>1,421 constituents were contacted by a member of our team to check in during the uncertain time</td>
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<td>896 constituents received a special outreach to show our appreciation of their donations of time, talent and/or financial resources</td>
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<td>1,670 constituents received a personal solicitation in the form of handwritten notes and anniversary cards</td>
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<td>15,846 constituents received video email solicitations</td>
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<td>532 donors received a personalized video thank you from a Worcester State student</td>
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<td>890 donors were acknowledged with a telephone call or note from our office within 48 hours of receiving a donation</td>
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<td>6,391 business records of our alumni were updated using LinkedIn</td>
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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.

Hade Dabbagh ’21  
Recipient of the Drs. Lillian R. Goodman and Mary K. Alexander Endowed Nursing Scholarship

“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.”

Charlotte Cheny, M.S.N. ’23  
An E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Scholar for public health nurses

“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.”

Christian Santiago ’21  
Recipient of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation Scholarship

“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.”

Jafet Ortiz ’20  
Recipient of The Vanessa Dunn Academic Major Award in Criminology
A SNAPSHOT OF SUPPORT

Who supported Worcester State

How that money supported university priorities

How the money is invested
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. Klingolf 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 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 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 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
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The William and Helen Miller 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-Larri Vive Family Scholarship
The Class of 1964 Scholarship
The John and Priscilla Charron Memorial Scholarship
The Vincent R. DeBenedictis, Professor Emeritus Memorial Scholarship
The Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan, USMC Ret., Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship Program
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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
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The Neil and Jo-Anne Cronin Endowed Scholarship
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The Office of Multicultural Affairs Scholarship Fund
The Casey A. O’Malley Scholarship
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