

“The College is deeply committed to our shared community”

When I arrived in 2007 as the 13th president of Wellesley College, I quickly came to understand and appreciate the excellent relationship between the College and the Town of Wellesley. Five years later, I am pleased that we continue to enjoy that close connection, as you can see through the wonderful examples in this publication.

I fully believe that it is the responsibility of a college or university to contribute to the larger community of which it is a part. At Wellesley, we value our partnerships with community organizations and local businesses. We enjoy collaborating with the town on issues of environmental sustainability. We are pleased to be able to open our campus to residents for myriad intellectual and cultural events throughout the year. And it is always a pleasure to see so many people strolling along the paths and walkways that wind through our beautiful campus.

As you read through the pages inside, I hope you will agree that our faculty, staff, and students contribute to making the Town of Wellesley the special place that it is.



H. Kim Bottomly
President, Wellesley College



Supporting the Town of Wellesley



Aerial view of Wellesley College

Each year, Wellesley College makes direct and indirect contributions to the town of Wellesley, ranging from payment of property taxes to the purchases made at local businesses by students and employees.

Since 1928, when the town of Wellesley and the College entered into an agreement related to the tax status of property owned by the College, Wellesley has paid property taxes on a portion of its holdings.

In 2012, Wellesley College paid \$856,400 in property taxes, making it the town's fifth largest taxpayer. The College also paid \$13,005 in fees for various permits, inspections, and licenses from the town.

The College works in close partnership with many municipal departments, most notably on issues of public safety and energy. For example, this past year the College committed \$150,000 to the Wellesley Fire Department toward the purchase of a new \$855,000 ladder truck.

Two hundred twenty-eight Wellesley College employees, whose salaries total more than \$17.3 million, live in the Town of Wellesley itself. Our other 1,105 full- and part-time faculty and employees—as well as nearly 2,400 students—contribute to town revenue by patronizing local businesses.



This spring, the College agreed to purchase 5 percent of our electricity from the town's renewable energy sources, helping Wellesley become the first EPA "Green Power Community" in Massachusetts.

Being a Good Neighbor



Wellesley College's Galen Stone Tower

Wellesley College and Babson College provide support for the **Wellesley Community Children's Center (WCCC)**, a private nonprofit organization located on land provided rent-free by the College. The WCCC serves 93 children, 35 of whom are Wellesley residents and 31 of whom have a parent employed by Wellesley College. The WCCC also provides after-school care to 280 children in the Wellesley Public Schools through its relationships with the school district and the Wellesley Public Library.

The Wellesley College Child Study Center, a preschool that also serves as a laboratory for students in the College's Psychology Department, provides preschool education opportunities for up to 46 children. Children of faculty and staff of the College—and from Wellesley and surrounding towns—attend our program. In addition, the Child Study Center and the WCCC provide training to Wellesley student volunteers and Massachusetts Bay Community College students in their student teacher practicum for their credential in early childhood education.

The College makes available 55 community garden plots, known as the **Weston Road Garden Club**, where for a nominal fee local residents can lease a plot to grow produce and plants. The College's

student-run Regeneration Farm also has a plot there and, with other garden members, contributes fresh seasonal produce to local food pantries every week.

Wellesley College also makes available, maintains, and provides utilities for the building that is the **ABC House**, a residential home for 10 young women from urban areas throughout the Northeast who, through a partnership with the Town of Wellesley, attend Wellesley High School. We provide ongoing support to these girls by providing tutoring services, SAT preparation, and even swimming lessons when needed.

Wellesley College is one of the founding partners and ongoing sponsors of **World of Wellesley**, a local community organization dedicated to making Wellesley a community where diversity is welcomed and celebrated. Through World of Wellesley, the College offers events for both the campus and local communities that explore different cultures, faiths, and ways of life.

Since 1990, the College has participated in the **Wellesley Bee**, the **Wellesley Education Foundation's** annual fundraiser. In addition to sending a team of faculty, staff, and students to participate in the spelling bee, the College contributes nearly \$4,000 a year to the foundation.

Arts and Cultural Offerings

You're Invited

Wellesley College hosts more than 250 cultural and educational events each year, almost all of which are free and open to the public. Recent lectures have featured innovator and social entrepreneur **Amy Smith**; **Maleeha Lodhi**, former Pakistani Ambassador to the United States and Great Britain; and **Anne Patterson '71**, former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan. This fall, we look forward to hosting **Douglas Elmendorf**, head of U.S. Congressional Budget Office; **Nathan Englander**, one of *The New Yorker's* "20 Writers for the 21st Century"; and **Sheryl WuDunn**, author with **Nicholas Kristof** of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*.

Join the mailing list for the Wellesley Arts Calendar:
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Wellesley's Music Department sponsors more than 60 performances each year, including the very popular Christmas Vespers concert in Houghton Memorial Chapel. This past semester saw performances from the award-winning Triple Helix Piano Trio to George Lewis in concert with Vijay Iyer, one of the most exciting jazz artists on the contemporary scene.

The Davis Museum, with its array of outstanding exhibitions, extensive permanent collection, and many gallery talks and special lectures, is free and open to the public all year long. Last year, the Davis mounted critically acclaimed exhibitions—including Kay Sage and Yves Tanguay's surreal world to Radcliffe Bailey's *Memory as Medicine*. This fall, the Davis honors the College's extraordinary legacy of collecting and pedagogical leadership in photography with its latest exhibition, *A Generous Medium*. The Collins Café, adjacent to the museum, serves light lunches and snacks to museum and campus visitors.

Theatre is alive and well at Wellesley on its two stages in Alumnae Hall: the Barstow Stage and the more intimate Ruth Nagel Jones Theatre. Throughout the year, there are performances—all open to the public—by student organizations, the Theatre Department, and the award-winning Wellesley Summer Theatre, a professional theatre company.

Town residents are welcome to use the **Margaret Clapp Library** with its collection of more than 625,000 books and periodicals. The library is open to residents for use during the day; borrowing privileges, however, are reserved for those auditing courses at the College.

Educational Opportunities

Heading to Class

Each year, Wellesley College provides tuition scholarships to Wellesley residents who are admitted to the College and have a demonstrated financial need; currently, there are seven **Wellesley Town Scholars**. Applications for the scholarships, which vary in size depending on student need, are available at the offices of the Board of Selectmen.

The College opens a select number of its classes each semester to auditors from the town and surrounding community. **Auditing privileges** are free to Wellesley senior citizens (age 60 and over) and are half-priced for other town residents. Approximately 200 town residents audit courses each year.

Sharing Our Campus

The Wellesley College campus is used for recreation by thousands of visitors each year. Every day, and on weekends especially, hundreds of people (and their dogs!) walk, run, and bike in and around the campus. The path around Lake Waban, with portions owned by the College and the Hunnewell family, is particularly popular.

The Wellesley College Botanic Gardens are campus treasures visited by more than 3,500 people each year. The **Alexandra Botanic Garden** has specimen trees and shrubs from around the world in a picturesque landscape. A tiny brook winds through the garden from a waterfall to Paramecium Pond. The **H. H. Hunnewell Arboretum** has several different habitats, including a maple swamp, meadow, and fragments of different forest types, with mostly native species. Other specialized gardens include a green roof planted with native species, a dwarf conifer garden, and a butterfly garden.

To explore the flora of other climates, visit the **Margaret C. Ferguson Greenhouses** to experience plant life

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Sunday, April 28 Scented Plants

from the deserts of Mexico and Africa to the rainforests of Malaysia and Brazil. The 15 greenhouses are open to the public, without charge, nearly every day of the year.



Boats on Lake Waban

The 500 or so Wellesley residents who are members of the **Nehoiden Golf Club** at Wellesley College enjoy playing on the nation's oldest nine-hole golf course.

Wellesley's athletic program hosts more than 50 intercollegiate competitions each year, all of which are free and open to the public. The College promotes youth sports and fitness opportunities by sponsoring clinics and lessons (available for a nominal fee) in golf, lacrosse, softball, and swimming. The College also partners with the Town of Wellesley's athletic department to support single-day use of facilities and fields.

Did You Know?

The College provides many regular exercise, practice, and competition spaces.

Wellesley at Home
Wellesley High School tennis and golf teams
Wellesley Senior Soccer
Wellesley Recreation Department track programs
Wellesley Swim Association practices
Dana Hall lacrosse, field hockey and golf teams

Making a Difference



Wellesley students run the Young Scientist Neuroscience Lab, a free Saturday afternoon of science for 8- to 12-year-olds.

Wellesley College's commitment to service and civic engagement is embodied in our mission. The College's motto, *Non Ministrari sed Ministrare* (Not to Be Served, but to Serve), is well known—and lived—by students, faculty, and staff alike.

Through the **College's annual charitable-giving campaign**, faculty and employees make regular donations, often through payroll deduction, to four community service organizations: Community Works, Oxfam America, Rosie's Place, and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. In 2011, contributions totaled nearly \$55,000.

The College supports the **Wellesley Education Foundation** annually as a "matching" sponsor, **Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend** annual parade, and the **Wellesley Foundation**. In addition, we provide meeting space for the **Wellesley Club**, a variety of **ABC House** meetings, and the Selectmen's retreat. The College also opens spaces on campus suitable for school field trips.

At the start of the fall semester, more than 300 alumnae, students, staff, and faculty contributed approximately 1,500 hours to 10 different service organizations in the Greater Boston area through Wellesley's annual **A Day to Make a Difference** initiative.

Several of Wellesley's student organizations are devoted to community service. Many other student groups

incorporate service into their regular activities. Below is only a sampling of the many service projects undertaken by students during the past year:

- Nearly 100 Wellesley students volunteer weekly with **Chinatown and Mission Hill After School Programs**. These volunteers work with students in grades one through six to provide tutoring and enrichment for children who attend the Boston Public Schools.
- Twenty-one Wellesley students volunteer as math tutors for fourth and fifth graders in the **Wellesley METCO** program.
- **Wellesley Volunteers** coordinates multiple volunteer opportunities for students throughout the year including food drives, book drives, and projects at area shelters, hospitals, and food banks.
- **Let's Get Ready** volunteers work with students of Framingham High School and serve as SAT coaches as well as assisting high school students with completion of their college applications.
- A few times a year, student volunteers run badge workshops for local **Cadette, Senior** and **Ambassador Girl Scouts** in grades six and up.

In addition to the many activities that the College sponsors, hundreds of Wellesley students, faculty, and employees individually volunteer in their communities—increasing the impact of service exponentially.

Green, Greener, Greenest



Wellesley's Organic Farming blog, source of this photo, was recognized as a top student food blog.

In 2008, the College set five-year **institutional environmental goals** for landscape, water, and energy use, as well as waste management. With one year remaining, the College is on track to meet most of its goals. Moreover, in the spring of 2012, the College supported the Town's effort to be designated the first EPA "**Green Power Community**" in Massachusetts by agreeing to purchase 5 percent of our electricity from the town's renewable energy sources.

The Whittin Observatory renovations were accorded a **Silver LEED** rating this year. Last year, Wellesley College's Alumnae Hall not only earned **LEED Gold**, but also received a **2011 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award**.

The College continues to make its landscape more sustainable by **increasing naturalistic areas** and **removing invasive species**. A significant, ongoing project has been the successful biological control of purple loosestrife via the introduction of Galerucella beetles since 2008. In 2011, **extensive restoration work** was done on the shores of Lake Waban, from the boathouse to Tupelo Point, for more effective stormwater management and erosion reduction into the lake.

Since 1999, the College has **reduced annual consumption** of potable water by more than 36 million gallons—enough to fill 66 Olympic-size swimming pools. And a new well will be brought online next year to serve the Nehoiden Golf Course, helping the college to attain its goal of a 50 percent reduction in potable water consumption by 2013.

In 2011, the College **recycled 64,140 more pounds** of co-mingled paper, cardboard, metals, and white goods than in 2010 for a total of 385,800 pounds. Additionally, Wellesley is one of the only colleges in the country that **recycles Styrofoam**, thanks to a class project two years ago, and 1,400 pounds of it was recycled in 2011.

Finally, Wellesley has **reduced its electrical consumption** by almost 6 million kWh per year since 2003. (According to EPA estimates, this saves enough electricity to power over 780 average households in Massachusetts for a year.) In addition, the College has significantly reduced its usage of #6 oil and **transitioned to natural gas** as the primary energy source.

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