

wellesleyweek



u.s. news, washington monthly give high marks in rankings

U.S. News and World Report has ranked Wellesley fourth among national liberal arts colleges for the ninth year in a row. For the 15th year, Wellesley has placed in the top five schools. While the magazine does not list a separate category for women's colleges, Wellesley ranks as the top women's college in America. This year Williams earned first place, followed by Amherst and Swarthmore.

The magazine also highlights particular outstanding features of different institutions, and Wellesley is mentioned in several of these. Wellesley ranks #6 among colleges with the highest graduation rates (93%); #3 in best value, which relates to "a school's academic quality, as indicated by its U.S. News ranking, to the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid."

Wellesley also rated #3 in racial diversity, which looks at non-international racial and ethnic minority students, #3 in economic diversity, as measured by percentage of students receiving federal Pell Grants; and #9 in the least aver-

age amount of debt among private liberal arts colleges (#11 among public and private liberal arts colleges).

For the second year in a row, Wellesley has placed in the top two liberal arts colleges in the nation by *The Washington Monthly College Guide*.

"Unlike other college guides, such as *U.S. News and World Report*, this guide asks not what colleges can do for you, but what colleges are doing for the country," say the editors.

The Washington Monthly rankings are based on three criteria: "how well [a college] performs as an engine of social mobility (ideally helping the poor to get rich rather than the very rich to get very, very rich), how well it does in fostering scientific and humanistic research, and how well it promotes an ethic of service to country."



wellesley welcomes the class of 2010 to campus

Wellesley has welcomed the Class of 2010 to campus this fall. The 590 new enrollees come from approximately 470 high schools. They were among the 4,099 applicants to Wellesley this year, which is the second highest applicant pool ever. This is Wellesley's third consecutive year of receiving more than 4,000 applications. The admission rate was 35%.

Our new students hail from 45 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (with California sending the largest number of students, at 91). The ALANA population makes up 41.2% of the Class of 2010.

Twenty-five countries, including Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Latvia, Serbia, Slovakia and Vietnam, are represented among our first-year students. Inter-

national citizens make up 7.7% of the class.

Fifty-one percent of Wellesley's new students are receiving financial aid.

Among the Class of 2010 are 17 Elizabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Scholars and 25 transfer students.

In terms of their high school rankings, 84% were among the top 10% and 95% were among the top 20% among those coming from schools that ranked their students. Eleven percent have an alumnae relative, and 10% represent the first generation in their families to attend college.

Public schools graduated 63.3%, while 33.8% come from private/independent schools and 2.4% from parochial schools; .5% were home schooled.

"They are a wonderful group, and I'm looking forward to welcoming them to campus," said Dean of Admission Jennifer Desjarlais.

welcome back!

Opening Convocation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 4:30-5:30 pm in Alumnae Hall's Hay Amphitheatre. Marching in their academic robes for the first time will be Wellesley's new senior Class of 2007, accompanied by the faculty. Participants gather at the Davis Museum plaza (or Alumnae Hall Ballroom in case of rain). Line-up begins at 4:10 pm and the procession starts at 4:15. Welcoming addresses will be given by President Diana Chapman Walsh, Dean of the College Andrew Shennan and College Government President Emily Oxford '07. Following the event, stepsinging, one of Wellesley's cherished traditions, will take place, and refreshments will be served in Tishman Commons at the Wang Campus Center.



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news

professor's historic photos preserve chinese history

Thirty-four years ago, William Joseph, political science, never dreamed that snapshots he took in China would be-



come a cherished memoriam for a city that disappeared. Now his photographs are

part of an exhibit to remember the city of Tangshan, which was wiped out by an earthquake not long after Joseph's visit.

"From time to time, I receive e-mails from people in China saying they recognize scenes from their childhood in my photos, which brings tears to their

wellesley names new director of athletics

Bridget Belgiovine has been named the director of athletics and chair of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Wellesley. She comes to the College after serving most recently as director of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), where she has been a central figure in the governance of Division III collegiate athletics. She has served as president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators and has been a regular speaker at national professional conferences.

"Bridget brings to the position deep and varied experience in intercollegiate athletics, a demonstrated commitment

eyes," said Joseph, in photo at left taken at the exhibit. "Color photos of daily life in China from the early 1970s are rather rare – especially in a widely accessible digitized format."

Joseph took nearly a thousand photos in China, about 150 of which are of Tangshan and the area. "About three or four years ago, I began to digitize them and put them into an online searchable database with financial and technical support from Wellesley," he said. Information Services staff, project leader Michael Hawkins and students in the Knapp Instructional Technology Internship Program helped to make these photos available for the world to see. For more, go to www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2006/080206.html.

to women's athletics and to the value of diversity, and a passionate belief in the contribution that broad-based athletic programs can make to the vibrancy and well-being of a campus community," said Dean Andrew Shennan. Wellesley currently sponsors 12 varsity sports and competes within the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC). For more on Belgiovine, go to the news article at www.wellesley.edu/PublicAffairs/Releases/2006/080906.html.



campus intersection gets overhaul

Changes are in progress for the roadway leading to Christmas Tree Alley, off College Road and across from Stone Davis Hall. The 1998 landscape master plan recommended that this intersection be reconfigured into a "T-type" intersection instead of one with an island. The new configuration, expected to be completed about Sept. 16, will make it safer for pedestrians and drivers. "Please be aware that during this time, as with any roadway project, there may be small raised objects in the roadway (utility covers, for example) and all should drive with care," said Peter Zuraw, director, Physical Plant. "While we will continue to provide all impacted parties updates on our work, bear with us if stormy September weather alters our schedule along the way."

colleagues

in the news

[patrick mcewan](#), economics, has been chosen to be a 2006-2007 National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-doctoral Fellow. The fellowship award of \$55,000 is intended to assist with the fellow's salary replacement and research expenses for the fellowship period. This year, 20 fellows were selected from a competitive pool of nearly 200 applications from scholars of education. The fellowships enhance the future of education research by developing new talent in many disciplines and fields. They are also the oldest source of support for education research, nationally or internationally, for recent recipients of the doctorate.

[wilbur rich](#), political science, has contributed to a cover story in the magazine *Catalyst Cleveland*, "Do Something 'Fundamental' Quickly," on new school leadership by CEO Eugene Sanders, who will have to manage complex relationships with the city's school board and City Hall. Rich was one of three experts on the politics of large urban school districts to weigh in on how Sanders should maneuver. He examined the case of Cleveland in the 2003 book, *Mayors in the Middle: Politics, Race and Mayoral Control of the Schools*, which he co-edited.

[alan schechter](#), political science, has presented a forum, "Soft Power as an Instrument of Diplomacy in an Age of Terrorism," at the prestigious Miller Center at the University of Virginia. Military power can win wars, especially wars between nations, he noted, but is clearly less effective against extra-governmental terrorist organizations. He has studied efforts to reduce tensions and soften stereotypes through the development of organizations and policies that enable mutual understanding among peoples and cultures. He holds a presidential appointment as chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

calendar

monday september 4

labor day. Administrative holiday.

tuesday september 5

first day of classes.

convocation. 4:30 pm, Alumnae Hall Hay Amphitheatre. Reception follows, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. (See story, page 1.)

wednesday september 6

cws senior picnic. 12:30-2 pm, Harris Courtyard, (rain location: Tishman Commons). Info: x2352.

soccer vs. Gordon College. 4 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2003.

cws info meeting. "Fellowships." 5-7 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Info: x2352.

gathering. Unitarian Universalist worship circle. 6 pm, Little

Chapel. Info: x3484.

thursday september 7

cws info meeting. "Tanner Conference." 12:30 pm, PNW 212. Info: x2352.

cws info meeting. "Recruiting for Juniors and Seniors." 7-9 pm, SCI 277. Info: x2352.

friday september 8

cws info meeting. "MIT Air Force ROTC." 12:30 pm, GRH 338. Info: x2352.

cws info meeting. "Recruiting for Juniors and Seniors." 7-9 pm, SCI 277. Info: x2352.

saturday september 9

isr'a/Mi'raj. Islamic tradition.

day to make a difference. Volunteer opportunities on and off campus. (See story, page 4.) Sponsors: CWS; Alumnae Association. Info: x2357.

soccer invitational. Noon, Sports Center. Info: x2003.

tennis vs. Springfield College. 1 pm, Sports Center. Info: x2003.

sunday september 10

day to make a difference. Volunteer opportunity off campus. (See story, page 4.) Sponsors: CWS; Alumnae Association. Info: x2357.

soccer invitational. Noon, Sports Center. Info: x2003.

monday september 11

cws workshop. "Writing Effective Cover Letters." 12:30 pm, GRH 130. Info: x2352.

cws workshops. Résumés. 10 pm, Cazenove, Munger, Severance, Shafer, Tower living rooms. Info: x2352.

ongoing

exhibit. *Spain in Turmoil: the 70th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War.* An exhibit of materials related to how the Spanish Civil War was perceived on campus, prepared by Ariana Gutierrez '08. Main floor exhibition cases, Clapp Library, Archives. Through September. Info: x2128.



save the date!

9/12/06: Campus-wide Fall Fling. See exciting performances, relax during the first week of school and learn about the 100+ organizations on campus. 6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel Lawn. Sponsored by College Government, Office of the Dean, President's Office, Student Activities. Info: eoxford@wellesley.edu.

9/12/06: Administrative Council. 11 am, Academic Council Room, 4th Floor, Green Hall.

9/12/06 and 9/20/06: Study Abroad Info Session for Class of '09. 4:15-5:15 pm, SCI 277. For sophomores interested in studying abroad during junior year. Programs available, application procedures, deadlines and costs will be discussed. Sponsor: International Studies. Info: x2320.

9/13/06: Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and Info Meeting. For Returning Study Abroad Students. 1-2 pm, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Sponsor: International Studies. Info: x2320.

9/14/06: "The Angel of Memory" chamber music concert. 7 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Sponsor: Spanish. Info: x2402.

9/17/06: Flower Sunday. 10:30 am, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Religious and Spiritual Life. Info: x2685.

9/18/06: "Russian and Eurasia Now." 8 pm, PNE 225. Speakers: Professors Ivan Arreguin-Toft, Marshall Goldman, Philip Kohl, Nina Tumarkin. Sponsor: Russian Area Studies. Info: x2602.

9/19/06: Academic Council Meeting. 4:15 pm, Academic Council Room, 4th Floor, Green Hall.

9/19/06: Study Abroad Fair. Noon-3:30, Tishman Commons, Wang Center. Representatives from 30+ study abroad providers will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information about semester and year-long opportunities around the world. Sponsor: International Studies. Info: x2320.

9/21-23/06: Actors from the London Stage, a touring Shakespeare Co, hold weeklong residency concluding with three performances of *Hamlet*: 9/21 at 7 pm; 9/22 and 9/23 at 8 pm, Barstow Stage, Alumnae Hall. Sponsor: Theatre. Info: x2000.



don't miss ...

wellesley celebrates volunteer efforts with 'day to make a difference'

Wellesley's Center for Work and Service and Alumnae Association will hold its seventh annual "Day to Make a Difference" Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10. Alumnae groups participate in service projects in communities around the world. Last year, faculty, staff and union members contributed more than 1,500 volunteer hours to the regional events.

Campus volunteers will meet in Founders Lot to board buses to the projects or go to the site directly. A limited number of spaces are still available. To take part, call Melissa Hawkins at x2357 or x2332 or go to www.wellesley.edu/cws/volunteer/daysites.html. Volunteers take buses to the projects and return for an ice cream party on campus. Each will receive a T-shirt commemorating the day.

This year's projects include volunteer work at Revere Beach, Community Harvest, Cradles to Crayons, Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Freedom House Inc., Greater Boston Food Bank, A Place to Turn, the Stone Zoo, the Peace Abbey and an on-campus planting project. Volunteers should bring a bag lunch. At day's end, they will be treated to ice cream and receive a T-shirt commemorating the event.

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