

Why Wellesley?

At a small school like Wellesley, you have access to so many new things and the opportunity to try them. There's always someone to talk to—a friend, professor, resident advisor, as well as a support system at the Stone Center. You get so much attention. If you're not in class your professor might e-mail you to ask if you're OK. *Maya '04*

My Wellesley friends keep me balanced. The whole experience of first semester is very intense. The academics are hard. Learning to live in small quarters is hard. But getting used to it is something you share with others. I think the sisterhood thing is a big part of it; you become invested in your relationships here and they help turn Wellesley into a home. *Katie '06*

Every year I have some absolutely remarkable students, as smart, hardworking, and committed as you can find anywhere. I learn from them. I sometimes have an impact on them. And some become wonderfully close friends. *Craig Murphy, political science professor*

At Wellesley, I am able to widen my perspective on the world by taking various history classes and discussing issues with students coming from all over the world. This diversity is invaluable to me, and I felt it not only through the broad choice of classes but also through the student body. My closest friends come from Russia, Romania, India, and Mexico, as well as from California and Vermont. Studying in the United States also gave me the ability to question my previous perspective not only on the world but also on my own country [France], and this was possible because of the very liberal atmosphere at Wellesley. *Laure-Anne '04*

The bond that ties the Wellesley community together continues to exist even after graduation. Each alumna that I meet is simply thrilled that I am here right now, and they all offer to do anything to help me out. I have had alumnae offer me help finding a summer job, a place to stay should I ever venture to Texas, and a free lunch if I am ever in town. Alumnae have even approached my mom in grocery store parking lots when they see the Wellesley decal that she proudly displays on her car. I know that wherever I find myself after I graduate next spring, whether it be London, California, or even Boston, there will be a network of alumnae to help me out and provide companionship. Wellesley is like that; it brings people together who otherwise would appear to have no connection. *Kristen '04*

Having gone to all-female schools for most of my life, I wasn't sure that I wanted to attend a women's college. I was deciding between Wellesley and a coed small liberal arts college and

when I asked myself why I was really going to college and what was important to me, Wellesley came out on top in all respects. My advice to prospective students is to look twice at your options before making a decision. There are so many advantages to coming to Wellesley, where the course and internship opportunities abound. *Caroline '06*

Wellesley has been a huge influence in molding my personal and professional aspirations. I really feel that I emerged after four years, having grown intellectually, personally, and in spirit. I would like to thank Wellesley for the major role she played in making me realize and develop my aspirations, as well as in equipping me with the passion, conscientiousness, and confidence with which to achieve them. *Neo '02, a recent alumna*

What About a Social Life?

The cross-college picnic in the fall with Harvard, Boston College, Boston University, and Tufts was a lot of fun. Last year BU brought the food and we picnicked along the Charles River. It was a great way to meet other local students. I also enjoy BC football games, dorm parties at Harvard, poetry slams throughout Boston, and the mix-your-own ice cream place on Commonwealth Avenue. *Jenna '04*

Being at an academically rigorous school such as Wellesley does not mean an absence of a social life. Nor does being at a women's college mean having only an all-female group of friends. However, for me, gaining a coed group of friends required some initiative. I do my best to get involved in intercollegiate groups like ballroom dancing and community service. Others reach outside of Wellesley by being politically active, singing in a choir, going to social events held by their church or cultural organization, or joining an outdoors club. My circle of friends at Wellesley really is one of the most wonderful and comforting things that I have found here. *Katie '05*

You can't help but appreciate that you are near a city with thousands of college students running around. It's great for networking. I have friends at MIT, Harvard, and BU with lots of parties and gatherings. A big social network offers big advantages. *Adria '03*

I love that Wellesley is close to Boston, but not in it. It's a great stress reliever to go dancing, go to fraternity parties, shop with friends, and meet friends of friends at Harvard and MIT. *Mia '03*