Dear Wellesley Fund volunteers,

Greetings from campus! The beginning of the academic year has been incredibly busy as we’ve welcomed in the class of 2020 along with President Paula A. Johnson. President Johnson’s inauguration last month was such a joyful celebration. If you were unable to make it to campus, I encourage you to visit the College’s inauguration webpage which provides both video and text of the moving speeches given in honor of Wellesley’s 14th president.

As we begin the second quarter of FY 2017, I want to share with you this year’s Wellesley Fund goals. Once again, we have been charged by the College to raise $10.5M for both unrestricted purposes as well as current-use financial aid. Our overall participation goal stands at 50 percent, which will keep us in good company with other highly rated institutions like Bowdoin, Davidson, and Amherst. As always, your volunteer efforts and outreach will be critical as we work towards these goals!

We are off to a great start: as of September 30, you have helped us raise over $782K and we are currently at four percent participation—a point ahead of where we were last year at this time! Your Wellesley Fund liaison will be in touch in the next several weeks to assist you in setting goals and a schedule for the coming year. Also, I want to be sure to mention the upcoming 3-day volunteer drive that will be launching on Giving Tuesday, November 29, and running through Thursday, December 1. Be sure to check your mailbox in early November for your volunteer toolbox and detailed information!

Each quarter, I will be sharing with you updates from campus and progress towards our collective goals. I also hope to highlight volunteers and staff members whose fundraising efforts will inspire and encourage you to continue helping us raise critical funds for Wellesley. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your class liaison or to me directly at 781.283.3366 or lchristian@wellesley.edu. Thank you in advance—we could not do what we do here at Wellesley without your support and generosity!

Best regards,

Laura Christian
Director, The Wellesley Fund
Mark Your Calendars

**October 14-16**
A Very Wellesley Weekend! This weekend will encompass Alumnae Leadership Council, the Alumnae Achievement Awards, Family & Friends Weekend, Discover Wellesley, and the Athletics Hall of Fame. [Click here](#) for details.

**October 27**
The Tanner conference provides a venue for students and alumnas to reflect critically upon, analyze, and share their off-campus experiences with others in the College community. The conference explores the learning that occurs through internships, service learning experiences, student teaching, international study, international Wintersession programs, experiential learning in courses, independent study, and research conducted away from Wellesley.

**November 8**
An election night 2016 watch party will be held on campus for the entire Wellesley community—including alumnae! Join us in Alumnae Hall between 8pm and midnight to mark a historic moment. #WellesleyWatches

**November 29-December 1**
The Wellesley Fund is excited to announce our first 3-day volunteer drive with mini-challenges, prizes, and more! This drive will give alumnae volunteers the opportunity to connect with one another, make early strides toward your class goals through a coordinated effort, and recruit new members to join in on the fun! More information to follow in early November.

Welcome Class of 2020!

28% of a record number of applicants (4,888) were admitted into the class of 2020. We are very excited to welcome the 591 students who enrolled in the class, 27% of which were early decision!

Tip: Volunteer Campaigns

Did you know that you can send individual or group emails to your classmates through the website? Locate the Solicitation/Follow-up tab to do so. You can use a pre-loaded email template or create your own. To your classmates, the emails will appear to be sent from your personal email address and all responses are sent directly to your personal inbox. [Login](#) and try it out!

From the Office of Gift Planning

Now that Congress has made it permanent, the charitable IRA rollover is a tax-efficient way for alumnae age 70 1/2 and older to make an annual gift to Wellesley. Gifts of up to $100,000 can be made directly from an IRA and will incur no federal income tax on the distribution. Keep an eye out for a ’51 alumna’s testimonial about IRA rollovers in the class notes section of the next issue of W Magazine!