

**Support your passions and
connect with your
Wellesley community!**

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Let's be *Friends*

Friends groups that support art, the botanic gardens, athletics, and the library, along with religious and spiritual life at Wellesley enable students to gain knowledge and insight outside of the classroom.

Each group helps fund unique experiential opportunities—from athletic team building to learning about environmental preservation to practicing wellness—that all share a common mission: to enhance the Wellesley experience for students.

Strengthen some of Wellesley's most valued programs and support truly transformative education—plus, receive exclusive membership benefits—by joining a group or renewing your membership today!

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Friends of Art

Friends of Art is a group of dedicated alumnae, parents, and friends of the Davis Museum whose commitment to art at Wellesley now spans more than 55 years of giving.

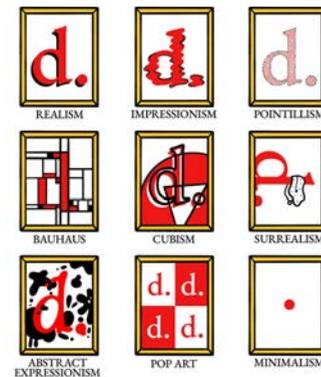
A vital resource for communities on campus and beyond, the Davis Museum is one of the oldest and most acclaimed academic fine art museums in the United States; its signature Rafael Moneo building houses collections that span global history from antiquity to the present. Funds raised by Friends of Art are essential to the Davis’s educational mission at Wellesley and support outstanding exhibitions, exceptional student engagement, innovative public programs, scholarly publications, and important new acquisitions.

In addition, Friends of Art provides ongoing support for student opportunities unique to Wellesley: the Davis Museum Student Advisory Committee, the Student Visitor Assistant Program, the Summer Internship Program, the Student Guides, the Student Initiative Program Fund, and the integration of Culture Connect—a mobile app that highlights student-generated content—into the visitor experience.

Wellesley faculty across diverse disciplines, from studio art and art history to Africana studies, classics, and sociology, use the Davis for teaching and learning. During the 2020–21 academic year, amidst the challenges of transitioning to virtual pedagogy, the museum hosted 88 classes for 1,384 students.

As a member of Friends of Art, you will directly support the Davis Museum’s mission of excellence and inclusion—and our core priorities of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion—by sharing the arts with the Wellesley community and beyond. You’ll also receive special courtesies and invitations to select art-related events organized by active regional chapters across the country.

For more information, including membership levels and benefits, visit wellesley.edu/foa.



“The Davis has given me the chance to explore my interest in art and gain the skills that I need to succeed in the art world. It was wonderful to learn from other students in DMSAC (Davis Museum Student Advisory Committee) and to work with the museum’s curators. Additionally, my summer internship at the Davis has helped me to network with other museum professionals and gain direct experience with developing an exhibition. It’s a unique opportunity to work directly in museums as an undergraduate, and I’m incredibly grateful for my time at the Davis.”

— HELEN REDMOND '21, Former member, DMSAC; Former summer intern, Davis Museum



FRIENDS OF ART MEMBER BENEFITS

Contemporary*: \$50–\$249

BENEFITS:

- Invitations to special Friends of Art members-only events.

Donor: \$250–\$499

ALL CONTEMPORARY BENEFITS PLUS:

- Privileges at over 600 reciprocal museums that are members of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association, Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums, and College and University Art Museums.

Supporter: \$500–\$999

ALL DONOR BENEFITS PLUS:

- Opportunity to schedule a Student Guide tour for up to two guests.
- Museum poster.

Benefactor: \$1,000–\$2,499

ALL SUPPORTER BENEFITS PLUS:

- Opportunity to schedule a Student Guide tour for up to four guests.
- Davis Museum tote bag.

Recent Alumna Patron**: \$500 Patron Society: \$2,500–\$4,999

ALL BENEFACTOR BENEFITS PLUS:

- Invitation to exhibition opening dinners.

Curator’s Circle: \$5,000–\$9,999

ALL PATRON SOCIETY BENEFITS PLUS:

- Invitation to an annual curator virtual meeting.

Director’s Circle: \$10,000+

ALL CURATOR’S CIRCLE BENEFITS PLUS:

- Opportunity to schedule a private luncheon with the museum director.

* Recent alumnae (last five graduating classes) automatically receive a gratis five-year membership
** Five most recent classes

Friends of Wellesley Athletics

Friends of Wellesley Athletics is dedicated to the continued excellence and growth of the College's athletic and recreational programs.

This group of friends supports student-athletes and provides opportunities for alumnae and the College community to pursue a lifelong interest in athletics and fitness. Friends have generously contributed to enrich athletic and recreational activities at Wellesley, such as training trips and gear for varsity athletes, athletic training and travel costs for club sports, and hiring of wellness professionals—including a nutritionist and a sports psychologist.

Funding from Friends of Wellesley Athletics ensures that student-athletes have sufficient equipment and an opportunity to experience high-quality competition at the local, regional, and national levels. The friends also foster connections within the College community through newsletters and emails, invitations to homecoming, reunion gatherings, and special events.

Support these initiatives and more by joining Friends of Wellesley Athletics. For more information, including 2021–22 schedules and rosters, visit wellesleyblue.com.



“Friends of Wellesley Athletics has supported the College’s athletics department and our teams where we need it most. Every year I am grateful to them for helping fund our spring training trip as well as our practice gear. These two things are imperative to the success and daily functioning of our crew team. I am glad that we can count on a group of people who care about our sport and experience as much as we do as athletes. I appreciate that Friends of Athletics seeks to make the student-athlete experience memorable and achievable.”

—ZOË CHENG '21, Former member, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee



“I was the Mildred Lane Kemper Intern in the summer of 2017. I absolutely loved the work I got to do that summer [which] kick-started my career in the horticultural field. I am currently a horticulturist at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Fla., where I work with mainly epiphytic plant material (specifically aroids). While I love the work I am doing, I am hoping to transition into a horticultural career with a broader scope of impact.”

—TAYLOR JAIS '17, Former summer intern, WCBG



Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Gardens

For nearly 35 years, Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Gardens (WCBG) has been committed to sparking interest in plants, horticulture, and the natural environment.

Friends of WCBG provides funds and staff for student programs, field trips, docent training, a certification program in botanical art and illustration, and more. Each fall, the group leads the New Student Plant Giveaway, inviting first-years to visit the botanic gardens and take home a plant for their dorm rooms. Friends of WCBG also helps fund student internships and work-study positions year-round, which include hands-on opportunities to cultivate plants and landscapes, and to lead community programs.

The new Global Flora Conservatory is now being used for classes and research! The College's permanent collection of subtropical plants is housed in a series of mini-ecosystems, monitored with environmental sensors, that create an exciting new platform for student learning. This innovative, rain-fed facility has won multiple architectural awards, including a prestigious international award for sustainable design. Global Flora opened to the College community in 2019, and it will open to the public when Science Center construction is finished in 2022. Additionally, WCBG's 22-plus acres of outdoor gardens continue to be used for exploration, relaxation, and projects like the Edible Ecosystem Teaching Garden, Water Challenge, and Farm in a Box.

Support these student programs and activities, renovated facilities, and more by becoming a WCBG friend today. For information about membership levels and benefits, as well as the latest updates on the Global Flora project, [visit **wellesley.edu/wcbg**](http://wellesley.edu/wcbg).



Friends of Wellesley College Library

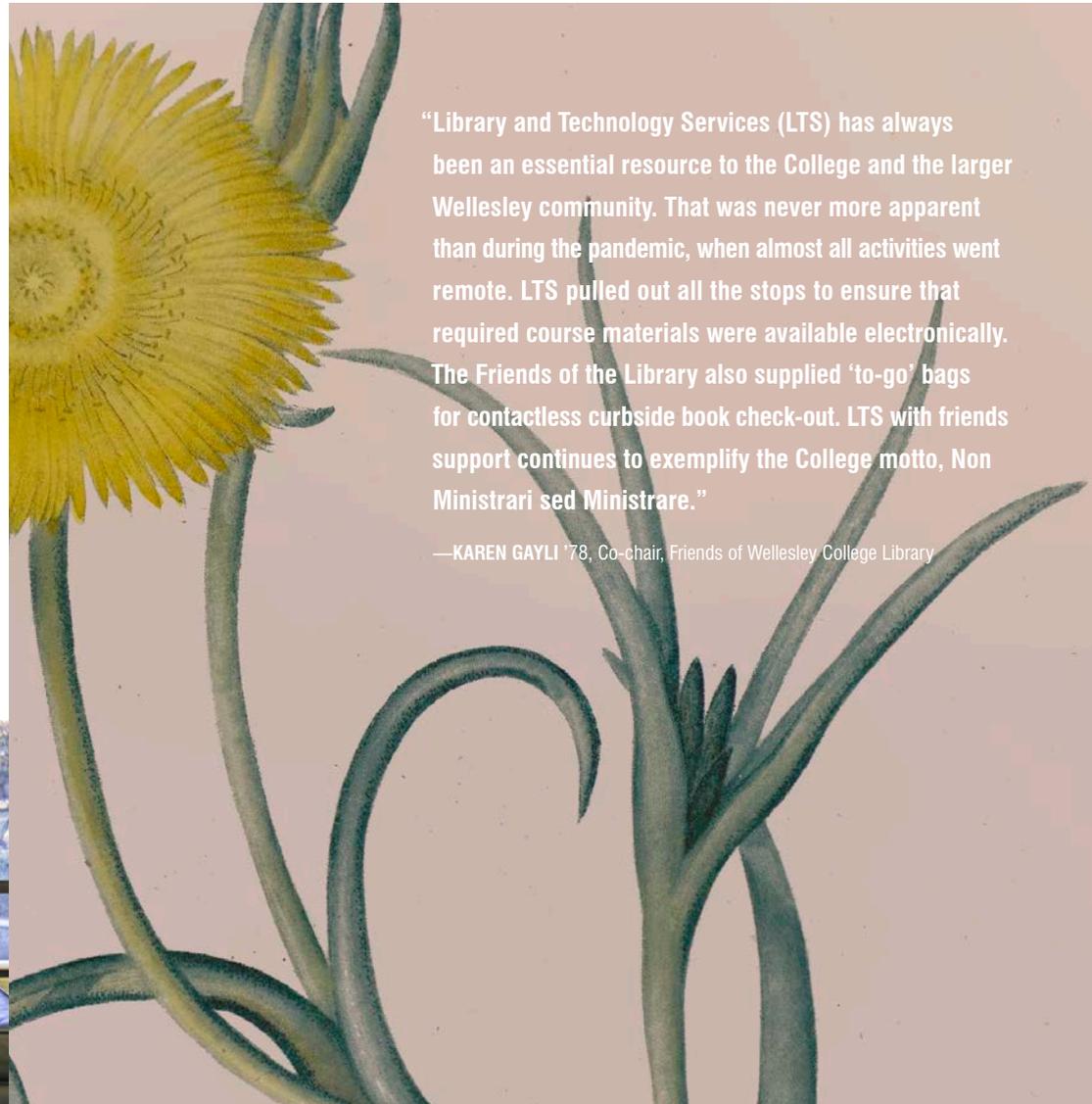
Friends of Wellesley College Library (FOL) is dedicated to enhancing teaching, learning, and research at Wellesley by supporting the College's on-campus network of vibrant, academic hubs.

For more than 30 years, FOL has supported the Margaret Clapp Library—which houses Special Collections, the Book Arts Lab, and the College Archives—as well as the branch libraries for art and music. The group also encourages intellectual exploration by providing the surrounding community with an avenue to learn more about the College's library services.

FOL funding supports the acquisition of new collection materials and the preservation and digitization of the library's unique collections, and it contributes to the intellectual life of the College through library-related programs, such as one featuring Princeton University historian Anthony T. Grafton, who presented on Renaissance printing houses. The FOL recently helped the library acquire a collection of nearly 200 documentary films on a streaming platform, which are being used in courses across the curriculum, and provides funding for the Student Library Research Awards, given to students who develop a thoughtful, methodical, scholarly, and creative approach to research using library resources.

Your membership in Friends of Wellesley College Library will ensure that the College's library—the academic heart of campus—keeps pace with the exponential growth of new information.

To learn more and view membership benefits, such as special invitations to programs and workshops throughout the year, visit wellesley.edu/lts/fol.



“Library and Technology Services (LTS) has always been an essential resource to the College and the larger Wellesley community. That was never more apparent than during the pandemic, when almost all activities went remote. LTS pulled out all the stops to ensure that required course materials were available electronically. The Friends of the Library also supplied ‘to-go’ bags for contactless curbside book check-out. LTS with friends support continues to exemplify the College motto, *Non Ministrari sed Ministrare.*”

—KAREN GAYLI '78, Co-chair, Friends of Wellesley College Library



“The students and the chaplain had clearly cultivated a space of acceptance and friendship regardless of your background. It was really refreshing to meet so many people from diverse backgrounds who shared a common experience. I felt like no matter how involved or uninvolved I was previously, I was always welcome to join, participate, and even lead.”

—SARWA SHAH '24, 2021 Flower Sunday speaker



Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

Religious and spiritual life on Wellesley’s campus is as diverse as the student body itself. The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (ORSL) supports a wide range of opportunities for worship, interfaith dialogue, fellowship, spiritual wellness, and meaning-making. ORSL seeks to equip students to be global citizens who build community across religious lines and engage energetically with difference.

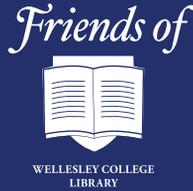
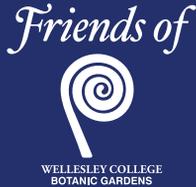
Students now have the opportunity to take a credit-bearing mindfulness course taught by a College chaplain. This exciting addition supports ORSL’s goal of educating the whole person. ORSL has also partnered with the Office of Residential Life to create the Neighborhood Chaplain program, a creative way to connect each chaplain with residential communities through weekly meals, teas, and meetings.

Through its 40 Days of Gratitude and Kindness initiative, ORSL engages students, staff, faculty, alumnae, and the wider Wellesley community in exploring both themes through special programs, meditations, experiential opportunities, and conversations. And during Flower Sunday this year, as first-years were welcomed into the campus community, students enjoyed a socially distanced but fun day outdoors, full of laughter, flowers, and friendship, continuing one of the College’s most beloved traditions.

Your gift to the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life will support robust multifaith programming, foster on-campus religious communities, provide spaces for community connection, and so much more. For more information, visit wellesley.edu/religiouslife.



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