For nearly 35 years, Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Gardens (WCBG) has been committed to sparking interest in horticulture, plant science, and the natural environment. Friends of WCBG provides funds and staffing for student programs, field trips, group tours, educational opportunities for volunteer docents, the Certificate in Botanical Art and Illustration program, and more. Each fall, WCBG friends lead the New Student Plant Giveaway, inviting first-year students to visit the Botanic Gardens and take plants back to their dorm rooms. Friends of WCBG also helps fund student internships and work-study positions.

Construction is well underway on the Global Flora greenhouse project, where a revitalized permanent collection of subtropical plants will be housed in a series of mini-ecosystems monitored with environmental sensors, providing an exciting new platform for teaching and research year-round. The Global Flora project has already won a prestigious international award for sustainable design!

“Working in the botanic gardens has given us an opportunity to literally step outside the classroom and interact with Wellesley in new ways.” – Anna Beyette ’21, Frances Dingivan ’20, and Paloma Quiroga ’21, botanic gardens summer interns

Friends of Art is a dynamic organization, providing more than 50 years of generous giving in support of visual art at Wellesley College. 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 directly support the Davis’s educational mission at Wellesley through robust exhibitions, innovative programs, scholarly publications, and strategic acquisitions. In addition, Friends of Art provides ongoing support of student opportunities unique to Wellesley: the Davis Museum Student Advisory Committee, the Student Visitor Assistant Program, the Student Initiative Program Fund, and the integration of Cuseum—a mobile app that highlights student content to enhance the visitor experience. Wellesley faculty across disciplines utilize the Davis for teaching and learning. During the 2017-18 academic year alone, the museum hosted 98 classes for almost 1,400 students—more than half of the campus population!

Support inclusion, excellence, innovation, and access at the Davis Museum by joining Friends of Art. As a member, you will receive special courtesies and invitations to select arts-related events organized by active regional chapters across the country. For more information, including new membership levels and enhanced benefits, visit wellesley.edu/foa.

Support these student programs and activities, greenhouse renovations, and more by becoming a WCBG friend today. For more information, including membership levels and benefits, as well as the latest updates about the Global Flora project, visit wellesley.edu/wcbg.
Support your passions and connect with your Wellesley community!

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

Friends of Athletics support student-athletes and provide opportunities for alumnae and the College community to discover a lifelong interest in athletics and fitness. More than $700,000 in gifts and awards have been generously contributed by friends over the past five years to supplement athletic and recreational activities at Wellesley, such as training camps and gear for varsity athletics, training and travel costs for club sports, and staffing of wellness professionals—including a nutritionist and a sport psychologist.

Support these initiatives and more by joining Friends of Wellesley Athletics.

Friends of Wellesley College Library is dedicated to enhancing teaching, learning, and research at Wellesley by supporting the College’s on-campus network of librarians, academic units, and friends.

Friends of the Library has provided over 30 years of annual support for the Margaret Clapp Library—Whose Special Collections, the Book Arts Lab, and the College Archives are also located—as well as the branches libraries for art and music. The group also strives to foster intellectual exploration by providing the surrounding community with an array of programming available through the College’s library services.

Funding from Friends of the Library supports the acquisition of new collection materials, as well as preservation and digitization of Library and Archives collections. One recent purchase, a sketchbook belonging to College President Emma Willard, will be used by students learning about American architectural history. Friends of the Library also provides funding for the Student Library Research Awards, established to reward students who develop a thoughtful, methodical, scholarly, and creative approach to research using library resources.

Your membership in Friends of the Library will ensure that the College’s library—the academic heart of campus—is in pace with the exponential growth of new information. To learn more and view membership opportunities, such as special invitations to programs and workshops throughout the year, visit wellesley.edu/rl.

Religious and Spiritual Life on Wellesley’s campus is diverse as the student body. The Office of Religious & Spiritual Life (ORSL) supports a wide range of opportunities for worship, interfaith dialogue, fellowship, spiritual wellness, social action, and meaningful making. ORSL seeks to equip students to be global citizens who build deep and nuanced relationships and engage energetically with difference.

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

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

Friends of Wellesley Athletics impacted every part of my experience at Wellesley. There isn't a single experience that wasn't somehow touched by their generosity and support.”— Olivia Duggan '17

“Friends of Library are essential to the heart of Wellesley’s mission. Its amazing collections, the creativity of its stuff, and their dedication to supporting students and faculty in their research and teaching make it a true contributor.”— Kerry Canale Masteller '01, friends of the library Co-chair

“I was inspired to be open and bold about my beliefs: to live with conviction; to advocate for what I believe is right; to listen to others; and to lose sight of a more peaceful, just world.”— 2018 alternative break program participant

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This year, ORSL has tripled the number of students who can explore the intersections of faith and justice through participation in an alternative break program. Students may travel to the southern United States to engage civil rights or to the border to better understand the immigrant experience. A new, interfaith immersion and service experience in Greece this spring will also be available this year for students who are on campus during spring break.

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