Support your passions and connect with your Wellesley community!

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

Each group provides program funding for unique, experiential learning opportunities—from athletic team building to learning about environmental preservation to practicing wellness—and they all share a common mission: to enhance the Wellesley experience for students.

Strengthen some of Wellesley’s most valued programs and support truly transformative student experiences—plus, receive exclusive membership benefits—by joining or renewing today!
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 are essential to the Davis’s educational mission at Wellesley, and directly support the Museum’s robust exhibitions, student programs and tours, innovative public programs, scholarly publications, and 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 Cuseum—a mobile app that highlights student-generated content—into the visitor experience.

Wellesley faculty across disciplines utilize the Davis for teaching and learning. During the 2018–19 academic year alone, the Museum hosted 100 classes for 1,685 students—more than half of the campus population!

“The Davis is an incredible resource for Wellesley students. Like its jewel-box design suggests, the museum is a treasure trove of art, culture, and knowledge. During classes and lectures, we enrich our understanding by learning directly from objects, as Wellesley women have done for over a century. After class and on weekends, the Davis becomes a space of reflection and celebration for students.”

— Megan McNally ’20, 2019 Davis Summer Intern Coordinator
Friends of Wellesley Athletics

A group of friends dedicated to the continued excellence and growth of the College’s athletic and recreational programs.

Friends of Athletics supports student-athletes and provides opportunities for alumnae and the College community to pursue a lifelong interest in athletics and fitness. More than $750,000 in gifts and awards have been generously contributed by friends over the past five years 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 staffing of wellness professionals—including a nutritionist and a sport psychologist.

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

“Friends of Wellesley Athletics impacted every part of my experience at Wellesley. There isn’t a single experience with the crew team that wasn’t somehow touched by their generosity and support.”

— Olivia Duggan ’17

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

For more information, including 2019–20 schedules and rosters, visit wellesleyblue.com.
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.

The Global Flora conservatory is virtually complete! Our permanent collection of subtropical plants is housed in a series of mini-ecosystems monitored with environmental sensors, providing an exciting new platform for teaching and research year-round. The project has won a prestigious international award for sustainable design. While Global Flora opened to the College community this fall, welcoming the public will have to wait until Science Center construction is finished at the end of 2021. WCBG’s 22 acres of outdoor gardens continue to be used for exploration and relaxation as well as research and teaching projects like the Water Challenge, the Edible Ecosystem Teaching Garden, and Farm in a Box.


Summer interns engage in research projects in the Botanic Gardens.

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.

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“The botanic gardens summer internship is a unique supplement to each of our educational paths we’re pursuing. Our workshops and field trips help enhance these skills while also fostering relationships with each other and with our campus’s natural environment. We’re excited to continue applying the skills we’re building!”

— Ronnie Alvarez-Alfani ’20, Sophia Harrison ’21, Amy Liu ’22
Annalise Michaelson ’21, and McKenna Montminy ’21 WCBG Interns
Friends of the 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.

FOL has provided over 30 years of annual support for the Margaret Clapp Library—where Special Collections, the Book Arts Lab, and the College Archives are also located—as well as the branch libraries for art and music. The group also strives to foster intellectual exploration by providing the surrounding community with an avenue to learn more about the College’s library services.

Funding from FOL supports the acquisition of new collection materials, the preservation and digitization of the library’s unique collections, and contributes to the intellectual life of the College through library-related programs. A recent such program featured Princeton professor Anthony T. Grafton who presented on Renaissance printing houses. The FOL also recently helped the library acquire a collection of nearly 200 documentary films on a streaming platform and those films are used in courses across the curriculum.

FOL 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.

“...The library is at the heart of Wellesley’s mission. Its amazing collections, the creativity of its staff, and their dedication to supporting students and faculty in their research and teaching make me proud to contribute.”

— Kerry Carwile Masteller ’01 Friends of the Library Co-chair

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 courtesies, such as special invitations to programs and workshops throughout the year, visit wellesley.edu/lts/fol.
Students celebrate Flower Sunday, the oldest tradition at Wellesley, where first year “little” students are paired with an upperclass student who will act as their “big” sibling.

Religious and spiritual life on Wellesley’s campus is as 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 meaning making. ORSL seeks to equip students to be global citizens who build community across religious lines 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 Residential Life to create the Neighborhood Chaplain program: a creative way to connect each chaplain with residential communities through weekly meals, teas, and meetings.

This year, ORSL has tripled the number of students who can explore the intersection of faith and justice through participation in an alternative break program. ORSL also sponsors two alternative break trips; one set in southern United States cities allows students to experience firsthand the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement. The other, ‘BorderLinks,’ helps deepen students’ understanding of borders, migration, and social justice.

“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 never lose sight of a more peaceful, just world.”

— Participant Alternative break program, 2018

The Sherwood Windows in Houghton Memorial Chapel, given by friends in memory of Professor Margaret Sherwood, Class of 1885 and restored in 2011 with the generosity of Marion Eddy Wheeler, Class of 1924.
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