

The Inside View

President Anthony S. Caprio Sharing His Perspectives



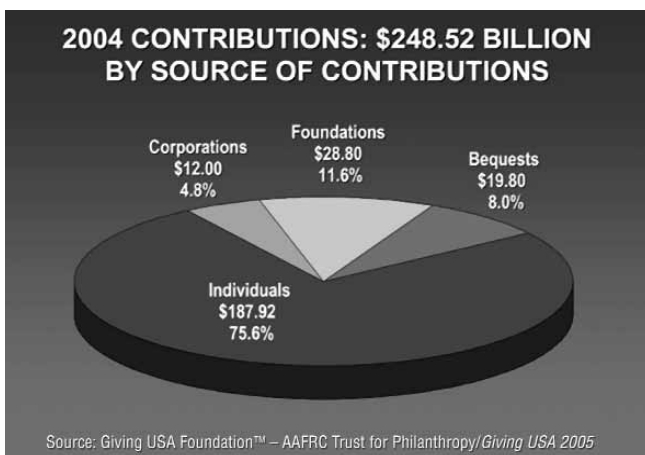
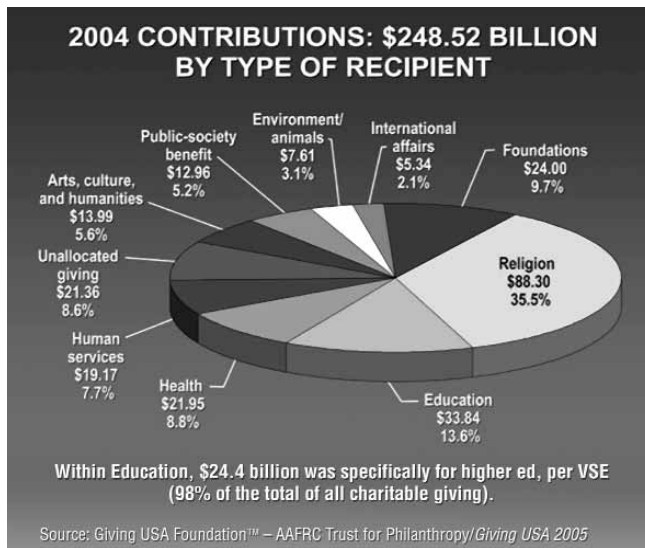
In the past year, we have witnessed the catastrophic effects of the forces of nature and the capacity of the human spirit to rise above such adversity. When our neighbors were in need, America responded, and when tragedy hit home, the global community came to our door. These events serve as powerful reminders of the extent to which we are all inextricably linked as human beings. Despite differences in culture, religion, ethnicity, or politics, we are indeed all members of a global community. The triumph of the spirit of giving has elevated us all as citizens of the world.

In America, we can take pride in the generous character that has helped to define our collective culture. In no other country has philanthropy been as much a part of a long held tradition. Uniquely, too, our government encourages giving by providing tax incentives to us as donors. As a result, through our donation of dollars as well as of time as volunteers, we have been relieving the immediate suffering of our fellow citizens and also helping other ongoing efforts for our betterment and improved quality of life.

We are fortunate that Americans recognize the important role higher education plays in our society and the benefit it brings to individuals. Through education, they are prepared to assume a host of responsibilities in their communities—civic, financial, and familial responsibilities which, when undertaken well, keep the fabric of our American landscape intact and strong.

Western New England College has never wavered on its commitment to provide leaders for today and for tomorrow—individuals who are educated to create and implement comprehensive and effective solutions to pressing community needs. To fulfill our mission and to achieve the important legacy, which we all know to be that of Western New England College, we have increased our efforts to reach more friends, alumni, and donors for support.

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Giving is Changing the Face of

In recent months, many individuals have been asked to support generously in significant ways a variety of academic and student life projects, programs, and enhancements which are essential to the education of our students.

Examples of how such gifts and careful management of the College's financial resources have elevated the quality of the academic, athletic, and social experience of our students are featured in this communication.

New Residence Halls Enhance Living and Learning Environment



Commonwealth Hall

Western New England College offers one of the best on-campus living experiences among its peer institutions. These outstanding residential facilities provide living environments from traditional rooms for freshmen to apartments and townhouses that help prepare seniors for life after college. Today, 92 percent of all freshman students choose to live on campus. Such interest has spurred construction of three residence halls since 1999. The most recent residence facility, Commonwealth Hall, opened in 2005, provides housing, study, and social space for approximately 300 freshman and sophomore students.

Interest in on-campus housing has spurred the construction of three new residence facilities in the last five years. Today 92 percent of freshmen and 78 percent of our students live on campus.

Golden Bear Stadium Ushers in New Era of Athletic Pride



Golden Bear Multipurpose Turf Stadium

This multipurpose athletic field is a major step toward fulfilling our vision for athletics. It provides opportunities to support our students and propel both our athletics program and the College to the next level of excellence. Opened in September 2003, this lighted multipurpose field is part of the Suprenant Field complex and is used by several of the College's varsity teams and by the intramural program. The stadium was built with the support of donations to the Golden Bear Club. The Golden Bear Club is a way for alumni and friends to keep in touch with the athletic programs here, and at the same time show appreciation for student-athletes. All memberships directly support athletics and allow our programs to thrive and continue to improve and grow.

George E. Trelease Memorial Baseball Park a Team Effort



Dedicating the new George E. Trelease Memorial Baseball Park

The George E. Trelease Memorial Baseball Park, opened in 2004, is named in honor of the father of College Board of Trustee member Brian Trelease '67/G'71. The playing surface is known as the Pat Ricci Field in honor of baseball coach Pat Ricci, who led his team to the greatest number of wins in the College's history.

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Other major donors to the project include President Anthony S. Caprio, Donald R. Chase '75, Chicopee Savings Bank, Alan J. Fabian '89, Bruce F. Hambro '74, the Marjorie and Bruce Hambro Family Charitable Fund, the Parents Association of Western New England College, and Director of Athletics Michael Theulen.

D'Amour Library Addition Offers High-Touch, High-Tech Learning



The new television studio in the D'Amour Library addition

The College has recently completed a 6,000 square foot, \$1.9 million addition to the D'Amour Library. Many new technologies featured in this addition will elevate the quality of the educational experiences of not only our current students, but of students for generations to come. The new facilities feature a television studio and editing suites for producing videos, recording faculty interviews for regional and national media, and generating news feeds in our exclusive partnership with WAMC-FM National Public Radio.

The addition also includes a 32-computer Digital Learning Center for information literacy instruction and research, and the spacious Clarke Reading Room realized through a generous bequest of longtime Trustee Arthur H. Clarke and his wife Barbara—parents of Trustee Robert Clarke. It is equipped with wireless technology for laptop users. The new Student Disabilities Room offers specialized technology to assist students with visual, hearing, and cognitive challenges.

Many donors helped to shape this project, including The George I. Alden Trust, The Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation, Davis Educational Foundation, Esther & Irving C. '26 Jacobs, the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund, Stuart Reynolds '41/G'44, and C. Kenneth '56 and Victoria Sanderson.

Renovated D.J. St. Germain Campus Center Hub of Social Activity



The new Food Court in the Campus Center

The College unveiled its renovated "Campus Living Room" in 2004. The major enhancements to the Campus Center occurred in two phases over two years. Phase I included remodeling of the student dining facilities on the second floor to accommodate a new food station-style menu, a new bookstore, the addition of Java City Café, and a convenience store. Phase II involved renovation of facilities on the first floor including the dining area, the Rock Food Court, and the Bear's Den, making the facility the true center of campus social life.

Generous Supporters Increase Financial Aid Opportunities



Scholarship recipient Brenda Malone talks with President Caprio.

The gift of a scholarship, especially an endowed scholarship, is one of the most meaningful ways to help students into the future. Since July 1, 2003, \$1,578,055 has been donated to the College toward financial aid endowment and annual outright scholarships. More than 90 percent of our undergraduate students receive financial aid. There are over 100 named and endowed scholarships awarded annually. The annual Scholarship Donor Recognition reception seeks to bring together donors with scholarship recipients and their families in a unique opportunity to connect with each other.

Support of the Arts Expands Horizons



The Concert Band performs during the spring showcase concert.

The arts are important to us in profound and diverse ways. In creating art, we share with others the complexity of our inner selves, revealing the richness of our spirit. At Western New England College, we support opportunities for students to develop in this special way.

Supporting art and music programs is a way to make a gift in memory of a student or graduate whose life was deeply connected to the arts. Recently, a parent made a gift to fund the purchase of new instruments for the Pep Band in honor of her son who was a member of the Class of 2008.

The Campus Chorus has also received gifts from George David, the Western New England College Parents Association, and Alfred LaRiviere '51/H'95/H'01 who with his wife, Marian, have established an endowed music scholarship.

Recently, Donald Munson, artist-in-residence for the Longmeadow Historical Society, donated six

beautiful pieces of artwork that adorn the walls of the new Clarke Reading Room in the D'Amour Library.

Gifts-in-Kind Provide Unique Giving Opportunity



The new Clarke Reading Room in the D'Amour Library addition

Gifts-in-kind are a meaningful way to complement our intellectual resources and enhance the educational experience of our students.

Gifts-in-kind provide unprecedented opportunities for our students to gain practical experience working with equipment and technology they will encounter in the workplace. Recently, Baystate Health System donated an ultrasound machine to the College, which provides experiential learning opportunities for engineering majors in our Bio-medical Instrumentation Lab.

Trustee Marshall Hart Jr. '65 has also donated engineering equipment through his company MetricTest.

I hope you will be inspired to find your own special way to support the quality educational experience that is uniquely associated with Western New England College.



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