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Inspiration Behind the Artwork

In 2020, Corri Taylor created artwork that was used to raise funds for research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Inspired by that experience, she set out in 2025 to use her paintings of the beautiful Wellesley campus to support a cause close to her heart. The question was: which part of the College should benefit?

For Corri, the answer was simple—students who need a helping hand. As an undergraduate at William & Mary, she faced a difficult financial period herself and was able to continue her studies only because she received a local scholarship at just the right moment. Later, as a faculty member at Wellesley, she met students who faced unexpected financial burdens of their own—some losing parental support, others needing emergency dental care after a rugby injury.

She remembered her friend, Ann Hamilton, sharing stories about the many ways Wellesley Students’ Aid Society (WSAS) supports students in crisis, and she knew WSAS would be the recipient of her fundraising efforts.



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of WSAS,



As the song goes—
“Wellesley, Wellesley,
only to be there. . .”

Those words have
echoed through
generations on
campus, capturing
the spirit of belonging
and shared purpose that
defines our community and

helps us continue to show up for one another—
and for the students of today.

At WSAS, we know that every act of generosity—
no matter how small—can make a lasting
impression. From alumnae who lend their
time and talents, to classes who join together
in giving, each act of support adds up to real,
lasting impact.

Recently, that impact has been extraordinary.
The 50th Reunion Classes of 1973 and 1975
(Go Centennial Class!) made incredibly
generous gifts in honor of their reunion.

Several classes have established funds at
WSAS where their classmates can support
the current students of Wellesley College.

**Because of the remarkable generosity from
Wellesley alumnae, WSAS has been able to
expand its support this year by:**

- Increasing our tuition grant pledge
to **\$800,000** and tuition loan pledge
to **\$700,000**
- Raising the senior gift to all graduating
students on financial aid to **\$500**

- Providing welcome gifts to all
incoming first-years on financial
aid of **\$300**, and students in other
classes to **\$250**
- **Expanding our Student Services
Grants program to include academic
offices**—offering even broader
assistance across campus.

This support does more than meet financial
needs—it reminds every student that they
belong, that they are seen, and that a caring
community stands behind them.

As we look ahead to Reunion 2026, we
invite every class to consider how they,
too, can support WSAS—whether through
a mini-reunion collection, or an individual
donation. Every contribution, large or small,
helps create the kind of lasting change that
defines Wellesley.

Together, we can continue this beautiful
tradition of generosity and ensure that
every Wellesley student feels the strength
of the community behind them.

Please consider making your gift today—
using the enclosed envelope or by donating
online at wellesley.edu/studentsaid/donate.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Ann Sabino".

Jamie Ann Sabino '75
President, Wellesley Students' Aid Society

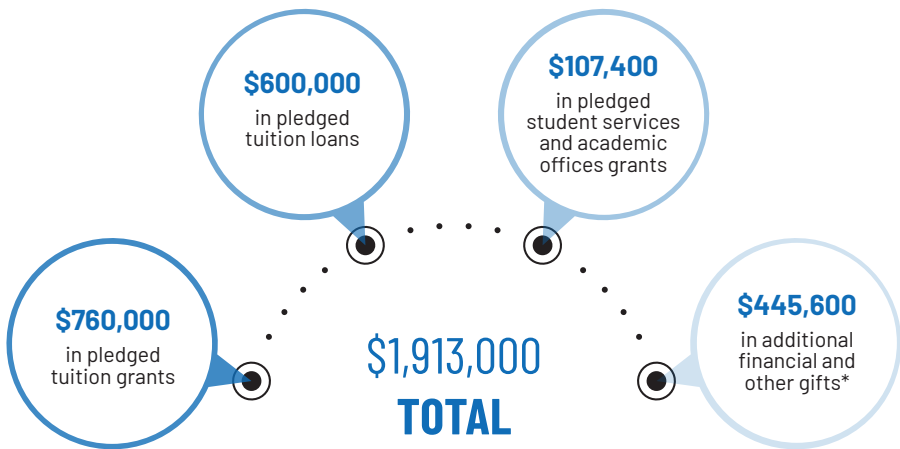


YOUR GIFT MATTERS
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TO MAKE A DONATION

2024–2025 Impact

Supporting today's Wellesley College students means doing more than offering guidance—it means listening with intention. By truly hearing what our students need, we've been able to grow our support each year, increasing essentials like gift card values and providing resources that genuinely matter. When we remove obstacles, we create an environment where a student's full energy can be channeled into learning and growth. It shifts the focus from survival or struggle to discovery and development, allowing them to truly blossom into their potential.

Because of your generosity, WSAS has been able to deepen its impact and, in the 2024–2025 year alone, provide:



** Gifts include funding for medical and other emergencies, support for all students on financial aid (including gift cards for textbooks), senior gift checks and necessities such as winter clothes and linens.*

In 2024–2025, WSAS pledged nearly \$1.4 million in tuition aid, along with \$225,000 in gift cards for textbooks and other learning materials. We also supported opportunities like internships, fellowships, and study abroad.

For the 2025–2026 academic year, WSAS has increased its pledge to the college and committed \$700,000 (increased from \$600,000) in tuition loans and \$800,000 (increased from \$760,000) in tuition grants to the college. This pledge is in addition to the thousands of dollars in emergency funding, no-interest loans, student services grants, and essential resources for students.

STUDENT SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM

WSAS has continued its Student Services Grants program for a 6th year, collaborating with Wellesley College departments to address student needs.

As of May 2025, WSAS awarded 78 grants totaling \$467,550 to help students access critical resources—from financial relief to professional opportunities—ensuring that need never stands in the way of potential. This year’s expansion to include academic offices means even more students can benefit when it matters most.

SPECIFIC GRANTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Wellesley Career Education: \$10,000 for graduate school preparation, offering \$100 awards to help cover application-related costs.

Health Professions Advising: \$9,600 for a cohort supporting underrepresented students in medicine, including transportation funding for program activities.

LGBTQ+ Programs: \$6,000 for gender-affirming gear, benefiting transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming students.

Office of Inclusion & Engagement: \$7,500 for professional development grants, supporting conferences and credentials for underrepresented students.

Office of International Study: \$10,000 for study abroad expenses, including passports and visas, for high-need students.

Office of Student Success: \$10,000 for summer storage fee waivers for first-generation, low-income students.

Phi Beta Kappa: \$3,800 to cover membership dues for students on financial aid.

PERA Physical Education: \$7,000 for PE gear for students with financial need.

Slater International Center: \$4,500 for U.S. work authorization fees for international students and \$3,000 for food accessibility during academic breaks.

"Throughout my time at Wellesley, I benefited from WSAS support through financial assistance that enhanced my academic experience and career opportunities. I notably received support through gift cards, a loan, two grants, and the senior gift.

The back to school Amazon gift cards I received every year allowed me to cover the cost of textbooks for some of my classes. The loan I received last year allowed me to cover my travel and living expenses for a summer internship in advance when the Albright Institute delayed their stipend distribution.

The first grant I received covered the cost of taking the GRE. I am happy to say that I came out of the graduate school admissions process enrolling at Harvard University for a master's degree in Education Policy and Analysis.

The other grant I received covered my travel and living expenses to attend an education industry hiring conference in Philadelphia.

I have so much appreciation for the WSAS for supporting me in ways that set me up for success not only as a student but also for life after Wellesley."

Graduate, Class of 2025

WSAS: Because every student deserves someone in their corner

Founded within Wellesley College and incorporated in 1916, the WSAS was created *"to secure, hold, and disperse funds to be loaned or given to students of Wellesley College whose personal means are insufficient for their support in college."*



"WSAS gifts to me over my 4 years at Wellesley kept me afloat and were a consistent joy throughout. From Amazon gift cards helping me to afford essentials or to buy little things to bring me joy, to emergency loans and the Clothes Closet keeping me safe during difficult times. The work that WSAS does to support students, especially first-gen and low income students like me, is irreplaceable and deeply important. WSAS makes Wellesley. Thank you!"

Sam Elliott '25

"WSAS support in all forms has allowed me to make the most of my Wellesley education. I haven't had to stress out about how I can afford school supplies, where to find and how to afford fancy clothes for conference presentations, or where to find a coat for the winter. Not needing to stress out about things like these has allowed me to fully focus on my education and enjoying the beautiful opportunity to live and study at Wellesley."

Trisha Lopez '25



For more than a century, WSAS has been known for tuition assistance—but our support extends far beyond that. Each year, we commit hundreds of thousands of dollars to help students cover essential, real-life expenses, giving them the stability to stay focused on their education. Here are just a few of the critical needs your gifts and our no-interest loans help address.



"Every year WSAS has made my life a little better. Not only have I been able to get the help and materials I needed to succeed at Wellesley, I was also given the feeling that staff and Wellesley alums could, and more importantly chose to, help me without ever knowing me. This has meant so much to me and I am beyond grateful for all you do for the many students who struggle here. Thank you."

Eve Butterworth '25

"Thank you so much! Every monetary gift was crucial to me walking across the stage. From the Winter Clothing Grant my first year to the Graduation gift WSAS has kept me warm motivated and happy."

Madison Courtney '25



"WSAS has really been an important pillar to my journey in Wellesley! From the Amazon grants at the beginning of the school year, the winter clothing, helping out with OPT application, to paying for my physical therapy, there's a lot I couldn't have done without them. I'm forever grateful."

Fridah Ntika '25

The Power of Your Support

147

YEARS SUPPORTING
STUDENTS

\$150

WINTER CLOTHING GRANT IN FALL 2025
– UP FROM \$100

6

YEARS OF STUDENT SERVICE
GRANTS (BEGINNING IN 2019).
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE
ACADEMIC OFFICES

\$172,500

IN SENIOR GIFTS
DISTRIBUTED TO THE
CLASS OF 2025

\$467,550

IN TOTAL GRANT FUNDING
SINCE 2019

78

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED.
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE
ACADEMIC OFFICES

1,400+

\$150 AMAZON GIFT CARDS
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL STUDENTS
ON FINANCIAL AID

\$107,400

TOTAL GRANT FUNDING IN
2024-2025 FOR STUDENT
SERVICES AND ACADEMIC OFFICES

45%

OF SURVEYED FIRST YEAR STUDENTS USING THE
RESIDENTIAL RESOURCE CLOSET

We always love to receive new or gently used clothing for the WSAS Clothes Closet. With winter coming, those coats, boots, mittens, or sweaters at the back of your closet can bring warmth to a current student. WSAS also accepts unopened personal care items.

All donations are tax-deductible. Items may either be mailed or dropped off. Donors may also shop our wishlist—scan the QR code below!

If you would like to learn more about the extensive programming your donations have made possible—or to donate—please go to our website www.wellesley.edu/studentsaid.

Please follow us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wellesleysas) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/wellesleystudentsaid) to see how we are impacting students.

WSAS WINTER CLOTHING GRANT:

As we enter our sixth winter season, we are proud to share that we have fulfilled every winter clothing grant request—providing 762 grants to date. This vital assistance is in addition to the support offered through the Clothes Closet.

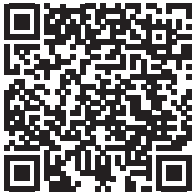
\$76,200

WINTER CLOTHING GRANT TOTAL

On behalf of the generations of students WSAS has supported, we extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our donors. Through your contributions, our students are equipped to step into the world with confidence, resilience, and hope for what lies ahead.

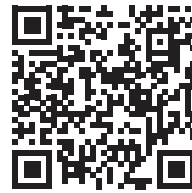
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AMAZON WISHLIST CLOTHES & RESOURCE CLOSETS



Donations can be dropped off or mailed to our Schneider Center office, or you can purchase new items from our Amazon wish list. Learn more at wellesley.edu/studentsaid/donate/clothing.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A DONATION



Support Wellesley students by making a donation online today! WSAS accepts one-time and recurring gifts through the Wellesley College Marketplace. We thank you for supporting our students!

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In Loving Memory

Tracey Bowen Bell

With deep gratitude and much sadness we share the passing of Tracey Bowen Bell, Director, Class of 92.

As a proud alumna and board member, Tracey played a vital role in shaping the story of WSAS, offering vision, compassion, and unwavering dedication. Her leadership and friendship leaves a lasting impact on our community, and her legacy continues to guide and inspire our work every day.



Meet our WSAS Student Assistants



Farangiz Akhadova '27

Hi, I'm Farangiz Akhadova, a junior majoring in Data Science. I'm from New Jersey, and in my free time I love going on runs, spending time with family and friends, and binge-watching shows. This is my second year working at WSAS, and it's been such a meaningful way to support the Wellesley community and connect with students across campus.

Anaejah Battle '27

Hi, I am Anaejah Battle, a junior neuroscience major on a pre-medical school track. I am from Providence, Rhode Island, and I love crocheting, walking, and listening to music. This is my third year working at WSAS and the Clothes Closet, and it has been such an amazing 3 years. I sincerely enjoy helping and meeting my fellow Wellesley Siblings; being part of this influential and vital resource on campus is a great privilege.



Jessalyn Liang '28

Hi everyone! My name is Jessalyn Liang, and I'm a sophomore! I am from western Mass, and I enjoy reading, video games, and ice skating. This will be my second year working at WSAS and the clothes closet, and I am very excited to continue meeting and helping my fellow Wellesley sibs!

Emilia Sandoval '29

Hi everyone, my name is Emilia Sandoval and I'm a first-year at Wellesley! I'm from Pasadena, California. I love to read (comics and novels), listen to music, and I'm interested in psychology. I'm excited to help and meet new Wellesley sibs through this great opportunity!





For decades, Nancy Lou Ratliff '52 has carried a deep connection to her alma mater—and a commitment to supporting the students who walk the same paths she once did. Her iconic Blue Beanie, now seen on students across campus, is more than a hat; it is a symbol of care, warmth, and dedication. Through her thoughtful, ongoing contributions, she has made it her life's mission to give back in meaningful ways. Meet the creator behind The Blue Beanie and discover the quiet power of giving back.

A Gift of Warmth.

There are many ways people choose to support the students of Wellesley College and the Wellesley Students' Aid Society.

Some give generously, others volunteer their time, and a few even include Wellesley in their will. Every act, no matter the size, creates a ripple of impact. One shining example of this spirit is Nancy Lou Ratliff '52. If you've visited campus during the winter, you've likely spotted students bundled up in hand-knit blue beanies proudly marked with a white "W." These hats aren't just warm—they're a symbol of care and community, made possible by Nancy's unwavering dedication.

Seventy-three years ago, Nancy earned her degree in Biblical History—but it's the friendships, traditions, and moments from her time with the Class of 1952 that have kept Wellesley close to her heart ever since.

As an undergraduate, Nancy knit herself sweaters to weather the chill of Massachusetts winters. Now, she knits hats for Wellesley students, her hands falling into

a rhythm first learned in her Tennessee classroom at age 8, when local mothers taught her to knit during World War II. Despite her eyesight challenges today, Nancy continues to knit with love—for local schoolchildren and Wellesley students alike.

In her time at Wellesley, Nancy lived off campus at Washington House with the other first-year students and fondly remembers riding their bikes together to get to class when the weather was nice and bracing against the bitter cold in winter months. At that time, freshmen were required to take a speech test, which, to her chagrin, she did not pass. Nancy attributes the failing grade to her Chattanooga accent, but the same roots that gave Nancy her drawl also granted her the perseverance that she needed to prevail as an excellent student, nonetheless.

For as long as she can remember, her father encouraged Nancy and her sisters to never pass up an opportunity to learn and instilled in them an unrelenting work ethic. That mindset followed

A Legacy of Love.

Nancy to Wellesley. By her second year, she was challenged to learn Hebrew and Babylonian cuneiform—the only one in her class to do so. Not all academic hurdles were as intense, though. Nancy remembers the then-mandatory equestrian and rowing requirements with more affection.

"...it's the friendships, traditions, and moments from her time with the Class of 1952 that have kept Wellesley close to her heart ever since."

Now 94 and living in southern Mississippi, Nancy remains deeply involved. She founded the Mississippi Alumni Club—where she serves as president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and sole member—and proudly represents Wellesley at college fairs when the opportunity arises. She also creates photo books of the campus and contributes her cherished "Thought for the Day" to Wellesley magazine.

Nancy's generous spirit reminds us that small acts, done with great love, can leave a lasting legacy. Her story shows how even the simplest gestures—offered consistently and with heart—can come together to create something truly meaningful. It's a reminder that supporting Wellesley doesn't have to be grand to be powerful. Often, it's the quiet, steady contributions that make the biggest difference over time. We thank Nancy for her unwavering dedication, her warmth, and the example she sets for us all.

Our wonderful WSAS student assistant
Farangiz Akhadova '27 showing off
Nancy's blue beanie
Photo credit: Kat Longee



Financial Statement

THE WELLESLEY STUDENTS' AID SOCIETY, INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS

	JUNE 30, 2025	JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$977,908	\$930,296
Loans receivable	\$1,527,414	\$1,287,431
Investments	\$50,909,156	\$46,946,134
Prepaid expenses, software, furniture	\$519	\$1,061
Contribution receivable		
Accrued interest receivable	\$19,227	\$22,994
TOTAL ASSETS	\$53,434,224	\$49,187,916
NET ASSETS		
Total unrestricted	\$52,592,811	\$48,415,137
Temporarily restricted	\$795,713	\$726,139
Accrued expenses	\$45,700	\$46,640
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$53,434,224	\$49,187,916

The Wellesley Students' Aid Society applies the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Board of Directors has designated as unrestricted scholarship funds all permanent funds donated to the Society without restriction on the use of income earned on investment of the principal fund balance. The income earned thereon is available to unrestricted general funds to assist in funding the operations of the Society.

A provision is made for doubtful loans when they are determined to be uncollectible.

The Society has committed \$1,500,000 for financial aid to students at Wellesley College during the academic year 2025–2026. Of this amount, \$800,000 will be given in the form of scholarships and \$700,000 as student loans repayable to the Society.

The above statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets as of June 30, 2025, has been derived from the Wellesley Students' Aid Society, Inc.'s audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Celebrate with us in 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the WSAS Annual Celebration on May 24th—it was an inspiring and meaningful day. We are grateful to Wellesley College President Paula A. Johnson for taking time out of her busy Reunion Weekend to speak about the collaboration between Wellesley College and WSAS and share her commitment to making Wellesley College accessible for all.

One of the most moving moments came from our student speaker Lauren Triolo, who spoke about how WSAS stepped in to help with unexpected medical and dental expenses—reminding us why our mission matters and how deeply these acts of support can change a student's life.

We hope you'll join us again next year's Annual Celebration on Saturday, May 23, 2026, during Reunion Weekend. Details will be shared on our website soon!



"Only a couple of months after moving my entire life to Wellesley, I realized how sorely unprepared I was for a New England winter. It took some death defying footwork on the icy crosswalk on Washington Street to convince me to ask for help — and WSAS was there, waiting with a Winter Clothing Grant, as if they had known all along that I would slide myself into their office. When I showed up at the CVS on Linden and realized I didn't have enough in my bank account to cover my prescriptions, there was that email from WSAS in my inbox, reminding me of the Davis Scholar Lifeline Grant. "Lifeline" is definitely an apt title.

And WSAS continued to be there every time a new financial obstacle presented itself. Language course require a \$100+ dollar license to submit homework? There's a grant for that. Emotional Support Cat needs more food/litter? There's an Amazon gift card waiting for you. Even when I shattered my four front teeth narrowly avoiding a classic Wellesley Driver, WSAS was ready to cover the \$8,400 dental bill with a \$5,000 grant and a short-term loan for the rest. And, when I lost my job and couldn't continue making payments on the loan, they were ready to forgive the remainder and afford me a peace of mind I hadn't felt in decades.

My story, while unique, is not atypical. Plenty of Wellesley students rely on and appreciate the financial support available through the Students' Aid Society. When I mentioned to friends that I would be speaking here today, each and every one of them told me a story where WSAS swooped in to the rescue, and to thank you all personally on their behalf."

Lauren Triolo is a recent alumna of Wellesley College, thousands of miles away from her home town of San Bernardino, California. She was the first in her family to attend college, beginning her journey at Columbia University in New York and ending it with a bang at Wellesley. As a Davis Scholar, Lauren studied Sociology, and spent countless discussions bringing her own lived experiences into conversation with theoretical texts in Pendleton East. You can find the full text of Lauren's powerful speech on www.wellesley.edu/studentsaid/events

BECAUSE
YOU
GIVE

"WSAS has been such a huge support throughout my four years at Wellesley. They are so thoughtful and keep students in mind in every step of the college journey. For example, when I first came to Wellesley, WSAS gave me a winter clothing grant because I came from a country with a warm climate. A more recent example is that I faced a big challenge when my laptop stopped working early on in a semester. I reached out to WSAS for support, and they helped me find a quick and easy financial solution to get a new one (a mixture of a grant and short-term loan). Everyone I have spoken to or met from WSAS has been incredibly kind and welcoming to me, and I want to thank them for all the work they do and for being an integral part of my Wellesley journey! I am looking forward to giving back to this amazing initiative."

Graduate, Class of 2025



Photo credit: Graduate, Class of 2025

WHY THIS COVER MATTERS *(continued)*

To turn her paintings into a fundraising tool, Corri produced colorful posters with information about WSAS printed on the back. She covered the printing costs herself and distributed the posters widely, inviting recipients to learn about WSAS and consider making a gift. The approach worked—several people immediately donated the suggested contribution of \$20, and others were inspired to give even more after hearing why the cause mattered to Corri.

The posters are now available at the WSAS office for a suggested donation of \$20.

Corrine Hansen Taylor, joined Wellesley College's Department of Economics in 1998, immediately after earning her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She primarily taught Introductory Microeconomics, Public Economics, and Statistics in the Social Sciences for the College.

In her fourth year at Wellesley, she became Director of the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Program, a position she held until her retirement in 2020. An important component of this role was teaching QR and statistics to students, and additionally, guiding faculty — in departments from Biology to Education — to enhance their curricula and existing courses with applied statistics and QR.

After retiring early (due to illness), Prof. Emerita Taylor had time to return to a favorite activity: painting. She created mixed-media paintings, some of which are displayed in the Women and Gender Studies' office, the Economic Department, and the QR and Writing Programs. She enjoys frequent walks with colleagues on the Wellesley campus. Often she takes photos on those walks, and several of the photos have inspired paintings. The "Four Seasons" poster displays one acrylic painting of campus from each season.

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