

## **Alumnae Trustee Report June 4, 2016**

The Wilson College Board of Trustees met on Oct. 22– 4, 2015; Feb. 18–20, 2016; and May 13–15, 2016.

### **Academic Affairs:**

- A new Faculty Senate structure was approved.
- Learning management system will switch from Moodle to Canvas for enhanced reliability and adaptability.
- New masters level online programs added: Masters of Science Management; Masters of Health Care Management Sustainability; Masters of Accountancy.
- Nursing program accreditation expected in Spring 2017, after review this June and onsite visit in Fall 2016.
- New agreement with Widener University allows Wilson Master of Nursing (MSN) graduates to enter the Widener nurse practitioner degree program.
- 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement was held Sunday, May 15 on the main green.

Degrees Awarded:

25 Bachelor of Arts	45 Bachelor of Science
6 Associate of Arts	24 Master of Education
2 Master of Accountancy	3 Master of Arts in Humanities

- There were 36 certificates given for the Teacher Intern Program/Post-Baccalaureate Instruction.
- Five students were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society: Nicole Bodulow, Christina Gonzalez, Anna Harutyunyan, Lindsey Sutton, and Han Yan.

### **Enrollment Management and Student Development:**

- The college had the highest enrollment in many years: 397 traditional; 282 Adult Degree Program; 234 graduate; for a total of 923. Goal for FY17 is 1,107 for all cohorts; with a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio goal.
- Average retention rate over the past four years is 73.25 percent.
- The board approved a name change for the Women with Children Program to the Wilson College Single Parent Scholar Program.

### **Institutional Advancement:**

- Overall giving for FY16 is on target; Wilson Fund stands at \$1,182,818 with contributions from more than 880 donors.
- As of May, bequests are up over previous years.
- Fundraising for the John Stewart Memorial Library concluded with a total of \$12,230,964 raised. Rededication for the library and new learning commons was held on October 23, 2015. The creation of a new campus quad area between the Science Center and the Library is underway; the College received a \$5,200 grant from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Trees for Tomorrow program to plant native trees on campus outside the new learning commons which will include honey-locust, hawthorn, dogwood, black gum and different types of oak.

- Grants awarded include: Child Care Center \$17,170; Counseling Center \$250; Chaplain's office \$15,000.
- The Dorothy and Donald Stabler Foundation made another gift to Wilson in the amount of \$530,000 to provide scholarship support. The foundation has provided more than \$3.45 million for the Stabler scholarships program since its inception in 2008.
- The Golf Tournament was cancelled due to rain; however, most sponsors and players donated their monies to the College. A net profit of over \$12,000 was realized and will be used to send students to seminars and conferences.

### **Building and Grounds:**

- Artist Patrick Dougherty and his group of more than 100 volunteers from the campus and the surrounding community did a wonderful job with the stickwork sculpture outside the library, entitled "A Walk on the Wild Side."
- The College store and café space in the library are being redesigned and will be completed by fall 2016.
- The college joined in partnership with Volvo Construction Equipment for a composting project; Volvo sends pre-kitchen cafeteria waste to Wilson to be composted and reused at the Fulton Farm.
- The board approved renovations to Rosenkrans dorm, including upgrades for bathrooms, lounges, electrical and lighting; construction began in February and will be completed in July.
- The Borough of Chambersburg/Wilson College Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Initiative, funded by the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund and the borough, was completed in June. The work included new sidewalks and curbing along the Route 11 boundary of the College's campus.
- The main entrance to the College will now be on Park Avenue.
- Parking is an issue on campus; therefore, a parking inventory will be conducted in the very near future.

### **Finance:**

- Tuitions and fees for FY17: no increase in traditional, with a slight increase for ADP and graduate courses. Board and fees will also show an increase.
- The renewal of the letter of credit with Bank of America for three years was approved.
- The FY15 audit and IRS Form 990 was approved; Baker Tilly will perform the FY16 audit and complete all necessary filings.
- The endowment as of April 30 stands at \$51,521,670.
- The Board approved the FY17 budget and the FY17 capital budget. Included are upgrades to rest rooms, upgrades to campus hardscapes, and life cycle replacement items.

### **Trusteeship and Governance:**

- Dr. Nirmal Joshi, Director of Internal Medicine at Pinnacle Health, was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term.
- Returning trustees include: J. Samuel Houser and Jennifer N. Banzhof '94. Sarah Weikert Wilson '10 was ratified as the new alumnae trustee.

- Retiring from the board are: alumnae trustee Patricia W. Bennett '68, John W. Gibb, R. Charles Grant and Richard C. Grove
- The board conferred emeritus status on retiring faculty members Paula Kellinger and Carl Larson; and named Betty Lou Thompson '60 Trustee Emerita.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alumnae Trustees  
Patricia W. Bennett '68  
Dorothy M. Van Brakle '06 & '09  
Lynne DiStasio '74