

***The Aunt Sarah Program*** is a unique connection between students and alumnae/i with a long standing tradition of support and encouragement. Someone may have helped you during your time at Wilson College and alumnae/i “pay it forward” by doing the same for current Wilson students. Historically, the pairings were anonymous with alumnae giving hints and clues. With today’s technology, many pairings choose to be known and communicate in a variety of avenues, as well as, get together for coffee or a meal.

This program is open to ALL alumnae/i and students of the Wilson College community. Any specific requests may be made on your sign-up form.

Here are a few guidelines to insure that everyone gets the most out of this meaningful bond. (updated Aug. 2017)

- The office will NOT tell the student who they are paired with – it is up to the pairing to decide what works for them and what they are most comfortable with. Please keep in mind that this is a generation that has grown up with technology at their fingertips, being told not to communicate or friend people they do not know and in many aspects, letter writing is a lost art. We have found some students love the mystery of a secret while others are very reluctant to engage without additional information. We suggest you may wish to inquire with your assigned student. Students, please be honest with your assigned alumna/us.
- To remain secret – letters and packages may be mailed or dropped off at the Alumnae House c/o Marybeth Famulare, Director of Alumnae/i Relations. Please make sure that the name of the intended receiver is marked clearly or noted so that staff may deliver to the PO or call/email the student for pick-up or address to go out to an alumna/us.
- The mailing address is 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201
- Students – please remember that this program is intended to create interaction. The alumnae/i really enjoy an occasional letter or response. A few times a year, the Alumnae/i Relations Office will host a table in Lenfest with letter writing supplies to assist in this effort. We have also been known to give assistance on letter writing 101 for those that have never really been taught such skills. Our house is just across the lawn if you need assistance.
- Our expectation is that alumnae/i have some type of contact (letter, postcard, email, text, call, small package) with the student(s) several times a semester. Students, please reach back at least twice a semester. Your pairing will remain as long as the two of you desire – some are for a semester or year, while others last through graduation and beyond. It is what you make of it – it is your choice!
- Please remember it is not the intent to be a costly venture. Simple things really do mean a great deal and bring a smile. Life can be stressful and it is easy for any of us to get caught up in the day to day struggles.
- Need ideas? We have seen or heard of some really creative things over the years. Soup or flowers delivered to a student who was feeling ill, something handmade to wear or hang, lots of things connected to the spirit of ODDS/EVENS, stress or water toys, a favorite treat. Gift cards are always a great way to assist a student. The local community has changed and stores such as Sheetz, Target, Panera, Starbucks, Subway, Red Robin and Kohls are a short distance from campus.
- The Wilson College Alumnae Association sells t-shirts and other memorabilia that make great surprises or shop at the campus store.
- Alumnae/i - if you are frequently online, Friend or Follow Marybeth Famulare as AR Wilson on Facebook or join the Aunt Sarah Facebook group for ongoing campus related updates and connections.

Through this program we hope to remind students that they are supported by a group of strong, caring, alumnae/i. We thank you for your time, energy, and encouragement. This year is going to be fantastic for Wilson students and YOU are part of making it memorable! When in doubt, please contact us via [ARoffice@wilson.edu](mailto:ARoffice@wilson.edu).