Finding Aid for
Worcester State University
Alumni and Development Collection

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number  WSU.0024

Repository  Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University

Location  Learning Resource Center, L-328A

Title  Worcester State University Alumni and Development Collection

Date range  1886-2019; bulk 1910-2015

Extent:  12 linear feet

Creator(s)  Members of Worcester State’s Graduates’ and Alumni Associations, staff of Worcester State’s Development Office.

Language(s)  English

Abstract  Alumni biographies, clippings, fliers, periodicals, program brochures, photographs, scrapbooks and other materials related to graduates of Worcester State from the 1880s to the present.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access  Materials are available to view in the Archives, L328-A. Materials must be handled with clean hands. Some materials are very fragile and must be handled with care.

Copyright and ownership  Materials published before 1923 are in public domain. Materials published subsequent to 1923 are copyright to their creators as indicated. It is the researcher’s responsibility to obtain appropriate copyright permissions before republishing.

Citation format  Worcester State University Alumni and Development Collection.
ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)  

Provenance  
The bulk of this collection was assembled over a period of decades by the Worcester State Graduates’ Association, Alumni Association and Development Office and used to verify biographical information about alumni and to document campus programs and events. Materials were transferred to the Archives by the Development Office in 2017 and 2018 with a small number of items already present in the Archives prior to 2015. Accruals was added from materials received in 2019.

Processing information  
Periodicals were organized chronologically with a maximum of two copies retained if available. Loose correspondence was removed from scrapbooks and placed in folders. Other materials were organized by document type and arranged chronologically.

Biographical and historical information  
The origins of this collection lies with the Worcester State Graduates’ Association, which was organized in the 1880s. The Association documented alumni activities, organized reunions, and provided directory information for members. Most scrapbooks in the collection were created by Graduate’s Association members prior to 1950. Regular newsletters were published by the early 1970s. By the mid 1990s, publication of the alumni magazine and newsletters were carried out through the Development Office.

SCOPE AND CONTENT  
This collection documents 125 years of information about Worcester State graduates including employment histories, personal relationships, and awards and honors. Newsletters record alumni achievements as well as campus events ranging from ceremonies to building dedications. Scrapbooks include a rich variety of ephemera such as newspaper...
clippings, fliers for campus activities, and personal mementos. Of special interest are the 1930s scrapbooks of Charlotte Halpin ('35) which includes memorabilia of campus-related and regional activities she participated in as a Worcester State Student.

ARRANGEMENT

Series I  Alumni Directories and Related, 1876-1995
includes containing names, graduation dates, and vital information about Worcester State graduates. Earliest volume is handwritten and includes pasted-in clippings while later volumes are printed.

Series II  Campaigns and Related, 1972-2019
Includes a small selection of fliers and promotional information about fund-raising and other activities.

Series III  Publications, 1972-2019
Publications directed at alumni and other Worcester State constituents containing news and information, and announcements about campus activities and events. Previous to 1994, publication was by the Alumni Association, in subsequent years by the Development Office. Some titles overlap each other and were published simultaneously. Included are Alumni Newsletter (1972-1977) Alumni Alert (1974-1992), Worcester Statement (1980-2015) and Worcester State Magazine (2015-present). Some series are incomplete” missing volumes will be added in the future if available.

Series IV  Reunions, 1899-2015
Information about alumni, event attendees, and programs. Included is an 1899 journal documenting reunion events occurring that year.

Scrapbook V  Scrapbooks and Related, 1886-1950
Scrapbooks containing clippings, brochures, ephemera, fliers, photographs, and other materials related to Worcester State history with an emphasis on students and alumni. Books
were assembled by Graduates’ or Alumni Associations or other Worcester State offices. Three books were assembled by student Charlotte Halpin (’35) and document her activities at a student in the early 1930s. Scrapbooks are extremely fragile and contain many loose pieces—they must be handled with care.

ACCESS POINTS

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

Organizations

State Normal School at Worcester (Worcester, Mass.)
Worcester State Teachers College
Worcester State College
Worcester State University

Subject Terms

Massachusetts State College System
Teachers Colleges--Massachusetts-History
Worcester (Mass.)--History

RELATED COLLECTIONS

WSU.0002  Worcester State Yearbooks
WSU.0005  Commencement Materials
WSU.0015  Worcester State Student Newspapers
WSU.0019  Historical Clippings
## DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

### SERIES I  
**Alumni Directories, 1876-1995**

**Box.fldr**

1.1 Graduate Directory, 1876-1889  
1.2 *[Graduate Record]*, 1895  
1.3 *[Graduate Record]*, 1904 (1)  
1.4 *[Graduate Record]*, 1904 (2)  
1.5 *[Graduate Record]*, 1914 (1)  
1.6 *[Graduate Record]*, 1914 (2)  
1.7 *Alumni Directory*, 1995

### SERIES II  
**Campaigns and Related, 1972-2019**

**Box.fldr**

3.2 Other events, 1985  
3.18 Report of Giving, 2001  
OS1.48 Report of Giving, 2004  
OS1.48 Report of Giving, 2005  
OS1.48 Report of Giving, 2006  
OS1.49 Report of Giving, 2007  
3.21 Donor Impact and Financial Statement, 2016  
3.22 Donor Impact Statement, 2017  
3.22 Donor Impact Statement, 2018

### SERIES III  
**Publications, 1972-2018**

**Box.fldr**

OS1.39 *Alumni Newsletter* 1972  
OS1.40 *Alumni Newsletter*, 1973  
OC1.40 *Alumni Newsletter*, Fall 1975  
OS1.41 *Alumni Newsletter*, Winter 1977  
OS1.1 *Alumni Newsletter*, February 1974  
OS1.1 *Alumni Newsletter*, April 1977 (inc. fragments)  
OS1.42 *Alumni Newsletter*, January 1978
OS1.43  Alumni Newsletter, April 1978
OS1.44  Alumni Newsletter, September 1978
OS1.45  Alumni Newsletter, January 1979
OS1.46  Alumni Newsletter, April 1979
OS1.47  Alumni Newsletter, August, 1979
OS1.48  Alumni Newsletter, October 1979
OS1.49  Alumni Newsletter, November 1979
OS1.48  Alumni Newsletter, December 1979

OS1.2  Alumni Alert, Fall 1975
OS1.3  Alumni Alert, February 1976
OS1.4  Alumni Alert, Fall 1976
OS1.5  Alumni Alert, April 1977
OS1.6  Alumni Alert, August, 1977
OS1.7  Alumni Alert, December 1984
OS1.8  Alumni Alert, Fall 1985
OS1.9  Alumni Alert, Spring 1986
OS1.10  Alumni Alert, Fall 1986
OS1.11  Alumni Alert, Spring 1987 (1)
OS1.12  Alumni Alert, Spring 1987 (2)
OS1.13  Alumni Alert, November 1987
OS1.14  Alumni Alert, Winter 1988
OS1.15  Alumni Alert, Winter 1989
OS1.16  Alumni Alert, Summer 1991
OS1.17  Alumni Alert, Winter 1991
OS1.18  Alumni Alert, Winter 1992
OS1.19  Alumni Alert, Spring 1998
OS1.20  Alumni Alert, Spring 1999
OS1.21  Alumni Alert, Fall 2001
OS1.22  Alumni Alert, Summer 2006
OS1.23  Alumni Alert, Winter 2006
OS1.24  Alumni Alert, Winter 2008
OS1.25  Alumni Alert, Spring 2006
OS1.26  Worcester Statement, January, 1980
OS1.27  Worcester Statement, May 1980
OS1.28  Worcester Statement, August, 1980
OS1.29  Worcester Statement, February, 1981
OS1.30  Worcester Statement, September/October, 1981
OS1.31  Worcester Statement, September 1982
OS1.32  Worcester Statement, Spring 1983
OS1.33  Worcester Statement, Fall 1983
OS1.34  Worcester Statement, Spring 1984
OS1.35  Worcester Statement, Fall 1984
OS1.36  Worcester Statement, Winter 1985-1986
OS1.37  Worcester Statement, Fall 1986
2.12  *Worcester Statement*, Fall 2014
2.13  *Worcester Statement*, Spring 2015
2.14  *Worcester State Magazine*, Fall 2015
2.15  *Worcester State Magazine*, Spring 2016
2.16  *Worcester State Magazine*, Fall 2016
2.17  *Worcester State Magazine*, Spring 2017
2.18  *Worcester State Magazine*, Fall 2017
2.19  *Worcester State Magazine*, Spring 2018
2.21  *Worcester State Magazine*, Fall, 2018
2.25  *Worcester State Magazine*, Spring 2019

**SERIES IV**  
**Box.fldr**  

**Reunions, 1899-2015**

3.3  Reunions: 1899-1953
3.17  Reunion: 50th for 1938, 1988
4.1  Reunion directory, 1952 (2007)
4.2  Reunion directory, 1953 (2008)
4.3  Reunion directory, 1954 (2014)
4.4  Reunion directory, 1954 (2014)
4.7  Reunion directory, 1957 (2007)
4.8  Reunion directory, 1957 (2007)
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