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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number  WSU.0026
Repository  Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
Location  Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title  President Philip D. Vairo Papers
Date range  1977 – 1990; Bulk 1982 - 1990
Extent:  1.5 linear feet; 2 boxes
Creator(s)  Dr. Philip D. Vairo; Lilian Vairo; faculty and staff of Worcester State College; authors of various correspondence and printed materials.
Language(s)  English
Abstract  This collection includes papers of Dr. Philip D. Vairo (1933- ), the 8th president of Worcester State College, Worcester, Massachusetts (now Worcester State University). The papers were accumulated during Dr. Vairos’ time as President with the body of the collection mostly made up of correspondences and speeches. The relationship between Worcester State College and the greater Worcester community was a top priority in his papers, particularly the business sector. Speeches include many commencement ceremonies and presentations of honorary degrees.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access  Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands. Fragile materials must be handled with care. To protect privacy and confidentiality, correspondence files are closed for 50 years from the date of creation.

Copyright and ownership  Materials are copyright to Worcester State University or other content creators. Researchers are responsible for obtaining appropriate permissions before republishing copyrighted materials.
This collection contains papers related to the presidency of Dr. Phillip D. Vairo at the former Worcester State College. The papers document activities in the office of the president and speeches that were presented during Dr. Vairo’s presidency,
with drafts of all types found throughout. Related papers also assembled in the collection.

**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection is arranged in 3 series.

**Series I**  
**Correspondences, 1983-1988**  
This series contains mail that was distributed through the office of the president. Correspondence is closed for 50 years from the date of creation.

**Series II**  
**Personal Papers, 1977-1988**  
The series is arranged by format description, including magazines and clippings, guest book, a speech by Lilian Vairo, pamphlets, correspondences between persons other than Dr. Vairo, and periodicals.

**Series III**  
**Speeches, 1982-1990**  
The series contains scripts in varying stages of development organized by title. Some papers are disintegrating. The series is arranged by title.

**ACCESS POINTS**

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

**People**  
Michael S. Dukakis

**Organizations**  
Worcester State University  
Worcester State College  
University of California Los Angeles  
Psi Chi

**General Subject Terms**  
Massachusetts State College System  
Honorary Degrees  
Public Events Coordination  
Inter institutional relations  
Worcester (Mass) - History

**RELATED COLLECTIONS**

WSU.0002 Yearbooks  
WSU.0005 Commencement Materials  
WSU.0008 Building Materials  
WSU.0015 Newspapers (to 1986)
**DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY (2 boxes)**

**Series I**  
Correspondences, 1983-1988 (CLOSED)

**Series II**  
Personal Papers, 1977-1988

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