

Parent Solicitation, Senior Class Gift, May 12

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SUBJ: What will your senior leave behind?

Preheader: Support our class in making an impact.

Dear WPI Parent,

After this strange year, we're sure you share our excitement about being able to celebrate Commencement in person next week. **But our work isn't done yet**—and we don't just mean finals and project presentations. **We still have more to achieve so that we can leave this campus, our home these past four years, better than we found it.**

As you may know, our goal for our class gift is to paint a mural showcasing diversity in STEM as well as to provide scholarship support for a student from the Worcester area from an underrepresented background. Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are important to our class, and this gift means a lot to us.

[Support Your Senior's Legacy button]

With 31% of our class raising over \$19,000 so far, our goal is within reach! **Will you support your senior in leaving a legacy?**

We want to introduce you to two additional members of our senior class gift committee, who share why they chose to be part of this project:



As a woman of color at a predominantly white institution, I have struggled to find diverse representation among my peers and role models at WPI. I believe so strongly in this project, because, personally, I know how impactful it is to be surrounded by an accepting and familiar community. The mural and scholarship would establish permanent reminders that students in minority groups are seen, heard, and celebrated on campus.

Isabelle Sillo

Over my four years at WPI, I've been exposed to people of all different backgrounds and experiences, both on campus and within the Worcester area. Because of this, I found it very important to support my fellow peers at WPI as well as underrepresented students in our community. DEI is building momentum worldwide, and I'm proud to be a part of a university that is embodying this objective.

Eric Reardon



Will you join Isabelle, Eric, and so many others in our class in supporting this important project?

[Help Your Senior Pay It Forward]

Thank you so much!

Joe Howell '21 and Julia Vanderstreet '21
Senior Class Gift Co-Chairs

