

# Stronger TOGETHER

2016 – 2017 Community Benefits Report



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

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# Mission Statement

Assumption College, a Catholic institution sponsored by the Augustinians of the Assumption and rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, strives to form graduates known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service. We pursue these ambitious goals through a curriculum grounded in the liberal arts and extending to the domain of professional studies. Enlivened by the Catholic affirmation of the harmony of faith and reason, we aim, by the pursuit of the truth, to transform the minds and hearts of students. Assumption favors diversity and ecumenically welcomes all who share its goals.

## CAMPUS COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS

- Assumption Athletics
- Campus Ministry
- Community Service Learning
- Reach Out Center
- Student Government Association

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# FAST facts: 2016-2017

## FINANCIAL AID

- :: 915  
Number of students from Worcester County
- :: \$3,023,149  
Amount of institutional aid to students from Worcester
- :: \$5,789,961  
Amount of institutional aid to students from Worcester County
- :: MORE THAN 90%  
More than 90 percent of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid

## EMPLOYMENT

- :: \$8,304,167  
Annual payroll for employees residing in the city of Worcester
- :: \$20,308,401  
Annual payroll for employees residing in Worcester County
- :: 444  
Number of faculty/staff living in the city of Worcester and surrounding communities

## PURCHASING

- :: \$1,540,063  
Total capital expenditures paid to vendors in Worcester County
- :: \$874,257  
Total capital expenditures paid to vendors in the city of Worcester
- :: \$5,943,468  
Total purchasing expenditures paid to vendors in the city of Worcester
- :: \$14,619,825  
Total purchasing expenditures paid to vendors in Worcester County
- :: \$38,402,700  
Amount spent on capital improvements in the last 10 Years

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

- :: 136,372  
Number of hours students contribute to community service activity
- :: \$61,900  
Donations and in-kind gifts made to local nonprofits
- :: \$25,000  
Annual commitment to The Hanover Theatre
- :: 2,546  
Number of student volunteer placements in organizations throughout Worcester County

## INSTITUTIONAL FACTS

- :: 1904  
Year Assumption College was Founded
- :: 2,071  
Number of Undergraduates
- :: 568  
Number of Graduate Students
- :: 292  
Number of Continuing Education Students
- :: 41/48  
Number of majors/minors

## FEES/TAXES PAID TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER

- :: \$11,786  
Police Department coverage/costs paid to the city of Worcester
- :: \$42,499  
Property taxes paid to the city of Worcester
- :: \$338,174  
Water and sewer taxes paid to the city of Worcester
- :: \$12,000  
Commitment to WRTA Route 10 Bus Line for 2016/17 Academic Year
- :: \$15,205  
Other fees paid to the city of Worcester  
*Parking lot license, certificates of inspection, plumbing fees, liquor license, filing fee, food permit, pool permit, lodging fee, and camp fees.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For many years, Assumption College students, staff and faculty have made an impact in nearly every Worcester neighborhood. In just the last academic year alone, Assumption students volunteered more than 135,000 hours in service to the people, neighborhoods and organizations in Worcester. If asked to place a dollar amount on the contributions the College makes to the city through service, such a figure would easily number in the millions.

Such a commitment to “compassionate service” defines who we are not only as an institution of higher learning, but as a proud community partner. Assumption College is an institution that is dedicated to forming the whole person; the formation of men and women who will use the knowledge they obtain as undergraduates to embark upon a personally and professionally fulfilling career of meaning. A career and life in which they will use their talents to better the world around them. That approach begins in Worcester, where students become part of the community; through volunteering, they learn the values of caring for the least among us and to be generous with one’s time, talent and treasure.

Because of this approach to education, the city of Worcester and its residents are beneficiaries of community service performed by members of the Assumption community every year. Members of our community can be found enhancing the grounds and common areas of public housing facilities and city parks; interning with local nonprofits and city agencies; providing a voice to refugees; preparing tax returns free of charge to those enduring financial hardship; and many other notable endeavors that strengthen the College’s relationship with the City and its residents.

The College has also opened its door to a number of community organizations that utilize our campus for meetings, office space or rehearsals. For instance, in this edition of the *Community Benefits Report*, you will learn about the partnership between Assumption College and two noteworthy Worcester nonprofits: the Worcester Children’s Chorus (WCC) and the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE). While the WCC provides young vocalists with expert-level choral instruction and performance opportunities, WISE facilitates lifelong learning opportunities for senior adults offered here on campus. From young to the young at heart, the College exists not only to enlighten the minds of its students, but also the youth and senior adults of Worcester and its surrounding communities.

Assumption’s contributions are not limited solely to community service and providing campus resources to local nonprofits. The College also encourages community members to engage in intellectual conversations or to enjoy musical or theatrical performances. Each year, the College hosts a number of lectures on an array of topics; the Band, Chorale and Jazz Ensemble hold a number of engaging performances throughout the year; and for the ninth consecutive year, the College brought Broadway to The Hanover Theatre for Performing Arts with the production of *The Music Man*.

We take seriously our responsibility as a partner in the Worcester community, and are proud of the invaluable contributions Assumption makes to the City and its residents. As a college community whose mission compels us to serve, we embrace opportunities to enhance the physical and cultural atmosphere of Worcester through the use of College resources. The stories in this report are but a few of the many, many ways the College has done just that during the past academic year.

Sincerely,

*Francesco C. Cesareo*

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President



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# COMPASSIONATE SERVICE in the Worcester Community



**PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, 180 ASSUMPTION STUDENT LEADERS VOLUNTEERED DURING THE ANNUAL ASSUMPTION LOVES WORCESTER DAY OF SERVICE.**

The students performed beautification tasks that maintenance crews at the three different Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) locations are too busy to address on a daily basis.

"I think it's important to give back to the community because it's a reflection on ourselves and who we are as a community," said Patrick Wall '19, an accounting major from Holbrook. "Volunteering is important at Assumption and I think it's great that we give back."

The three locations the students visited were: Great Brook Valley & Curtis Apartments, Greenwood Gardens, and Lakeside Apartments. According to Michael Reynolds, maintenance supervisor for Area 1, which covers roughly 1,000 apartments in Great Brook Valley and Curtis Apartments, the students' work is greatly appreciated. "It's a tremendous help for the maintenance department and the Housing Authority overall because we don't have the number of staff to do the detail work that we're doing with this group," he said. "When we get groups like this, they can take care of the things we don't have the regular time in our schedule for."

Gemaers Dorvil '19, a computer science major and physics and engineering minor, grew up in similar housing projects in Everett. "Every time I come back here I feel as if I'm giving back to people who gave a chance to me. You don't really realize how important [these places are] to people," he said, adding that his parents came to the United States from Haiti with very little money. "These apartments gave them a chance to create a home and a family for themselves, so it's really important for me to give back to them."



Kate Brice '19, a chemistry major from Colchester, CT, thinks it's important for Assumption students to serve in the community they call home for four years. "It's really important to give other people the chance to have pride in where they come from," she said. "Volunteering is something I have always enjoyed, so it's a good experience for everyone involved – the community benefits, we benefit."

This is the fifth year that Assumption has engaged in this event. "It's important for our students and others at Assumption to recognize that we're part of a bigger community in the city of Worcester," said Ted Zito, director of residential life. "This is one small way that we can give back to the city and live out Assumption's mission in the community, and serve others in a way that is helpful. It's nice to hear about the direct impact



that we will have, doing some work that, in terms of time and length isn't tremendous, but will have a great impact in this area."

"I love seeing Assumption students out here," said Jessica Familia '14, a family self-sufficiency coordinator at WHA, who volunteered when she was an Assumption student. "This work doesn't go unnoticed. It's truly appreciated every year that Assumption comes. The community appreciates it, even more so the residents. It's making their days better just by seeing a beautiful environment. This is their home."



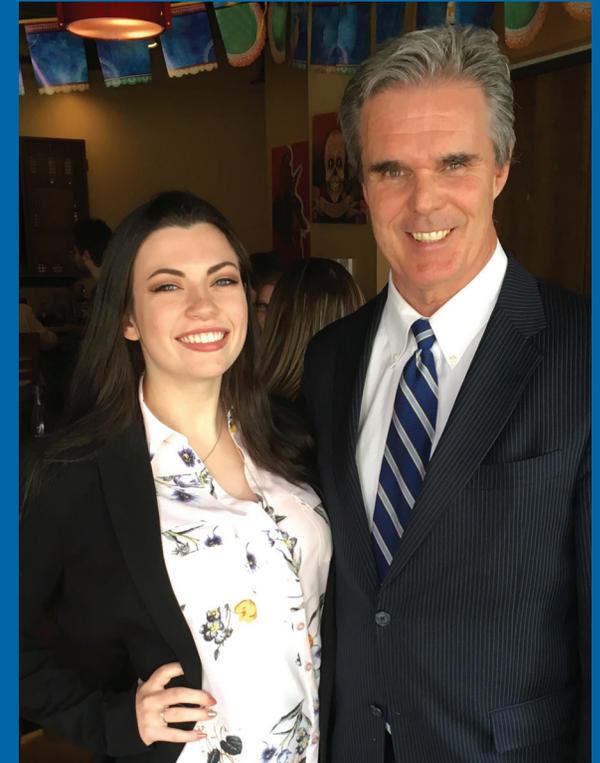
## LENDING A HAND, AND HEART, to the Opiate Crisis

When Kathleen Hurley '17, a marketing major from Bohemia, NY, began her internship at the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, she had an interest in law and sought a better understanding of how the court system worked and whether or not she would enjoy such a profession. A year, and three semesters, later, Hurley graduated from Assumption with honors and a clear plan for her future: she is attending Hofstra University's School of Law this fall to pursue criminal and/or human rights law.

"I was interested in the work being done at the DA's office, and loved the courthouse atmosphere, so I chose to stay for three semesters," she said.

As part of her internship, Hurley worked with the gang unit and was involved with addressing the heroin epidemic occurring in Worcester. "I was able to become a part of the Opiate Task Force, which worked to bring help and resources to those facing opiate addictions," she said. During her internship, she also "worked on Grand Jury Summaries and helped in different gun and drug cases." Hurley, who minored in Community Service Learning, also volunteered several times with St. John's Food for the Poor in downtown Worcester.

"Kathleen's value was felt in every section within our office where she worked during her internship here, including the Children's Advocacy Center, the gang unit and the juvenile section," said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. "She worked on multiple important trial preparation and discovery projects and was always willing to help out with any tasks. Kathleen was very self-motivated and always acted with professionalism during her time here."



The biggest lesson Hurley said she learned wasn't something she could find in a textbook. "I learned that working with people is more important than the structure of sentencing," she said. "The Courthouse strives to help people become rehabilitated rather than sentencing them because this can lead to them becoming better-functioning people. I appreciate this outreach because it is influencing people positively rather than using negative consequences to teach people right from wrong."

# A Voice for WORCESTER'S REFUGEES

**DURING THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER, 12 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE REBELLION AND REINVENTION IN MEXICO COURSE EMPOWERED UNACCOMPANIED LOCAL REFUGEE MINORS FROM MEXICO, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras to find their voices through photography. The resulting photo exhibition, *IMAGINARTE: Views by Refugee Minors in Worcester*, is an exploration of self-representation by those refugees struggling to find their place in the world.**

The course, taught by Spanish Professor Esteban Loustaunau, Ph.D., explores the social and political history of Mexico since the 1910 Mexican Revolution. Students learned how ordinary citizens who endure social and political adversity are capable of composing, reframing, and reinventing their personal and collective life stories. To connect this primary theme with community service learning, the photography project helped students engage with real life situations of cultural reinvention and to provide a group of unaccompanied refugee minors at Ascentria Care Alliance (formerly Lutheran Social Services of New England) in Worcester with the opportunity to express, both visually and in writing, their own thoughts on cultural adaptation and identity reinvention as they transition to a new and more stable life in the United States.

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## COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Assumption College works with Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and Catholic schools in the region to enhance educational opportunities in both formal academic settings and after-school programs. In addition to offering space to community organizations for little to no cost, the College also offers professional development workshops and tuition discounts for WPS, Worcester Diocese and Nativity School teachers.

### Some of the schools and programs Assumption works with include:\*

1LT Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School	Fall Brook Elementary School	Sherwood Middle School
Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School	Flagg Street School	Shrewsbury High School
Albert S. Woodward Memorial School	Forest Avenue Elementary School	Skribbles Learning Center
Algonquin Regional High School	Forest Grove Middle School	Sky View Middle School
Assumption School	Grafton High School	South High Community School
Auburn High School	Groton-Dunstable Regional High School	Spectrum Health Systems
Auburn Middle School	Happy P. Clough Elementary School	Stacy Middle School
Ayer Shirley Regional High School	Hartwell Elementary School	Stall Brook Elementary School
Bartlett High School	Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School	Tahanto Regional Middle/High School
Behavioral Concepts Inc.	Hudson High School	Tantasqua Regional High School
Burgess Elementary School	Knox Trail Middle School	Tatnuck Magnet School
Burncoat High School	Leominster High School	The New England Center for Children
Burncoat Street Preparatory School	Lincoln Street Elementary School	The Whole Child, Inc.
C.A. Farley Elementary School	Major Edwards Elementary School	Thomas Prince School
Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative	Marlborough Early Childhood Center	Union Hill School
Chandler Elementary Community School	Mary E. Finn Elementary School	Venerini Academy
Charlton Street School	Milford High School	Wachusett Regional High School
Claremont Academy	Millbury Memorial Junior/Senior High School	West Boylston Middle/High School
Clinton Elementary School	Nelson Place School	West Street School
Columbus Park Preparatory Academy	Norrback Avenue Elementary School	Woodland Academy
Devereux School	Oxford High School	Worcester Arts Magnet School
Diocese of Worcester Catholic Schools	P. Brent Trottier Middle School	Worcester East Middle School
Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School	Rainbow Childhood Development Center	Worcester Institute for Senior Education
Dr. Leroy E. Mayo Elementary School	Rockdale Recovery High School	Worcester Public Schools Transition Program
Elm Park Community School	Saint John's High School	Worcester Vocational Technical High School
	Saint Mary's School	
	Saint Peter-Marian High School	

\* This is a partial list

# Supporting Local Children, **ASPIRING SINGERS**

BY REBECCA GALIB '18

**COMMUNITY SERVICE IS A CORNERSTONE OF AN ASSUMPTION COLLEGE EDUCATION FROM WHICH MANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT.** The Worcester Children's Chorus (WCC), an audition-based vocal group designed to enrich the lives of elementary and high school-aged children through music, is one of many groups who have benefited from the College's commitment to service. Since its founding in 2008, the WCC has been in residence at Assumption and the College has aided the thriving organization – which has increased from 30 to 90 singers over that time – by offering rehearsal space, musical direction, and administrative services.



When WCC Director Philip Montgomery sought to offer a more challenging choral program for the growing number of its members, the organization turned to Assumption College and Professor of Music Michelle Graveline for her expertise. Montgomery is also thankful to Assumption for providing rehearsal space. "If we did not have this, we would have to rent space," he explained. "This would have a major financial impact on our organization. Rehearsing at Assumption has allowed our program to grow over the past nine years."

During the fall 2016 semester, Assumption enhanced its contribution to this community organization when a group of interns working in the College's Office of Communications built a website and developed a social media strategy for the group.

"We live in an age that is becoming increasingly reliant on technology," said Alan Harrington '17, who worked on the web design project. "By improving the WCC's digital front we can attract more attention and encourage increased participation in the WCC's four choirs. The new website design is set to provide users with a more streamlined and intuitive experience, allowing them to not only view the WCC's website from a personal computer, but also through a mobile version."

Montgomery explained that the collaboration between Assumption and WCC is important because it provides opportunities for both the singers and college students. "We have had interns working with the children in rehearsals and we now have interns helping with marketing. We hope to do even more collaboration in the future," he said.



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Kristen Penkala '07, manager of the Department of Children Services at Ascentria who previously worked with the Religious of the Assumption in Chaparral, New Mexico, shared that the project created a platform for the teens to openly share their experiences and support each other. "The youth in our program typically struggle to reflect on their past and identify goals for their future," she said. "They felt valued to have their voices heard and their input respected... There is nothing better than seeing the kids proud of themselves and all the highs and lows they've journeyed through to get where they are today."

## CULTURAL RESOURCE

Art brings us together and helps us understand who we really are. Offering cultural programming is an important part of Assumption's mission and contribution to the community.

Here are some of the organizations that benefit from these partnerships:\*

### Performing Arts

The Hanover Theatre Performance of *The Music Man*

Assumption College is proud to serve as the home of the Worcester Children's Chorus.

### d'Alzon Arts series

#### ART EXHIBITIONS

IMAGINARTE: Views by Refugee Minors in Worcester (a photography exhibit by unaccompanied refugee minors from Ascentria Care Alliance in collaboration with CSL students in Spanish 318)

KABOOM (Collaborators: Professors Kate Egnaczak, Scott Glushien, Tom Grady, Mike Land, Carrie Nixon, Lynn Simmons, and Tyler Vance)

Student Art & Design Show

What's Left, Libby Lipin

#### POETRY READINGS

Professor John Hodgen's Poetry Class

Professor David Thoreen's Creative Writing Class

### Presidential Lecture Series

*Amoris Laetitia* Panel Discussion

Fr. Allen Fitzgerald

Richard Garnett, J.D.

Peter Raven, Ph.D.

### HumanArts Series

"A Momentary Erasure of Millennia:

The Cultural Heritage Crises in Syria and Northern Iraq" by Michael Danti, Ph.D.

The BACH Consort of Worcester Renaissance Men

Organ Recital by Loreto Aramendi, main organist on the Cavaillé-College organ (1863) of the Santa Maria Basilica, San Sebastián, Spain

Organ Recital featuring Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet, Ph.D.

"Richard III, The King Under the Car Park: the story of the search for the burial place of England's last Plantagenet King" by Richard Buckley, Ph.D.

### Assumption College Performances

Assumption College Band

Assumption College Chorale

Assumption College Jazz Ensemble

Assumption College String Camerata

Faculty Concerts

Hound Sound a cappella group

Lessons and Carols

**Assumption College is proud to support numerous cultural organizations and events including:**

First Night Worcester

The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts

### Ecumenical Institute

Brownson Lecture, "The Regensburg Lecture: A Decade Later"

Constitution Day Presentation by Richard Reinsch, J.D., "Loyalty and Liberal Constitutionalism"

Emmanuel d'Alzon Lecture by Arthur Madigan, S.J., "Untimely Meditations, or, Advice to a Young Academic"

The Bishop Flanagan Lecture presented by Tal Howard, Ph.D., Valparaiso University Professor of History and the Humanities, "Commemorating the Reformation in 2017? Looking Forward by Looking Back"

Milleret Lecture by Caitlin Haskell, Ph.D., "Color and Community at the Rothko Chapel"

Rabbi Klein Lecture by Suzanne Garment, Ph.D., "Anti-Semitism: On Campus and in America"

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## ASSUMPTION, VENERINI STUDENTS Perform Tony Award-Winning Musical at The Hanover

In April, the College's Department of Art, Music and Theatre presented the Tony Award-winning musical *The Music Man*, its ninth annual spring production at Worcester's historic The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. The production featured the very best of Assumption's artistic talent, both students and alumni, as well as 11 students from neighboring Venerini Academy, a private Catholic elementary school in Worcester.

"I knew that this large-scale production at The Hanover Theatre would give the children who participated a chance to learn about theatre in ways that could not be provided at the grammar school level," said Richard Monroe '85, the musical's director and producer. "Assumption has been a vibrant part of the Worcester community for more than a century. Anything we accomplish should be accessible to and celebrated in the community."

"The students loved every moment of this process – from rehearsing on campus at Assumption to developing relationships with the students to being directed by talented professionals," said Nicole Lian, drama club advisor at Venerini Academy. "To have the opportunity to perform on the stage of The Hanover Theatre was a highlight for every single one of them."

Other past Assumption productions performed at The Hanover include *Children of Eden*, *The Fantasticks*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Les Misérables*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Oliver!*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *Seussical the Musical*. The performances provide the local and surrounding communities an opportunity to enjoy Broadway-caliber performances locally in Worcester.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Assumption proactively seeks to engage with the community and encourages members of the community to visit the campus for events and programs. The College is also proud to partner with numerous Worcester and Worcester County programs to make meaningful contributions to the community.

**Here are just some of the local groups to which the College provides time, space and assistance:\***

Adopt-A-Student Program	Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee
African Community Education	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
Al-Anon	Nativity School of Worcester
Alcoholics Anonymous	Notre Dame Long Term Care Center
Assumption School	Redemptoris Mater Seminary
The BASE	Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Massachusetts/Metrowest	Regional Environmental Council
Boys Scouts of America – Mohegan Council	Saint Anne – Saint Patrick Parish
Catholic School Board – Diocese of Worcester	Saint John’s Catholic Church
City of Worcester Election Commission (polling location)	Saint John’s High School
Diocese of Worcester	Saint Mary’s High School
Diocese of Worcester Annual Men’s Conference	Saint Paul Catholic Schools Consortium
Diocese of Worcester Youth Rally	Saint Peter-Marian Junior/Senior High School
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Annual Community Breakfast	Seven Hills Foundation
Emmanuel Radio	Sister Thea Bowman Foundation
First Friday Club of Worcester	Special Olympics Massachusetts
First Night Worcester Inc.	Thomas S. Green Awards
Greater Worcester Community Foundation	United Way Dollars for Scholars
Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence	WCUW Radio
Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School	Witness for Life
Horace Mann Educational Associates	Worcester Children’s Chorus
Jewish Community Center	Worcester Education Collaborative
Jewish Healthcare Center	Worcester Institute for Senior Education
League of Women Voters	Worcester Latino Dollars for Scholars
Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts	Worcester Local First
Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc.	Worcester Public Schools
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency	Worcester Public Schools Transitions Program
	Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
	Worcester Regional Research Bureau

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## New Academic Center STIMULATES LOCAL ECONOMY

In April 2016, Assumption College broke ground on the new Tsotsis Family Academic Center, a 62,000-square-foot edifice that embodies the College’s goals and aspirations. The new building is transforming teaching and learning at Assumption while providing new and impressive venues for community events.



### A CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Art, in all its forms, is a key element of a liberal arts education – it helps us understand the world around us and express the complex and deeply beautiful thoughts, ideas and experiences that define who we are. The 400-seat Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall, with accompanying rehearsal room, provides College and local organizations a premier space in which to showcase the very best of Assumption and local theatrical and performing talent. Additionally, a ballroom that can accommodate 400 individuals with a terrace overlooking Assumption’s picturesque campus serves as a fitting venue for community organizations to host social events or conferences, as well as a venue for weddings.

### A HUB OF DISCUSSION

Embracing and enhancing the enlightened discussion and robust intercourse of ideas defines an Assumption education. That education includes a number of guest lectures and other events that are open to the general public, many of which are held in this new venue.

### JOBS AND REVENUE GENERATOR

The construction phase of the new building has infused the local economy with financial resources to benefit a number of local businesses. To date, the College has spent nearly \$5 million for the services of Worcester County contractors, tradespeople and others in the construction of the new building.

# LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR Older Adults

FOR 25 YEARS, THE WORCESTER INSTITUTE FOR SENIOR EDUCATION (WISE), which is sponsored by and housed on the Assumption College campus, has provided senior adults in Central Massachusetts lifelong-learning opportunities. WISE offers more than 70 courses each year to hundreds, covering topics in art, history, literature, music, science, technology, and more.

“WISE is deeply grateful to Assumption for supporting our program of late-life learning,” said Susan Perschbacher, Ph.D., WISE director. “Throughout the years Assumption has warmly welcomed our members in a variety of ways, including utilization of classrooms, meeting spaces, food services, and use of College facilities such as the dining hall, library, and recreation center. This program plays a crucial role in the lives of seniors in the greater Worcester community.”

WISE is a member-directed organization created in 1993 as part of Assumption College’s Continuing

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## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Whether students volunteer via the Reach Out Center, Campus Ministry, as a member of an intercollegiate athletic team, or through a community service learning class, they offer their skills, talents and hearts to make a difference in the community.

**Some of the many organizations in the Worcester community, and beyond, that have benefited from this work are:\***

- A Bout to Benefit
- African Community Education
- American Antiquarian Society
- Ascentria Care Alliance
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (Flagg Street School)
- Book Buddies (Nelson Place School)
- Boys & Girls Club
- Boy Scouts of America
- Cathedral of St. Paul
- Children’s Medical Center at UMass Medical
- Community Harvest 5k and Festival
- Community Harvest Project Inc.
- EcoTarium
- Fall Harvest Festival
- Field of Dreams
- Food Recovery Network (St. John’s Food for the Poor)
- Foundations of Faith (St. Mary’s Parish)
- Friendly House Worcester
- Friends of Newton Hill
- Girls Inc. of Worcester
- Guild of Saint Agnes
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hector Reyes House
- Jewish Healthcare Center
- Lake Quinsigamond Earth Day Clean Up
- Make-A-Wish Stars for Wishes Matthew 25
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Nativity School of Worcester
- Notre Dame du Lac
- Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan’s Purse
- Our Lady of the Angels Church
- Pernet Family Health Service
- Positive Directions Behavioral Services
- Rainbow Childhood Development Center
- Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center
- Regional Environmental Council
- Relay for Life
- Salvation Army Worcester Citadel
- Seven Hills Foundation
- SEND Service Immersion Trips (National and International):
  - SEND Alabama (Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa, AL)
  - SEND Baltimore (Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity Sandtown ReStore)
  - SEND Camden (Romero Center Ministries)
  - SEND Delaware (Sussex County Habitat for Humanity)
  - SEND Ecuador (Rostro de Cristo)
  - SEND Florida (Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, RCMA)
  - SEND Pennsylvania (Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County)
- SEND Pine Ridge Reservation (Re-Member)
- SEND Trenton (The Center for FaithJustice)
- SEND Washington DC (Bethlehem House, S.O.M.E., L’Arche Community)
- Skribbles Learning Center
- St. Anne’s Human Services
- St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker
- St. Peter’s Afterschool Mentoring Program
- Swim Across America Inc.
- Team IMPACT
- The Community Builders – Plumley Village
- The Willows at Worcester
- Toys for Tots Foundation
- Training Resources of America, Inc. WCUW 91.3FM
- Why Me & Sherry’s House
- Worcester Housing Authority
- Worcester Senior Center
- Worcester Women’s Oral History Project
- Working for Worcester
- YMCA of Central Massachusetts

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## WORKPLACE COLLABORATION

Through internships, practica and work study programs, Assumption students partner with Worcester-area businesses and organizations in a mutually beneficial collaboration that helps both parties reach their full potential.

**Here are some of the organizations that benefit from these partnerships:\***

Action! Worcester	Genesis Club, Inc.	Thayer Symphony Orchestra
Agilux Laboratories	Greendale Physical Therapy, LLC	The Arc
Alexander, Aronson, Finning & Co, P.C. (AAFCPAs)	Guardian Life Insurance Company of America	The Boynton Restaurant & Spirits
AlphaGraphics Worcester	Habitat for Humanity	The Bridge of Central Massachusetts
Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.	IBM	The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.
Atlas Distributing, Inc.	Insurance Marketing Agencies	The Hector Reyes House
Auburn Youth & Family Services, Inc.	Jewish Healthcare Center	The Key Program, Inc.
Bayard, Inc.	Kforce Staffing & Solutions	The Queen's Cup
Behavioral Concepts, Inc.	Liberty Mutual Insurance	Thom Child & Family Services
BrenTuning LLC	LUK, Inc.	Tissue Culture and Enzyme Freezer Supply at UMass Medical School
Burncoat Family Center	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	Tufts University
Catholic Relief Services	MC Strength & Conditioning	UhaulCarShare
Center for Living & Working, Inc.	Mid-State Insurance Agency, Inc.	UltraBenefits, Inc.
Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging	NAL's Paint Center	UMass Memorial Health Care
Central Mass Physical Therapy	New England Baseball Complex	University of Massachusetts Medical School
CharterTV3	New England Roast Beef	Unum
Children's Friend, Inc.	New England Symphony Orchestra	Venerini Academy
Classic Suites & Inns	North Brookfield Elementary School	Wachusett Mountain Ski Area
Cleanse Fine Auto Detailing	O'Connor, Maloney, and Company, P.C.	Wakefly Inc.
Commerce Bank & Trust Company	Pernet Family Health Service	Walden Behavioral Care, LLC
Community Healthlink, Inc.	Prudential Advisors	Why Me & Sherry's House
Crawford Truck Sales	Red Hat	Worcester Art Museum
Cunningham & Associates, LLC	Reliant Medical Group	Worcester Bravehearts
Massachusetts Department of Children & Families	Sereni Salon & Spa	<i>Worcester Business Journal</i>
Eisenberg Assisted Living Residence	Seven Hills Foundation	Worcester District Court Probation Department
Elite Gymnastics Academy	Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services, Inc.	Worcester Fire Department
Emergency Medicine Research Assistant Program (EMRAP) at UMass Medical School	Smith, Sullivan & Brown, PC	Worcester Housing Authority
Enlightened Interventions, LLC	South Bay Community Services	Worcester Physical Therapy Services
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	South County Housing	Worcester Railers
Exceed Sports Performance & Fitness	Saint-Gobain North America	Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Expose Yourself Public Relations	St. Peter's Catholic Church	<i>Worcester Telegram &amp; Gazette</i>
Family Continuity	Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center	Worcester Trial Court
Fitivity	Stutman Contracting, Inc.	YOU, Inc.
French Knot	Summit ElderCare	Zounds Hearing Center
	Sutton School District	

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Education program. The organization offers its members in the greater Worcester area intellectual stimulation, socialization, personal growth, and opportunities for service. Through the peer-learning concept, members share their knowledge and experience with each other by creating, coordinating, and participating in courses and other educational activities. Group leaders are retired college professors and other professionals who have expertise in their areas of interest.

"The presence of WISE on the Assumption campus and the lifetime of accumulated wisdom of its members provide students with additional sources of knowledge and inspiration," said Assumption College President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. "We are pleased that WISE is an integral part of the Assumption community. Their presence enriches the life of our campus, especially our students."

*"WISE is deeply grateful to Assumption for supporting our program of late-life learning...This program plays a crucial role in the lives of seniors in the greater Worcester community."*

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