TIME PRESENT
AND TIME PAST
ADDENDUM IV
— 40 YEARS —

WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.
“...the essence of Western College is hard to catch. It cannot be bought. It cannot be sold. It cannot be captured. It cannot be mimicked. It is too spirited, too lively, too full of zest for that. Think of it carried comfortably by each of you wherever you may be around the world, next September or fifty years from now. ... Our limits are the limits of our lives and the lives we touch from now on”

— Phyllis Hoyt, from her remarks at the dedication of Hoyt Library, March 9, 1974
May the Story Never End . . .

Never say die. Even as we consider our denouement over the next ten years, ambitious and exciting new projects spring forward. Six years ago, trustees formed the Legacy Committee to plan how best to (1) honor our mission statement and (2) tell the Western story to future generations.

We first ensured full endowment of all existing scholarships, then immediately undertook the daunting challenge of establishing a Western College Endowed Professorship. It took just a year and a-half to meet and exceed the fundraising goal of $300,000. Now there is a professorship so-named at Miami University, honoring former faculty of Western College.

Attention then turned to creating a permanent physical representation of Western College on the Western campus that would somehow also bear its history. After many months of trustees’ brainstorming within and without the WCAA, a vision took shape. The Western College Legacy Circle was born, more fundraising began, and the official groundbreaking took place during Alumnae Weekend, on June 21, 2014.

Mindful of the eventual dissolution of the Association, trustees took proactive steps with Miami to protect and preserve the Western College legacy. The Governance Committee was formed in 2010 and in a year’s time accomplished the first stage: a long-term agreement with the Miami University Foundation.

Additionally, there have been new publications (a pictorial history, campus and Patterson Place Museum guides), significant new discoveries and restoration of neglected documents and artifacts ... and always renewed resolve. We shall endure.

Mackenzie Becker Rice
Director

Cathy Bauer Cooper ’60
Publications Editor

Fall 2014
Dear members of the Western College Alumnae Association:

Miami University is pleased to congratulate the Western College Alumnae Association on the 40th Anniversary of your incorporation. The WCAA has done exceptional work to promote the legacy, tradition, and history of Western College. Above all, the WCAA has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education. In 2011 we celebrated the completion of the Western College Professorship, which represents the amazing generosity and dedication of Western alumnae.

The Western spirit lives on at Miami in so many ways, but foremost among them will be the Western College Legacy Circle. Part memorial and part intimate campus gathering area, the Legacy Circle will be located on Western campus near the Western Walk and the Western Dining Commons. The campaign to fund this project is now well underway and will stand as an enduring statement of the Western legacy.

The success of these projects is thanks to careful and thoughtful planning, which has also produced a forward-looking succession plan for the WCAA once dissolved in 2024. Thanks to these and many other efforts, Miami will be forever enhanced by the support of gracious Western alumnae who have been wonderful advocates for excellence in education. We are humbled by the trust you have placed in us to serve as the keepers of the Western legacy, and we are grateful for the strong mutual respect and support that continue to be shared by Miami University and the WCAA.

Sincerely,

Tom Herbert, JD
Vice President for University Advancement
2010-2014: All-Western Reunions Hark Back and Look Ahead
2009-2010 Shirley Small Osepchuk ’55

Worthy Resolutions for All

Shirley Small Osepchuk was elected to the WCAA Board of Trustees in April 2007 to serve a three-year term (2007-2010) and became president in 2009. Shortly after being re-elected in 2010, she found it necessary to resign because of ill health. Sadly, Shirley passed away in October of 2011.

Dear Alumnae, here is my WCAA “To Do List” for ’09-’10. Can you relate?

Return to Oxford for the ’10 Reunion in June and hear again the elegant refurbished organ in Kumler.

Re-read P. Hoyt’s Where the Peonies Bloomed for a good laugh and a good cry.

Report to my ’55 class rep by e-mail.

Refer to the website: wcaa.muohio.edu/wcaa for the fall and spring Bulletins.

Respond w/$ to the Annual Fund request to support scholarships, reunions and the publication of Time Present and Time Past Addendum III.

Remember to support w/$ the WCAA legacy goals, including creation of the endowed WCAA Professorship. Reaffirm my love for Western by attending Board of Trustees meetings and encouraging others to serve.

Remain positive about the new Western Program, part of Miami’s Arts & Science department.

2009

Forty-fifth anniversary of Freedom Summer celebrated with reunion and conference on campus.

Under the direction of Doris Ning Wong ’62, fund-raising begins for Western College Endowed Professorship.

Long forgotten painting by Susan Peabody, The Letter Writer, believed to be a representation of her brother, Henry Peabody, restored and ceremoniously unveiled.

Bulletin goes online, providing the option of reading electronic or print copy.

Mississippi Freedom Summer 1964 collection digitized, viewable online on Western College Memorial Archives website.

2010

MU botany professor Nicholas P. Money appointed director of the new Western Program, housed as a department under the College of Arts and Science.

Panel of distinguished Western alumnae discusses impact of women’s college education on their careers with audience of WCP students, faculty, and friends.

Last four-year class of Western College Program graduates.

Western College Endowed Professorship campaign reaches over 40% of its $200,000 goal in first year.

Class Reps honored at Reunion 2010, the 35th Anniversary Grand Finale.
2010-2014 Jocelyn Woodson-Reed ’74

That Great Western Spirit!

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 2007, elected as secretary in 2008 and as president to a three-year term in 2010. Introduced in the Fall 2010 Bulletin, Jocelyn addressed the constituency with the message below. During her term most of the ambitious 15-year strategy for the future was achieved: Existing WCAA scholarships are fully endowed, and the Western College Endowed Professorship was funded in just two and a-half years. The plan to establish a Western College Center at Patterson Place was tabled, and a brand-new idea -- just as ambitious -- sprang up: a campus gathering place telling the story of Western with texts inscribed in stone to be known as the Western College Legacy Circle. Fund-raising began, and Jocelyn presided over the groundbreaking in June 2014.

Dear Fellow Alumnae: Our Western College Alumnae Association is still strong after 40 years! With your help and that great Western Spirit, we have accomplished many of our goals and continue to plan our legacy.

Our 15-year strategy strives to ensure that all existing WCAA scholarships are adequately endowed. In spite of the challenges of the economy, this goal was met. We thank you for your continuing generosity and support of the WCAA Scholarship endowments, Reunion Gifts and the Annual Fund. In addition, we have met our goal to create a Western College Endowed Professorship.

Our most ambitious goal to date is the establishment of the Western College Legacy Circle. There has been much enthusiasm from the board for this project in preserving our legacy. We want to ensure that Western College will live on, long after the last of us are gone.

As always, we ask each of you to consider the gift of your time and talents by running for the Board of Trustees to help in continuing our legacy strategies.

2010, continued

Visiting Dalai Lama speaks at Millett Hall, in connection with WCAA-sponsored Mystical Arts of Tibet, part of MU’s Performing Arts series.

Biannual mass mailing of Class Notes blue cards discontinued, replaced by mail-in forms printed in Bulletin.

Retiring WCAA director Judy Waldron is succeeded by interim director Mackenzie Becker Rice MU ’99.

WCAA board of trustees proposes 2024, the 50-year anniversary of last graduating class, as date for transfer of Western alumnae relations to the Miami University Alumni Association and forms ad hoc Articulation Committee.

2011

Miami announces the Miami Makeover, a long-range plan for construction and renovation of buildings on both campuses.

All Western Reunion, “Spotlight Western: You Are a Star,” includes a candlelight memorial tribute to Dean Phyllis Hoyt.

WCAA Governance Committee finalizes first-stage of articulation agreement with Miami University Foundation.

With $100,000 grant from MU, Western College Endowed Professorship campaign meets and exceeds goal of $400,000.

Final issue of “The Anchor,” Meily Society newsletter, published
2012
Mackenzie Rice appointed WCAA director.
Construction well underway on dining hall and new three dormitories on north end of Western campus.
Bound archival copy of History of the Western College for Women: First Half Century (1855-1905) by Sarah Isabella Howe, Class of 1865, discovered by Oxford historian Dr. Elizabeth Johnson to be incomplete; Dr. Johnson undertakes research and editing to restore original manuscript.
Alumnae Weekend celebrates history of Western and honors former choir members. Program includes organ and carillon recital.
Ten members of the Peabody family, descendants of Helen Peabody — having recently discovered the connection — attend reunion.
Tom Herbert III appointed MU Vice President of University Advancement, replacing Jayne Whitehead.

2013
Western College Charter Day celebrates 160 years with readings from historic Seminary journals, presentations in Leonard Theatre, and tree-planting ceremony on campus.
2013, continued

All-Western Alumnae/i Weekend honors Western authors, features walking tour, presents student-directed play, *All in the Timing*, in Ernst Nature Theatre.

**Western College Program Alumni Association** holds five-year mega reunion.

**Patterson Place Museum** self-guided tour drafted by Elizabeth Johnson.

2014

The three new MU residence halls on Western campus open.

MU officially names newly opened dining hall on campus “**Western Dining Commons**”; names walkway across campus from Bachelor to Peabody “Western Walk.”

Archivist Jacky Johnson’s pictorial history, **Western College for Women**, is published.

Board of Trustees approves artist's rendering of proposed **Western College Legacy Circle**.

**Alexander Dining Hall** razed; Peabody and McKee halls slated for major renovations.

Miami kicks off year-long observance, “Celebrating Freedom: Understanding the Past, Building the Future.” **Judi Hampton ’64**, whose company produced *Eyes on the Prize*, invited to be one of the featured speakers.

Alumnae Weekend captures the “**Soul of Western**”; special events include groundbreaking for the Legacy Circle.

Forty years of existence — unrivaled for an “orphan” alumnae association — celebrated with WCAA Inc.’s “Addendum IV.”
When the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc. was born in 1974, the Board of Trustees’ first act was to create a scholarship. That very year an International Student Scholarship was established; two years later, four Peabody Scholarships for non-traditional students were awarded. Through the years, dozens of new scholarships have been created, reflecting alumnae commitment to rewarding academic excellence, helping those in need, encouraging multicultural diversity and international exchange, stimulating student leadership, underwriting involvement in the liberal arts and fine arts, and more.

As of June 30, 2014, scholarships since 1974 totaled $7,631,145. In the past five years, 1,184 awards for scholarships and other educational support totaled $2,850,419.

A primary goal of the Legacy Committee was to ensure that all existing WCAA scholarships be adequately endowed. Although there is always more need than our current endowments generate, the committee has ensured that all areas important for continuing the tradition and heritage of Western College do have perpetual scholarships.

Lest you think scholarship help is taken for granted by the Millennial Generation, we would like to give you this glimpse of what your generosity has meant to a few of our own past scholarship recipients.

Allison Chasko, MU ’11, General International Exchange/Study Abroad Scholarship:

I am studying abroad in Valparaíso, Chile, this spring semester. Because the southern hemisphere is on a different academic calendar, I arrived in Chile March 6. Thankfully, the area where I am living and studying was unaffected by the massive earthquake in Concepción in the south of Chile. However, I am quickly discovering that the earthquake, while centered in the south, is affecting the entire country. For example, my host father works for an engineering company that ships materials by train throughout the country, which is very hard to do because the earthquake has caused destruction to a lot of the tracks. Thus, he is experiencing extreme difficulty at his job, working around the clock to get the materials where they need to be by other routes and means of transportation. Another effect of the earthquake we are feeling directly is that the city of Viña del Mar has cut off water in the city for three days in order to help areas in the south that have been without water since the earthquake. Therefore, we are functioning as best we can with a reserve of water. I have managed to see a lot of the area already, traveling around Viña del Mar, Reñaca, and also to Valparaíso, where my university, Pontificia, is located. I would like to thank the Western Alumnae Association for providing awards to students studying abroad. The education and experiences we are gaining while abroad are absolutely priceless. It is the opportunity of a lifetime and every bit of financial assistance makes it that much easier to be able to focus on the adventure and get the most out of our time abroad.

Emily Phillips-Roth, MU ’11, Rowena Snyder Study Abroad Scholarship:

I am a junior at Miami, studying in Nice, France, this semester, and was very thankful to receive your generous scholarship. Nice is a very beautiful place, but it is quite different from Oxford! This past weekend, I was able to travel to the village of Eze, which is a 20-minute bus ride from Nice up into the mountains. Eze is a really neat place to visit because it still has a totally preserved walled city – it is just like being in the Middle Ages! At the
very top of the village is an exotic botanical garden that has fantastic views of the mountains and the coastline. On the clearest days, you can even see all the way to Corsica! It is also home to a Fragonard Parfumerie factory, which I got to tour. Thank you for helping to make this trip possible for me!

Dana Berendt, MU ’11, General International Exchange/Study Abroad Scholarship:

My experience in Edinburgh, Scotland, has been amazing. I’d been planning on going since I was 10; and now that I’m here I can honestly say it’s even better than I imagined. One of the highlights of my experience so far was learning that I’m a 10-minute walk from the Edinburgh Castle and when I walk home at night I can see the castle above my flat. Another highlight would have to be my trip to Aberdeen. It’s up north and the third largest city in Scotland. I took a train up there to see Dunnottar Castle. It was one of the best sights I’ve ever seen in my life. After walking around all day, I finally caught my train at 9 p.m. after a few wrong bus rides; only to have another train break down in front of us and have to return to Aberdeen. We sat on the train for hours and, while it was frustrating because I was exhausted, I got to talk to many amazing Scottish people with interesting stories to tell. After we were let off the train, we got a bus to Dundee and a taxi to Edinburgh. I arrived back at my flat around 4 a.m. It was a tiring journey but I’d do it again in a minute.

Ryan Kincaid, MU ’12, Alumnae Scholarship:

I very much appreciate your support through this generous program. Especially in these difficult times, it takes a considerable amount of pressure off my family and me ... I am continuing my studies in Diplomacy and Global Politics with a minor in German and European Area Studies. I had the fantastic opportunity to study abroad at the MUDEC in Luxembourg ... [but] it is good to be back on the campus that means so much to me. I have applied for a summer internship with the Department of State and am waiting anxiously to hear back ...

Nhung Nguyen, MU ’14, Multicultural Scholarship-International:

I am very happy to get to know different cultures, but at the same time I have come to understand myself a little more. It feels like a fish under water, never knowing that it needs water to live until it is taken out of it. That is what this whole studying abroad experience has brought me. I am now an International Business and Supply Chain Management major ... I will continue trying to make the most out of this precious opportunity.

From Angela Downard, MU ’13, Peabody Scholarship:

Nursing is more than a job to me, it is a passion. It is something that has been naturally instilled in me from the generations of women before me and I intend to carry the title with honor and pride. I look forward to graduation and finally doing what I have felt destined to do for many years. ... Your generosity came as a blessing in my life and just at the right time. I cannot find all the words to describe my gratitude.

Jacinta Spinola, MU ’13, International Exchange/Study Abroad Scholarship:

I am going abroad this year [2010-11] with the ISEP program ... the scholarship means a great deal to me because it helps out a lot. I am going to study in Ireland at the University of Ulster ... the fall semester and the spring semester in Hyderabad, India. I am a Secondary English Education major and hope to one day teach in international schools, which is one reason why I want to go abroad.

Matthew Cheung, MU ’11, International Exchange/Study Abroad Scholarship:

Miami’s campus as well as the China Business Program quickly drew my attention and made my decision easy ... It provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to study at Peking University in Beijing. Studying abroad complements my China business goals and allows me to test out the ideas and theories learned from my China business classes here at Miami. Western College Alumnae, I want to thank you for making the chance to study abroad in China a reality for me.
Josslyn Pretty, MU ‘14, Peabody Scholarship:

I am writing to thank you for the Western College Alumnae Association Peabody Scholarship that I was recently awarded. It was an honor to be chosen as a recipient of this award. Your support has kept me from worrying so much about the cost of tuition as a non-traditional student. I truly value my education here at Miami University, and this scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to continue with my educational pursuits.

... we are now living in a society with ever-growing diversity and common need of assistance and I have been driven to incorporate my knowledge into the community. I not only want to challenge the improvement of my city, but I am motivated to develop a program that will improve our society to save lives and make it easier to obtain health information electronically. ... Thank you again for your generosity. I hope to represent the Western College Alumnae Association Peabody Scholarship in a positive manner and I look forward to the time that I can help others as you have helped me.

Hanna Furmanava, MU ‘14, International Student Scholarship:

I am from Belarus ... pursuing major degrees in Finance, Accounting and minor in Decision Sciences. Currently I have a 3.71 cumulative GPA that I am proud of. I am on the tennis team at Miami. My schedule is very busy with a lot of practices, travelling, games ... during my free time, I work at the Chemistry Department and have an internship at the Athletic Department. I like Miami University and Oxford a lot ... a town with a great school, nature, history and beauty ...

Cindy Jimenez DeCabrera, MU ’14, Fritz Mueller Beckett Peabody Scholarship:

My plan is to pursue a career in nursing ... I want to use my second language, Spanish, to reach a broader population. ... most of my educational plans revolve around my three children because by achieving a career that I love they will see the benefit of striving for a good education. I hope one day I will be able to ... like you, help students reach their goals with the help of a scholarship.

Audree Riddle, WCP ’10, Florence Prendergast Cockerell & Lydia Zimmerman Study Abroad Scholarships:

I know some of the wonderful ladies in the Association, and some may know me as the Western major who volunteered to create the Western History in an exhibit. ... I am an Interdisciplinary Studies major with focuses in museum studies and interactive media, as well as a history major. I am currently taking courses in public history and have an internship at the Cincinnati Museum Center. ... This year I have remained actively involved in on-campus life. I have for the third year in a row held a position on the Residence Hall Association. This year, I reached a little higher and elected to be the finance director. ... I have made amazing friends, and I plan to continue my work with the Associated Student Government next year. These opportunities would not have been possible if it was not for your support. ... I very much enjoyed spending time with many of you over Reunion Weekend. ... I am also taking Italian in preparation for studying abroad next semester in Rome, Italy. I am so excited to be going abroad. There is no time like now to expand my horizons.

Nancy Odero, MU ’15, Herrick Black Young & Mboya Family International Scholarships:

I am a first year student at Miami University ... writing to express my heartfelt gratitude. I have been able to attend a university I never believed was within my reach and have been able to learn so many new things from a lot of very wonderful people, because of the wonderful opportunity you have afforded me. I pray for everlasting blessings in your lives and hope to represent my country [Kenya] and your scholarship to the best of my ability. ... I hope to make you all proud while at Miami.
ALUMNAE SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENTS, 2010-2014
2010 (No award made)
2011 Judy K. Waldron HA
2012 Anne Adkins Weissenborn ’61
2013 Lolita McDavid ’69
Yoriko Konishi Meguro ’61
Cary Kimbark Revere ’53
2014 Yvette Small Mohler ’64
Katharine Piper ’58 *
Doris Ning Wong ’62

ALUMNAE CHAPEL SPEAKERS,
2010-2014
2010 Joanne Sallee Kernitz ’51 *
2011 Cynthia Ackerman Horne ’61
2012 Doris Ning Wong ’62
2013 Judy Scevel Robinson ’63
2014 Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins ’74

HONORARY ALUMNAE/I, 2010-2014
2010 Mary Jean Corbett
2011 Judy K. Waldron
2012 Jayne Whitehead
2014 Charles Salt *

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES, 2009-2014
'29 Frances Hall King *
'38 Jane Noble Miller *
'40 Ruth Bertsch Stilwell *
'41 Suzy Allburt
'42 Beatrice Low Notley
'43 Margaret Null Bell
'44 Nancy Meyer Elofson *
'45 Ardis Dechman Coninx
'46 Dorcas Robson
'47 Betty Maddox Daniels
'48 Anne Mack Dean
'49 Alice Grubb Brandon
'50 Jane Osgood Tatge
'51 Diane Heckert Staub *
'52 Ruth McVicker Rhodenbaugh
'53 Cary Kimbark Revere
'54 Barbara Drake McConnell
'55 Mary Sier Moore
'56 Sally Derby Miller
'57 Charlotte Knox Eberhard
'58 Sue Mayer Falter
'59 Jennie Lou Fredley Klim
'60 Jane Toy Thomason
'61 Jan Sandrock MacEwen
'62 Jeanette Kirpatrick Duvall
'63 Mary DeJong Obuchowski
'64 Joanne’ Tortorete Corradi
'65 Judi Amos Hubbell
'66 Debbie Hunt Perrin
'67 Jill Hartley Fulton
'68 Evie Small Mohler
'69 Pam Eggers Gill
'70 Jane Graham Murphy
'71 Kathi Ramsey Bumblis
'72 Kathy Ehrgood Sturm
'73 Susan Blake Rowland
'74 Nancy Wilson Kobayashi
'75 Kelly Felice
'76 Laurie LeGrand
'77 Deborah Caprini Ott
'78 Beth Cramp Dague
'79 Christie Wines
'80 Elizabeth Ann Salt

* deceased
Western College Alumnae ... Doing Good and Doing Well!

Sally Derby Miller ’56, award-winning author of 12 children’s books, including three to be published in 2015 ... Ghada Hashem Talhami ’62, emeritus professor, Lake Forest College, Department of Politics; recipient, Lifetime Achievement Award, Palestinian-American Women’s Society; author of seven books on the Middle East ... Suzanne Kelley Doswell ’74, Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer, ACBIS; member, Governor’s ABI Commission, Massachusetts ... Esin Aka Etil ’58, former curator, Near Eastern art, the Smithsonian Freer Gallery of Art; author of countless books on Islamic art and related subjects ... Wakako Ohara ’63, executive director, Ohara School of Ikebana, founded in 1861 by her grandfather ... Yvette Small Hohler ’64, co-founder with her husband, Hope Children’s Fund, Ltd. and Hope Children’s Home in Kenya ... Susan Schreyer ’73, acclaimed mystery writer; rider, trainer, interpreter of horses ... Cecilia Segawa (Seigle) Tannenbaum ’57, professor emerita, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania; author of essays, book reviews, biographies, and monographs ... Greta Pope Wimp ’74, nationally acclaimed entertainer, author, motivational speaker, entrepreneur ... Margaret Odede Adongo ’73, designer, instigator of movement to establish Kenyan national dress ... Hank Phillippi Ryan ’71, multi-award-winner as both on-air investigative TV reporter and mystery/crime fiction writer ... Doris Ning Wong ’62, retired pediatric physician, former director of Boston’s community pediatric health program; author (as K. L. Ning) of new children’s book ... Yoriko Konishi Meguro ’61, international advocate for women, men, families, and environment as sociology professor at Sophia University, Tokyo, and at the UN; continuing in retirement to volunteer with many NGOs ... Karen L. King ’76, Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University, continuing analysis of controversial papyrus presented as “The Gospel of Jesus’ Wife” ... Lilina Cambouris Williams ’65, botanical artist whose oil paintings show in major DC galleries ... Naphalai Chantararak Areesorn ’74, founder and former director, Thailand spa resort Chiva Som; now editor-in-chief, Thailand Tatler ... Judi Hampton ’64, former president, Judi Hampton Public Relations and board president, Blackside, Inc. documentary film company ... Cynthia Crossan-Harrington ’66, psychiatric social worker, textbook author, pastor, founder, Canines for Combat Veterans
Alumnae Weekend 2014
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Western Dining Commons*

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