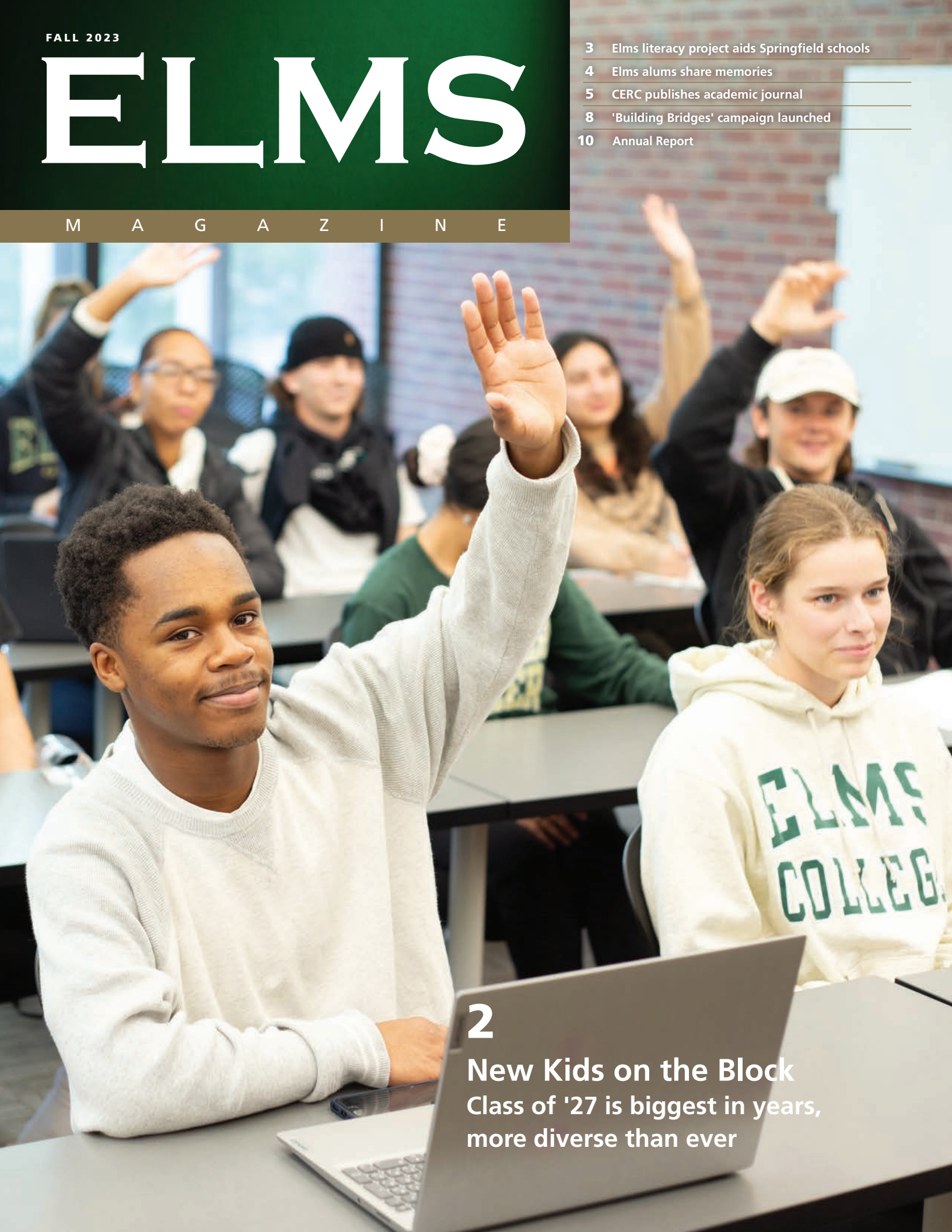
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Class of '27 is biggest in years, more diverse than ever



"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

– Frederick Buechner

Dear friends,

The fall semester is always a special time on campus. What begins on Moving Day under bright summer skies and 90-degree temperatures concludes months later at Christmas break in frigid weather, amid icicles, snowbanks, and 4 p.m. sunsets. And in between there are activities, events, and happenings on campus that are as diverse and often as glorious as the full range of colors we see in the Autumn leaves.

This fall semester was similar to previous ones in a few ways. The first few weeks bristled with excitement, wonder, and the possibility of all that is new. The upper-level students were the quickest to get back into the swing of things. But the first-year students' enthusiasm was not far behind as they explored their new surroundings and embarked on their new adventure.

This fall brought some added excitement. The College enrolled one of the largest freshmen and transfer classes in recent history. In addition, Elms College's great value for students was recognized in the US News and World Report's latest ranking: Elms jumped up 30 places to No. 63 among Regional Universities in the North.

In a very challenging atmosphere for US higher education, especially for small colleges in the Northeast, we are grateful for these blessings and do not take them for granted. They stem from the efforts of an indefatigable group of faculty and staff, with the guidance of our Board and the support of our friends, who work every day to advance the mission of this institution, founded 95 years ago by Mother John Berchmans and her congregation of Sisters.

This edition of Elms Magazine showcases examples of these efforts aimed to advance the mission of the College of Our Lady of the Elms.

- This year's **first-year class** is unlike any other in the history of the college. The largest class in more than a decade, it also appears to be our most diverse class, from both a racial and gender standpoint.
- This summer, Elms College took the lead in a regional effort known as the **Western Massachusetts Literacy Collaborative**. Faculty from the Education Division and the Cynthia A. Lyons Center for Equity in Urban Education collaborated with colleagues from AIC, BayPath, Westfield State, and the Springfield Public Schools to address the reading deficits experienced by school children, particularly following COVID. Elms is committed to continuing and even expanding this effort.
- Our St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion and Culture, led by Executive Director, Dr. Peter DePergola, launched its journal, **Charity in Truth**, over the summer. It is the only peer-reviewed academic journal based at Elms and is only one of a handful based in Western Massachusetts.
- Lastly, at this fall's Evening of Appreciation, Elms College launched our $20 million Building Bridges campaign to support student scholarships and several initiatives enacted by the college, as part of the **Building Bridges** to the Elms Plus Experience Strategic Plan.

It is my fondest hope that you and everyone you hold dear are happy, safe, and healthy this winter. I offer my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our supporters and to all those who make Elms College what it is today for so many, and what it can be tomorrow for so many more. Thank you for continuing to help us to build bridges for our students. Through them, we can touch untold numbers of lives who will benefit from their education.

Best wishes to you during this Christmas season.



Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA

President

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The Class of '27 is one of the most diverse first-year classes in Elms History. Pictured are Samuel Ackah-Yensu and Aniah Daniel-Gresham in the back row, Giselle Rosa in the center, and Leila Guzman and Jesse Hagen in the front.

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Elms Sees Largest First-year Class in a Decade



Members of the Class of 2027 during class in Berchmans Hall. Pictured are Samuel Ackah-Yensu, an accounting major from Cape Coast, Ghana, Giselle Rosa, a nursing major from Northampton, Felicia LeBlanc, a graphic design major from Westfield, and Leila Guzman, a nursing major from Springfield.

The first-year class this fall is the biggest at Elms in recent years, and in some ways, it is unlike any previous class in Elms history.

What stands out immediately about this class, officially the Class of 2027, is the size. At 196 students, it is bigger than any first-year class in more than a decade and is just 5 students short of the record of 201 set in 2008. Drilling down in the numbers shows that this class may be the most diverse in the 95-year history of Elms College.

"In so many ways, this year's first-year class is unique and distinctive from any that came before them," said Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay.

"I am always excited to welcome the incoming class each year," he said. "Each of these young people represents the rebirth and renewal of Elms College. They come here with fresh perspectives, new ideas, and boundless energy that invigorate our entire community."

The 196 students is a 37% increase from a year ago and a 62% increase from the pandemic year of 2020. It is the largest class since 2011 when there were 198 students.

Other numbers that stand out for the Class of 2027:

The number of male students, 78, represents a 73% increase from 2022 when there were 45.

Female students, at 60.2%, make up the majority of the class. But the 60/40 ratio of women to men is narrower than perhaps for any class since Elms went coed 25 years ago. The first-year class in 2018 was 77% female, but that percentage has dipped lower each year as the number of men increased. Last year was the first time any entering class was not at least 70% female.

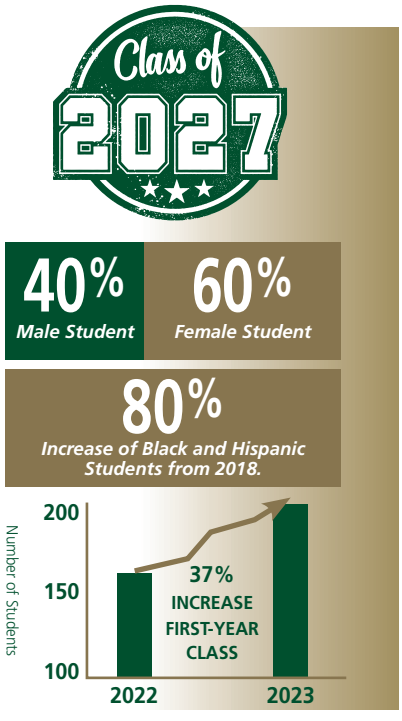
Sixty-one percent of the class identify as people of color, double the percentage recorded 5 years ago in 2018. Incoming Black or Hispanic students increased by 80% from a year ago. More first-year students identify as Hispanic, 78, than white, 73.

Just over 70%, or 140 students, come from Massachusetts, which is consistent with prior years. Connecticut remains the second most popular home state, with just under 13% or 25 students. The home state with the largest rate of growth was New York, which saw a staggering 600% increase in the past year. Numerically, that translates to an increase from one student last year to seven this year.

The most popular majors among the Class of '27 are Business with 57 students, Nursing with 56, followed by Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Technology with 31, and Social Sciences with 28. Business saw the biggest increase, 78%, from a year ago, followed by Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Technology at 47% and Nursing at 27%. Nine of the 196 students have not yet declared a major.

Ninety-four first-years reside on campus, an increase of 42%. It is the highest number of residential students in a first-year class since before the pandemic.

Lukman Arsalan, who started in August as vice president for Enrollment Management and Marketing, said "Elms College's incoming class is a vibrant community of talent, passion, and diversity. We are excited to welcome these extraordinary students to our campus, where they will thrive, learn from each other, and be empowered to effect positive changes in the community and the world."



Elms, area colleges team up to boost literacy in Springfield schools

Working as a literacy interventionist at Springfield's South End Middle School over the summer, Alba Albo could gauge how her students were progressing just by listening to them read aloud.

At the start of summer school, her students had trouble reciting written texts, halting and struggling with nearly every word. Four weeks later, the same students could breeze through entire paragraphs, reciting them faster, smoother, and with much more confidence.

"It's really easy to tell the kids were developing fluency because it takes them less time to go through a passage," said Albo, an Elms graduate student. "It was pretty cool."

Bianca Bonsu, another literacy instructor, said her work with children reinforced her view that being a good teacher makes a profound difference for young people. Her aha moment came during a class at the Springfield Conservatory for the Arts when a student who struggled for years to read was able to deduce a new word by himself.

"I had taught him that most words have words you already know in them, so you just have to look for the word inside the word," she said. As this student read aloud in class, he paused briefly on the word "moment" before recognizing the word inside the word. "There's 'mom' – I know that word. It's 'moment.'"

Recalling the moment with pride, Bonsu said, "I was like 'Oh yeah! You're utilizing the strategy I taught you.'"

Albo, seeking her master's degree in education, and Bonsu, an undergraduate majoring in education through the Cynthia A. Lyons Center for Equity in Urban Education, spent the summer working as summer school teachers with a new program launched by Elms College to increase literacy among Springfield area school children.

Albo, Bonsu, and 13 other area college students worked as literacy instructors for the Learn and Earn Literacy Corps, which is part of the Western Massachusetts Literacy Collaborative. The collaborative is a joint effort between Elms College, American International College, Bay Path University, Westfield State University, and Springfield Public Schools. It was funded in part through grants of $25,000 each by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and the Springfield Empowerment Zone.





Bianca Bonsu, a summer school instructor with the Learn and Earn Literacy Corps, a new program sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Literacy Collaborative, works with a middle school student at the Springfield Conservatory for the Arts.

Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay said it attempts to address the problem that around 20% of adults in the United States have trouble reading.

"We can agree that the best and most sustainable long-term strategy to increase literacy rates among adults is to make a lasting impact when they are children," Dumay said.

The 15 literacy instructors helped more than 130 students in Springfield schools over the 4-week summer school. Classes were small, with roughly nine students per instructor.

Shanice Smith, an Elms graduate student seeking her master's in education through CEUE, volunteered because she sees literacy as a critical life skill.

"If you are unable to read you are unable to access the information you need for anything. Imagine you don't know how to read. That stigma is going to play out all your life," she said.

Laura Porter, Elms College assistant professor of special education and interim chair of the Division of Education, and Dr. Tyra Good, CEUE executive director, each said they would like to see the program expanded to more schools and more communities next summer.

Good said the reviews have been really positive, and there has been a lot of interest from other school districts and colleges about next year.

"It's not about working in isolation, it's about how we are collectively coming together to transform our education landscape," Good said.

Members of the inaugural Learn and Earn Literacy Collaborative pose with Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay.

Elms memories: alums fondly recall their college days

In celebration of Elms College's 95th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Alumnae Library, we asked alumni for their memories from their time at the school. Several alums responded. Here are their stories.



Alumnae Library, still under construction in 1972, is shown against the present-day Sister Kathleen Keating Quadrangle.

Kathleen Adamczyk, '76
Germantown, MD

I remember so many things and made lifelong friendships, which I treasure to this day. One memory about the Alumnae Library happened in the spring of our freshman year. We, of course, had seen the library being built but when we came back from spring break there were signs around the campus saying "M day is coming."

We initially had no idea what that meant but we soon learned it meant "Moving Day."

Classes were canceled and we were lined up from the quad to the old library on the upper floor of Berchmans Hall (where the chapel is now). We were given old canvas Woolworth shopping baskets and told to stand in line as the bags were filled from the shelves. We then carried the bags to the new library and were directed to the appropriate place where our bags were emptied and books placed on the shelves in perfect order.

Paula Lane-Major, '87
South Hadley, MA

Studying in the Alumnae Library is a prominent memory for me.

I remember being so impressed by the architecture, the artwork, the view of the quadrangle from the second floor, the volumes of books and periodicals, the study carrels, and the small comfortable rooms for group study. I loved the solitude of studying alone and the opportunity to work and socialize with friends. My experiences in that library helped develop my love of libraries as centers for culture and lifelong learning.



A photo from a 1950s commencement is shown against the present Berchmans Hall backdrop.

I also remember when I started in 1983, being surprised by the number of young men studying there in the evening. I couldn't imagine what had drawn them to the quiet library of a women's college. I was annoyed by this until one evening, in late November of that year, I met my husband, Brian. Studying at Alumnae Library gave great shape to my life.

Bernie MacArthur, '96
Springfield, MA



A photo showing 1980s students on the terrace of O'Leary Residence Hall is shown against a backdrop of the building from the modern day.

I remember starting Elms in 1993 as a Paralegal Studies major. I was ostensibly labeled as a continuing education student, but in reality, I was a full-time student, never taking fewer than 19 credits a semester. So, for me, Elms went coed in 1993, not 1998.

When I arrived, I was the only male student on campus. Several more would join Elms during the time I was there. I remember my first class that morning was an Intro to Psychology class. When I came into the class, taking a seat along the wall, I heard behind me girls asking "When did they start letting men study here?"

I remember the side looks that I received as I studied in the library, went to the computer class (which, unfortunately, was housed in the women's residence dorm), or utilized the gym.

I got engaged to an Elms student, Patrice Fagnant, and we were married in the Elms Chapel the year after graduation.

St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion & Culture Launches Academic Journal



Dr. Peter DePergola

A new Elms College-based academic journal named Charity in Truth is devoted to exploring contemporary issues where ethics, religion, and culture intersect.

The journal, launched on June 30, is published by the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture. Its editor, Dr. Peter DePergola, also director of the St. Augustine Center, said he hopes Charity in Truth will one day attract original research and scholarship from top academics in the country, as well as showcase the work of Elms College students.

"This is really exciting for the region and for Elms because what I'd like to do is enhance the profile of our scholarship on campus"

– Dr. Peter DePergola

It is the only peer-reviewed academic journal based at Elms College and just one of a few at Western Massachusetts colleges and universities, DePergola said, and that alone makes it a big deal.

"This is really exciting for the region and for Elms because what I'd like to do is enhance the profile of our scholarship on campus," he said. "We look at ourselves, I think, with too small of a lens, that we're just 'little Elms College.'"

DePergola, an associate professor of bioethics, medical humanities, philosophy, and religious studies, said he expects it to have two or three editions per year, depending on the number of submissions from authors.

Charity in Truth is a web-based publication. There is no print edition. It may be found via the web page: **https://charityintruth.scholasticahq.com/**

The St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion and Culture, known on campus as CERC, was formed in 2020 as a way to explore topics of faith, reason, ethics, and culture across all traditions and to examine the most pressing and complex questions involving ethics and religious and spiritual values and where they fit in with the modern world.

The journal's first edition features what DePergola called "a hodgepodge of topics" dealing with issues of ethics, religion, and culture. There are articles exploring the ethics of food insecurity in countries as rich as the United States, the value of touch as a treatment among hospitalized patients, and Pope Francis's position on technology and the environment. There is also a piece discussing the proper use of gender-based pronouns when talking about God.

Pieces are authored by scholars from Lackawanna College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and the University of Toronto. There are also pieces that DePergola co-authored with past or present Elms Students.

He said he would like Charity in Truth to become established and attract the work of scholars from around the world. He would also like to see it publish the original work of Elms students from across all departments.

"We really have some incredible students. I know I do in my classroom," he said. DePergola sees the journal as another manifestation of Elms College's commitment to the founding mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1928. They founded the college to provide a high-quality education to those who are least likely to have access to it, he said.

But, he said, there was also a commitment to giving students the chance "to see themselves not just as learners but as scholars who contribute to the deposit of knowledge."

The journal, DePergola said, is a natural extension – and a key part – of the St. Augustine Center's mission.

"It was important to me in the founding of this project that it was scholastically rigorous, that it would be peer-reviewed, that it would be formal, but that it would be open access," he said.

That would make it a rarity among academic journals, where many of the best titles charge people to read them, he said. "Everything is behind a paywall."

The Charity in Truth requires no subscription or fees. It is free and open to anyone who has access to the internet. DePergola said he sees it as a matter of "economic justice" that the journal is accessible at no cost.

"No one at any time in the future, no matter where you are in the world, whether you're in Nigeria or Northampton, will have to pay."

The Journal's title, Charity in Truth, is the English translation of Pope Benedict's third and final encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate," published in 2009. It is also the motto of the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture.

Its significance, DePergola said, is the belief that the highest form of love is truth.

"Love without truth is a sort of empty, hollow gesture. And truth without love has the same problem," he said. "So charity in truth brings the best of what we are called to be in society."

Q&A

Julie Beck, Elms' new Dean of the School of Nursing

Julie Beck began as the Dean of the School of Nursing on Aug. 1. She comes to Elms College from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where she was director of Nursing and Health Sciences. She began her career as a nurse, then taught nursing, and then transitioned into higher education administration. A lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, she holds a doctorate in adult education from Penn State. Responses were edited for brevity.

Q: So you've been here five weeks. How's it going so far?

Julie Beck: It's going really well. Certainly, there are challenges that you would have in any new job, but the people here are just so incredibly nice and friendly. I don't know if ethos is the right word, but the culture here is very much what I anticipated: caring about students, caring about each other, that whole Catholic undergirding about taking care of others, and it's very humanistic. It is what I expected it to be.



Q: What's your overall assessment of the nursing program so far?

JB: It is very strong. I give the program history and the leaders of this program a lot of credit because leading through COVID and staying strong through COVID was very difficult. The breadth and depth of knowledge that you have here, and offer to students is really strong.

Q: Where do you see the nursing program in 5 years?

JB: Of course, I would love to see us continue to grow. I would love to see a named program. I would love to see an endowed chair. I would love to see something financially from nursing to help nursing move forward. I really think our simulation lab is wonderful and Terry Kinsley has done a phenomenal job. If any of our alums want to come back and take a look at that, or come and meet me, I would love that.



Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll speaks at Executive Leadership Breakfast

Executive Leadership Breakfast

Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll was the featured guest at the 6th annual Executive Leadership Breakfast on June 27 in the Mary Dooley Campus Center.

The annual breakfast brings leaders of local colleges, business and industry, and government agencies together as a chance to discuss common interests and challenges.

Lt. Gov. Driscoll, the former Salem mayor who was elected with Gov. Maura Healey in November 2022, titled her remarks "Moving Massachusetts Forward."

"Together, we will move Massachusetts forward and deliver results for every region of our state, including Western Massachusetts," she said.

She spoke of the importance of establishing partnerships between government, higher education, and business in moving the state forward.

The breakfast was sponsored by Westfield Bank, Baystate Health, Collins Electric Co., Mercy Medical Center, Health New England, Holyoke Medical Center, Keiter Corporation, Eastern States Exposition, Freedom Credit Union, Egan, Flanagan and Cohen, P.C., and Polish National Credit Union.

More than 150 people attended the breakfast, including the mayors of several area communities, state representatives, and the presidents of American International College, Westfield State University and Springfield Technical Community College.

Reunion Weekend Welcomes Blazers Back Home

More than 170 Blazers returned to campus in June for the annual reunion weekend to celebrate their time at Elms and to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. This was the first year since the pandemic that the college was able to host a reunion on campus over three days. Twenty alumnae who attended even stayed for the weekend in the newly renovated Rose William Residence Hall.

Members of classes ending in 3 and 8 were celebrated. Those from the Class of 1998 were presented with their 25-year pin. Meanwhile, the Class of 1973 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation with their welcome into a select circle known as Golden Blazers. Each was presented with a green and gold Golden Blazer scarf to mark the honor. The name signifies Elms alumnae who still possess a fire that burns both fierce and blazing bright.



Class of 1973 alumnae and newly inducted Golden Blazers pose on the steps of Berchmans Hall with Elms College president Dr. Harry Dumay.



Elms College President Dr. Harry Dumay presents Sr. Jane Morrissey with her citation as the 2023 Sr. Margaret James Distinguished Alumni at the reunion in June.

Sister Jane Morrissey '62 was honored as the 2023 recipient of the Sr. Margaret James McGrath Distinguished Alumni Award. Sister Jane was celebrated for her service as a teacher, writer and author, and as a tireless, hands-on advocate for people in needs in our commuity and around the world. In February, she published her autobiography, "Finding Jane in a Box: A Memoir."





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The Campaign for Elms College

Elms launches 'Building Bridges' capital campaign to prepare campus for the next Elms century

At the President's Evening of Appreciation on Oct. 21, Elms College President Dr. Harry Dumay announced the college has formally launched the Building Bridges Campaign, a multi-year comprehensive campaign that seeks to raise $20 million to support and sustain campus programs and provide student scholarships.

The campaign, coinciding with Elms College's 95th-anniversary celebration, is being described as the bridge that connects the college's first and second centuries.

Before a crowd of alumni, supporters, and well-wishers in the Mary Dooley College Center, Dr. Dumay and members of the campaign committee revealed details of the campaign to reach the $20 million goal by June 2025. But, as Dr. Dumay noted, "The unwritten goal of any campaign is to exceed the stated goals."



Members of the campaign steering committee.
From left, Bernadette Nowakowski '89, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Alumni Committee Co-Chair Martha Ryan Ross '87, Campaign Co-Chair Robert Bolduc, Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay, Board of Trustees Chair Paul Stelzer, and Institutional Advancement Trustee Committee Chair Mark Fulco.

Seated: Campaign Co-Chairs: Regina Noonan Hitchery '71, and Alumni Committee Co-Chair Rae Holland-Long '65

Not pictured: Family and Friends Committee Co-Chairs Kathleen Kane and Victor Woolridge

The announcement serves as an expansion of focus within the Office of Institutional Advancement as the campaign segues from a quiet phase to a very active and public-facing one.

After more than three years soliciting leadership gifts from major donors, Institutional Advancement will now reach out to the thousands of Elms alumni and supporters over the final 18 months for contributions that will help the campaign reach its goal, said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Bernadette Nowakowski.

"The more folks who participate in supporting us speaks loudly to the quality of education, and everyone wants to join and say 'There's something wonderful happening at Elms,'" Nowakowski said. "We do have a great story to tell and everyone we've met has supported us, and the gifts are transformational."

The campaign follows and builds upon the college's 2021-2024 strategic plan, titled "Bridges to the Elms Plus Experience" that led to the development of several innovative programs at the college within the last five years.

Among the programs are the Cynthia A. Lyons Center for Equity in Urban Education (CEUE), the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion and Culture (CERC), the Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Haiti Nursing Continuing Education Program, a collaboration between the Elms School of Nursing and Episcopal University of Haiti School of Nursing, and the soon-to-be-launched D'Amour Center for Faculty Teaching Excellence

Also included are the college's Dolores Donlin Noonan '39 Experiential Learning Program, scholarships for students, and an expansion of the reach and services of the Sr. Kathleen Kirley '66 School of Continuing Education.

Dr. Dumay said, "It is one thing to start a center, but to make it self-sustaining is another."

These are hard times in higher education, he said. Gifts to launch new programs are always appreciated. Also appreciated are gifts that help programs remain viable and innovative through hard times and beyond.

"We are laying the ground and positioning the college for a bright future," Nowakowski said. "We are blazing a brilliant path to the next century."

Dr. Dumay said the metaphor of building bridges has a special symbolism for him. Shortly after he was appointed president in 2017, then-Trustees chair Cynthia Lyons gave him a copy of a poem by Will Allen Dromgoole called "The Bridge Builder."

The poem describes an older man making a very long and difficult one-way journey. At one point, he needs to cross a very deep chasm by climbing down a very steep cliff and then up the equally steep other side. Upon crossing, he then sets out to construct a bridge spanning the chasm.

Critics question the man, ridiculing him for investing time and resources to build a bridge he will never use. He replies that younger people are certain to make the same difficult journey, and he built the bridge for them.

"This campaign is building a bridge for Elms College," Dr. Dumay said. "It is for us and our supporters to reach countless lives through the people who will be educated."

Nowakowski said the campaign has already garnered several significant gifts in the last few years from major donors.

These include gifts from Cynthia A. and William G. Lyons III for CEUE, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and Donald and Michele D'Amour for the Haiti Nursing initiative, the D'Amours again for the Center for Faculty Teaching Excellence, Regina '71 and Joseph Hitchery for the Dolores Donlin Noonan '39 Experiential Learning Program, and several donors in support of the St. Augustine Center for Ethics Religion and Culture.

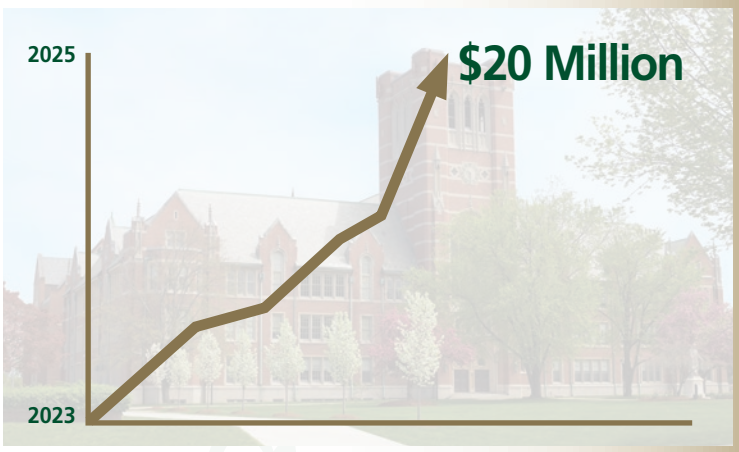
There have also been several leadership gifts of $100,000 or more in support of annual, including scholarship assistance from the Hope for Your and Families Foundation for urban education and social work. There have also been gifts for brick-and-mortar projects, like for the 2020 restoration of Gaylord Mansion into a living-learning, community, and cultural center.

Dr. Dumay said Elms over the last 5 years has introduced several new programs and created community outreach initiatives that have given the college new prominence in the region.

"It's the visibility in terms of the contributions we're making to the community," he said. "Locally, regionally, and nationally."

He cited the impact CEUE is having at increasing the number of qualified teachers who are trained to work in urban schools in Chicopee, Springfield, and Holyoke, the contributions the School of Nursing is having on nursing education in Haiti, and the creation of the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion and Culture and its newly created journal, "Charity in Truth: A Journal of Ethics, Religion and Culture." This, Dr. Dumay said, has the potential to put Elms College on the map for national and international scholars of religion, ethics, and culture.

"Suddenly, we have clear visibility in terms of the contributions we are making," he said.





President Harry E. Dumay addresses the gathering at the President's Night of Appreciation.



Elms President Harry E. Dumay poses with Michele D'Amour at the President's Evening of Appreciation.



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Elms College continues to educate students in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition so that they embrace the Dear Neighbor without distinction and effect positive change in the world, thanks to the hard work of our faculty and staff; the commitment of our Board, the prayers of our founders, and the generous support of alumni and friends.

The world needs more Elms College graduates now more than ever.

The numbers in this Annual Report demonstrate where we are and the progress we have made. They also showcase the generosity of our financial contributors. Behind each name is a person who believes in the mission of Elms College.

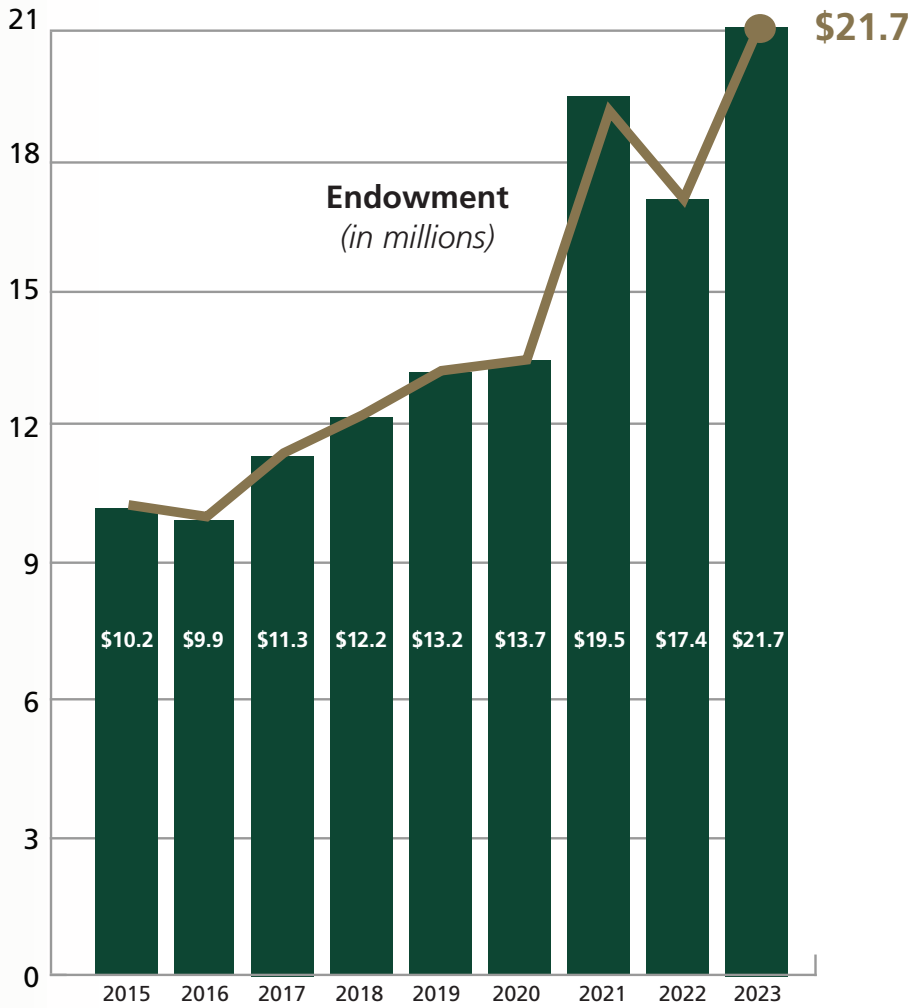
Thank you for your continued support. You help us to continue to advance the mission 95 years later. You empower us to build more bridges and to transform more lives. I am honored and privileged to know and work with you as we navigate toward the second Elms College century. – Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA

Bishop William D. Byrne of the Diocese of Springfield and Elms College President Harry E. Dumay listen as Michele D'Amour speaks during the President's Evening of Appreciation on Oct. 21.

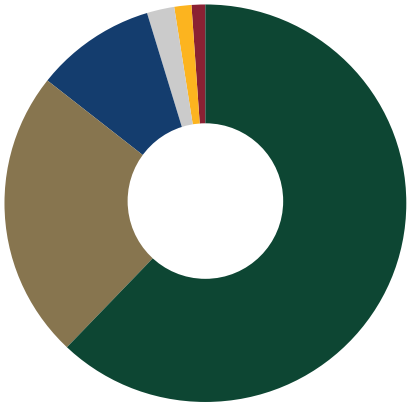


FY23 Balance Sheet *(As of June 30)*

(in thousands)	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash & Short-Term Investments	13,860	14,315
Account & Pledge Receivable, net	5,889	4,102
Long-Term Investments	21,700	17,526
Property, Plant & Equipment, net	35,115	34,030
Other Assets	2,727	6,412
Total Assets	**79,291**	**76,385**
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	1,945	2,558
Deferred Revenue	1,566	2,716
Long-Term Debt	14,354	14,643
Other Liabilities	285	196
Total Liabilities	**18,151**	**20,113**
Net Assets	**61,140**	**56,272**
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**79,291**	**76,385**



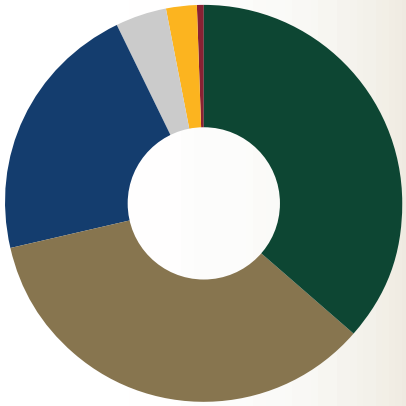
2022-2023 Income



- Tuition and Fees / $19,987,130
- Gifts & Grants / $7,530,892
- Residence & Dining / $3,146,158
- Endowment Spending Allocation / $713,471
- Other Income / $408,571
- Dividends and Interest Income / $322,070

Total $32,108,292

2022-2023 Expenses

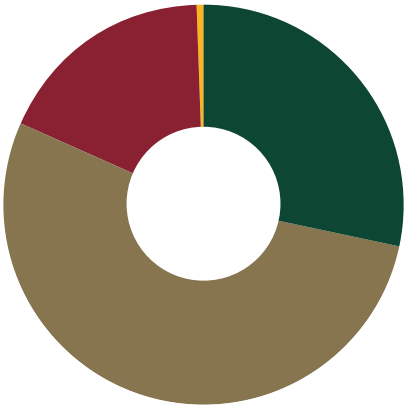


- Instruction / $10,934,507
- Management / $10,415,364
- Student Services / $6,411,881
- Auxiliary Services / $1,221,878
- Fundraising Expense / $687,064
- HEERF / $163,617

Total $29,834,311

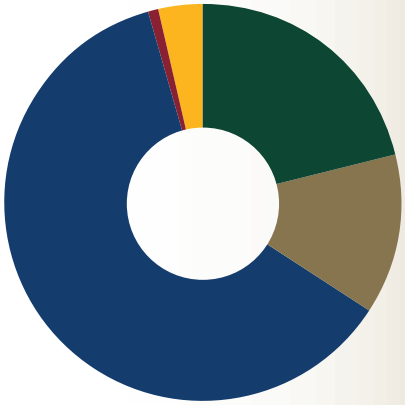
Overall Gifts and Commitments

2022-2023 Giving by Type



- Restricted Giving / $1,169,606
- Endowment / $2,200,722
- Unrestricted Giving / $740,610
- Gifts in Kind / $12,891

2022-2023 Giving by Constituency



- Alumna/us / $878,972
- Foundation / $531,516
- Individual/Friend / $2,531,229
- Religious Organization / $39,289
- Corporation / $142,823

GIVING SOCIETIES

Elms College is grateful for the support and commitment from its diverse constituents. The following listing recognizes total giving of those who have contributed during the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. These gifts include general support as well as support to the Alumnae Library, endowment, financial aid, capital improvements, the chapel, and faculty, academic, athletic and cultural development.

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President's Circle
(All annual benefactors of $1,000+)

$ 50,000 +	Sister Rose William Society
$ 25,000 +	Sister Helen Joseph Society
$ 10,000 +	Bishop Beavan Society
$ 5,000 +	Bishop O'Leary Society
$ 2,500 +	Mother John Berchmans Society
$ 1,000 +	Sister Mary Dooley Society

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Carol Tully Varanka

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Miriam V. Pratt Chaput
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Jean Pellizzaro Sible
Barbara Sokolowski
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Joanne M. Raymond Volpe
Mary G. Anderson Whalen

1964
Maureen K. O'Shea Abbot
Patricia Marie Vadnais Baran
Elizabeth Aldrich Bell
Anne E. Swift Benedetti
Elaine Beshara
Jane Duffy Beswick
Virginia R. O'Hara Buhl
Kathleen Marby Burton
Martina T. Betagh Caspersson
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Cynthia Kelly Coffey
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Joann Kelly Cronnell
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Noreen Burke Farrell ‘65
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Patricia Gagnon Gordon ‘70
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This list includes updates reported by family members, newspapers and other sources from April 1, 2023 through October 13, 2023.

Thomas F. Moriarty



The Elms College community was saddened to hear of the passing of Tom Moriarty of Chicopee, a longtime history professor at Elms and director and founding member of the Irish Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts in West Springfield.

He died on May 15 at the age of 88.

Elms College President Harry Dumay said, “Tom's contributions to the Elms College community were immeasurable and he will be sorely missed.”

Dr. Moriarty was a native of Holyoke. He graduated from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester and earned his master’s degree and doctorate in History from Notre Dame University. He taught History at Elms College from 1969 through 2016.

Fiercely proud of his Irish heritage, he taught Irish language courses at Elms for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie (McLean) Moriarity, and two children.

Dora Robinson



The Elms College community lost a friend, teacher, and longtime supporter with the passing of Dora Robinson on June 11 at the age of 71. She worked at Elms as an adjunct faculty member and was the spouse of Frank Robinson, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Robinson had a great impact in the region as president and CEO of the United Way of Pioneer Valley and as executive director of Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services in Springfield.

Upon her retirement, she came to Elms as a professor in the Division of Social Sciences.

“Dora touched the lives of countless students, faculty, and staff with her keen insight and knowledge and ever-gracious presence,” said Elms President Dr. Harry Dumay. “We have lost a pillar of the Pioneer Valley as well as a role model and wonderful mentor to our campus community.”

She is survived by her husband, Trustee Frank Robinson, her mother, a daughter, and grandchildren.

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