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"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination"

– Nelson Mandela

Dear friends,

On an early October evening, with leaves on the trees just beginning their turn to Autumn splendor, I joined 150 friends and Elms supporters for an evening stroll across campus. Coming from Mass in Veritas Auditorium, we walked to the Mary Dooley College Center dining hall, transformed for the President's Evening of Appreciation gala. The annual celebration is our way of thanking our most dedicated supporters; it was a fitting occasion to share our news about "Building Bridges," our first-ever comprehensive campaign.

With gratitude, I revealed that the campaign was a smashing success, primarily due to the generosity of our guests and many others and to the hard work of Institutional Advancement led by Vice President Bernadette Nowakowski. Total dollars committed exceeded our $20 million goal by $5 million.

The essence behind Building Bridges is simple: *The world needs more Elms graduates.* Given the angst, polarization, and turbulence all around, our community and our nation need more than ever people exhibiting the outcomes offered by an Elms College education: principled and ethical graduates committed to self-improvement and bettering the lives of their neighbors, without distinction.

Grants, gifts, and other contributions under Building Bridges already benefit our students through some consequential and far-reaching programs. Among them are the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Haiti Nursing Continuing Education program, the Center for Equity in Urban Education, the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture, the D'Amour Center for Faculty Teaching Excellence, the Dolores Donlin Noonan '39 Experiential Learning Program, and the Sister Kathleen Kirley '66 School of Continuing Education.

Each supports our mission, expands our outreach, and raises the Elms profile. Continued success allows our students to be our bridges to touch countless other lives.

While Building Bridges was the biggest story on campus this fall, there were others. We have been a veritable beehive of activities and events involving students and external communities. This edition of Elms Magazine includes articles reflecting some of these, including:

- Our leadership ranks continue to firm up. Dr. Joyce Hampton became **vice president of academic affairs** in June, and Brett Carroll started as **vice president of finance and administration** in October.
- We introduced a course as part of our core curriculum revision. Professors Michael McGravey and Jason Murphy are combining religious studies and philosophy for a course titled **"Climate Ethics: The Blue Marble, Religion & Philosophy."** It differs from most climate change discussions by exploring the role humanity plays or should play as caretakers of the planet.
- Lastly, several longtime Elms College employees, led by Father Mark Stelzer as editor, published a book on Sisters Mary and Eleanor Dooley, two giants in the history of this campus. The Oct. 15 on-campus book launch for **"An Uncommon Love: the Life, Legacy, and Lessons of Sister Mary and Sister Eleanor Dooley"** coincided with our Founders' Day celebration.

We will forever appreciate the support we receive from our alumni, our many friends, and all those who believe in Elms College's mission to effect positive change in the world. As we approach our 100th anniversary, that support is more valued than ever.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and a joyous holiday season with family and cherished friends.

Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA

President

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New Elms course explores the ethics of climate action



Dr. Michael McGravey said that when he was a young man in college, a subject like climate change was so far into the future that it seemed theoretical.

He said today's students do not have that same luxury; they know that climate change is real and it is now.

McGravey, the Director of the Institute for Theology and Pastoral Studies (ITPS), and an assistant professor of Religious Studies, and Dr. Jason Murphy, associate professor of Philosophy, teamed up this fall to teach a new humanities course titled "Climate Ethics: The Blue Marble, Religion & Philosophy."

As the title suggests, the course is less about the science of global warming and climate change than it is about the religious and ethical considerations behind the issue. Namely, if people are the cause of the higher temperatures that are threatening polar ice, natural habitats, and several thousand animal and plant species around the world, then aren't people responsible for doing something about it?

"I was really comforted in the first two days of class to find that our students do recognize climate change is a real thing," McGravey said.

"Despite what the politicians say or what the corporations say, our students are well attuned to it," he said. "Our students seem to think there is a necessity to do something."

Younger people are looking around and seeing massive wildfires sweeping across Australia, California, and Maui, and violent hurricanes churning through the Carolinas and Florida. The winters are getting warmer, the summers are getting hotter, and entire bee colonies are going extinct.

Students today can't help but wonder what the world will look like tomorrow.

"The ethical component is very personal in a sense," he said.

Readings include Pope Francis's 2015 "Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home," urging international action on climate change, and works by Karen Armstrong and Rosemary Radford Ruether exploring intersections of faith and culture with environmentalism.

"The Blue Marble" is considered both an ethics and a religious studies course, and is an example of collaboration between subject areas that was a key part of the recent revision to the Elms core curriculum. It is also in line with the theme of this year's Catholic Social Teaching, "Care for God's Creation."



Dr. Michael McGravey, left, and Dr. Jason Murphy lead a session of a new course on climate ethics.

The course satisfies core requirements for religion and philosophy.

"There are days when it's philosophy heavy and days that it's theology heavy," McGravey said.

An example of where philosophy and theology overlap in class, McGravey said, is from the Book of Genesis, where God gives man dominion over every fish, fowl and animal on earth.

Does dominion mean dominance and people can do as they please? Or does it suggest People are in partnership with nature?

If you believe the latter, then it changes your view of our relationship with nature, he said.

Elms names two new VPs



Joyce Hampton promoted to lead Academic Affairs

In her 34 years at Elms College, Joyce Hampton has held several different titles, both academically and administratively. Now she has a new one: Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In June, Hampton was selected for the position following a nationwide search. In her new post, Hampton reports directly to Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay, and is responsible for all strategic oversight and management of the college's academic mission.

Dr. Dumay, in selecting Hampton, noted that in her previous post as associate vice president for Strategic Initiatives and dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Professional Programs, she successfully led strategic planning at Elms over the last five years, and served as a member of his cabinet

"I look forward to collaborating with her now in her new role, leading the academic direction of the college," he said.

History Professor Damien Murray has been tapped to serve as interim Dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Professional Programs until a permanent appointment can be found.

In her time at Elms, Hampton has also served as director of English as a Second Language and International Programs, associate academic dean, and dean of the Center for Student Success.

Hampton said that while she is excited about her new role and the responsibility that comes with it, she remains as enthusiastic and passionate about Elms College as the day she first came to campus.

"I have enjoyed all the challenges, all the things you learn, and the ways to really focus on giving back."

One of the bigger challenges is finding resources for continuing education and online courses to be able to attract nontraditional students.

"We know that is a growth area," she said.

One drawback in her new position is fewer opportunities to interact with students. A day without talking to students, she said, is not a good day.

"They are the heart and soul of this institution. They are why we are here," she said.



Elms hires Brett Carroll as VP for Finance and Administration

When Brett Carroll learned there was an opening at Elms College for a vice president of finance and administration, there was something that just drew him to apply.

"There is this small, tight-knit community, and the mission of the college is strong," he said." I just really felt that with the size of the institution, this is someplace I really wanted to be and felt as if I could make a really positive difference here."

Carroll was hired in October following a national search after the departure of longtime predecessor Katie Longley in February. The post had been filled on an interim basis by Dr. Bryant Morgan.

In the position, Carroll oversees all budgets, revenue, and financial matters. He is also in charge of Human Resources, Public Safety, Campus Security, Information Technology, and Facilities and Capital Projects.

Elms College President Dr. Harry E. Dumay, said he was excited to have Carroll as a member of his cabinet.

"His experience in finance administration will be a welcome addition to Elms and I look forward to working with him on the strategic direction of the college," Dumay said.

In his short time on the job, Carroll said he is focused on getting up to speed with the Elms financial processes. He said his more than 25 years of experience in accounting and finance should help lessen the learning curve.

Before Elms, Carroll spent four years as vice president and chief financial officer for Mercy University in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Before that, he was associate vice president and treasurer at the University of Hartford.

"My experience of managing finances at other institutions is really kind of helping guide my decision-making on what may or may not work at Elms," he said.

In the meantime, Carroll is also asking a lot of questions.

"I'm just talking to people and getting the lay of the land, and understanding the challenges and opportunities that Elms is facing," he said.

BUILDING**BRIDGES**
The Campaign for Elms College

‘We are all Bridge Builders’
Elms’ 1st comprehensive campaign raises $25 million

One year after publicly launching its first-ever comprehensive campaign, Elms College revealed that Building Bridges raised more than $25 million in private fundraising, besting the original goal by more than $5 million.

Dr. Harry E. Dumay announced the accomplishment during the annual President’s Night of Appreciation on Oct. 5.



Dr. Harry E. Dumay and student volunteers display the amount raised in the Building Bridges campaign, Elms’ 1st comprehensive fundraising effort.

He noted that the President’s Night of Appreciation is held each year to show gratitude to all those who have stood by and with Elms College over the years, and who have contributed in so many ways, both large and small.

But, he said, “it is not remotely accurate to say our appreciation can ever be contained inside one night. We appreciate you continually – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year,” Dumay said.

“The Building Bridges Campaign was all about Elms College boldly going where it had not gone before. And in typical Elms fashion, a lot of dedicated people dug in, worked hard, and, I am happy to report, exceeded expectations,” Dumay said.

He thanked Bernadette Nowakowski, vice president of Institutional Advancement and her team, as well as Chairman Paul Stelzer and members of the Board of Trustees, and the Building Bridges steering committee co-chairs Regina Hitchery and Robert Bolduc and members of the committee.

He also thanked Sr. Elizabeth Sullivan, president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, for the continued support of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Elms faculty and staff, the students, alumni, and the extended Elms family for their support.

The final amount raised in the campaign remained a closely guarded secret on campus heading into the Night of Appreciation. The moment for revealing the amount was done in such a way as to maximize the drama.

Dumay was assisted by several student volunteers, each holding a card that when turned over revealed a single number. The cards were turned over from right to left, or in reverse order, showing incremental growth. When the final card was turned, showing the number 25, the final amount for Building Bridges became known: $25,444,665, and the audience burst into applause.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for the college, and obviously, due to the hard work of a lot of people,” he said.

"It was also due to the generosity – and the faith – of so many of our supporters and alumni. On behalf of everyone at Elms College, I wish to thank you all."

Before the announcement, the audience was shown a video on the impact of Building Bridges and the different programs and scholarships that benefited from campaign funds. The video featured a number of students speaking of how attending Elms College has enriched their career plans, their view of the world, and their plans for the future.

"Yes, it was audacious," Dumay said. "But as the Roman poet Virgil put it some 2,000 years ago… fortune favors the bold."

Building Bridges was the first comprehensive campaign in the college's history. Elms has had other fundraising drives that were much smaller and more targeted but nothing to this size and scope.

Dumay recalled how in the early days of the campaign, when much of it was still on the drawing board, Nowakowski and her staff took to calling the $20 million target by the acronym H.A.G., which stands for "Harry's Audacious Goal".

"Yes, it was audacious," Dumay said. "But as the Roman poet Virgil put it some 2,000 years ago… fortune favors the bold."

He said the audacity of the campaign was coupled with faith. Faith in the abilities of the Institutional Advancement staff to reach out to supporters, and faith in the supporters themselves to realize the value that Elms College and its mission and values bring to the students and the community.

"We believed that you would be there to support us," Dumay said.

"Our proposition to you was that the world needs more Elms College graduates," he said.

The college, with its liberal arts education and foundational values established by the Sisters of St. Joseph to promote selflessness and caring for the Dear Neighbor, graduates people of character with the skills to think and discern properly, to be fully armed in their ability to distinguish between right and wrong and good and evil, and to value hard work.

Dumay spoke of how the most important part of the campaign was not just the raising of the money; it was the raising of the money to fund specific programs and scholarships at Elms.

Among the ones he cited are the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Haiti Nursing Continuing Education program, the St. Augustine Center for Ethics, Religion, and Culture, the D'Amour Center for Faculty Teaching Excellence, the Living-Learning Community and Cultural Center in Gaylord Mansion, the Dolores Donlin Noonan '39 Experiential Learning Program, and the Sister Kathleen Kirley '66 School of Continuing Education.

Programs like these have already been established through donations from Building Bridges and they are already impacting people's lives, he said.

Dumay closed his remarks by referring to the words of noted author and theologian Frederick Buechner, who said "the place where God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

"We are honored, grateful, and forever appreciative that you were called to support this institution, and for the faith that you have in us," Dumay said. "As we near the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of the Elms, together, we are constructing a pathway between Elms College's history and its future. Today we are all bridge builders."



Maria Filomena DeCarvalho '75 talks with Michele D'Amour at the President's Evening of Appreciation.



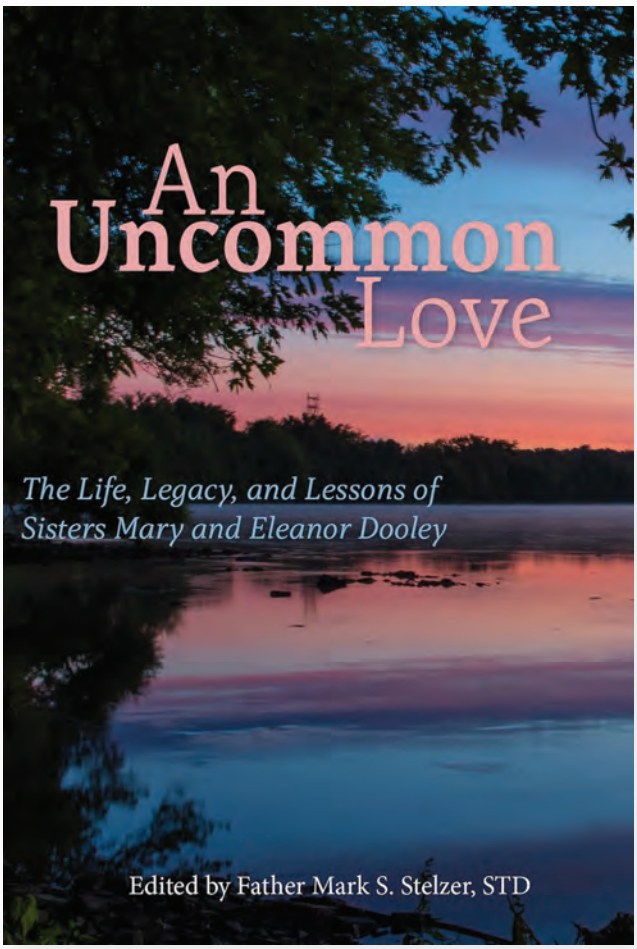
Dr. Harry E. Dumay addresses the gathering at the annual President's Evening of Appreciation on Oct. 5.



Dr. Harry E. Dumay poses with Kathy Tobin, the Baystate Health Foundation director of Annual Events and Giving, and Chicopee Mayor John L. Vieau.

An Uncommon Love

New book explores legacy of Dooley sisters



Father Mark Stelzer remembers as a young priest being invited to Elms College to meet with Srs. Mary and Eleanor Dooley, the real-life sisters who were then the Elms president and the chair of the Religious Studies Department.

They would pitch him an offer to teach a temporary 6-week course over winter break, and although he had reservations about his limited teaching experience, he saw it as an offer he could not refuse.

"That's how they would do it," he said. "The two of them would be in the office and they'd pitch you a deal that you couldn't say no to."

The temporary course evolved into something more permanent. Today, Father Mark serves as Elms Chaplain, a professor of the humanities, and a special advisor on Catholic identity for the president.

He said he owes it all to the Dooley sisters.

"I was very fortunate because they took me under their wings," he said.

Father Mark said he has spent a lot of time in the last few years thinking of the Dooley sisters, their lifetime of service with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, and their pivotal and continuing legacy at Elms. Sister Mary died at 90 in 2013, and Sister Eleanor at age 92 in 2021.

What emerged from his reflection was the idea for a book about the two sisters who became Sisters. From that idea came what Father Mark calls a two-year labor of love.

The book, titled "An Uncommon Love: The Life, Legacy and Lessons of Sister Mary and Sister Eleanor Dooley," was published this fall.

In celebration, Elms College and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield hosted a book-launching ceremony on Oct. 15.

The date was chosen to coincide with Founders Day, celebrating the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph in LePuy, France, in 1650.

The celebration included a Catholic Mass in the Berchmans chapel attended by relatives of the two sisters and current members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, followed by a lunch and a reception for the book.

"An Uncommon Love" is a collection of articles and remembrances of the two sisters authored by several different contributors with a connection to the college or to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

President Dumay wrote the forward, noting that the two sisters, in their lifetime of service to the Sisters of St. Joseph "exuded an unparalleled devotion to the Elms" and "a legacy of untiring commitment to the mission of the Church and the role of Catholic higher education in advancing that mission."

Other contributors include Anthony Fonseca and Debra Gomes, director and associate director of Alumnae Library, Elms faculty members Dr. Michael McGravey and Dr. Peter A. DePergola II, longtime professor of education and dean of the Center for Student Success Elizabeth Hukowicz, and Eileen Kirk, director of the Elms Campus Ministry, Sisters Kathleen Imbruno, Maxyne Schneider, Kathleen Reagan and Jane Morrissey of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The book also contains pieces authored by Sr. Mary and Sr. Eleanor from different parts in their careers, as well as the homilies that Father Mark delivered at their funerals.

The first edition was 500 copies, Father Mark said. Subsequent copies are available through Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing. To purchase a copy go to amazon.com.

All proceeds from sales will be donated to the Compassionate Hearts Fund, which subsidizes the cost of service mission trips Elms students take each year.

Father Mark said the story of the Dooley sisters has an appeal beyond Elms College and its alumni.






Sr. Mary and Sr. Eleanor Dooley were inseparable throughout their lives. Here they are through the years in 1969, 1973, 1983, and in the early 1990s

Sr. Mary was identified early on for having administrative skills. This eased her out of the classroom and onto an administrative track that led to her becoming Elms College president from 1979-94. She also led the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield from 1971-79, served as national president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and was a delegate in the installation of Pope John Paul and Pope John Paul II.

"She rubbed elbows with presidents, vice presidents and senators," Father Mark said. "She knew people in all sorts of circles."

Sr. Eleanor was much quieter and much more reserved than Sr. Mary, Father Mark said. But Sr. Eleanor had her sister's ear and everyone knew it.

"Eleanor seemed the quiet type and all that, but she was very much Mary's advisor in the background," Father Mark said.

Leading a classroom, Sr. Eleanor was anything but meek. It didn't matter if she led a class at Elms, a summer course at Harvard, or mission trips to schools in India or China, she was a master teacher, he said.

"Everyone who had Sr. Eleanor would say she was the type of teacher who could teach a dog how to read," he said.

After Sr. Mary stepped down as president, she would commonly sit in the back of her sister's classes just to listen and occasionally chime in, he said.

"They were just inseparable on this campus," he said.

Father Mark calls the reforms of Vatican II in the mind-1960s "a unique period in higher education."

He said the Elms philosophy where everyone is welcome and respected regardless of differences or beliefs is very much in line with views of Sr. Mary and Sr. Eleanor.

"They were people who really had the deepest respect for everyone," he said. "They were very open to diversity. They had a real global vision of the church and they saw the church, the institution itself, in a gentler, kinder way and they'd help people navigate that."

Sr. Mary, while president, decided to remove the cast-iron fence that used to line the edge of the campus on Springfield Street. She believed the fence represented an antiquated metaphor for a barrier between the students and the world.

"Sr. Mary felt Elms should be open to the world," he said. "Her presidency was about building bridges and taking fences down."

Older by six years, Mary joined the Sisters of St. Joseph right out of high school in 1943. Eleanor did the same in 1950.

From their earliest days in the order, each was recognized as a special talent, and was allowed to pursue college degrees, which brought each to Elms as undergraduate students. Each would go on to earn master's degrees at Assumption College, and doctoral degrees from the Sorbonne in Paris.

"When they were very young, they were recognized as people who were going somewhere," Father Mark said. "They were brilliant women, fluent in modern languages like French and Spanish, but also great with the classical languages like Latin."



Dr. Peter DePergola II, left, and Rev. Mark Stelzer pose with a copy of "An Uncommon Love" at the Oct. 15 book launch in Veritas Auditorium.

Father Mark Stelzer edited the book, while DePergola, the Shaughness Family Chair for the Study of the Humanities, was a contributor.



Elms nursing alum Jaines Andrades testifies before a U.S. Senate subcommittee in May.

Jaines Andrades BSN ’14, DNP ’20, testifies before a U.S. Senate Subcommittee

Jaines Andrades BSN ’14, DNP ’20, testified in May before a U.S. Senate Subcommittee in Washington, D.C., on the need for the federal government to play a larger role addressing the shortage of minorities choosing careers in healthcare.

Andrades was invited to speak to the Senate Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions hearing, chaired by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. Also testifying was Yolanda Lawson, president of the National Medical Association, who spoke of how a lack of representation among doctors and nurses causes distrust among minority populations toward the entire healthcare system.

Andrades, a Springfield native who now works as a trauma surgery nurse practitioner at Baystate Medical Center, said Congress needs to do more to address the cost of education, the biggest barrier to minority students and those from low-income families finding careers in healthcare.

“Helping fund the education of minority students interested in becoming professional healthcare providers is a wise investment,” Andrades said. “It connects people with practical careers which would allow them economic stability to support themselves and their families.”

While a student at Elms, Andrades worked at Baystate Medical Center as a janitor for the same procedure and surgical rooms that she now uses to treat patients. Her colleagues at the hospital helped point her toward different scholarship and interest-free loan programs that helped her with her tuition. Without that help, she would not have known the programs existed.

Andrades told Senators that more funding needs to be allocated for grants and low-interest loans and for tuition-free community colleges that would help make college more accessible for under-represented groups and those from low-income households.

“Making students at all schools, most especially those in lower-income areas, aware of healthcare as an obtainable career opportunity would go so far in letting the students know it is within their reach,” she said.

She also spoke in favor of employee-based programs that seek out, recruit and mentor qualified people.

Andrades told senators that during high school, she was studying to become a cosmetologist. She didn’t consider a medical career until she accompanied her mother to the doctor and one of the nurses encouraged her to consider nursing.

After graduating from Elms College in 2014, she worked as a registered nurse at the health clinic in Mason Square. It was there that colleagues encouraged her to become a nurse practitioner, and she returned to Elms College to earn her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2020.

Reunion Weekend 2024

DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE



Elms President Harry Dumay shares a laugh at the podium with Dr. Margaret Frieswyk '69, the 2024 recipient of the Sr. Margaret James McGrath Distinguished Alumni Award.



The latest members of the Golden Blazers society pose on the steps of Berchmans Hall.



Class of 1994 enjoying the Reunion lunch.



E is for Elms. Attendees at Reunion Weekend had a great time reconnecting with classmates.

The annual Reunion Weekend attracted a record turnout as some 190 alumni and guests attended the June 7-9 event on the Elms College campus.

Dr. Margaret Frieswyk '69 was celebrated as this year's winner of the Sr. Margaret James McGrath Distinguished Alumni Award. She was chosen in recognition of her 50 years of service and leadership in education, both in the United States and abroad.

Elms College President Dr. Harry E. Dumay presented her with the award and framed citation during the reunion brunch.

The reunion also celebrated the return of the Class of 1974 on their 50th anniversary. Fifty-five members of that class were welcomed with membership in the Golden Blazers, the select circle of Elms alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago.

Each was presented with a distinctive green-and-gold scarf to mark the occasion during a ceremony in the chapel in Berchmans Hall.

Frieswyk served as long-term school superintendent for the Avon public schools and most recently as superintendent of the Gosnold/Elizabeth Island Public School system.

Frieswyk was also recognized for being a Fulbright Scholar in China and was part of teams that traveled to other parts of the world, including Finland, Germany, and the Middle East.

She has served in leadership roles with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Council for Administrators for Special Education, the Commission on International Education, and several other boards and committees promoting education and professional development.

An education major, Frieswyk credited Elms College with fostering both her intellectual drive and curiosity which served her well throughout her career.

"Curiosity is the key to growth," she said.

"Elms College provided me with intellectual challenges in an environment that supported my curiosity and growth and embraced me socially, emotionally, and intellectually," Frieswyk said.

"I stand here to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award but truly Elms College and my friends here this morning are deserving of this recognition as recipients," she said.

She cited her 1969 classmates, specifically Judy Ryan, Lucy Papandrea, and Betsy Parnell as a great source of comfort and support while at Elms and throughout her life afterward.

For more photos from Reunion Weekend 2024, scan the QR code to go to Elms College's Flickr page.



Elms College President Dr. Harry E. Dumay addresses the crowd at the annual Executive Leadership Breakfast in June.

Over 160 attend 7th Executive Leadership Breakfast

Over 160 leaders from Western Massachusetts colleges, businesses, and local and state government attended the 7th annual Executive Leadership Breakfast on June 11 in the Mary Dooley College Center.

The annual breakfast, hosted by Elms College President Dr. Harry E. Dumay featured an address from Boston Chamber of Commerce President James E. Rooney.

Rooney and Dumay each spoke of the importance of collaboration between higher education and business, and across geographical divides.

"It is only through collaboration that big, important complex problems can be solved," Dumay said.

Rooney said Boston's economic success depends on other parts of the state, including Greater Springfield and Western Massachusetts.

"We need you. That was not always a widely held perspective," he said.

The breakfast was supported through the generosity of several local businesses, including:

O'Connell Oil Associates, Westfield Bank, Collins Electric, Baystate Health, Health New England, Mercy Medical/Trinity Health, Suffolk Construction Company, Holyoke Medical Center, Keiter Corporation, Eastern States Exposition, Freedom Credit Union, The Polish National Credit Union, Egan, Flanagan & Cohen, M.J. Moran Inc., and Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home.

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Elms College lands two major grants totaling $567K

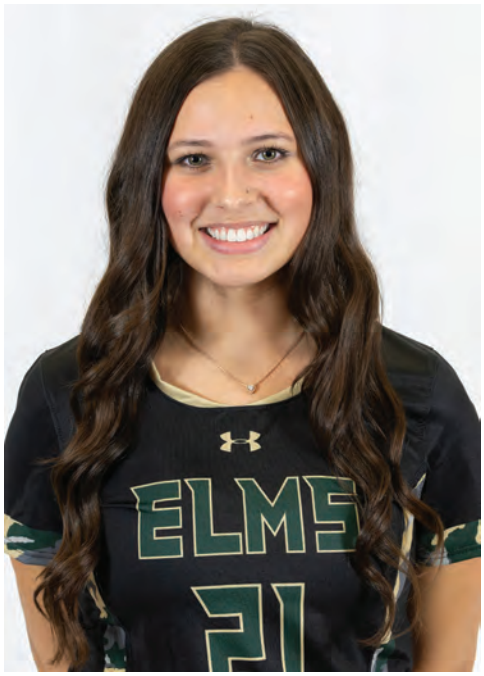
Elms College has been awarded two grants totaling more than $567,000 to strengthen online learning programs and bolster the Center for Equity in Urban Education (CEUE).

The larger grant was from the Davis Educational Foundation and totaled $317,627 for the Strengthening Online Learning and Engagement (SOLE) initiative to improve and expand online learning throughout the curriculum. It will also expand the transfer pipeline in support of the college's affordable, high-quality education.

Another grant from the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation totaled $250,000 to continue the work of CEUE in training well-prepared, culturally responsive K-12 teachers throughout the region. CEUE was founded in 2019 in part through a previous donation from the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation.

By offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs that lead to teaching licensure, CEUE addresses the educational inequities and obstacles for underrepresented populations to enter the teaching profession.

Elms President Dr. Harry E. Dumay said "I am grateful for the support and generosity of the Davis Educational Foundation and The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation. Both foundations are contributing greatly to the future success of Elms College by enhancing our online education capabilities and continuing to prepare culturally responsive educators in the region."



Elise Paier named GNAC 2024 female student-athlete of the year

Elise Paier of West Springfield has been named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference female student-athlete of the year, which automatically places her in contention for the 2024 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

The GNAC award celebrates student-athletes who are outstanding in academics, athletics and community service.

Paier, who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in nursing, was a two-time captain of the Women's Lacrosse Team. In April, she set the Elms single-game record by scoring 11 goals in a 1–point win over Lasell College.

She closed out her NCAA career 4th on the Elms leaderboard with 123 goals and 165 total points. She also was named to the GNAC All-Conference Team in 2023, and to the conference's All-Sportsmanship Team in 2023 and 2024.

She was selected for the 2024 Elms College Dr. Joachim Froehlich Award for athletic and academic excellence. She also graduated as a co-valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Elise was also very active in the community. She volunteered at flu vaccination clinics, was involved with canned food drives on campus, and coached a West Springfield girls lacrosse program. She was also a member of the National Student Nurse Association, and a member of the Elms Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Reflecting on her time at Elms and her achievements on the field, in the classroom, and in the community, Elise said: "I want to be the positive in someone's life, no matter how short the duration of our interaction is, which has always been my motivation to have an impact on the world."

"I try to empower young women that they can achieve anything they put their mind to, and I have exemplified that in both my academic and athletic achievements."



Arianna Ketchakeu has always wanted to be a scientist since she was a little girl.

Elms '24 Biotech grad receives prestigious GEM scholarship

Arianna Ketchakeu '24 is pursuing her master's degree in biotechnology at New York University's Tandon School of Engineering after being selected for a prestigious fellowship program that encourages outstanding students of color to pursue advanced degrees in the sciences.

Ketchakeu, 22, of Holyoke, graduated with honors from Elms with a bachelor's degree in biotechnology. While at Elms, she was also awarded a STEM scholarship, offered to top students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Being named a 2024 Fellow by the National GEM Consortium means a full scholarship for the two-year master's program, an $8,000 annual stipend, and a paid summer internship in a research field aligned with her interests.

"It's a pretty big deal," she said, adding she probably could not afford to go to grad school without it.

The National GEM Consortium comprises top research universities, government research agencies and private industry, and was established in the 1970s to increase the number of Black, Hispanic and Native American scientists and engineers. Fellowship awards for master's and doctoral students are highly competitive with more than 2,000 applications submitted each year and fewer than 100 chosen. In 2023, just 53 master's students were selected.

Ketchakeu said none of this was in her plans heading into her senior year at Elms. She thought she would get her degree and look for work in the biotechnology industry. But she credits her faculty mentor, Dr. Sudad Saman, head of the biotechnology program, with encouraging her to aim higher. It was Dr. Saman who insisted she apply for both the fellowship and NYU.

"My view was I didn't need to but he insisted that I did," she said. "I had absolutely no expectations of what would come of it (but) Dr. Saman convinced me to apply and all this amazing stuff happened."

Ketchakeau said she will always remember Elms for the close sense of community on a campus where the faculty look out for students.

"Elms is so different in that the classes are smaller and the professors do care. They want to help everyone, and they want everyone to do well, and they provide you with opportunities."



2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Although we are all buoyed by the success of our Building Bridges campaign in successfully meeting and then exceeding our fundraising goals, we at Elms College continue to remain focused on our larger mission. That mission, established nearly a century ago by the Sisters of St. Joseph, calls us to educate students in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, embrace the Dear Neighbor without distinction, and effect positive change in the world.

We believe at Elms College that it is vital to prepare our students to have the purpose and vision to go out and make a difference. We believe that more than ever, the world needs talented, capable, and compassionate Elms College graduates. This is who we are, this is what we do, and this will never change.



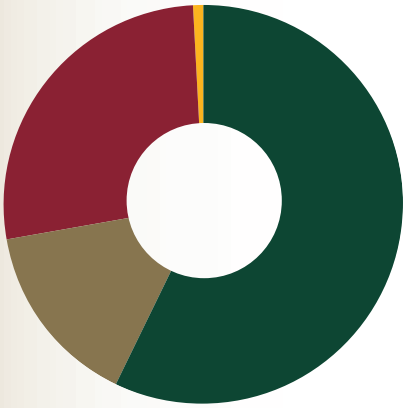
The numbers in this annual report demonstrate where we are financially, what progress we have made, and the work yet to be done. This report also showcases the generosity of our many benefactors. Each name listed represents someone who believes as strongly about our mission as we do. Thank you for your continued support. It is your contributions and your faith that allow us to continue doing what we have done since 1928. You empower us to honor our past and charge resolutely into the future. All of us together are bridge builders.

Peace,

Dr. Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA.

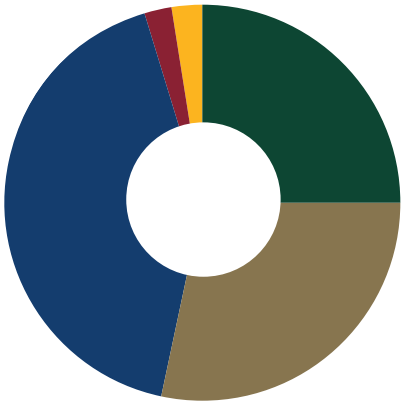
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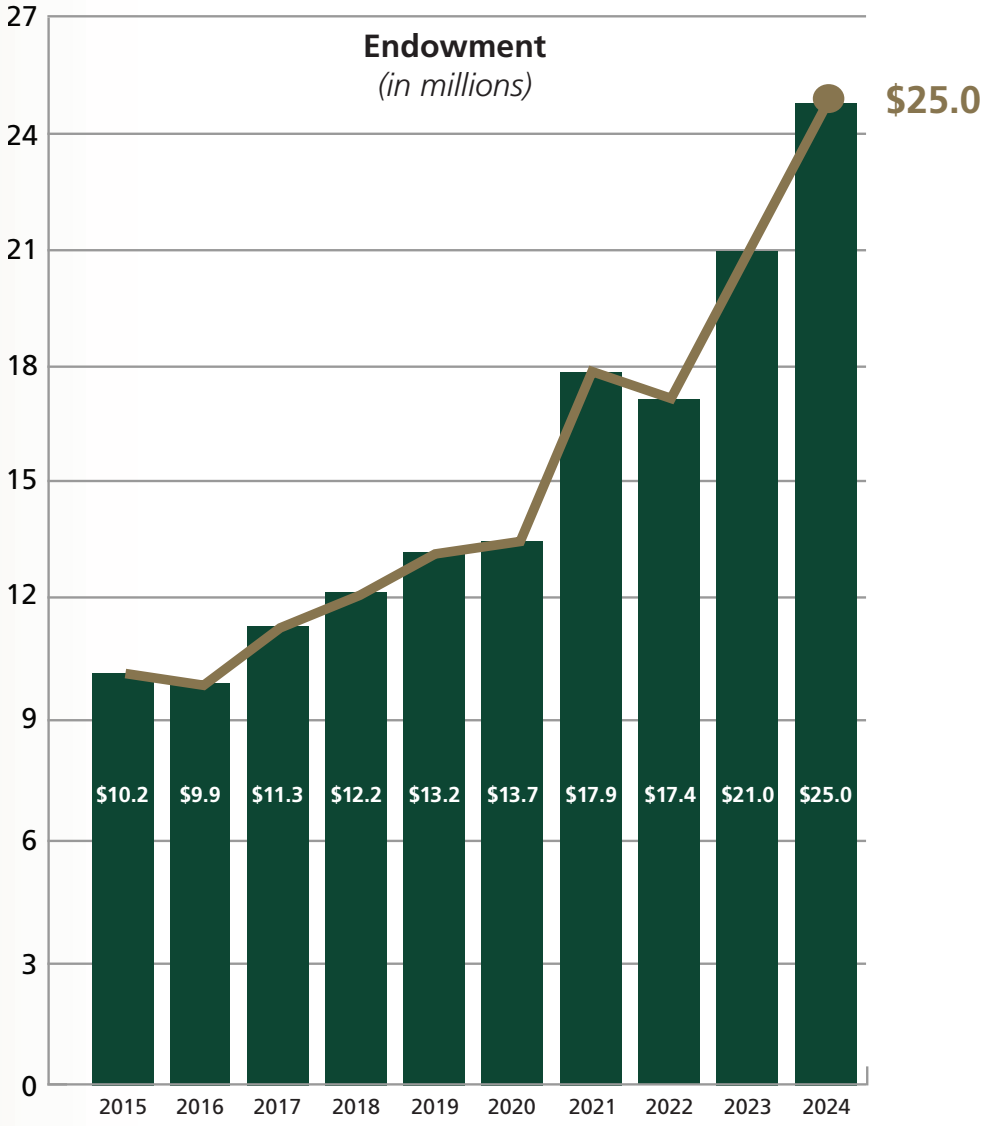


- Restricted Giving / $2,599,329
- Unrestricted Giving / $1,220,789
- Endowment / $668,656
- Gifts in Kind / $35,000

2023-2024 Giving by Constituency



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- Foundation / $1,275,873
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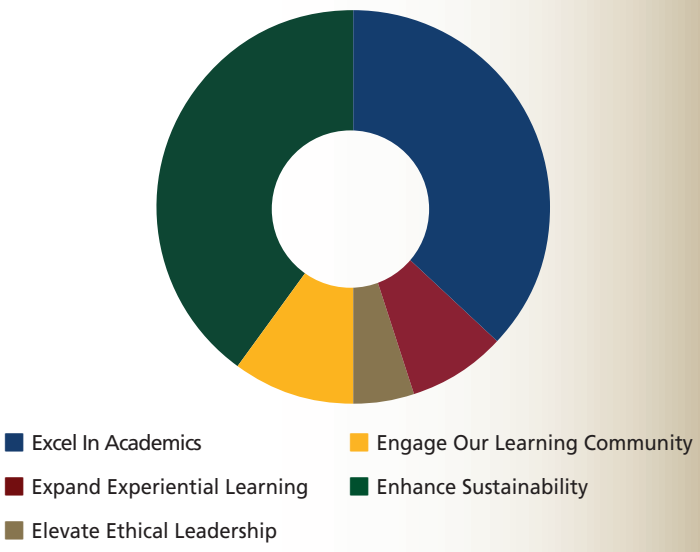
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The Campaign for Elms College

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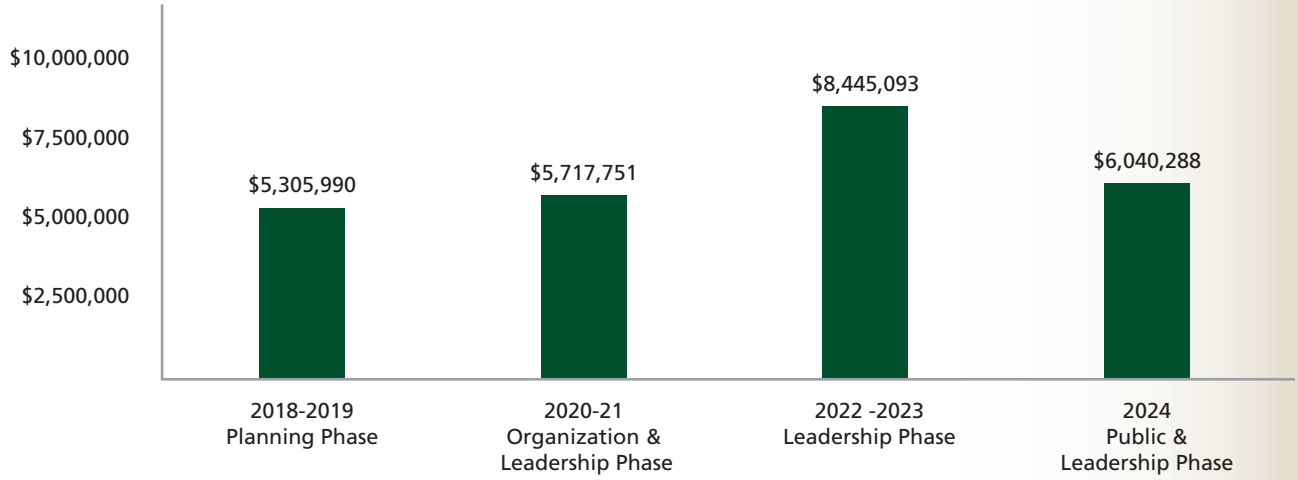
EXCEL IN ACADEMICS	$	9,705,276
EXPAND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING	$	1,623,439
ELEVATE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP	$	1,294,100
ENGAGE OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY	$	2,488,101
ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY	$	10,398,205
Grand Total	**$**	**25,509,121**

As of Oct. 31, 2024

Building Bridges Campaign by "E" Type



Building Bridges Campaign by Phase/Year



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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, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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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Martinez-Alvarez, Sanchez named to Elms Board of Trustees

Elms College recently announced the addition of two regional leaders to the college's Board of Trustees.

Appointed were **Lydia Martinez-Alvarez, MAT**, of Springfield, and **Pedro Sanchez, Jr.** of Agawam.



Lydia Martinez-Alvarez



Pedro Sanchez, Jr.

Martinez-Alvarez recently retired as assistant superintendent for the Springfield Public Schools. She is the first Latina to ever hold that position.

Her 25-year career in Springfield public education began in the mid-1990s when she was hired as a substitute teacher at Samuel Bowles Elementary School.

In 2003, she was named superintendent of the High School of Science and Technology, and served in that position until 2012 when she became assistant superintendent for Springfield Public Schools.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in Business Management from Westfield State University and a master's degree in Teaching from Elms College.

Sanchez is president of BlueX Solutions, a consulting firm in Springfield that specializes in leadership coaching.

A bilingual speaker and entrepreneur, he empowers individuals and business leaders by deconstructing preconceived beliefs, identifying opportunities for growth, and nurturing their process of self-discovery.

Sanchez's clients include companies in manufacturing, event and studio production, non-profit, and mental health.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in Theology from the Assemblies of God Theological Spanish Seminary in Springfield.



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Susan Langlois 1956 - 2024



Susan Langlois, Elms athletic director from 1980 - 1998, talks in this undated photo with a member of the Women's Field Hockey Team.

Susan Langlois, Elms' first athletic director dies at 68

Dr. Susan Langlois, the first athletic director at Elms College, coach of the college's first intercollegiate team, and a key driver behind the construction of the Maguire Center for Health, Fitness and Athletics, died October 13 in Boston following a long battle with breast cancer.

She was 68.

A native of Dover, New Hampshire, Langlois earned a bachelor of science in physical education in 1978 from the University of New Hampshire. She also graduated from Springfield College, earning her master's degree in physical education, motor learning, in 1980, and then a doctorate in sports psychology ten years later.

She served as athletic director at Elms College for 18 years.

Her arrival at Elms College in 1980 marked a significant turning point for Elms athletics. At the time, the college was just entering the arena of intercollegiate athletics. That December, Langlois coached the Elms women's basketball team, known as the Blazers, in its inaugural season.

By 1986, she was in charge of an athletic program that expanded to six intercollegiate teams and an intramural program. She also led the construction of a new softball facility on campus.

The largest and most significant project during her tenure was overseeing the design and construction of a multi-sport athletic training facility known as the Maguire Center for Health, Fitness, and Wellness.

When it opened in 1993 after three years of planning and construction and a cost $3.6 million, the new facility replaced a 50-year-old gymnasium in Berchmans Hall

As a colleague said of Langlois in a 1986 article in the Springfield Daily News, "Sue is the prime mover in everything. She's changed things dramatically."

After leaving Elms, she served as director of sport management at Springfield College, dean of the School of Sport Science at Endicott College, dean of Academic Affairs & Student Services at Marian Court College, and dean of Arts & Sciences at Rivier University.

She is survived by four siblings, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and an extended family of friends and colleagues.

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