

Public School Proud

*featuring stories of the students,
teachers, and alumni of the
Worcester Public Schools*

Economou Elected President

At its June meeting, the Board of Directors of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. elected Tony Economou as its fifth president. Economou succeeds founding president, Stephen Mills.

For the last 25 years, Tony has been a REALTOR, Broker Associate in the Worcester and Central MA area with RE/MAX Vision. He says he is proud to help those buying and selling their homes and making their dreams come true. A lifelong resident and Worcester Public Schools graduate of Burncoat High School, class of 1984, Tony has been a leader in Worcester's boards, commissions and organizations. He has served on the board of the Indian Lake Watershed Association, served three terms as District 1 Worcester City Councilor, and was on the board of the Central MA Board of Realtors. Tony is also a board member of the Worcester Public Library Foundation and the Worcester Educational Development Foundation.

Both of Tony's sons are proud graduates of the Worcester Public Schools and he states, " I always felt the education I received here in Worcester was instrumental in my successes. I credit the educators and my parents for giving me the tools and the foundation to achieve so many of my goals."

Other officers elected at the June meeting are: Tom Murray, Vice President; Ginny Pitcher, Clerk; and Frances Arena, Treasurer. New directors are Rachel Monarrez and Dan O'Brien.



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Outstanding Seniors in Arts Awards Celebration

On May 26, eighteen highly talented graduates of the Worcester Public Schools were recognized at a reception at the Worcester Art Museum. The event was supported by Arts Worcester, C.C. Lowell, the City of Worcester, the College of the Holy Cross, Mechanics Hall, Music Worcester, the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Educational Development Foundation and Table Talk Pies.

Recipients were:

Burncoat High School

Dance	Katherine Chacharone
Music	Henry Bolduc
Music	Eduarda Luiza Braga
Theater	Mary Johnston-Medina
Media Arts	Michael James
Visual Arts	Iranny Ortega

Claremont Academy

Visual Arts	Milly Navarro Brito
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Doherty Memorial High School

Music	Reina Benitez Crus
Theater	Michael Giarusso
Media Arts	Nigel Cross

North High School

Music	Zareyah F. Devone
Theater	Sharon Aquino Chino
Visual Arts	Analycia Morales

South High Community School

Music	Alixandra Coran
Theater	Carisa Hochkeppel
Visual Arts	Ryan Quach

University Park Campus School

Theater	Noveadra Sorensen-Holmes
Media Arts	Lillian Saliiby



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of Worcester graduates at the Distinguished Alumni and Friends of the Worcester Public Schools event at the College of the Holy Cross on October 25, 2023. For more information, visit our website, www.wedfwps.org!

WEDF AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. extends its sincere appreciation to the administrations and guidance departments of the high schools in facilitating the identification of these deserving students.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Reidy Scholarships

Maria Paniagua Castill
Chelsea Frimpong and
Denesia Rivera

North High Alumni

Crystal Abruzzise
Leilani Castro
Colm King
Jaylene Canales Morales
Juleein Nicolas
Jenny Wu

Nina and Miriam Barber Scholarship

Taevya Dawkins

Dr. Lee Gurel Award for Learning And Teaching Advanced Placement English

Student: Brian Nguyen
Teacher: Jessica McGuire

Ryan Quinn Memorial Scholarship

Annie Corrao

Jessica Simone Scholarship

Brizeida Lemus Martinez

DONATE TO SUPPORT EDUCATION IN WORCESTER

Providing winter jackets, facilitating curriculum-based field trips for 20,000 students, buying uniforms and supporting the visual and performing arts, and helping students prepare for college, WEDF has been helping the Worcester Public Schools ensure access and equity for children since 2005. Your donation will enhance education for our most precious resource, our children.

Donations may be sent to: WEDF Suite 224 210
Park Avenue Worcester, MA 01609
or via our website.



Connected Scholars

For the third year, 40 students will begin their college careers with brand-new laptop computers provided by WEDF. This year's sponsors include St. Gobain and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. WEDF congratulates these students who have been recognized for their outstanding merit in high school. In addition to eight students from North High, the following students received laptops:

Burncoat High

Malik Brown: Quinsigamond Community College,
Malyka Brown: Quinsigamond Community College,
Mashal Khan: Quinsigamond Community College,
Gorgeous Konnah: Quinsigamond Community College,
Alan Martinez Del Orbe: Worcester State University,
Lisette Sanabria: Quinsigamond Community College,
Malachi Walton: Framingham State University

Claremont Academy

Dianibel Camilo Garcia: University of Massachusetts - Lowell,
Abraham Veliz Orellana: Quinsigamond Community College

Doherty Memorial High School

Takor Ateh Ashbel: Quinsigamond Community College,
Angel Escamilla: Quinsigamond Community College,
Maria Pena Garcia: College of the Holy Cross,
Crystal Martinez: Quinsigamond Community College,
Habiba Mohamed: College of the Holy Cross,
David Norley: Western New England College,
Sharayah Scott-Cummins: Anna Maria College

South High Community School

Patrick Andoh: University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth,
Ryeder Coughlan: Quinsigamond Community College,
Nayalis De La Torre: University of Massachusetts - Amherst,
Josselyn Figueroa: Worcester State University,
Aline Scilles Goncalves: Fitchburg State University,
Giovanny Joaquin: Fitchburg State University,
Lindsay Nguyen: University of Massachusetts - Boston

University Park Campus School

Ariana Romero: Quinsigamond Community College,
Shawn Wiggins: Worcester State University,

Worcester Technical High School

Manuela Doku: University of Massachusetts - Lowell,
Karina Lubowicki: Carroll University,
Livya Medeiros: Bridgewater State University,
Sindi Misliu: Worcester State University,
Luis Novoa: WPI,
Trinity Phillips: Northeastern University,
Ryan Richard: University of Massachusetts - Amherst

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