

WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

H. Kim Bottomly

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Susan Koenigsberg Lucas  
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Dear Susan,

As the fall semester winds down, I find myself—once again—marveling at the smart, purposeful, inquisitive young women who are the newest members of the Wellesley sisterhood. Each one of these young women has chosen to follow in your footsteps, has chosen to join our community of learners and leaders, and has set off with a sense of all that is possible.

One of the greatest forces for social change is the education of women. It helps them find their voices and their places in the world—each woman in her own way, and on her own stage. Whatever direction she chooses to pursue, if she is a Wellesley woman, she will care about making a difference. For more than 135 years, the College has prided itself on educating those women who *will* make a difference and who *do* make a difference.

By the time they leave Wellesley, our students are emboldened to dream big and aim high. They are emboldened, in part, by the powerful example set by those who have come before them. They know they are joining a sisterhood of women who share a commitment to making things happen—a powerful network that values the importance of giving back to the institution that gave them so much.

As you know so well, Wellesley is uniquely qualified to cultivate the kind of woman who dreams big and leads change. I am immensely proud to be part of this educational enterprise, and I know that the Wellesley experience would not be possible without your generosity.

Your gift might support a young woman's genome research, which she first undertook to better understand a hereditary risk in her own family. Or your gift might help a student from the Republic of Georgia to publish a book of literature, translated from 17 languages, including those rarely translated into English. Or your gift might speed the way of two students as they bike across Massachusetts on a sustainability mission.

Our students' enthusiasm for learning and for making a difference is both inspiring and infectious. So I ask you, once again, for your financial commitment in supporting our students and this exceptional learning environment.

Thank you for making a difference—for making *the* difference.

Sincerely,



H. Kim Bottomly  
President

