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NATURAL BEAUTY AND COSMOPOLITAN APPEAL. Stroll a campus renowned for its beauty, state-of-the-art facilities, and diverse architecture. Or perhaps take a short walk into the picturesque, thriving town of Wellesley. Or hop on a train or bus to Boston/Cambridge, among the most cosmopolitan cities in the United States, with restaurants, museums, sporting events, cinema—all the amenities of a highly livable city. When you come here, be ready to explore.

A CELEBRATED CAMPUS. The Wellesley College campus extends over 500 acres of woodlands, meadows, and water. Its design was influenced by the emerging park ideas of Frederick Law Olmsted, the landscape architect who planned New York's Central Park. Within 30 minutes are the cities of Boston and Cambridge and all of their cultural, educational, and entertainment resources.

In the fall, Wellesley's wooded campus looks as if it has been splattered with paint, with foliage turning variations of red, orange, and yellow. In the winter, a blanket of white often covers the grounds. And, in springtime, the campus comes alive with blooming daffodils, rhododendrons, and lilacs. In this setting, you will be living among towering brick buildings, Gothic architecture, and modern structures.

Wellesley is a walking (or cycling) campus just a five-minute walk from Wellesley Center, or "the Ville," as students call it, with shops, restaurants, and additional transportation to Boston and Cambridge. Buses to the cities also leave every hour from campus.

DESIGNED FOR ENGAGEMENT. "Arguably, Wellesley's main architectural attraction is not architecture at all, but its hundreds of acres of sublimely bucolic, historically resonant park-like landscape featuring forested hills, manicured gardens, rolling lawns, meadows, pastures, a botanic garden, and the lake, designed, among others, by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. A hundred-year succession of distinguished architects, including Ralph Adams Cram, Paul Rudolph, and Raphael Moneo, designed the campus's buildings, which, albeit of high quality, sit in

demure quietude, often simply punctuating critical moments on the land," writes Sarah Williams Goldhagen on Architecture/Dorm Art for *The New Republic* (November 13, 2006).



FAVORITE CAMPUS PLACES

A STUDENT SAMPLER:

Lake Waban in the morning offers the most serenity you'll probably ever achieve outside of Tibet. Just watch out for swan attacks.

Whitin Observatory, because of the stash of teas, beautiful telescopes, armchairs, and faculty who are always willing to spend hours talking about asteroids and undergraduate education.

The window seats on the ground floor of the Clapp Library. In comfy seating, you get a great view of the lake and the fountain.

The WZLY studios. I like music. A lot. So it's great to have a

space on campus where the walls of CDs and records seem endless. At WZLY, I experience new music before it hits the shelves at record stores, and I play what I want to hear on-air.

The Anderson Forum in the Lulu. It has cozy furniture, a gigantic fireplace, and sweeping views of Lake Waban. It's a great place to hang out with friends.

The dock by the boathouse in the fall—seeing all the colors of the trees.

All the cool staircases. The “Romeo and Juliet” and “Platform 9^{3/4}” staircases provide popular shortcuts and are most unusual landmarks.



Shakespeare House. I am always certain to find a few Shakespeare Society members sitting around and chatting, and someone usually ends up making cookies; there's always time for plenty of dance breaks if you're doing homework.

The outdoor fire pit outside Punch's Alley (the pub). Mid week, we make s'mores then go inside and watch *Project Runway*. The Lulu is always packed, so it gives me a great chance to catch up with people.

WELLESLEY: A WALKING (RUNNING, CYCLING, PLAYING) CAMPUS



There is an overwhelming amount of positive energy in the Lulu—a palpable sense of openness and freedom that creates a great environment for a study break.
Marion Johnson '09

I like studying in the Sage Lounge of the Science Center with my friends. We take breaks to talk about anything and everything over snacks ranging from Pringles to Chinese guava rolls. We come from our respective academic sides—mine, the humanities; theirs, the sciences—and meet in the middle: shopping, food, and boys. I found that we do in fact, speak the same language. Although their huge bio and chem books tower over my little Machiavelli text, I get the last laugh when it comes time to pack up and head back to the res halls. Juliet Bu '10



FAVORITE OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

A STUDENT SAMPLER:

Walking over the bridge from Cambridge (MIT) to Boston at night and admiring the skyline
Eating dim sum in Chinatown or a Bartley's burger in Cambridge
Watching movies and going to concerts on Boston Common
Going on a Duck Tour
Walking the Freedom Trail
Shopping on Newbury Street
Eating hot dogs at Castle Island
Visiting the Museum of Science with my science friends
Salsa dancing, anywhere in Boston or Cambridge
Sipping tea at Tealuxe in Cambridge
Going to parties at Harvard and MIT
Going to music and dance clubs
Enjoying festivals in the North End

Watching seals at the Aquarium
Going to the Museum of Fine Arts (free!)
Meeting friends at Quincy Market
Wading in the Frog Pond in Boston Common
Seeing the city from the Top of the Hub at the Pru
Watching street performers in Harvard Square
Walking from the Boston Public Library to Faneuil Hall
Drinking coffee in little cafés; hot chocolate at Burdick's in Harvard Square
Walking along the Charles River in the spring
Cheering the Red Sox to victory at Fenway Park
Dancing to live music at the Middle East



Going to poetry slams
Browsing at the MIT Press Bookstore
Playing coed soccer at MIT
Swing dancing in Cambridge
Cheering for runners in the Boston Marathon
Volunteering at Symphony Hall

Taking the Chinatown bus to NYC for \$15 (one way)
Teaching self-defense to girls in Cambridge
Sailing on the Charles River with friends
Seeing new exhibits at the Institute of Contemporary Art

BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE: ARTFUL, ACTIVE, SPORTY, LIVELY CITIES



In Boston, my friends and I like to visit art museums, many of which are free for Wellesley students; shop at the Prudential Center and other malls; and ice skate on Frog Pond on the Boston Common in the winter. This past year, I began taking yoga classes at a Boston studio. It is also easy to become involved in a number of inter-collegiate organizations, such as orchestras, spoken word groups, ballroom dancing teams, and cultural organizations. There is also a surprising number of opportunities to volunteer or be an activist for a cause. On most weekends, many of my friends take advantage of the close proximity to Boston to attend parties or other social events at local universities. The weekday Exchange bus and weekend Senate bus make Boston easily accessible. Paola Reyes '09



BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE

MORE THAN 250,000 COLLEGE STUDENTS CALL BOSTON HOME. Wellesley is located in a western suburb of Boston, only a stone's throw away from the major attractions of the city.

A MYRIAD OF DESTINATIONS. It is easy to understand why Bostonians boast about their city. With its natural beauty, history, and many cultural, academic, medical, and artistic institutions, Boston is like no other place in America. Other cities claim to be the Athens of the World, but no other fits the description so well.

Boston and Cambridge are home to a number of museums, theatres, entertainment arenas, and other attractions. Among the better-known museums are the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella



I appreciate Wellesley's proximity to Boston. I feel as though I get the best of both worlds here: I can easily access all that Boston has to offer in terms of cultural activities, recreation, and meeting students from other schools in the area. Still, I can always come back to Wellesley, away from the crowds of the city. *Megan Gross '07*

Stewart Gardner Museum, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Computer Museum, and the Museum of Science, as well as Harvard's Fogg, Sackler, Busch-Reisinger, and Peabody museums.

Boston is also home to the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and the Boston Ballet. The theatre district downtown should be a destination if you're interested in topflight productions, some of which make trial runs in

Boston before moving on to Broadway. The American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge is also a well-respected local company. All of these sites are accessible by public transportation.

Cambridge, home of Harvard and MIT and often referred to as Boston's "Left Bank," is said to have the most Nobel Prize winners, street musicians, coffeehouses, and bookstores per capita.

If history is your interest, Boston has plenty of it. You can walk the Freedom Trail and visit Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere's house, the Old North Church, the Old State House and the New State House, or the USS Constitution—the oldest commissioned warship afloat. The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum pays tribute to Massachusetts' favorite son.

It's fun to take a walk around Boston Common and ride the swan boats, go to outdoor concerts at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River, or visit the New England Aquarium. If gallery hopping is your pastime, don't miss Newbury Street, where you also can browse or shop if you're so inclined. Other great shopping destinations include Copley Place, Boylston Street, and Faneuil Hall Marketplace. For a meal or snack, the North End is known for authentic Italian cuisine, and Chinatown for traditional Asian cuisine. There are also countless cafés and restaurants in the South End, Back Bay, and Harvard Square.

Several annual collegiate events highlight the school year. In the fall, the Head of the Charles Regatta is an opportunity to watch the best college crew teams compete on the Charles River. The Harvard-Yale football game also provides an occasion of great festivity and numerous parties. In the winter, Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, and Northeastern battle for the hockey trophy in the famed Beanpot Tournament.

If you're a baseball fan, attending a Red Sox game at historic Fenway Park is an experience to relish. Few ballparks let you get so close to the action, and Boston is known for its zealous sports fans.

INTERNSHIPS AND CROSS-REGISTRATION. Boston is a financial hub, leading medical and pharmacology center, and a high-tech incubator. It is also home to a vibrant arts scene and a competitive media market, and is the seat of state government, regional federal offices, and the Boston Federal Reserve. All offer internship opportunities the enterprising students. Wellesley's Center for Work and Service arranges on-the-job experience with access to thousands of internships.

Cross-registration with MIT also gives you a chance to explore academic options off campus and provides an excuse to make frequent visits to Harvard Square, which teems with students and offers a number of opportunities to enjoy a latte.

DISCOVERING THE CITY

PORSHA EDEN '10, ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MAGDALEN REEDER '10, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI
OLINDA HASSAN '10, TUCSON, ARIZONA
AMY WANG '09, TROY, MICHIGAN
ZHENYA KARELINA '10, DAYTON, OHIO

United by, among other interests, music and their love for sushi, Porsha, Magdalen, Olinda, Amy, and Zhenya became friends during the first week of school. Although busy with academics and meetings during the week, on weekends they are out discovering the many unique opportunities Boston has to offer.

There are so many choices. No matter what your interests, you'll have countless options. The following is a sampling of places we've been and things we've explored thus far this year.

Cultural events throughout Boston provide a unique opportunity for us to learn about the diversity that is everywhere in this amazing city. In October, we went to a poetry reading at Northeastern University in celebration of Caribbean and African culture. At this show, entitled "Beatless," students, as well as professionals from Def Jam, performed.

We also attended a party and step show at MIT, as well as a poetry reading entitled, "Ill Vibe Spoken Word Experience," which was hosted at an intimate setting with music, poems, and readings. This was



followed by a great party. We enjoyed another MIT event called "Pulse," a celebration of African Americans through dance, music, poetry, and other performances. And in December we went to the *Nutcracker*, a long-time Boston holiday tradition.

Once, when we were craving some fresh fruit and groceries, we went to Boston's famed Haymarket, where local farmers come to sell their freshest goods. The North End, which is the Italian district, is a fun neighborhood to explore. Here, we indulged in delicious gelato and espresso. You could satisfy

almost any possible Italian food craving here.

Fall is a beautiful time in New England. In October, we lined the Charles River for the Head of the Charles Regatta, where thousands of people gathered to watch rowers compete from all over the world.

On Sunday afternoons in the fall, Memorial Drive in Cambridge is closed to traffic, so you can rollerblade, ride your bike, skateboard, or just amble along the Charles River. We missed that opportunity this fall, but look forward to that, as well as many other new city excursions, next year.

A HOME RUN

JESSICA JOHNSTON '09
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE
HOME: NORTH BRANCH, MINNESOTA

While a scant handful of her high-school classmates left Minnesota for college, Jessica Johnston (*below right*) ventured to New England to attend

Wellesley. From the start, Boston has played an important role in her college experience. She has taken a class at MIT, worked as a legislative intern at the State House, experienced her first Nor'easter, and watched a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. (Despite immersion in Red Sox Nation, she somehow emerged a New York Yankees fan.)

On the weekends, Jessica enjoys taking the bus into Boston with her friends and getting to know her adopted city. "Boston and Cambridge are fantastic places to explore," she notes, having learned early on about "smoots" on the scenic Harvard Bridge that connects Boston and Cambridge. "Both cities are very walkable, so the best thing you can do is stay off the T and walk from place to place to get to know your surroundings. I didn't begin to fully appreciate Boston until I came up from underground!

"It's hard to believe that, just a couple of years ago, I was a country girl who could barely cross the street! Now, I've embraced Boston and can't wait to see what I'll find here next. At Wellesley," she says, "you really have the best of both worlds: the verve and vitality of a cosmopolitan city nearby and a quieter haven to come home to."



The concerts hitting the Boston area have been pretty awesome this semester. I am really into music, all genres and styles. I am into the old school, you know, the stuff of our parents' generation—rock, country, indie, and rap. While I can appreciate a diverse range of music, I have to say that I love, love, love jazz. *Loren Saulsberry '10 (above right)*



BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

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There are more than 80 colleges in the Greater Boston area.



getting there

PROVIDENCE: 1 hour
CAPE COD: 1.5 hours
NH & VT MOUNTAINS: 3 hours
NYC: 4 hours
MONTREAL: 5 hours



red sox

You can enjoy professional sports—Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Boston Celtics, New England Revolution, and the Boston Cannons (lacrosse).



BOSTON & CAMBRIDGE ARE

INTERNATIONAL

cities. You can experience a vast range of ethnic celebrations, music, restaurants, and sports; and you can explore neighborhoods where people speak Spanish, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole, Vietnamese, French, Italian, Russian, Arabic, and Somali.

internships

The financial, high-tech, medical, research, cultural, and nonprofit organizations and institutions in the Boston area, coupled with the database of thousands of internships at the Center for Work and Service, offer countless opportunities for students.



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Boston ranks number one in academic environment, cultural and social resources, quality of life, and professional opportunities by the College Destinations Index, a nationwide rating of higher education destinations.

Travel & Leisure has called Boston the biggest small town in America.



a walking city

You can walk all around Boston, enjoying the sights and neighborhoods, and even cross the Charles River via one of its scenic bridges to get to Cambridge. Or you can hop on the T, also a safe and convenient way to travel throughout the city. You really don't need a car. In fact, it's better without one.



live music

The music scene in Boston and Cambridge is legendary, with pulsing music venues at clubs, concert halls, and jazz bars. There's also a flourishing rock scene, as well as the classical Boston Symphony. Alternative, indie, hip, folk, jazz, blues, reggae, electronic, and street performers further enliven city life.



The Boston area is full of American history—Bunker Hill, Paul Revere's home, the Old North Church, and Lexington/Concord, where "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired.



A vibrant city, Boston boasts a skyline of distinctive architecture, including the Prudential Tower, I.M. Pei-designed John Hancock Tower, Trinity Church, the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade, used by the Boston Pops for concerts, and the winding Charles River, which separates Boston from Cambridge.

GETTING TO BOSTON

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miles



FREE

THE MIT EXCHANGE BUS

provides transportation between Wellesley and MIT for Wellesley and MIT students at no charge. The bus runs from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays (last stop at MIT at midnight).

THE SENATE BUS

runs once an hour to Boston and Cambridge during the day and every 40 minutes at night, from Friday evening through Sunday evening. The last bus on Saturday night arrives back at Wellesley at approximately 4 a.m. Tickets are \$3 each way.

SUBWAY

You can take the Senate bus to the Woodland MBTA subway station, about 15 minutes away. The subway goes to downtown Boston or connects to points in Cambridge, running every 7 to 10 minutes.



COMMUTER RAIL

The commuter rail station in the town of Wellesley is about a five-minute walk from the entrance of the College. The train will leave you off in South Station.

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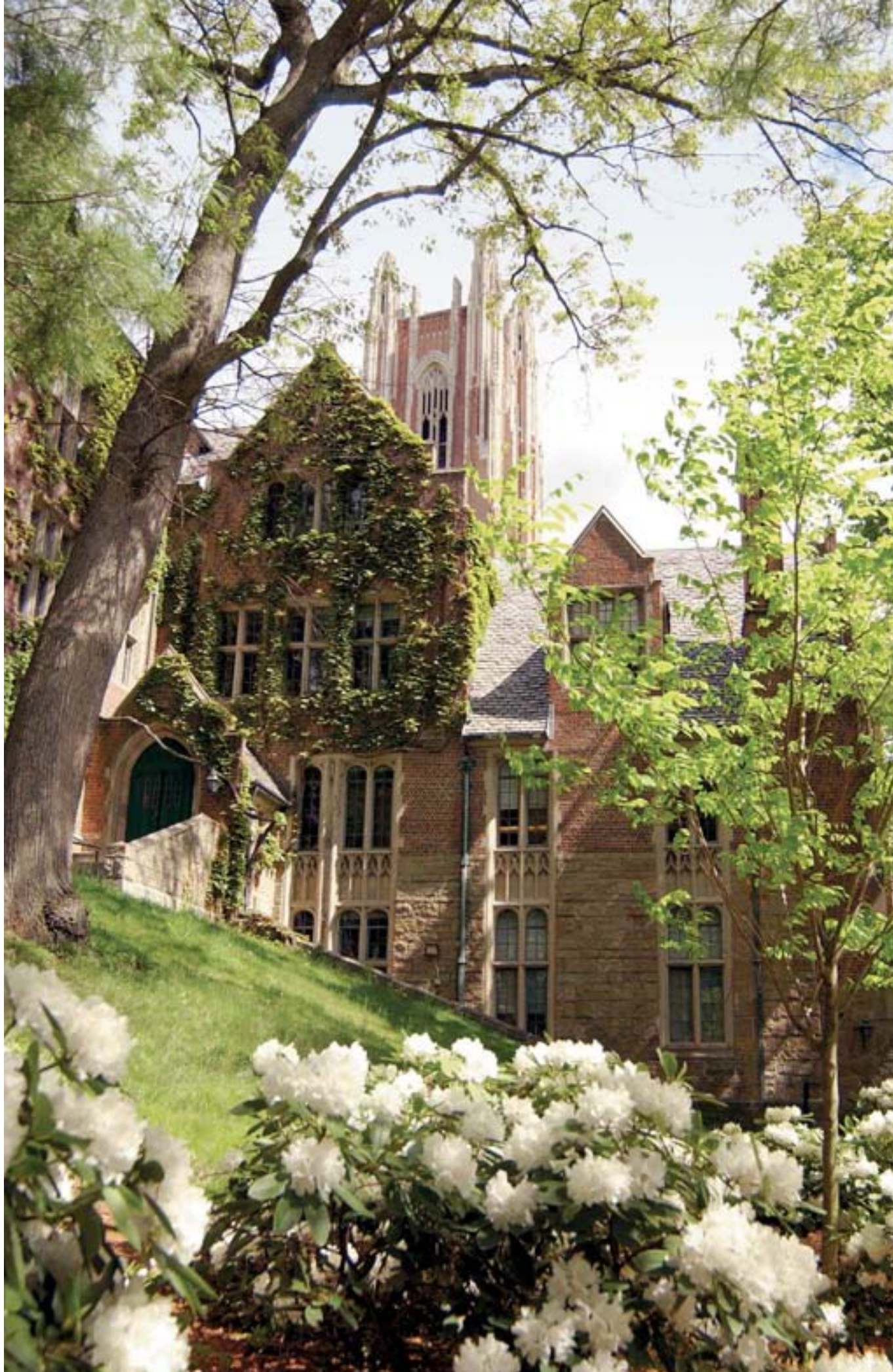
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LEARN ABOUT WELLESLEY. Wellesley is highly competitive and provides a rigorous educational experience. Our goal is to find the candidate who is likely to succeed here, the young woman whom we can help prepare to make a difference in the world. Once that candidate and Wellesley discover each other, we will do everything we can to enable that student to attend. We do not want to lose a single student because she feels she cannot afford a Wellesley education.

“IS WELLESLEY RIGHT FOR ME?” VISIT US AND FIND OUT

Choosing the right college ultimately comes down to you—where do you feel most comfortable? Can you imagine yourself among the students already attending? Is it where you want to spend four of the most important and formative years of your life? The best way to answer these questions is to visit.

We hope that you will gain firsthand knowledge of Wellesley by visiting our scenic 500-acre campus 12 miles west of Boston and by touring our historic—as well as state-of-the-art—buildings and facilities. We urge you to arrange a visit and spend as much time as your schedule permits. In addition, we hope you will have the opportunity to spend some time in Boston, with its natural beauty and history, as well as its many cultural, academic, athletic, and recreational venues.

We suggest that you take advantage of the campus programs offered by the Office of Admission, and that you explore on your own as well. Please refer to the Admission calendar at www.wellesley.edu/admission for an up-to-date schedule of admission programs.

ADMISSION OFFICE. Admission hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and some Saturdays in the fall and winter. Please check our website (above) or call for an up-to-date schedule.

TOURS. Student-guided campus tours are available to students and their families. They generally last one hour or a little more. You will get to see many parts of campus, including classrooms and a residence hall. You will also have the opportunity to ask your tour guide questions.

GROUP INFORMATION SESSIONS. Led by an Admission staff member, information sessions provide a 45-minute introduction to Wellesley for you and your family. They focus on the academic and extracurricular

opportunities at Wellesley, as well as admission and financial aid procedures. You will also have ample time to ask questions. Information sessions are offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the months of April, June, July, August, and October. No appointment is necessary.

CLASS, LUNCH, AND OVERNIGHT VISITS. We invite high school seniors to sit in on a class, have lunch with a current student in a residence hall, and/or stay overnight with a student while the College is in session. These opportunities will enable you to experience a taste of life at Wellesley and better help you to envision yourself as a Wellesley student.

INTERVIEWS. A personal interview provides the opportunity to exchange information. We get to know you—who you are, how you think, and why you would be a good fit with Wellesley. And you get to learn more about Wellesley. We strongly recommend an interview, though it is not required for first-year applicants. You need not have applied to request an interview, and the lack of an interview will not affect your chances of admission.

You may schedule either an on-campus or off-campus interview. Each contributes equally to the overall application.

On-campus interviews are available to high school seniors through December 31 and to juniors after April 1. In addition, admission counselors are available daily to answer any questions you may have. To schedule an interview, please call us at 781-283-2270 at least two weeks before you plan to visit.

Off-campus interviews. If you would prefer an off-campus interview, you may request one with a Wellesley alumna representative in your area, and we will do our best to match you with one. Please complete the interview request form at:

www.wellesley.edu/admission/offcampusinterview



TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES.

To meet with a financial aid officer during your visit, call the Office of Student Financial Services in advance at 781-283-2360 for an appointment.

WELLESLEY VARSITY COACHES.

To meet with a Wellesley College coach, please contact the specific coach directly to make an appointment. See page 59.

“CAN I AFFORD WELLESLEY?” A FEW WORDS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Once you’ve chosen a college, your next question may be, How am I going to pay for it? You are not alone—particularly in today’s economy, paying for college can be a daunting challenge. However, we want you to know one thing after reading this section:

Wellesley may be more affordable than you think.

Wellesley is one of the nation’s top schools in its commitment to financial aid. A number of features of our financial aid program are designed to help every qualified student attend Wellesley. Here are some examples.

NEED-BLIND ADMISSION. For U.S. citizens and permanent residents, we do not consider your ability to pay when making admission decisions. Period. Wellesley offers admission based on your talents, demonstrated skills, and our belief that you will succeed here. We want each class to represent all backgrounds and experiences.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS, FEWER LOANS. Our mission is to help prepare young women to make a difference in the world. That is tough to do when you are saddled by a mountain of student debt! The majority of the financial aid that Wellesley provides is in the form of grants or scholarships—money you won’t have to pay back. In fact, the average loan burden for a Wellesley student is among the lowest in the nation.

WE WILL MEET 100% OF A STUDENT’S NEED. The cost of college is more than tuition and room and board—there are also books, supplies, travel expenses. We are committed to providing the funds necessary for a full educational experience at Wellesley. Our average scholarship grant is more than \$32,000—one of the most generous in the country. And, nearly 40 percent of our scholarships exceed the cost of tuition.

NO HIDDEN COSTS. Wellesley students do more than simply go to class for four years. They attend campus activities, such as films, concerts, and social events—virtually every one of these activities is free with a Wellesley ID. Many of our students also study abroad, undertake research, attend academic conferences, and participate in internships. Wellesley offers funding for each of these activities as well. We want every student to experience the full richness of a Wellesley education.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. We’re committed to working with each family to make sure that every student who’s admitted to Wellesley can attend. We sit down with families, go over the numbers, and explore all the options. Wellesley also provides financing options to assist families who do not qualify for aid. Counselors in Student Financial Services are ready to assist you.



COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

Comprehensive fees (2009–10): \$49,848

Tuition: \$37,826

Fees: \$236

Room: \$5,980

Board: \$5,806

Students receiving financial aid
(2008–09): 56 percent

Total distributed in grants, work, and loan
assistance (2008–09): \$40 million

Average yearly financial aid package
(2008–09): \$33,843

Percent of financial aid package that
is scholarship aid—a gift or grant from
Wellesley: 96%



FINANCIAL AID BY THE NUMBERS

need blind

Wellesley's admission process is "need blind" for U.S. citizens and permanent residents, which means that the College admits students without regard to their family's ability to pay. Wellesley's commitment to provide a superior undergraduate education to students, regardless of their economic status, results in a talented student body from a wide range of economic backgrounds.

\$33,843

Average yearly financial aid package in 2008–09.



MORE SCHOLARSHIPS. FEWER STUDENT LOANS.

To reduce student debt, and in some cases eliminate it, Wellesley has replaced many student loans with scholarships. Wellesley is committed to keeping student loan levels low, so that financial constraints don't limit a student's choices upon graduation. For examples of packaged loan levels and monthly payment amounts, go to

www.wellesley.edu/admission/financialaid

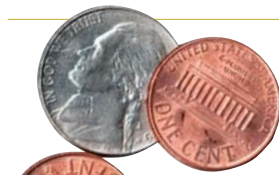
56%

of students received financial aid in 2008–09.

WELLESLEY MEETS

100%

of a student's need, as determined by the College's financial aid policies. For example, if a student's financial aid eligibility is \$28,000, the College will meet that entire amount through grants, loans, and work-study.



When assessing a student's

financial need, the College looks at a broad range of expenses in addition to tuition and room and board. We consider expenses for books, personal items, and travel for students who live at a distance.



#4

Wellesley is ranked fourth on the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Value" list of liberal arts colleges. This ranking is based on the percentage of students who receive grants based on need, the average cost of attendance after receiving grants based on need, and the average discount on the total cost of attendance.



free

Virtually all activities at Wellesley—lectures, concerts, films, and social events—are free with a Wellesley ID. This is also true for many events at area colleges. Bus transportation into Boston and Cambridge is free during the week and costs a nominal amount on the weekends.

FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will financial aid continue for four years?

Yes, although you must reapply each year to demonstrate that there are no changes in your financial situation and that you continue to make satisfactory progress toward your degree. You also must retain at least a C average.



Am I eligible for loan programs or payment plans if I don't qualify for financial aid?

Yes. If you do not meet financial aid eligibility criteria or if you do but have cash-flow concerns, you can take advantage of low-interest loan programs and Wellesley's monthly payment plan. For dependent students, the parties borrowing or paying under these plans are usually parents.

Is financial aid available for exchange and study abroad programs?

Yes. Students studying abroad are able to take their financial aid to Wellesley-approved programs. A student's financial aid is based upon a cost of attendance that includes Wellesley's home tuition and fees, the program's room and board and other billed costs, an allowance for travel, and an allowance toward expenses for personal items and books. Student health insurance is also mandatory.

Is financial aid available for international students?

Yes, but only for a limited number. That means admission is highly competitive for international students who apply for financial aid. These students must apply through the Regular Decision Plan. For details, go to www.wellesley.edu/SFS. If you are a U.S. citizen living abroad or a permanent resident, you are considered under the same financial aid policies that apply to U.S. citizens living in the United States.

“HOW DO I APPLY?” THE ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

The ideal Wellesley candidate is intellectually curious, hungry for a challenge, engaged in the world, and committed to discovering her place in the world. She enjoys grappling with difficult questions and thinking about original and thoroughly reasoned answers. She is highly motivated, has demonstrated evidence of leadership, and, most of all, is prepared for and excited about perhaps the most stimulating challenge of her life.

Our Board of Admission encourages anyone who has a demonstrated ability to meet this profile to apply. In evaluating your application, the Board will consider your high school record, both in terms of accomplishment and whether you have challenged yourself with the most rigorous coursework. We do not require a specific course of study, but recommend four years of high school mathematics and English, at least two laboratory sciences, and four years of a language other than English.

Wellesley requires that applicants submit the following test scores: SAT Reasoning Test and two SAT Subject Tests of your choice or the ACT with Writing Test. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is strongly recommended for students whose native language is not English and for students who have not been studying a curriculum taught in English for five or more years.

If you score 5 on an Advanced Placement test, you may receive credit from Wellesley. The International Baccalaureate diploma is highly respected and also may result in credit from the College.

DECISION PLANS

You may apply for admission under the following decision plans:

EARLY DECISION. If you apply under this binding decision plan, you must submit all credentials by November 1. Wellesley prefers that you complete the

required standardized tests by the end of your junior year. In mid-December, the Board of Admission will notify you of the committee's decision to admit, deny, or defer your application for consideration on an equal basis with other applications under the Regular Decision plan. You should apply for Early Decision only if you have a strong high school record and if you know that you will attend Wellesley if admitted.

EARLY EVALUATION. If your credentials are complete by January 1, you may opt for a nonbinding Early Evaluation of your chances for being admitted. Early Evaluation candidates are required to submit a current transcript that includes their most recent senior grades. Early evaluation letters are mailed by the end of February, and final decision letters are mailed in April.

REGULAR DECISION. Under this nonbinding decision plan, you complete the application process by January 15 of the year for which you are applying. Decisions are mailed in April. Required standardized tests can be taken through December of your senior year. Results of tests taken after December arrive too late for consideration by the Board of Admission.

ACCELERATING. You can apply for admission to Wellesley during your junior year in high school under the Regular Decision plan. You must have an interview, and you must demonstrate the academic and personal maturity necessary to compete with other Regular Decision candidates.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Wellesley accepts a limited number of transfer candidates who have completed at least a year of college-level work. You must have a strong record and recommendations from accredited two- or four-year institutions. The Board of Admission requires secondary

STUDENTS

Total student enrollment: 2,300

Geographic distribution: 50 states
62 countries of residence
83 countries of birth

Statistics for the Class of 2013:

Average SAT scores: Critical Reading: 690
Writing: 694
Math: 683

Average ACT scores: 30

Percentage of students in the top 20 percent of their high school class (of those who were ranked; please note 48 percent were ranked): 94 percent

Number of First-year applicants: 4,200
Admitted: 1,435
Enrolling: 590

For more admission statistics, visit our website at www.wellesley.edu/admission/admission/statistics.html.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Early Decision: November 1

Early Evaluation: January 1

Regular Decision: January 15

Note: All international applicants applying for financial aid must apply under the Regular Decision Plan.

Accelerating Candidate: January 15

Transfer application (spring): November 1

Transfer application (fall): March 1

Davis Degree application: March 1

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Please go to www.wellesley.edu/SFS for financial aid forms and deadlines.



school credentials but is most interested in college performance. You must have an interview, and you must submit secondary school SAT I (or Reasoning Test) or ACT scores. SAT II (or Subject Tests) are not required but are strongly recommended. Financial aid is available for transfer candidates.

STUDENTS APPLYING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

International candidates for admission are students, regardless of citizenship, who attend and will graduate from a school system outside the United States. International candidates must complete the Common Application, the International Supplement to the Secondary School Report, and the Wellesley College Supplemental Form. College Board tests are required, in addition to your own national university entrance examinations. If your native language is not English, Wellesley strongly recommends that you take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

The College encourages you to begin the application process a full year in advance. Financial aid for international students is limited. If you plan to compete for financial aid, you must apply under the Regular Decision plan. Your application and all required credentials must be received by January 15. U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents living abroad are not considered international students from the perspective of the financial aid process and, therefore, may apply under the Early Decision or Early Evaluation plans.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

You may apply for admission to Wellesley as follows:

- > Online at www.commonapp.org. Please complete the Wellesley Supplement as well as the Common Application. The \$50 application fee is waived if you apply electronically.
- > Or, download an application from our website at www.wellesley.edu/admission/application.

OPTIONAL CREDENTIALS. If you have a talent in the visual arts, you may, in support of your application, submit 35mm slides or a CD of your artwork. If you are a musician, you may submit an instrumental or voice CD. Please send this material to the Board of Admission. This material will not be returned. Please also refer to the Arts Supplement on the Common Application.

If you would like to tell us more about your athletic experience, you may complete a Recruiting Form for your sport at www.wellesley.edu/Athletics/main.html; send an athletic résumé to the Head Varsity Coach (of your sport), Wellesley College, Keohane Sports Center, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481-8203; and complete the Athletic Supplement on the Common Application.



THE INTERVIEW. Interviews are strongly recommended for candidates for first-year admission but are not required, except for accelerating candidates. *More details on page 69.*

THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Financial aid is offered to eligible students in an award package that typically contains three components. The first is scholarship (grant) aid that does not need to be repaid. The second is a low-interest student loan for some students. For students with the greatest need, Wellesley has eliminated student loans and further increased their scholarship aid. The third component is student employment (work-study), with a modest expectation of 8–10 hours of work per week.

Wellesley will determine if you are eligible for financial aid based on confidential information supplied by you and your family. The Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) uses a system of financial analysis designed to give families the greatest possible consideration in qualifying for financial aid.

In order to be considered for need-based financial aid, students must submit the financial aid application by the published deadline for the appropriate admission plan.

Deadlines for financial aid applications and required documentation depend upon your decision plan and category of citizenship, as noted on the SFS website at www.wellesley.edu/SFS.

The Office of Financial Aid is part of the Office of Student Financial Services—consisting of student accounts, educational financing, student employment, and financial aid. This provides all students and their families with comprehensive financial services.

Learn more about affording a Wellesley education at: www.wellesley.edu/admission/financialaid
Apply for financial aid at: www.wellesley.edu/SFS.

The Board of Admission considers each application on its merits and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation. In accordance with its desire to maintain student-body diversity, Wellesley College encourages applications from qualified students who represent a wide variety of cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS BY CAR OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BY CAR

From the West:

- > Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 13 (Natick/Framingham/Route 30).
- > Take Route 30 East 0.2 mile to the first set of lights.
- > Turn right on Speen Street and drive 1.8 miles to the intersection of Route 135.
- > Turn left onto Route 135 East and drive 3.6 miles to a traffic light, which will be at the main entrance of the College (College Road).
- > Follow signs to Admission Parking.

From the East:

- > Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 14 (Weston/I-95/Route 128).
- > Travel south 2 miles on I-95/Route 128 for 2 miles to Exit 20B (Framingham/ Worcester/Route 9 West).
- > Drive west on Route 9 for 3.9 miles. Turn right at the green Weston Road/Weston sign.
- > At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Weston Road. Drive 1 mile to the traffic light at the intersection of Route 135.
- > Turn right onto 135 West and drive 0.5 mile to the first traffic light, which will be at the main entrance of the College (College Road).
- > Follow signs to Admission Parking.

From the North or South:

- > Take I-95/Route 128 to Exit 20B (Framingham/ Worcester/Route 9 West).
- > Follow directions "From the East" above, starting with "Drive west on Route 9 for 3.9 miles."

ADMISSION PARKING

The Admission Office is located in Weaver House on College Road. Follow signs to Admission Parking next to Dower House, 0.6 mile from the College entrance at Route 135. Weaver House is across the street from Dower House. If you are unable to find a parking space next to Dower, please park in the Davis Parking Facility, located immediately to the right of the main College entrance on Route 135. (It will be to your left if you are coming from Dower.) The walking distance between the Davis Parking Facility and Weaver House is approximately 15 minutes. Parking is free at both locations. Handicapped-accessible parking spaces are available next to the entrance of Weaver House.

Questions? Call the Admission Office at 781-283-2270.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

From Boston's Logan International Airport:

Take the **Logan Express bus** to Framingham. Call 1-800-23-LOGAN for more information, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. ET. From Framingham, take a taxi to the College. The bus fare is \$22 round trip. Allow approximately 90 minutes to get to Wellesley from the airport.

or

Take the free airport shuttle bus to the **MBTA subway** stop. Take the Blue Line Inbound four stops to Government Center. Change to a Green Line Outbound car marked "RIVERSIDE (D)" and go to Woodland. From Woodland, take a taxi to the College. Taxi fare will be approximately \$25. Allow two hours for the total commute.

BY TRAIN

From the Amtrak terminal at South Station, take the Framingham/Worcester **Commuter Rail** to Wellesley Square. One-way fare is \$5.25 (plus \$1.00 if ticket is purchased on the train). Call 1-800-392-6100 for Commuter Rail schedule and fare information. Allow 30 minutes for the commute. Go up the stairs and turn left onto Crest Road; then turn right onto Central Street. Walk five minutes to the first set of lights. Cross the street to the entrance of the College. From there, allow 15 minutes to walk to your destination on campus.

or

From South Station, take the **MBTA Red Line** Inbound two stops to Park Street. Change to a Green Line Outbound car marked "RIVERSIDE-D" and go to Woodland. From Woodland, take a taxi to the College. Taxi fare will be approximately \$25. Call 1-800-392-6100 for MBTA schedule and fare information.

BY BUS

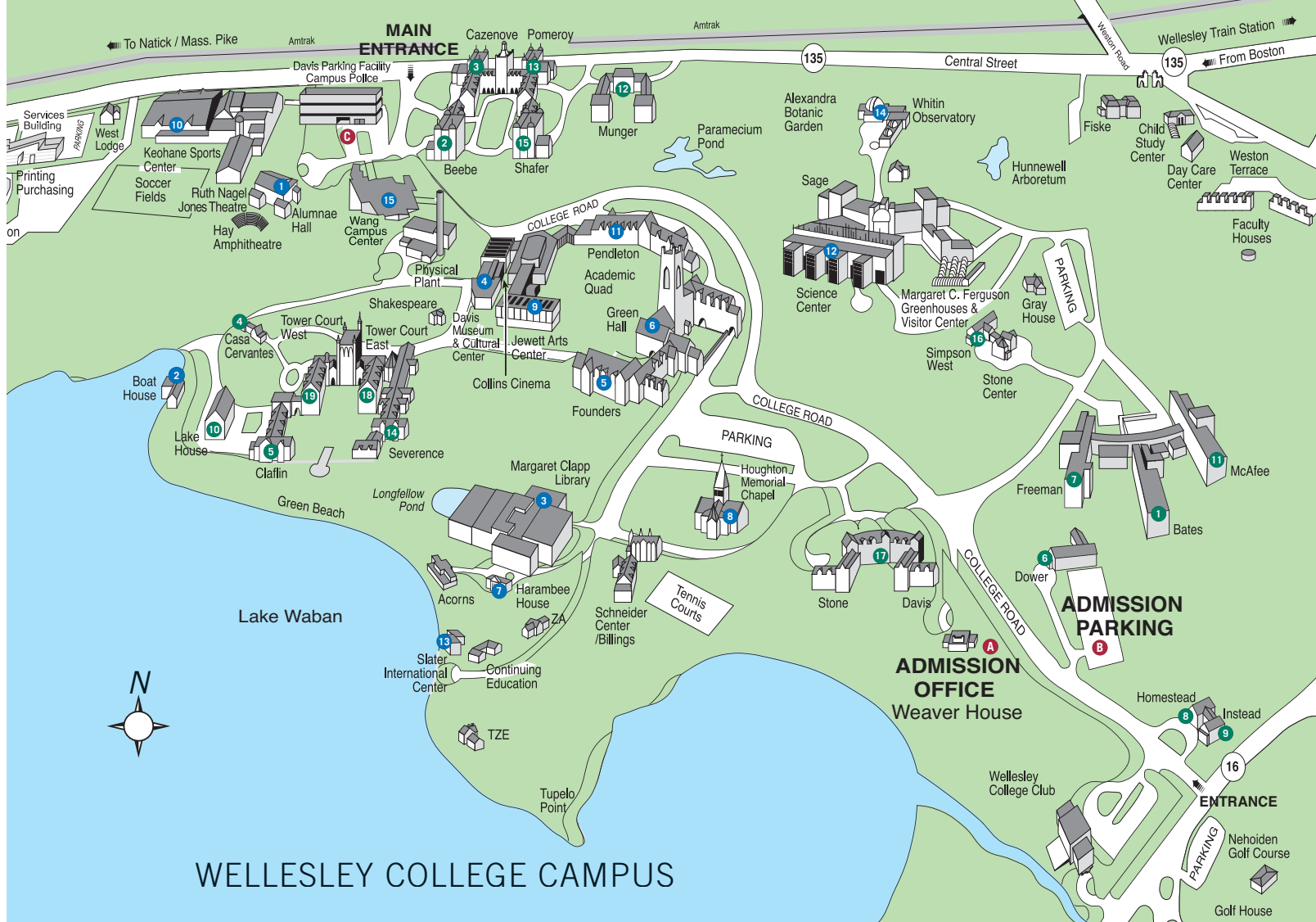
From the Peter Pan or Greyhound terminal at South Station, use Commuter Rail directions above or take a nonexpress bus to Riverside. From Riverside, take a taxi to the College. Fare will be approximately \$25. Allow 30 minutes for the commute from Riverside.

Note: All fares quoted are subject to change. Travel time may need to be increased during rush hour.



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POINTS OF INTEREST

- A** Admission Office/Weaver House
- B** Admission Parking
- C** Davis Parking Facility
- 1** Alumnae Hall
- 2** Boat House
- 3** Margaret Clapp Library
- 4** Davis Museum and Cultural Center
- 5** Founders Hall
- 6** Green Hall/Galen Stone Tower
Deans' and President's Offices
Student Financial Services
- 7** Harambee House
- 8** Houghton Memorial Chapel and Multifaith Center
- 9** Jewett Arts Center
- 10** Keohane Sports Center
- 11** Pendleton Hall
- 12** Science Center
- 13** Slater International Center
- 14** Whitin Observatory
- 15** Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center

RESIDENCE HALLS

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| 1 Bates Hall | 12 Munger Hall |
| 2 Beebe Hall | 13 Pomeroy Hall |
| 3 Cazenove Hall | 14 Severance Hall |
| 4 Casa Cervantes | 15 Shafer Hall |
| 5 Claflin Hall | 16 Simpson West |
| 6 Dower House | 17 Stone-Davis Hall |
| 7 Freeman Hall | 18 Tower Court East |
| 8 Homestead | 19 Tower Court West |
| 9 Instead | <i>Not shown</i> |
| 10 Lake House | Cedar Lodge |
| 11 McAfee Hall | French House Carriage |
| | French House Main |

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