

Williams

Class of 1995 Reunion Giving



Our 25th Reunion in June 2020 is a defining moment for our Class, giving us the opportunity to create a lasting legacy through our united financial contributions as we reflect on what Williams has meant to us. Our donations will be focused in two important ways:

1. Alumni Fund – \$1.5 million goal

The Alumni Fund supports the annual operations of the college. Generations of alumni who preceded us made our time at Williams possible; now it is our turn to support the students of today and tomorrow, ensuring that the best and brightest students have access to this world-class education regardless of their ability to pay.

Donors may make unrestricted gifts, which will be used to support the college's highest priorities, or they may designate gifts toward specific initiatives such as: financial aid, faculty excellence, equity and inclusion, sustainability, the arts, student life, or athletics.



2. Class of 1995 Windows on Williams (WOW) Fund – \$2.5 million goal

Williams has a long history of providing need-blind financial aid and actively recruits exceptional students from low-income backgrounds. To ensure these students who may not be able to afford to visit Williams can experience all that the college has to offer prior to applying, Williams created the Windows on Williams (WOW) program in the early 1990s, and it has become a critical pathway for low-income students to apply to and ultimately attend Williams.

Through a highly selective process, 200 students are chosen to attend three all-expenses paid days on campus. They stay in dorms with current students, attend classes, meet with professors, learn about the admission process and about the incredible financial aid program at Williams. Students are given the time to explore all that Williams offers so that they have an authentic sense of what it means to attend Williams.

“ As a high school student with faith in the education and general academic experience Williams could provide, all that was left for me was to get to know the social environment of Williams, something that could only be done by being on campus. As an under-resourced student, Windows on Williams provided me with the opportunity to visit the campus and interact with current students, giving me an understanding of how much the students here love the school. It did nothing but fully confirm my decision to apply to Williams.

– *Hipolito Vasquez '22*

”

The Windows on Williams program has had a tremendous impact on students since our time on campus and continues to help extremely talented students find their way to Williams.

- Approximately **2,000** students apply to attend WOW each year
- In recent years, typically **200** students attended the WOW program
- With increased demand the admission office is expanding the program to **240** students
 - Average annual family income: \$57,000
 - Percentage of first-generation college students: 57%
 - 98% of students were in the top 10% of their high school class
 - Available to U.S. students and students from Puerto Rico
- **75%** of WOW attendees applied to Williams
- **79%** applicants were admitted
- WOW scholars comprise **8%** of the Class of 2023

The need for programs like WOW has only become more evident in recent years. Applications for WOW have more than doubled in the last five years, growing by 30% in the last year alone. With your support, we'll be empowering the Admission team to continue their great work as well as expand and build on their offerings supporting students from low-income backgrounds.

How You Can Help

Please help by supporting this class initiative in honor of our 25th Reunion and by making an Alumni Fund gift when you hear from a classmate in the coming months.

Reunion is a chance to reconnect with what we value most about Williams. It also gives us an opportunity to leave a legacy that ensures the success of future Ephs and helps Williams graduate the next generation of leaders who will have a positive impact on the world.



We can achieve this worthy goal only with your help. Please respond generously when called upon by your classmates.

Your 1995 Leadership Committee Chairs and Head Agents:

Yvonne Hao

John Werwaiss

John Lieb

Bobby Walker

