

2021-2022

COMMUNITY

BENEFITS

REPORT



Assumption
University

MISSION STATEMENT

Assumption University is a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts institution sponsored by the Augustinians of the Assumption.

We awaken in students a sense of wonder, discovery, and purpose, forming graduates known for their intellectual seriousness, thoughtful citizenship, and devotion to the common good. Our curricular and co-curricular programs provide students with an education that shapes their souls, forms them intellectually, and prepares them for meaningful careers. We are a diverse community that welcomes different points of view and embraces all who share our mission. Enlivened by the Catholic affirmation of the harmony of faith and reason and by the pursuit of the truth in the company of friends, an Assumption education transforms the minds and hearts of students.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS

Assumption Athletics and Recreation

Campus Ministry

Community Service Learning

Student Government Association

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On the cover:

Allison James '05, chief operating officer of Girls Inc. of Worcester, is a mission-driven alumna who has dedicated her career to service and leadership in the nonprofit sector. Girls Inc. is a popular internship site for Assumption University students who have a passion for similar life paths.

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LETTER FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

As a member of the Assumption University community for over 11 years, I have always been impressed by the institution's profound commitment to community service. Worcester, the Heart of the Commonwealth, is a place of opportunity and growth. It is a diverse and dynamic city that houses over 200,000 people, more than 35,000 college students, and numerous businesses and organizations. The city offers access to a wide variety of sports and athletic teams, entertainment venues and events, as well as institutions of healthcare and education. It is a place where many call home.

Since 1904, thousands of students have called and continue to call Assumption University their home. Through an educational setting, Assumption has prepared graduates for compassionate service and a life-long commitment to the common good. Assumption is proud to be located in a city that offers so many opportunities to its residents as well as those visiting. The symbiotic relationship between Assumption and Worcester allows for an exchange of lively talents and skills that aids the prosperity of the individual and the city as a whole.

Assumption students go into the classroom at Worcester Public Schools teaching children of all ages, they partake in internships with local businesses, are employed in the city, and volunteer their time and talent to give back to the Worcester community. Faculty and staff live in Worcester, contribute to its economy, and share their expertise with the community. Valuing our many partnerships within the city, the University consistently looks for ways to further support Worcester, its residents, and our partners educationally, commercially, and socially.

Assumption University is sponsored by the Augustinians of the Assumption, an order founded by the Venerable Emmanuel D'Alzon, a man whose life has inspired a legacy of good work in education and beyond. A *Rule of Life* for the Assumptionists is to "... go wherever God is threatened in man and man threatened as image of God." Here, at Assumption University, we seek to exemplify the goodness of God through man by helping those who are underserved and sharing our time, resources, and talents for the betterment of the city.



President Greg Weiner and Assumption students at Polar Park, Worcester, hold up the Greyhound hand-signal to show Assumption pride.

As the newly elected 17th president of Assumption, I intend to continue the legacy of service established by Fr. D'Alzon, in leading this Catholic, liberal arts institution that fosters an earnest commitment to community service and the moral values that together stand in harmony with loving and supporting our fellow man.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Weiner".

Greg Weiner, Ph.D.
President, Assumption University

MEET
PRESIDENT
WEINER



FEES/TAXES PAID TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER

Water and Sewer Taxes

\$242,961



Property Taxes

\$59,241



Police Department
Coverage Costs

\$8,809



Other Fees

\$10,662

Including:

- Parking lot licenses
- Certificates of inspection
- Plumbing fees
- Liquor licenses
- Filing fees
- Food permits
- Pool permits
- Lodging fees
- Camp fees



FINDING THE PASSION TO TEACH BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Olivia Bombardier '22 quickly found a passion to serve children in her work with African Community Education (ACE) in Worcester.

Soaring past the time required of her and quadrupling her volunteer service hours with a strong aspiration to do more, Bombardier knew that her interactions with the children at ACE mattered. Splitting her time between helping the children with homework or joining in outdoor activities, Bombardier felt like although she was teaching the students, they taught her a great deal.

She stated, "I've always loved working with kids because they have such a different outlook on

life than adults and I love learning about other cultures and backgrounds. Kids love to share about themselves so it's so amazing to learn through them. You can get such a pure and unbiased explanation of life and it's something I've always treasured."



Giving the students somewhere to go after school allowed them a safe place to get their homework done, but also to express themselves and build strong relationships.

Olivia Bombardier '22





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Bombardier's main responsibility was to help students with homework as many of the children at ACE come from African refugee families and did not learn English as a first language. Beyond her academic tutoring, she also spent time developing relationships with the children by playing soccer, making African art with the students that expressed their country of origin, and teaching swimming lessons to many who had never swum before. In return, Bombardier learned cultural dances that the students picked up or refined at ACE's Saturday program - a time focused on African culture.

Bombardier learned in her classes the challenges for those who come from different socioeconomic backgrounds. "I was able to see what a program like ACE can help prevent. Giving the students somewhere to go after school allowed them a safe place to get their homework done, but also to express themselves and build strong relationships... I was lucky enough to see how powerful and helpful programs such as ACE can be for students, especially those coming from different cultural backgrounds."



SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS

Number of students from
Worcester County

721



Number of students from
the City of Worcester

231



Amount of institutional aid
to students from Worcester

\$5,358,227



Amount of institutional aid
to students from
Worcester County

\$16,129,338

(including City of Worcester)



Undergraduates who receive
some form of financial aid

98%

EMPLOYMENT

Annual payroll for employees
residing in the
City of Worcester

\$6,916,037



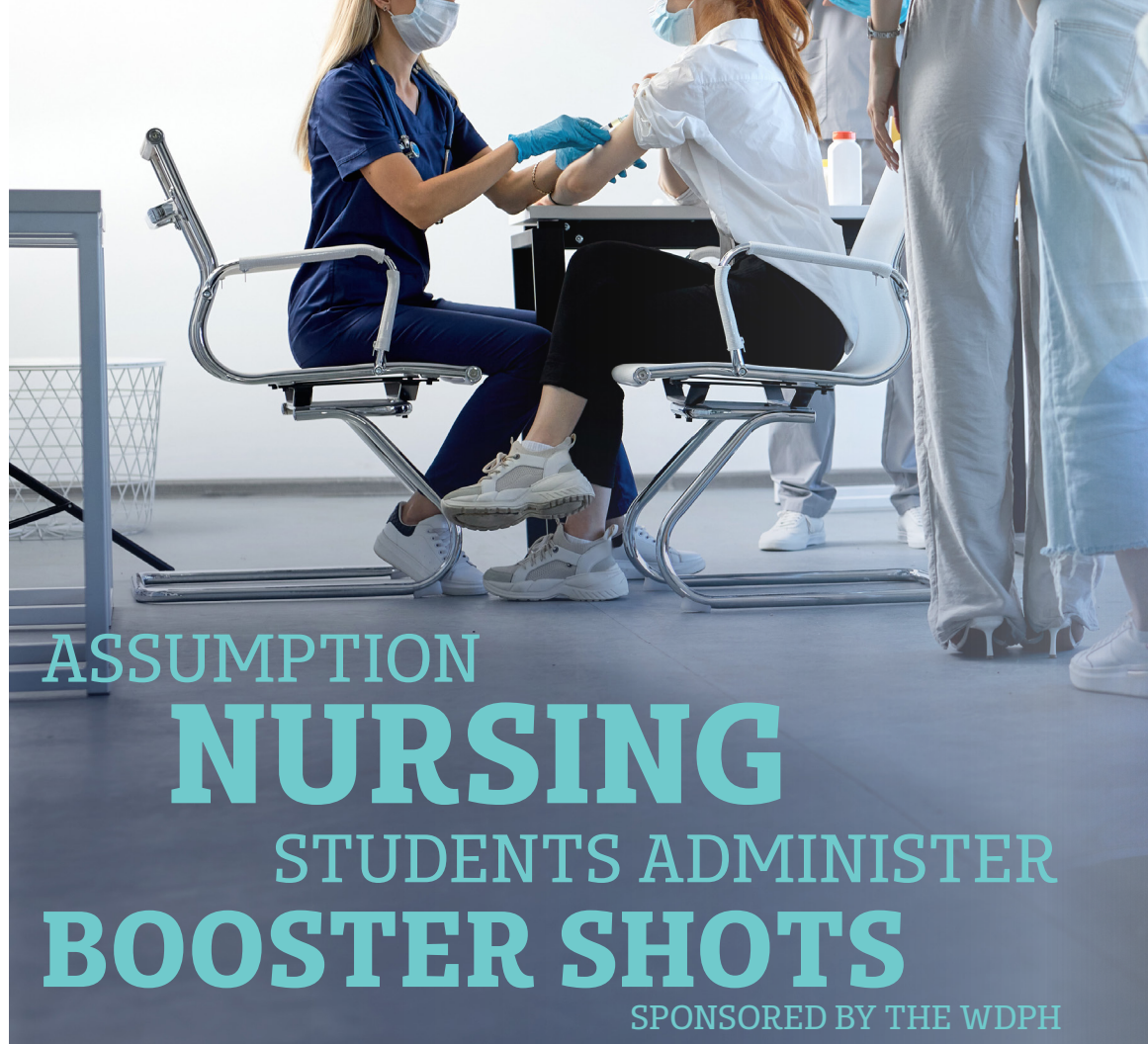
Annual payroll for employees
residing in the City of
Worcester County
(excluding Worcester)

\$10,819,173



Number of faculty/staff living
in the City of Worcester and
surrounding communities

232



ASSUMPTION NURSING STUDENTS ADMINISTER BOOSTER SHOTS

SPONSORED BY THE WDPH

On February 10th, the University's Wellness Center hosted Assumption's first on-campus COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinic in La Maison Francaise, where students from the Froelich School of Nursing helped administer booster shots to students, faculty, and staff. According to Caitlin Stover, RN, PhD, PHCNS-BC, CNE, CNE-cl, Dean and Associate Professor of Nursing, nearly 75 members of the Assumption community received a booster shot at the clinic which was sponsored and organized by the Worcester Department of Public Health.

"It is important for nursing students to be exposed to diverse roles and initiatives," said Dean Stover. "The opportunity for students to administer an intramuscular injection is rare so I was happy to represent the

Froelich School of Nursing and support the Department of Public Health while providing the students with the necessary supervision."

Five nursing students from the class of 2023 took advantage of the event to volunteer and practice skills they learned in the Clinical Learning Lab to help combat the spread of COVID-19. Prior to the clinic, the student-volunteers underwent comprehensive training

“ I spent numerous hours in open lab with the nursing faculty prior to the booster clinic. I left asking when I could volunteer for another vaccine clinic because it was such a great experience.

Erin Hazelhurst '23





Assumption University nursing students in the brand new, state-of-the-art Catrambone Health Sciences Center.

on how to properly deliver intramuscular injections on mannequins before applying those skills to visitors of the clinic.

"I was thrilled when I was given the opportunity to participate in a COVID-19 booster clinic," said Erin Hazelhurst '23. "I had never administered an intramuscular injection but knew that this would be an amazing way to learn. I spent numerous hours in open lab with the nursing faculty prior to the booster clinic. I left asking Dean Stover when I could volunteer for another vaccine clinic because it was such a great experience. Since the vaccine clinic, I have continued to utilize my injection skills in the clinical setting."

Nursing students at Assumption study in the brand new, state-of-the-art Catrambone Health Sciences Center. With seven full-sized hospital beds and a simulation lab, faculty can simulate real patient conditions and several healthcare scenarios for students using high-fidelity mannequins.

Students then take their experiential learning a step further with hands-on participation in volunteer events such as the Booster Clinic and clinicals at leading health care systems including UMass Memorial Healthcare.

"Lectures provide us with the knowledge and background about the how and the why," said Jaclyn Landry '23. "We learn about the pathophysiology of diseases, medications, and policies and procedures. We take what we know from class and use that information to understand what is going on with our patients in clinical. The clinical experience provides learning beyond the textbook and allows us to practice the skills we learned in class. Having clinical experience is essential in nursing because real-life experiences are very different from what is read in a textbook."

The Froelich School of Nursing has initial approval from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). Assumption University offers a Post Bachelor's Accelerated Nursing Track program for those interested in becoming registered nurses having already completed an undergraduate degree.

Scan for more about
the Assumption University
Nursing Program.



LOCAL PURCHASING

Total capital expenditures
paid to vendors in
Worcester County

\$1,178,059



Total capital expenditures
paid to vendors in the
City of Worcester

\$1,502,440



Total capital expenditures paid to
vendors in
Worcester County over
the last 10 years

\$72,941,451



Total purchasing expenditures
paid to vendors in the
City of Worcester

\$2,759,758



Total purchasing expenditures
paid to vendors in
Worcester County
(including Worcester)

\$3,619,612

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Annual Commitment to the Hanover Theatre

Annual Worcester Red Sox Partnership

Annual Partnership with Worcester Railers and DCU Center

\$145,000



Number of hours students contribute to community activity

100,000+



Groups AU has hosted on campus, or supported

21

- Adopt-A-Student Program
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Relief Services
- City of Worcester (Election Polling Location)
- Diocese of Worcester
- Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (HACE)
- Jewish Community Center
- Notre Dame Academy
- Notre Dame Long Term Care
- Regional Environmental Council, Inc.
- St. John's High School
- Thea Bowman Foundation
- United Way of Central Massachusetts
- Venerini Academy
- WCUW, Inc.
- Worcester Chamber of Commerce
- Worcester Children's Chorus
- Worcester Public Schools Coats for Kids
- Worcester Railers Hockey - Feed the Front Lines Program
- Worcester Red Sox Foundation
- Worcester Regional Research Bureau



PHYSICAL FITNESS
+ INCLUSION
= **UNIFIED SPORTS**

Since 2018, Assumption University has partnered with Special Olympics Massachusetts in bringing Unified Sports to the campus. The goal of the program is to promote inclusion by creating an environment for Special Olympics athletes and other participants to play on the same level. Unified Sports brings together athletes with different intellectual abilities to compete together on one team. Participants can improve their physical fitness while learning how to be inclusive.

Michael Rodier, director of campus recreation, and Alison Fitzpatrick '22 spearheaded the planning, coordination, and recruitment of the program in the 2021-2022 academic year. Students and Special Olympics athletes met once a week to play four-square volleyball.

Fitzpatrick stated that the value in programs such as these are to "bring different groups of people together with one common goal." She continued, "I have worked with individuals with varying abilities for several years, and there is so much to learn about yourself and others

when you are introduced to different kinds of people outside of your day to day."

The athletes enjoy the competition and continue to come back each year, according to Rodier. In addition, some parents accompany their athletes and enjoy watching them improve their self-esteem and physical fitness all while building connections by playing with and against Assumption students. Fitzpatrick says another benefit of the program

“ I have taken my role in facilitating these bonds among those with different abilities into my career as a teacher by playing off my students' strengths and ...appreciating their differences. **”**

Alison Fitzpatrick '22

VOLUNTEERISM

Institutions which have benefited directly by AU's involvement

13

- Nativity Prep
- Pernet Services
- Guild of Saint Agnes
- Worcester Green Initiative
- Matthew 25
- 2021 Walk to End Alzheimers
- HFH Restore
- Special Olympics
- Dismas Farm
- Best Buddies Friendship Walk/Projects
- Habitat for Humanity Build Day
- Rainbow Child Development Center
- Catholic Relief Services Fundraising Efforts

IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS

is watching the athletes "come out of their shells and build friendships." Citing college as the opportune time for students to really begin to understand how their actions make a difference, Rodier stated, "young adults now can see their impact on the athletes and themselves. The program is something that is uniquely Assumption. You can see our mission in this program - inclusivity 'in the company of friends.'" A large part of the program, beyond athletics is the relationship-building that takes

place fostering long lasting friendships.

Fitzpatrick has taken what she has learned through her time with Unified Sports and brought those skills outside of Assumption, into the community, through her teaching career. She stated, "I have taken my role in facilitating these bonds among those with different abilities into my career as a teacher by playing off my students' strengths and abilities and learning to appreciate their differences."

A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO VETERAN FRIENDS

Assumption, a Silver Military Friendly and Yellow Ribbon institution, is an ardent supporter of military veterans, active service members, and their families. The University provides assistance financially by offering veteran-specific financial aid packages, and socially with a Veterans Lounge for veterans to study, learn, and meet other veterans. Assumption hosts an annual Veteran's Lecture, free and open to the public, and an Annual Day of Observance ceremony each November, honoring all veterans at Assumption, in Worcester, and beyond.



AU offers a graduate certificate in Special Ops:



Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families (SMVF) which provides training for individuals in the human services field, arming them with knowledge of relevant issues facing service members, veterans, and their families.

Additionally, Assumption hosts the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE), providing education to life-long learners, many of whom are veterans or family members of veterans.

INSTITUTIONAL FACTS

Assumption University was founded

1904



Number of undergraduate students

1,677



Number of graduate students

355



Number of majors/minors

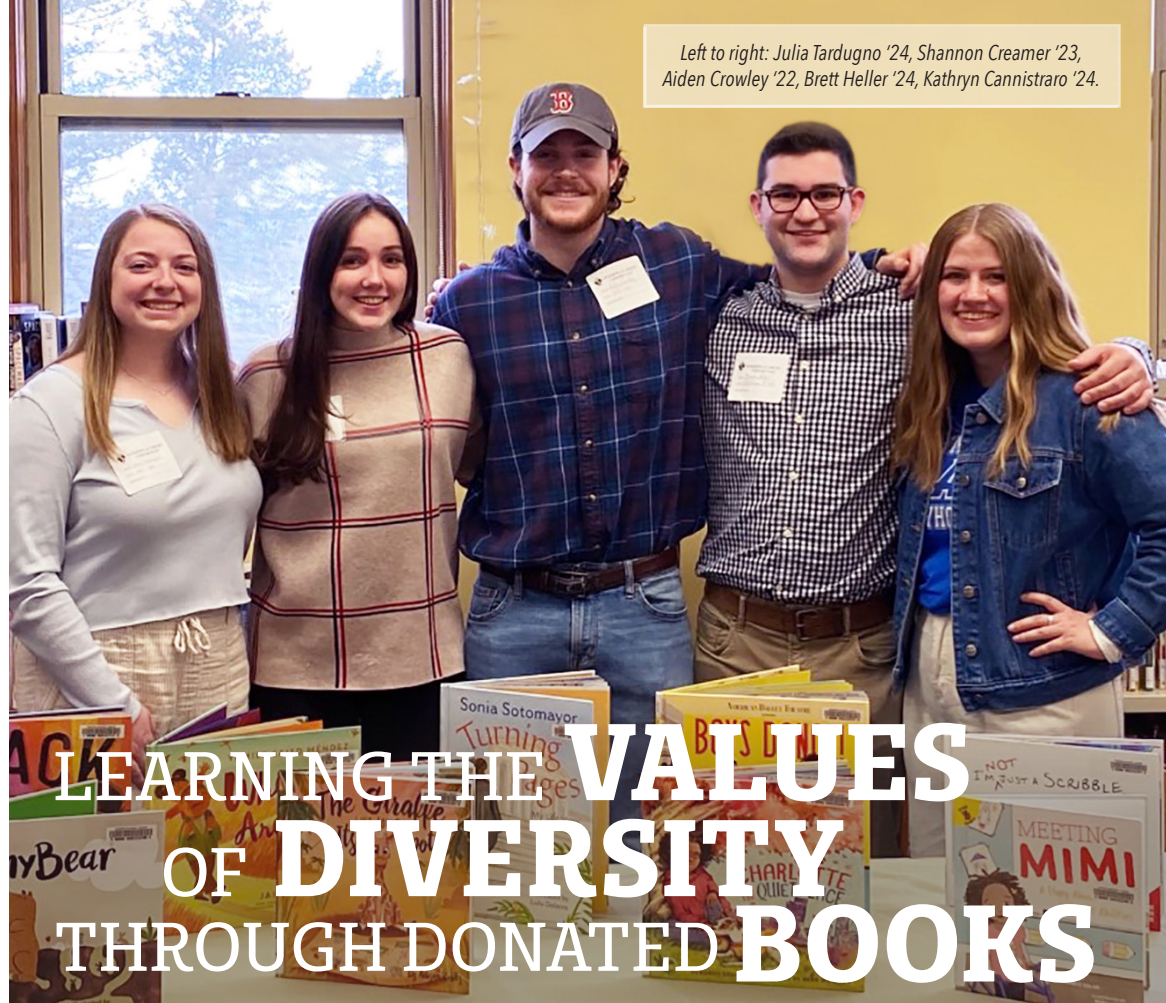
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Schools where AU students
volunteered,
did practicums, internships,
or work study

47

- Ayer Shirley Regional High School
- Berlin Memorial School, Berlin
- Boylston Elementary School, Boylston
- Burncoat Elementary School, Worcester
- Burncoat Middle School, Worcester
- City View Elementary School, Worcester
- Clark Street Community School, Worcester
- Columbus Park Prep School, Worcester
- Coventry Public Schools, Coventry, RI
- Dawson Elementary, Holden
- Doherty High School, Worcester
- Floral Street School, Shrewsbury
- Forest Ave Elementary, Hudson
- Forest Grove Middle School, Worcester
- Heard Street School, Worcester
- Hudson Public Schools, Hudson
- Lake View Elementary, Worcester
- Learning First Charter School, Worcester
- Major Edwards Elementary School, West Boylston
- Marlborough Public Schools, Marlborough
- McGrath Elementary, Worcester
- Merriam Elementary, Acton
- Mountview Middle School, Holden
- Mulready School, Hudson
- Nativity School of Worcester
- Nelson Place Elementary, Worcester
- Nipmuc Regional High School, Upton
- Norrback Elementary, Worcester
- Notre Dame Academy, Worcester
- Oak Middle School, Shrewsbury
- Peaslee Elementary School, Northborough
- Proctor Elementary School, Northborough
- Quabbin High School, Barre
- Quabbin Middle School, Barre
- Quinn Middle School, Hudson
- Quinsigamond Elementary School, Worcester
- Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury
- Somerset-Berkeley Regional H.S., Somerset
- Spring Street School, Shrewsbury
- St. John's High School, Shrewsbury
- Taconic High School, Pittsfield
- Thorndyke Road School, Worcester
- Wachusett Regional High School
- Wawecus Elementary, Worcester
- West Boylston High School, West Boylston
- West Boylston Middle School, West Boylston
- Worcester Arts Magnet, Worcester
- Worcester East Middle School, Worcester

Left to right: Julia Tardugno '24, Shannon Creamer '23, Aiden Crowley '22, Brett Heller '24, Kathryn Cannistraro '24.



LEARNING THE VALUES OF DIVERSITY THROUGH DONATED BOOKS

Kathryn Cannistraro '24 describes her autistic older brother Jeffrey as "so smart and loving!" Despite what makes Jeffrey unique for the better, the good things are often overlooked, and society chooses only to see him for his autism. "Growing up having a sibling with autism, my family has experienced an immense amount of shame and isolation due to the stigma our society attaches to it. I've grown to realize that this is not only the experience associated with autism, but also of minority groups," Cannistraro states.

Inspired by him to make a change, she wanted to find a way to teach children about their own skills and abilities, as well as those of others, simply by being themselves. As a member of the Student Government Association (SGA), Cannistraro achieved her goals by spearheading the "Celebrating Diversity Book Drive" in November 2020, with the help of Sara Swillo Muckian, Dean of Student Involvement, and SGA executives from the 2020/21 and 2021/22 academic years. In hopes of combatting ignorance with knowledge, the

goal of the book drive was to present children with stories that depict characters of various backgrounds, as well as informational books about different countries. The drive was officially launched on November 22, 2021. 143 books were collected for the Pre-K - 8th grade library at Venerini Academy in Worcester and presented to Librarian Liz Camilleri on March 9, 2022.

Cannistraro hopes that the books will spark some passion and conversation in those with "young and influential" minds. The message she hopes people will take away is "to always be kind and have an open mind and heart and welcome everyone who may be different than you with open arms because those are often the people you can learn the most from."

“Welcome everyone who may be different than you with open arms because those are often the people you can learn the most from.”

Kathryn Cannistraro '24

Internship or Work Study
Locations

207

(partial listing below)

- African Community Education (ACE)
- American Independence Museum
- Ascentria Care Alliance
- Asociacion Popular de Ahorros y Prestamos
- Autism Learning Partners
- Balance Psychiatric Services
- Banfield Pet Hospital
- Barrett Family Wellness Center
- Big Brother Big Sister
- Boys and Girls Club
- Center For Applied Behavioral Instruction
- Century Home Care
- Clinton Police Department
- Cotuit Center for the Arts
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Department of Children and Families
- Devereux
- Douglas Police Department
- Eisenberg Assisted Living
- Emmanuel Radio Network
- Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital
- Foxx Life Sciences
- Friendly House
- Genesis Club
- Gifts to Give, Human Services Club
- Girls Inc.
- Greendale Physical Therapy
- Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Jeremiah's Inn
- Jewish Healthcare Affiliate
- Life Care Center of Leominster, MA
- Mustard Seed Catholic Worker House
- People Animals Love
- Project New Hope Inc.
- Rainbow Child Development Center
- Restore
- Saint Anne's Hospital
- Seven Hills Foundation
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Soxcessful
- Sterling Village
- Sussex County Miners Baseball
- The Borgen Project
- UMass Memorial
- Upper Echelon Psychiatry
- Upward Bound
- US House of Representatives
- Worcester Animal Rescue League
- Worcester County District Attorney's Office
- Worcester Family Resource Center
- Worcester Regional Research Bureau
- Worcester Superior Court
- Worcester Police Department
- YMCA

For full, accurate listing, please visit:
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(Participating schools are listed in column on facing page.)

Our partnership with Assumption University has been extraordinary! On the diamond, student Matt Schneider hit the first home run ever at Polar Park, and the games continued in 2022. On the gridiron, Assumption's team took the field and included one of our many Assumption summer staff members, Matt Amissah. And of course, proud alumnus Alex Richardson has risen from student athlete to WooSox intern to one of our most promising rising executives. We thank the leadership of Assumption for providing these opportunities for immersive education, and we thank the professors who are scouting the future leaders of the Worcester Red Sox.



Worcester Red Sox President Dr. Charles A. Steinberg



Since 2019, Assumption University's partnership with the Worcester Railers has resulted in fostering positive relationships between hockey team members and the community. Over the years, the two entities have collaborated on fund-raising events such as those during the COVID pandemic to benefit our local frontline workers. Our partnership helps AU carry out its mission to form individuals known for thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service.



PARTNERSHIPS

AU IS PROUD TO OFFER SUPPORT TO SEVERAL CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Assumption has been one of our most loyal supporters since our grand opening 15 years ago. In addition to being a fantastic partner, we have enjoyed having many students as interns and their annual sponsorship of A Christmas Carol provides stability, consistency, and opportunity for both of our organizations to engage with our community in meaningful ways.

HANOVER THEATRE & CONSERVATORY



Hanover Theatre Executive Director Troy Seibels

Annual holiday and spring concerts give The Worcester Children's Chorus a chance to shine for family and friends in their donated space at the state-of-the-art Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall in La Maison Francaise on Assumption's Worcester campus.





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DUCK DAY 2022!



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VIEW AU'S
CHOIR'S CONCERT

