

Experience Wellesley

Anytime

Cheer on Wellesley College Athletics

Wellesley has some great sports teams, and they compete at the highest levels within their division (NCAA Division III). You can cheer on "THE BLUE" at a basketball, baseball, field hockey, swimming/diving or soccer event to name only a few at the Keohane Sports Facility located on the west end of campus. Our awesome outside fields are sought after by many teams. It's not unusual to see a world class soccer team practicing out there when competing in the area in the spring and fall months. Shhhh That's a secret !! "GO BLUE" !!!!



Tour the Davis Museum

In 1988 Trustee and alumna Kathryn Wasserman Davis (Class of 1928) and her husband Shelby Cullom Davis gave a cornerstone gift specifically to benefit the construction of a new museum. In 1993, the Davis Museum and Cultural Center opened its doors in a new building designed by Pritzker Architecture Prize winner, Rafael Moneo. This facility, Moneo's first North American commission, immediately distinguished the Davis among its academic museum peers, and among the art museums and cultural institutions of the Greater Boston area. Today the Davis is home to distinguished permanent collections from around the globe; holdings include paintings, sculptures, works on paper, photographs, and decorative objects, from antiquity to the contemporary moment. Dynamic gallery presentations and richly varied temporary exhibitions are designed to engage visitors in looking anew at the visual arts, and enhance the Davis's role as a vital campus resource for cross-disciplinary teaching and study.



**Be Inspired by the Alumnae Achievement Award
Winners at Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall**
(revitalized by award-winning architect Ann Beha '72 in 2010)



Experience a Run or Walk Around Lake Waban

Steer clear of the swans! The wood chipped lined path meanders 2.25 miles around Lake Waban. While walking you can admire the topiary work lining the Hunnewell estate on the east side then suddenly be in a wooded forest and before you know it you're crossing a meandering wooden walkway through a flowering marsh area. Try to stop into the Boathouse and check out the great old crew shells. Also don't forget to look for the hidden art work on the trail around the lake, it melts into the nature of the walk so you must be alert!!



Visit the Alexandra Botanic Gardens, Hunnewell Arboretum or the Margaret C. Ferguson Greenhouses Located Near the Science Center in the Heart of the Campus

The **Alexandra Botanic Garden** has specimen trees and shrubs from around the world in a picturesque landscape. A tiny brook winds through the garden from a waterfall to Paramecium Pond. The **H. H. Hunnewell Arboretum** has several different habitats, including a maple swamp, meadow, and fragments of different forest types, with mostly native species. Other specialized gardens include a bog garden, a dwarf conifer garden, a butterfly garden, and our Edible Ecosystem Teaching Garden.



To explore the flora of other climates, visit the **Margaret C. Ferguson Greenhouses** to experience plant life from the deserts of Mexico and Africa to the rainforests of Malaysia and Brazil. Seasonal displays combine with permanent collections to present an ever-changing immersion in the wonderful world of plants.

Guild of Carillonneurs

Visit the Guild of Carillonneurs during Open Tower in Galen Stone Tower. This group rings its 32 bells made of solid bronze, controlled by a series of levers that control the clapper inside the bell. The bells range in weight from 80 to 1,600 pounds and largest bell is more than four feet tall and about three feet in diameter.



Visit the College Bookstore and Grab Some Wellesley SWAG

Our Barnes and Noble run Wellesley College bookstore has all the Wellesley "SWAG" you will ever need. Aside from the book collection you can leave with a window sticker, sweat or T shirt, coffee mug and any other thing you can think of that will fit the Wellesley "W" on it.



Get out on the Links on Wellesley College's 9 hole Golf Course (Nehoiden)

The Nehoiden Golf Course is located on the east end of campus, across route 16, with the entrance down Dover road a ways on the right. It is a revered 9 hole course for both town and college employees. It's a quiet place to get out and hit a few balls and nobody will judge. You may even be lucky enough to see some of the local wildlife or peer at some fish in the brook that runs through the course. Beware though, when students have classes on the course and the warning flag is flying you must skip holes 6/7 and leave them be and head to hole 8. There is a yearly membership fee to College employees at a very modest price for unlimited golf.



Attend a Performance at the Black Box Theatre

The Black Box Theatre, located in the basement of Alumnae Hall has a variety of productions performed by students and local thespians. It is nestled in a quaint atmosphere that makes you feel like you are part of the production. It has a new and different feel for every show, so catch more than one and follow it up with a glass of wine at **Punch's Alley** in the lower floor of the LuLu Wang Student Center.

Fall Semester

Convocation

Convocation is an important tradition at Wellesley—not only does it celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, but it provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to gather together and participate in the College's vibrant intellectual community. Convocation is a special time for the Wellesley community, calling for academic dress: Faculty wear robes depicting their fields of study and alma maters, and seniors dress—for the first time—in the robes that they will wear on Commencement Day.



Stepsinging

In a tradition that evolved from informal social gatherings, students began to assemble to sing on the steps of Houghton Chapel after its dedication in 1899. Today, students assemble by class four times a year dressed in their class colors to try to out-sing and out-cheer the others. The rainbow colors are a reminder that despite differences, Wellesley



students form a cohesive and dynamic community of scholars.

Flower Sunday

Flower Sunday is the oldest and longest-surviving Wellesley tradition. For many young women coming to Wellesley, the first Sunday away from home brought homesickness, and the celebration of Flower Sunday helped to ease the transition. Flower Sunday has evolved into a day of sisterhood and celebration of the new school year. Held annually in early September, it features a multicultural and multi-faith pageantry of song, music, and dance.



Tanner Conference

Twice a year students have the opportunity to present their work and learning experiences to fellow members of the Wellesley community. The Tanner conference occurs in the fall and celebrates the relationship between the liberal arts classroom and student participation in an increasingly diverse and interdependent world. Classes are canceled for the day and the entire community is encouraged to attend presentations and support students.

Spring Semester

Marathon Monday “Scream Tunnel”

The College is around the halfway point on the Boston Marathon route. In the first race, Wellesley students are reported to have cheered on a particular favorite (a Harvard student), thus setting a precedent for vociferous support for the runners. That support continued every year, and soon turned into tradition, now known as the Scream Tunnel. The ritual gained momentum in the 1970s when women were at last allowed to officially run the race. Today, Wellesley and its students are as much a feature of the race (if more beloved) than Heartbreak Hill. According to *Runners’ World* magazine, “Thousands of women line about a quarter mile of the course, motivating runners with hoots, hollers, high-fives... even kisses! The so-called Wellesley Scream Tunnel is so loud, runners say they can hear it from a mile away.”



Ruhlman Conference

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Hoop Rolling

Hoop rolling began with an activity once held on May Day, which students celebrated as a day of frivolity and of escaping from real-world worries into a day of child's play. Students would dress up in children's clothing and play games on Severance Green. One of the most popular was a race in which seniors, clad in graduation robes, rolled wooden hoops. Hoop rolling has become a Wellesley institution in itself and is now held independently.



Reunion Parade of the Classes

The alumnae parade is one of the most special parts of Reunion weekend. The parade happens on Sunday morning and each class, wearing white and their chosen class insignia, lines up at a designated spot. Once the parade starts, classes parade through campus while being cheered on by guests and their fellow Wellesley alumnae. At the end of the parade, each class pauses to perform their class cheer before the President of the college. The oldest classes attending Reunion have the honor of riding in special antique cars at the front of the parade and are cheered on loudest by their fellow alums.

