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Wily Connects Scholars to a Bright Future
Our Vision
Establish the Wily Network on college campuses across New England to improve graduation outcomes for students navigating their college careers independently.

Our Mission
- To ensure our Scholars have the tools and networks necessary to thrive in four-year residential colleges.
- To empower our Scholars to transition successfully into post-college life and become vibrant members of their communities.

Wily Scholars are promising students who have experienced life challenges such as foster care or homelessness, or whose parents may be dealing with addiction, mental health issues, or incarceration. The Wily Network provides a critical safety net for these Scholars as they navigate college on their own. The Wily program offers weekly coaching, financial assistance, community-building support, and networking opportunities to help them move from surviving to thriving.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone in our Wily Pack. With your support, Wily closed 2018 in spectacular fashion. Wily Scholars are extraordinary people, and it’s a privilege for us to work with them. They are highly talented, motivated, and resilient, having overcome daunting odds to get to college. But once there, without the social, emotional, and financial support typical college students have, the intense pressures of college life can be overwhelming.

Wily fills those gaps in support so that our Scholars have the time, energy, and resources to excel academically. You, the patron members of our pack, make our work at the Wily Network possible. Because of you, in 2018, we were able to enroll 12 new Scholars and raise more than $1 million. Over the course of the year, the number of Scholars we serve increased from 24 to 33 (with our first three Scholars graduating in May 2018). Thanks to our Fund-A-Scholar donors, an extraordinary grant from the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, Charity Warriors, and all of our donors — fundraising in 2018 increased from $211,000 to $1,004,971.

Your impact is visible in everything we do for our Scholars: the care packages you contribute, the gifts and gift cards you purchase to make students feel special on holidays and birthdays, the practice interviews and networking opportunities you offer, the Intro to Wily events you host, the Dining Out with Wily dinners you underwrite, and the free dental and eye care you provide. We are extremely grateful for all of our funders, in-kind donors, and volunteers.

Again, we thank you for making 2018 an extraordinary year. Your generosity and compassion are literally life-changing for these inspiring young men and women.

In service to our Wily Scholars,

Judi Alperin King
Founder and Executive Director
1 Please tell us a little bit about your life.

I live in Concord, Massachusetts, with my wife and eight-month-old daughter. I have spent much of my free time over the last five years renovating our historic house with the help of friends. Since graduating from Bowdoin College, I have worked all over the world in the technology field, living in Singapore and Hong Kong.

2 Why Wily? What drew you to our mission?

I was emancipated at the age of 17. I understand what it is like to attend college without support and not to have a home to visit during the holidays and when school is closed. I can relate to the experience of our Scholars, growing up with five siblings in rural poverty, being exposed to drugs and alcohol in a volatile household, and experiencing the frequent involvement of social services.

Following my emancipation, I worked several jobs throughout high school and went from friend’s couch to friend’s couch, until my senior year when my baseball coach of many years and his wife took me in. I wanted to succeed and take care of my family — I moved my bed into the living area in my dorm room. I am social by nature and was chronically oversharing. I felt as though I needed to constantly explain myself. I was looking for safety in an unfamiliar environment. I was not prepared for simple questions, such as “What do your parents do?”

More concretely, I had to manage school breaks and holidays, each time figuring out where I would go and who I would stay with. At times it complicated relationships with my peers. My freshman year, I moved to Concord, Massachusetts, to be closer to my wife and eight-month-old daughter. I have spent much of my free time over the last five years renovating our historic house with the help of friends. Since graduating from Bowdoin College, I have worked all over the world in the technology field, living in Singapore and Hong Kong.

3 You had a complicated early family life. How did that impact your arrival and first year at Bowdoin?

I applied to Bowdoin without SAT prep. I chose my schools randomly, without guidance or any models of how to navigate the process. I was simply oblivious. Despite my baphazard college process, I was accepted to Bowdoin College in Maine and dropped off by my friend’s mom. In order to make it at all school, I accepted multiple jobs on and off campus. My focus on being a student was diluted by the need to pay my bills. It was hard to focus on thriving in college when I was used to functioning in survival mode.

My independence and history created other significant obstacles my freshman year. At times it complicated relationships with my peers. My freshman year, I moved my bed into the living area in my dorm room. I am social by nature and was chronically oversharing. I felt as though I needed to constantly explain myself. I was looking for safety in an unfamiliar environment. I was not prepared for simple questions, such as “What do your parents do?”

In many ways I was leading a double life. I had a “fake” life until you make it” attitude. In general, it’s hard to juxtapose life on a college campus with a family situation like mine. You have to manage the guilt. For example, I enjoyed Bowdoin’s famous dining hall with its abundance of food, while my family members struggled with homelessness and addiction. One tends to want to share what one has earned — I so wanted my siblings to have the college experience.

More concretely, I had to manage school breaks and holidays, each time figuring out where I would go and who I would stay with. At times, I remained on campus during the winters and summers while my peers headed home. Additionally, I had a particular issue managing the exposure to alcohol, trying to wrap my mind around fun and safe partying when substance abuse robbed me of my childhood. “Do I belong here?” was a question I often grappled with, as would any 18-year-old, but it was exponentially more potent for me with the overlay of a traumatic family background.

4 Looking back, is it clear to you that without intervention your experience would not have been the same?

I would have made it through Bowdoin without the wonderful support of Allen Delong, but it would not have been the same. Allen gave me an on-campus job where I could also study. Once we connected, I no longer had to remove myself from the experience of Bowdoin in order to make ends meet. Another influence was my cross country and track coach, Peter Slowinski, who welcomed me to the team (even though I wasn’t very good) and even employed me at his summer camp. From there, I was able to take advantage of on-campus resources.

5 What else would have helped you while you were in college?

I wish I had a “Wily Network” back then. I had to learn a lot of lessons by trial and error. I wish there had been a program for students in my situation who were attending the school.

6 Is there anything more you’d like the public to know about why they should invest in Wily Scholars?

Even at the best schools, like Bowdoin, some people fall through the cracks. I’m lucky; I wish more people like me had the chance to succeed; I’ve seen many people end up going down the wrong path. Look around at your peers and colleagues. Statistically, only 10% of students with backgrounds like mine make it to college, and only 3% ever graduate. It’s much easier to give up than to make it through. If students aren’t able to build coping mechanisms, the likelihood of being a productive member of society post-college is severely diminished. My story is an anomaly, and that is why I am so passionate about working with the Wily Network — because I want to make it the norm.
Overview
From orientation to graduation, Wily aims to provide a safety net for our Scholars. We help connect Scholars to campus and outside resources that enable them to meet their social, emotional and financial needs. This support empowers Wily Scholars to keep pace with their peers as they navigate their college careers independently.

Connecting Scholars to a Bright Future

Coaching
Wily coaches build relationships with Scholars that are authentic and personalized, tailored to each student's needs and goals. Coaches are competent, dedicated and clinically trained in trauma-sensitive practice.
- Coach-Scholar meetings are a once-weekly, on-campus collaboration led by the student to help each Scholar identify and work toward his or her goals.
- Coach-Scholar relationships are an essential and meaningful alliance — Scholars are held accountable, but they also feel seen, heard and valued.
- Scholars are comforted to know that someone is available to them 24/7. When crises arise, Scholars often turn to their coach first, demonstrating just how supportive and significant these relationships can be.

Supplemental Financial Assistance
For our Scholars, money is almost always tight. To help allay students’ anxiety about nutrition, health care, and overall financial security, and enable them to focus on their academics, Wily provides a monthly stipend. Wily also provides supplemental financial assistance to help cover gaps in students' budgets for items such as a laptop or cell phone, as well as unexpected but necessary expenses.
Each financial request is reviewed in a solution-focused, non-judgmental way, to understand how this necessity fits into the overall picture of the student's emotional, physical and financial well-being.

Community-Building and Networking
Our community-building program offers a variety of opportunities for Scholars to connect with others: Scholars, coaches and staff come together for Wily Community Day events in the fall and spring, and we hold monthly Dining Out with Wily dinners. Throughout the year, Scholars can meet up at a local museum, cinema or bowling alley. But Wily events are not just about sharing a meal or seeing a movie—Scholars learn how to tell their story and build a community where they feel accepted and know that they belong. They develop relationships that will bolster them now and in the future.
Along with Wily's internal community, the professional networking component of our program continues to grow and develop. Our goal is to connect Scholars to professionals in a wide variety of fields. We aim to create positive face-to-face experiences, expand Scholars’ knowledge, polish their leadership and interview skills, cultivate their interests, and advance their careers by generating summer internship and post-graduate employment opportunities.

Olivia
Wily Scholar
Boston University

I didn’t have to work 40 hours a week just to try and make ends meet. With Wily, I felt like I wasn’t doing this alone. I’ve met kids in the Boston area who had similar upbringings as mine and who understood the situations I’ve been in. They also have career aspirations similar to mine.
A Wily Community Day is an opportunity for our Scholars, coaches and staff to spend time together in a fun and relaxing way and a welcome respite from the rigor of academics and other obligations. Whether it’s lively group debate, sharing personal stories or forging new one-on-one relationships during a break between activities, our focus is on strengthening our Pack, providing Scholars the chance to learn more about each other and themselves. At the close of a successful Community Day, Wily Scholars report feeling renewed and connected.

We Support Scholars at Eight Colleges

Boston College, Boston University, Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Middlebury College, Northeastern University, UMass Dartmouth, and Wellesley College (as of 1/2019)
Charity Warriors Challenge 2018

During the months of February and March, the Wily Network competed in Power Launch’s Charity Warriors Challenge, an annual fundraising competition and accelerator for women who are passionate ambassadors of nonprofits. Leaders of 14 nonprofit organizations were put to the test through a series of 10 weekly challenges. Each challenge focused on a different area of fund development, such as social media, public speaking, branding, media engagement and donor solicitation.

In week one, our fearless leader, Judi Alperin King, won over the crowd at the First Impression Challenge, securing $1,000 for Wily. Judi competed tirelessly in all 10 challenges, which were scored and judged by a panel of experts—with a winner declared each week. Judi was among the five women who earned a spot in the Final Challenge Event, which was held on April 11. Having raised more than $250,000 (including multi-year gifts) in 10 weeks, the Wily Network came in second place at the Final Challenge Event and was awarded a $5,000 grant for raising the most funds overall throughout the Challenge. We were thrilled with the results of the Challenge and excited to have expanded our network of supporters!

We made so many connections and were able to leverage the competition to solicit new donors. We were continually surprised at the response.

Jodi Alperin King
Executive Director
Wily Connects You to How College Works

Wily Connects You to How College Works was our first event of 2019, held on February 7 at Dana Hall School. Over 150 guests enjoyed an evening of inspiration and education as we heard from Dan Chambliss, Hamilton College professor and author of *How College Works*, about the power of relationships and their impact on our happiness and success in life after college.

Attendees were also treated to a speech from the 2019 recipient of the Kathy and Bill Parent Award, given to the Wily Scholar who most exemplifies the spirit and integrity that Kathy and Bill have demonstrated. This year’s award recipient, Eric S. James, exhibits strength of character and the determination to make the most out of what college life has to offer.

I came into my relationship with the Wily Network only thinking they could help get me out of my bad situation. I never imagined they would help usher me into a more beautiful period of my life.

Eric S. James
Wily Scholar
UMass Dartmouth
Kathy and Bill Parent Award recipient, 2019

It was an honor to attend such an amazing event. It was a pleasure to hear what my fellow Scholars have accomplished as well as the momentum the Wily Network has created in supporting students. I’m excited to not only see how fast this organization will grow but where my fellow peers will land in their career endeavors. Thank you to everyone who came and helped honor Scholars like myself.

Olivia
Wily Scholar
Boston University

The Wily Network is important to us because we want all young adults to have the support that we were able to provide our children through their college years. We’ve watched the Wily Network evolve from an idea into a successful organization that is making a profound impact in the lives of motivated, resilient, deserving Scholars. We believe in Wily’s mission and in the leadership team and staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that the mission is fulfilled and the Scholars thrive in their college experience and beyond.

Kathy and Bill Parent
Wily Donors Commit to Four Years

When colleges and universities refer their students to Wily, we want to say, Yes! With a four-year commitment to Fund-A-Scholar, we can say, Yes! Our Fund-A-Scholar program provides critical funding for the robust programs we offer our Scholars throughout their time in college. Gifts to Fund-A-Scholar are used for anything our students need, with nearly half of the funds designated for Scholar coaches’ salaries. The steady income over four years from Fund-A-Scholar enables us to plan ahead as we grow our agency and extend our reach to support more students.

How the Fund-A-Scholar Program Works

PLEDGE
$12,500 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS TO SUPPORT A WILY SCHOLAR

A $50,000 GIFT CAN BE PAID IN FULL OR IN FOUR INSTALMENTS OF $12,500 PER YEAR

SINGLE DONORS, DONOR-ORGANIZED GROUPS, FOUNDATIONS, AND CORPORATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

YOU CAN FUND AS MANY WILY SCHOLARS AS YOU’D LIKE

Scholar Expenses

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Wily Receives $500,000 Grant

The Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust recently awarded a $500,000 grant to the Wily Network. The funds will be directed to the Wily Network’s Fund-A-Scholar program to support 10 additional Scholars in 2019. “Dan was interested in fostering education and the Trustee, knowing Judi King, realized that there was little to no support after tuition and board for those less fortunate. Therefore, this extraordinary support is a necessity for students to focus on their education,” says Richard Orenstein, the foundation’s Trustee.

Daniel Edward Offutt, III was born in Oakland, Maryland, in 1931. Dan attended the Hun School and the Lawrenceville School, both in Princeton, New Jersey. He served in the army until 1956. He graduated from the University of Maryland and received an MBA from Columbia University in 1965. Dan’s career was as a stock trader, mostly for his own account, and last at EF Hutton & Co., from which he retired to move to Weston, Connecticut.

Dan would have described himself as a “farmer,” but he was much more than that. Those who knew him would remember him (in no particular order) as a tennis player, traveler, sailor, metal sculptor, woodworker, fixer of anything, collector of everything, lover of projects, stock market investor, and a good friend. A favorite expression of Dan’s was, “I’ve never met a successful pessimist.”

“That was a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch. My parents and I love the caring environment you and your colleagues create for these kids; they feel a sense of inclusion and they seem to be making the most out of the possibilities in front of them.”

Michael Simons
Fund-A-Scholar donor

Judi Alperin King
Executive Director

We’re so grateful to the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust for this extraordinary gift. The Fund-A-Scholar program provides all of the necessary tools and support systems for our Scholars as they navigate college without a safety net: one-on-one coaching, financial assistance, community-building and networking opportunities. Beginning in 2019, we are able to support 10 additional Scholars for four years.

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Connecting to Our Future

The close of 2018 marked a year of unpredicted success in our fundraising. Knowing that young organizations can be vulnerable during the first five years, we have worked to develop a fundraising paradigm that provides for multi-year funding. However, more work needs to be done to ensure our long-term sustainability, including establishing an endowment and forging multi-year college partnerships.

With our Fund-A-Scholar program in place, we have guaranteed funding for 31 Scholars. Ultimately, our goal is to fully fund 50 Scholars or more by the end of 2019.

Dear Donna,

Coming to MIT was a challenge. Not only the course load was difficult, but I also didn’t have a lot of resources. Your support means so much to me that it’s hard for me to put into words. You have taken a huge weight off of my back. Thanks.

Rene

Wily Scholar, MIT

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All financial statistics are unaudited for 2018.
Fund-A-Scholar 2018
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Charitable Trust
Further Forward Foundation
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Gail and Jim Radley
Barbara and Arthur Simons
Michael Simons
Hilary and Langley Steinsert
Robin and Marc Wolpow
Debbi and Michael Young

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Committed 2019
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Daniel E. Offutt, III
Charitable Trust
Further Forward Foundation
Laurel and Zach Martin
Kim and Greg Pappas

With Wily I have a support network that I can always rely on, people that I can always talk to, and people who can always help me brainstorm things when I’m stuck. They’re great listeners and they have very flexible schedules, so I’m just grateful that I have the chance to reach out to people and actually feel heard.

Thank you to Blue Hills Bank for donating office space to Wily at the West Roxbury Blue Hills Bank branch.
Before, when I wasn’t a part of Wily, I didn’t have someone to really talk to about anything I wanted. That’s something I really appreciate, because I think it’s very difficult to find someone who really understands where you come from, and I think I have found that with my coach.

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Rebecca and Dan Alperin

Katie Oakes and Citizens Bank of Providence, RI donated care packages for our Scholars for the third year in a row.
Dear Heaney Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful finals care package! It was seriously so convenient to have snacks in the dorm while I was studying instead of having to brave the cold. Speaking of cold, I love the blanket! I may or may not have fallen asleep with it while editing a final project late at night. I also really appreciated the wonderfully uplifting messages from the kids! My roommates and I have them up on the fridge.

Jilly

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