

Annual Report 2018



Wily Connects Scholars  
to a Bright Future



*the wily network*

## 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.



## A vertical logo for 'STEWART' where each letter is a different color and has a unique, stylized font. The letters are stacked vertically: S (orange), T (purple), E (brown), W (red), A (dark blue), R (yellow), and T (blue). The letters are interconnected, with some sharing strokes or having overlapping parts.

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## Thank you to our 2018 Board of Directors

**Seated left to right:** Judi Alperin King, Kathryn Sargent, Don Bramley, Sara Miller

**Standing left to right:** Kim Pappas, Allison Hirsch, Zach Martin, Michael Julian, Andy Rudzinski, Richard Zhang, Katie Bramley

**Not pictured:** Bryan Allard, Lauren Fragoza, Margaret Lewis, Jennifer Schoen, Judi Rosensweig, Leann Walsh



Scholars Deloris, Isiah and Christina join Coach Ana for a Scholar panel at the Annual Meeting of the Board.



Judi Alperin King

## 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*

Judi Alperin King  
Founder and Executive Director

# Spotlight on Michael Julian

**Michael Julian**, board member since 2016, has enthusiastically supported Wily since our first year of working with students. He has spoken about his personal experiences as a college student without family support at several Wily events and shares his story with us here in our Annual Report.

## 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.



*Michael Julian and family in front of the polar bear mascot at his alma mater, Bowdoin College.*

## 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 over 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 — which is a Sisyphean task when you grow up with poverty-fueled thinking. Like the Wily Scholars, I often felt — and still feel — like I could never do enough.

I have personally seen many talented and capable people with similar challenges fall through the cracks. I see the obstacles that Wily Scholars are facing, and I want to help.

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

I applied to college with no SAT prep. I chose my schools randomly, without guidance or any models of how to navigate the process. I was simply oblivious.

Despite my haphazard college process, I was accepted to Bowdoin College in Maine and dropped off by my friend's mom. In order to make it all work, 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 it 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 Slovenski, 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.

I began to heal by attending counseling, building a cohort of close friends and mentors, and participating in internships. Looking back, I feel like I learned how to be normal. I surrounded myself with people to look up to — peer models I could observe — and I learned what it is like to be okay.

## 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.

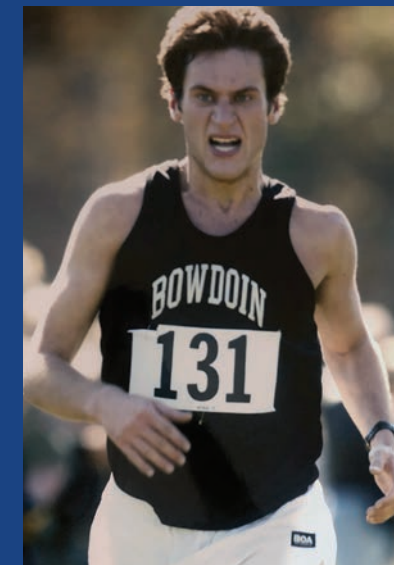
Look around at your peers and colleagues. Statistically, only 10% of students with backgrounds like mine make it to college, and only 3% ever graduate. It's much easier to give up than to make it through.

If students aren't able to build coping mechanism skills for trauma at this pivotal juncture, 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.

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**Students who've come from complicated backgrounds with a lot of trauma have already learned a critical skill in overcoming adversity to even make it to college. These kids have magic gifts and superpowers that can be nurtured to greatness.**

**Michael Julian**  
Wily Board Member



# Connecting Scholars to a Bright Future

## 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.

## 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.

*Coach Kat and Scholars Deloris and Rachel enjoy Mandala coloring at Wily's Fall Community Day 2018, held at Dedham Country Day School in October.*

## Supplemental Financial Assistance

For our Scholars, money is almost always tight. To help alleviate 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.



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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.

**Olivia**  
Wily Scholar  
Boston University

# Connecting Scholars to Community 2018



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.



## May

First Scholars Graduate  
Spring Exam Care Packages  
Five Scholar Birthdays

## August

Grad Bag Event  
Movie Outing  
One Scholar Birthday  
Coaching Retreat



## September

Move to New Office  
Welcome Back Care Packages  
Dillon's Scholar Dinner

## October

Fall Community Day  
FAFSA Day  
Halloween Care Packages  
Three Scholar Birthdays

## November

Wily Thanksgiving Lunch  
Sweet Cheeks BBQ Scholar Dinner  
Five Scholar Birthdays



## January

Movie Outing  
One Scholar Birthday

## February

Valentine's Day Care Packages  
Four Scholar Birthdays



## March

Two Scholar Birthdays  
Spring Break Scholar Activities



## April

Myers + Chang Scholar Dinner  
One Scholar Birthday

## 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)



## July

The Local Scholar Dinner  
Three Scholar Birthdays  
Summer internships and Travel Abroad Programs



## December

Winter Exam Care Packages  
Holiday Gifts for 33 Scholars  
Boston Public Market Scholar Dinner  
One Scholar Birthday



# 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!



Charity Warriors Challenge Finalists (top left to bottom right): Emilia Diamant (Jeremiah Program), Judi Alperin King (The Wily Network), Katrina Weiss (Doc Wayne Youth Services), Nora Allen-Wiles (Girls Rock Campaign Boston), Maristela Rapo (Giving the Glam) and Saskia Epstein and Mary Chiochios (Powerlaunch).



Advisory Council member Meredith Mendelson and Judi Alperin King check out the competition at the Final Challenge Event.



Board members, staff, volunteers and Scholars came together to support Judi at the Final Challenge Event. Bernadette Howard, Scholar Deloris, Katie Bramley, Ashley Linell, Julie King and Kate Patton Regal.



Jaclyn Cashman, Powerlaunch's Mary Chiochios and Wily Scholar Chantel at Powerlaunch's Charity Warriors Challenge 2018.



**\$152,298**  
RAISED BY  
**195**  
DONORS

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

**Judi Alperin King**  
Executive Director

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# 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.



*Eleven Scholars enjoyed networking and making connections at Wily Connects You to How College Works (top left to bottom right): Olivia, Hantao, Sonam, Edgar, Deloris, Shalona, Otis, Eric, Yashar, Marissa, and Lauren.*

**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



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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

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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**

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# 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  
INSTALLMENTS  
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	
Annual Expenses (maximum)	Per Scholar
Annual Wily Coaching (average)	\$6,000
Emergency Funds	\$1,000 – \$1,600
Savings Plan Match	\$625
Clothing (general, winter, interview)	\$250 – \$500
Transportation	\$150 – \$500
Books	\$150 – \$300
College Activities Fees	\$150 – \$250
Returning Student Dorm Set-Up Package	\$100 – \$200
Average Monthly Expenses	
Stipend	\$150
Phone Bill	\$50
One-Time Purchases (maximum)	
Computer	\$1,000
New Student Dorm Set-Up Package	\$850 – \$1,000
Smart Phone (including insurance)	\$600

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SCHOLARS ARE  
FULLY FUNDED BY  
10 F-A-S DONORS

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SCHOLAR  
FOR ONE YEAR  
AVERAGE COST  
\$12,500

*“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



Michael Simons (center) with parents Arthur and Barbara.

# 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



Dan Offutt

“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.”

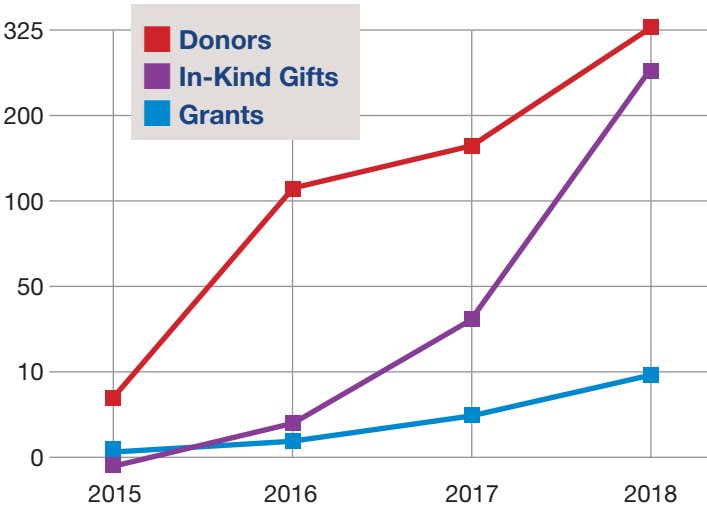
**“We're so grateful to the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust for this extraordinary gift. The Fund-A-Scholar program provides all of the necessary tools and support systems for our Scholars as they navigate college without a safety net: one-on-one coaching, financial assistance, community-building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

Judi Alperin King  
Executive Director

# 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.

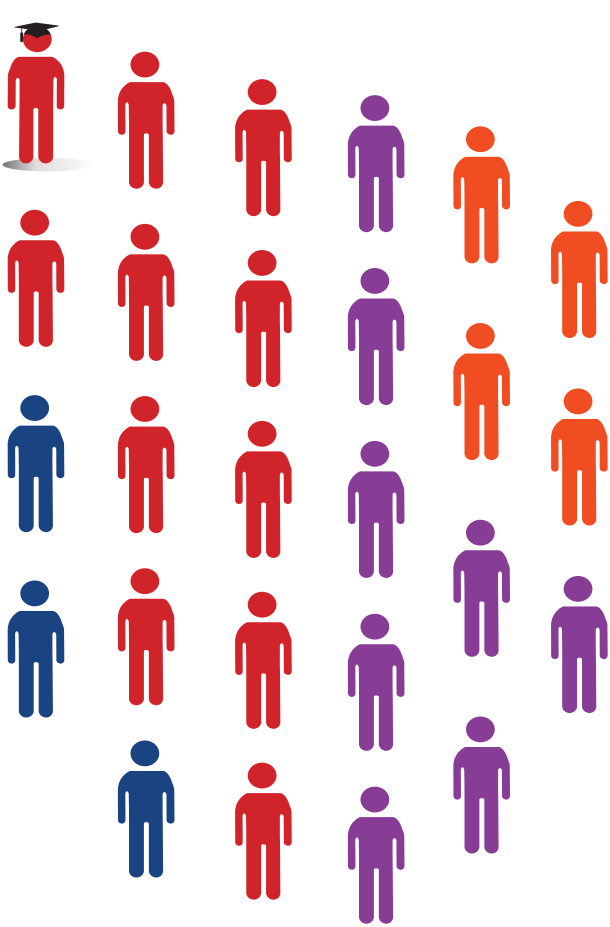
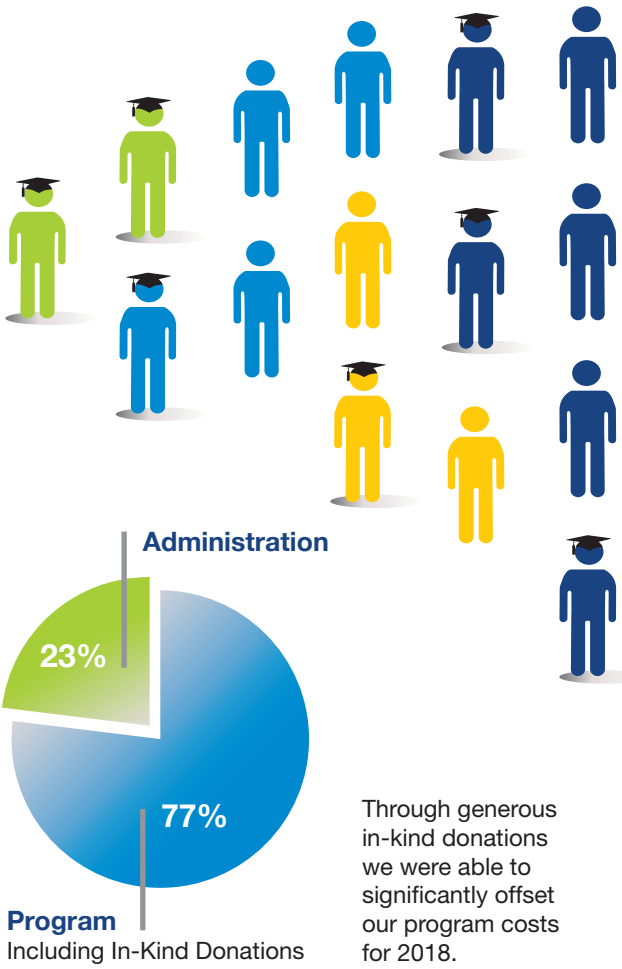
With our Fund-A-Scholar program in place, we have guaranteed funding for 31 Scholars. Ultimately, our goal is to fully fund 50 Scholars or more by the end of 2019.



### Revenue

	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
Grants	X	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$45,000	\$100,000	\$619,000*
Individuals	X	\$26,915	\$25,000	\$119,015	\$150,000	\$166,584	\$250,000	\$385,971
Total	X	\$51,915	\$150,000	\$129,015	\$250,000	\$211,584	\$350,000	\$1,004,971

\*This includes a \$500,000 grant from the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust (see page 15 for details).



### Enrollment

	<b>2016</b> January–August
	September–December
	<b>2017</b> January–August
	September–December
	<b>2018</b> January–August
	September–December
	<b>2019</b> March
	Graduates

### Budget

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Scholar Coaching		\$34,000	\$66,000	\$155,000	\$277,328
Scholar Direct Support		\$14,000	\$96,000	\$139,000	\$227,313
Administrative Costs	\$6,500	\$7,000	\$29,000	\$121,000	\$221,216
Total	\$6,500	\$55,000	\$191,000	\$415,000	\$725,857

All financial statistics are unaudited for 2018.



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**  
Willy Scholar, MIT

### Fund-A-Scholar 2018

Katie and Don Bramley  
Daniel E. Offutt, III  
Charitable Trust  
Further Forward Foundation  
Laurel and Zach Martin  
Gail and Jim Radley  
Barbara and Arthur Simons  
Michael Simons  
Hilary and Langley Steinert  
Robin and Marc Wolpow

### Fund-A-Scholar Committed 2019

Katie and Don Bramley  
Daniel E. Offutt, III  
Charitable Trust  
Further Forward Foundation  
Laurel and Zach Martin  
Kim and Greg Pappas

Gail and Jim Radley  
Judi and Bill Rosensweig  
Barbara and Arthur Simons  
Michael Simons  
Stevie and David Spina  
Hilary and Langley Steinert  
Robin and Marc Wolpow  
Debbi and Michael Young

### Individuals

Anonymous (7)  
Melissa Akopiantz  
Mimi and Barry Alperin  
Patty and Mel Alperin  
Liz and Olly Ames  
James Angus  
Stacey Bailey  
Ruthie and Jeff Barker  
Holly Bernene

Monica Bies  
Elissa Birke and  
Shawn Fitzgibbon  
Kristine and Craig Bloomer  
Laura Bloomer  
Erika and Frank Bond  
Stephanie Boucher and  
Andy Rudzinski  
Stacy and Woody Bradford  
Katie and Don Bramley  
Jennifer Braxton and  
Mary Gorman  
Meredith Bryan  
Marcia and Robert Bubolz  
Helen Buck  
Becca Butler  
Melanie and Matt Camp  
Mary and George Chin  
Tara and Greg Ciongoli  
Madison Cobb

Gabrielle and Richard Coffman  
Katie and Jack Conway  
Jodi and Daniel Cooper and  
Family  
Rachel Coppola  
Janet Correia  
Erin Cote and Jen Harris  
Katherine and Bob Cunha  
Susan and Bob Curtin  
Geraldine Debriey and  
Alfred Naddaff  
Joy and Mark Denomme  
Peggy Devine  
Mark Divincenzo and  
Terry McGowan  
Dawn and Mark Donovan  
Gina and Michael Doyle  
Betsy and Rick Edie  
Renee Eger and Steve Saris  
Anne Elton  
Thomas English  
Nancy and Arthur Feibus  
Audrey Fisch  
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Ursula Guthrie  
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Carolyn and Eric Harthun  
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Hope and David Hirsch  
Andrea and Frederick Hoff  
Debbie and Tom Hoffman



Thank you to Blue Hills Bank for donating office space to Wily at the West Roxbury Blue Hills Bank branch.

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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.

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Lauren

Wily Scholar  
Northeastern University



Brenda and Jim Hsu  
 Eliza Huber-Weiss  
 Zoe Huber-Weiss  
 Marjorie and Terrance Huggard  
 Heidi Hughey  
 Ann and Bob Hunnewell  
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Katie Oakes and Citizens Bank of Providence, RI donated care packages for our Scholars for the third year in a row.

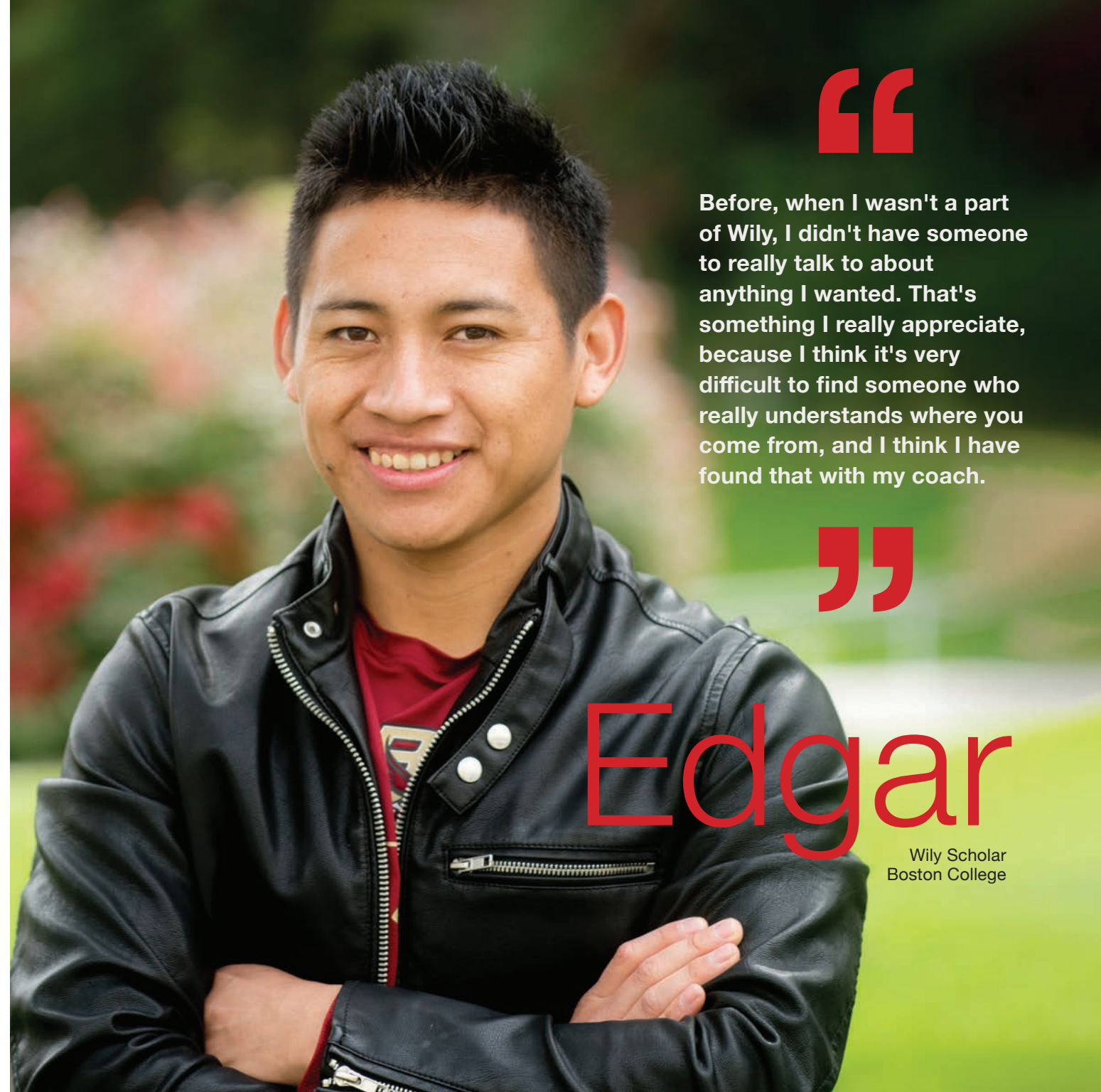
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Before, when I wasn't a part of Wily, I didn't have someone to really talk to about anything I wanted. That's something I really appreciate, because I think it's very difficult to find someone who really understands where you come from, and I think I have found that with my coach.

”

Edgar

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 Boston College



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Assistance Fund at  
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Katie and Don Bramley  
Susan and Brian Kavoogian

*Middlebury Coach Nikki with Middlebury Scholars Jilly, Jordan and Rachel. Not pictured: Middlebury Scholar, Treasure.*



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

Wily Scholar  
Middlebury College



Coaches Judi Alperin King, Kat Castañeda Macdonald, Ana Ayobiojo, Susan Goldscheid and Brandon Christensen gather for a board meeting.

- Ellen and John King

Jane King

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“

There's just so many things that I've gotten through Wily that I really couldn't have imagined, and I didn't even know how to ask for.

”



Wily Scholar  
Boston College

Auberta



Wily Connects You to How College Works event committee, Judi Rosensweig, Kim Pappas, Katie Bramley and Annie Montesano did an incredible job planning our first event of 2019.

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| Eileen Murphy                     | Elizabeth Jane Rosen             |
| Audrey and George Nichols         | Judi and Bill Rosensweig         |
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Debra and Ben Zalvan



Wily Scholar Deloris speaks with Mike Mullaney on his morning radio show on Mix 104.1.

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“

With Wily, I feel more supported and steady in my academics. With Wily, I feel more cared for and loved. With Wily, I feel as if I can take a risk, or a step and they're there for me. With Wily, I feel like my health is starting to get better. With Wily, I feel like more of a man than I've ever been.

”

Otis

Wily Scholar  
Northeastern University

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Scholars Edgar, Auberta and Marissa receiving their Valentine's Day Care Packages.

Jenna Donahue  
Lisa Falkson  
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Carol Grant  
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Andrea Patton  
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Erin Epker, Sharisse Cail Perry and Ellen Volpe hosted a care package event for Dedham Country Day School parents of the Class of 2016. Over 20 women donated items to create beautiful exam care packages for 15 Scholars.



## Wily Connects by Volunteering

**Wily volunteer programs** are a great way to get connected with our Scholars. Volunteer through one of the programs below or by creating networking opportunities for our Scholars.

## Gift Giving Program

Birthdays, holidays, and graduation can be difficult for our Scholars. Our Gift Giving Program pairs Scholars with volunteers who provide personalized gifts on special occasions until they graduate from college.

**Dear Natalie,**

Thank you so much for the belated birthday gift! I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it feels to know that a stranger can have so much kindness towards someone they don't know. As someone who has learned never to expect birthday presents and whose birthday has not been treated as special in many years, your kindness has truly warmed my heart.

**I promise to savor every chocolate :)**

**With gratitude,**  
**Wendy**  
Wily Scholar, MIT

My heart is still aching to think of these brave kids navigating college essentially alone. High fives to Wily for creating a support system that cares for the whole child so they can focus on graduating and launching into a great future. Hugs to you all and thank you for finding the time in a very busy season to be together. Lots of love,

**Erin**  
Care Package Chair

When I'm at a cash register buying small essentials for myself or my own children, I think of the Scholars for whom this expense may not actually be that small. If I buy a gift card for a Scholar, he or she can pick up some necessities — like pencils at Staples, or shampoo at CVS — without worry and will also know that there is someone out there thinking of him or her like I think of my own children.

**Kim**  
Wily volunteer

## Care Package Program

Let our Scholars know someone is thinking of them. Care packages give our Scholars a big boost during exam weeks and holidays throughout the year. Become a Care Package Chair and organize the donations and packaging of items five times a year!

## Community-Building and Networking

Share your time and talents. Volunteers can host networking events or lead activities that will help our Scholars navigate a professional world. Networking opportunities enable Scholars to develop lifelong relationships with professionals outside the college community.

## Gift Card Program

The Wily Network welcomes donations of gift cards to support our Scholars throughout the year. Gift cards come in handy all the time, whether for meals when the cafeteria is closed over break, transportation, or dorm room essentials and personal items. Host

## Gift Card Suggestions

Amazon  
American  
Express  
Charlie Card  
CVS

**Dunkin**  
**Starbucks**  
**Target**  
**Uber or Lyft**  
**Visa**

a gift card party for friends or colleagues to support our Scholars through the Gift Card Program.

### Connect by Supporting a Scholar and Making a Gift to Wily

\$50,000	Fund-A-Scholar for four years
\$12,500	Fund-A-Scholar for one year
\$6,000	One year of coaching (average cost)
\$5,000	Room, board, and transportation during summer internship
\$2,500	Meal plan
\$1,000	Laptop computer
\$500	Professional clothing
\$250	Meals during break
\$150	Textbooks
\$100	Winter coat
\$50	Monthly cell phone bill



WILY COACHES HELD

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MEETINGS  
WITH SCHOLARS

36

GIFT GIVERS  
PROVIDED BIRTHDAY  
AND HOLIDAY GIFTS

SCHOLARS RECEIVED

150

DONATED CARE  
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421

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20

GRANTS APPLIED  
FOR IN 2018

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RECEIVED

NEW DONORS  
IN 2018

294

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WILY SCHOLARS  
IN 2018