



# Building Futures. Together.



2025 Annual Report



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## Our Mission

Wily Scholars bring unique experiences, challenges, strengths, and goals to their college journeys. Some have experienced homelessness or foster care, some have been denied family support due to their sexual orientation or gender identity, and some have family members dealing with addiction, major mental illness, or incarceration. All are navigating life independently.

Wily Scholars arrive on campus already possessing the talent, motivation and self-reliance to thrive in college. But once in school, they are tasked with navigating overwhelming systemic obstacles. The Wily Network works to ensure Scholars have the tools and networks necessary to thrive in four-year residential colleges and transition successfully into post-college life.

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## Our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Commitment

At The Wily Network, we work to ensure that talented young people have a fair and real opportunity to succeed—and a community that affirms their value. Wily Scholars do not just benefit from this community; they shape it, strengthen it, and hold it accountable.

We are guided by five commitments: access, fairness, mattering, dignity, and responsibility. As Wily grows, these are our guardrails—helping us expand while staying grounded.

This is how we build a community where no one has to navigate alone, where belonging is not something to prove, and where mattering shows up in how we treat each other, every day.

## Wily Staff

As of 1/1/2026

- Natalie Allen, MHC** (she/her)  
*Clinical Scholar Coach*
- Laura Broffman** (she/her)  
*Operations Manager*
- Ingrid Brugnoli-Ensin, LCSW, MSW** (she/her)  
*Clinical Scholar Coach*
- Robert Buckley** (he/him)  
*Development Coordinator*
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- Sophie Cohen** (she/her)  
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*Clinical Scholar Coach*
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*Scholar Engagement Coordinator*
- Cindy Su, LCSW, MSW** (she/her)  
*Clinical Scholar Coach*
- Myles Taylor** (they/them/he/him)  
*Scholar Engagement Coordinator*
- Bonnie Yezukevich, LICSW** (she/her)  
*Director of Scholar Engagement*

## Dear Wily Pack,

Last year, we paused to honor something rare: **ten years of standing with Wily Scholars**. A decade built deliberately—one relationship at a time—on a simple belief: students navigating college on their own deserve more than access. They deserve **respect, care, community**, and to be **known**.

That belief still anchors us, and this past year showed how deeply it holds.

In 2025, the Pack grew in visible ways—more than 100 Scholars, more than 100 alum, and our largest graduating class. Yet the truest measure of our work lives between the lines of those numbers. It lives in shared meals and unhurried conversations, in holidays spent together, in coaches who stay after the caps are tossed, and in alum who return and claim this place as home.

Wily's work has always been relational. We walk with Scholars through college and into what comes next. We do not vanish at commencement. We remain—reachable—as lives unfold.

That staying power exists because of the Pack: Scholars, alum, staff, board members, and supporters who believe lasting change is built through trust, patience, and shared responsibility.

Thank you for walking with us—not just in moments, but over time.

With gratitude,



Kenn Elmore  
*Executive Director*



*Kenn introduces himself to the Pack at Wily's Fall Community Day*

## Our Ever-Growing Pack

Wily didn't just welcome a new Executive Director in 2025—we welcomed new coaches, administrative staff, and Scholar Engagement team members, too. We are so grateful for the immense contributions of Korie Clegg, Gabrielle Emerson, Krisbelle Cosme, and Wily's founder Judi Alperin King, who left their roles in 2025, and we are thrilled to welcome Ingrid, Rob, Madison, Kenn, Maddie, Cindy and Myles to the team.

## Acknowledgements

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# Leadership

## Board of Directors | As of January 1, 2026

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| <b>Kim Pappas</b> (she/her)       | <b>Stevie Spina</b> (she/her)    |
|                                   | <b>Robin Wolpow</b> (she/her)    |

## Our Core Values

1. Wily Scholars are the heart of our mission
2. We believe in the power of deep, trusting relationships
3. We believe in the strength of our Pack
4. We are committed to the long term
5. We are a listening/ learning organization committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging

Keep an eye out for Wily's core values throughout this report!

In 2025 we transitioned board leadership. We are so grateful to Board Chair Emerita **Katie Bramley** for her seven years of dedicated service, and thrilled to welcome **Stephen Barber** as Wily's next Board Chair.



**Katie Bramley**  
(she/her)

Katie's steadfast stewardship not only helped Wily weather the pandemic—it enabled us to double in size during her tenure, growing from fewer than 50 students to over 100. Thank you for your leadership, Katie!



**Stephen Barber**  
(he/him)

Stephen has been a member of Wily's Board since 2023 and has served as Board Chair since September 2025. His inspired leadership, bold vision, and dedication to Wily's mission is driving the Pack into another decade of building futures, together.

"Happy 10th anniversary to the organization that I called (and call) family! For so many years, Wily celebrated my birthday, and now, I am excited to celebrate Wily's. I met some of my best friends through Wily, and I owe my coach so much for their support and care. I couldn't imagine a college experience without Wily."

**Wily alum**



# Celebrating the Class of 2025

2025 marked Wily's largest graduating class yet: we cheered on **24 Scholars** as they walked across the stage! The class of 2025 joined an active network of Wily alums—a network of college graduates that is now **over 100 strong**.



The first Wily Scholar to graduate from Suffolk University shows off her Wily pride

“Chase the life you want to live, even when you question if the chase is leading anywhere: because it is, even if it’s not the place you expected...remember that this community is one you will always be a part of, no matter the time or distance that separates you from it.”

*Theresa (they/them),  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology '23*

Wily's graduating seniors celebrated their achievements with their coaches and one another at our annual graduation dinner. Keynote speaker **Dr. Anthony Jack** and alum speaker **Theresa** shared their journeys through college and their hopes for the class of 2025.



Members of the eighth Wily graduating class from Massachusetts Institute of Technology celebrate together



Theresa celebrates their own graduation with their coach, Judi, in 2023

## Graduation then...



Wily celebrates our first three graduations in 2018

## and now!



Wily celebrates surpassing 100 graduations in 2025

“When you finish college as a Wily Scholar, you graduate with a pack of people that all—at one point or another, on more than one occasion—most likely thought: ‘this is impossible.’ And it is possible. We did it.”

*Wily alum*

## \* Core Values

**We are committed to the long term.**

Coaches continue meeting with graduates for three months after they earn their degrees, supporting them as they transition into the next step. We stay in touch, sending birthday and holiday wishes, inviting alums to our community events, and answering whenever they call.

# Building A Movement Together

Twelve years ago, Judi Alperin King picked up a copy of the *New York Times* and read an article titled “Out of Foster Care, Into College.” By the time she finished it, she wasn’t just moved—she was summoned. She saw, between the lines of that story, the brilliance and determination of young people who had made it to college largely on their own. She also saw the absence of something steady: a consistent, caring network built to stay with them.

That moment did not remain an idea. Judi turned it into action. And over the last decade, that action became The Wily Network: an organization rooted in relationships. Nearly 300 students have been served. More than 100 have walked across graduation stages. And a community has formed that continues to hold, to widen, and to endure.

We could not be more grateful for Judi’s thoughtful, passionate, and visionary leadership, and for the foundation she laid: a foundation strong enough to carry Wily forward into its next chapter.

“An extraordinary leader leaves a mark that is both structural and soulful. Judi Alperin King has done just that.

The Wily Network exists today as a vibrant, life-changing community because Judi had the vision, the courage, and the persistence to build it. Her work has not only shaped an organization, but also shaped lives, one Scholar at a time.

I step into this role with deep respect for Judi’s founding leadership and with gratitude for the path she has cleared. Wily’s future is possible because of her unwavering belief in what people can achieve when they are truly seen and supported.

Thank you, Judi—for your vision, your heart, and your invitation to continue this work.”

*Kenneth Elmore, EdM, JD, Executive Director*

“Judi, your generosity has always gone far beyond giving time or resources: it’s who you are. You lead with empathy and quiet strength, seeing people fully and believing in their potential. Wily exists not only because of your vision, but because of your heart—the way you listen, care, and make everyone feel they belong. You’ve created a community built on compassion, respect, and possibility. Your spirit will continue to guide and inspire us all.”

*Katie Bramley, Board Chair Emerita,  
and Don Bramley, Board Member*

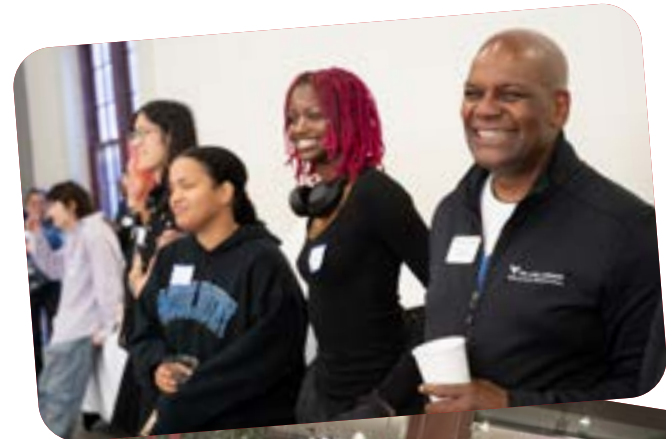
“Judi, from the very beginning, your enormous heart and unwavering vision shaped not only The Wily Network, but also the lives of everyone who has had the privilege of being part of it. Personally, I can say with confidence that my college career would not have been the same without you—your compassion, guidance, and belief in my potential carried me through moments when I didn’t think I could keep going. I know your spirit, values, and the foundation you built will continue to guide Wily forward.”

*Amanda, Wily alum ‘24*



# Building Community Together

2025 was a defining year for the Wily community. We surpassed 100 Scholars and 100 alums, welcomed Scholars from two new schools, and gathered for 36 events—more than ever before! As the Pack continues to grow, Wily Scholars are part of an ever-widening network of support and connection across Greater Boston, built to last.



## Community Day

Community Days bring Wily Scholars, coaches, staff and alums together for connection, shared meals, and time well-spent. Each gathering deepens the relationships that sustain Wily and reminds us all that we are not walking alone.

## Holidays at Wily

Knowing you have a place to land and people expecting you make holidays especially meaningful. In 2025, the Wily Pack gathered for meals, overnights, and shared celebrations for Iftar, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, all moments of presence that remind us we stand with one another.

## Monthly Get-Togethers

At least twice a month, coaches and staff host small-group gatherings: moments for Scholars to connect around shared interests and build relationships across the Pack. Simple by design, these moments do real work. In 2025, Wily brought Scholars to movies and museums, crafts and picnics, parks and escape rooms—small experiences that strengthen connection over time.

## Community then...



Scholars play basketball at Wily's inaugural Community Day in 2018: the Pack finding its rhythm

## and now!



Scholars cheer one another on during a game at our 2025 Fall Community Day

“Something that Wily did really well was show me how to connect with others... find your people. Find the people that care for you. Find the people that understand you. Find the people that can support you. Support comes in the most mysterious ways, and that was Wily for me.”

*Anya (she/her),  
Boston University '22*

## \* Core Values

**We believe in the strength of our Pack.**

We call ourselves the Wily “Pack” because we focus on building a network of strong, reciprocal, transformational relationships that Scholars can carry with them through college and beyond graduation. Community is woven into every aspect of our program.

# Building Relationships Together

When Wily Scholars described their coaches in 2025, they spoke less about roles and more about how it feels to be with them: “warm,” “comforting,” “amazing,” “there for me,” “on my team,” “connected.”

That language captures the work. Wily coaches walk alongside Scholars through both the epic and the everyday on the path to earning their degrees. In 2025, coaches met weekly with more than 100 Scholars across 15 college campuses, building relationships designed not just to support a moment, but to last.

“Coaching is ultimately about being consistent, supportive adults in Scholars’ lives, but also providing resources for them, advocating with them, and being a cheerleader for them. You’re there for the good, the bad, and the in between—not doing it for them, but really doing it with them and walking alongside them.”

*Ine, Senior Director of Scholar Services*

## \* Core Values

**We believe in the power of deep, trusting relationships.**

The transformational relationship between Scholars and coaches is the heart of our program.

## Coaching then...



*Wily's first coach meets with a Scholar in 2018*



*A Wily Scholar meets with coach Millie*

“When I think of [my coach], I think of how caring she is, how she’s always there for me, how I can ask her for anything. And that’s not something I had growing up.”

*Wily alum, '24*

## and now!



*Wily's growing team is now nine coaches strong*

96%

of Wily Scholars reported forming a meaningful relationship with their coach

93%

of Wily Scholars said their coach connected them with resources on- and off-campus

89%

of Wily Scholars said their coach helped keep them in school

# Building Careers Together

Wily Scholars are future engineers, attorneys, music therapists, journalists, museum curators, policymakers, and more. But the transition from college into work—always uncertain—can feel especially heavy without relationships that open doors. Wily’s career supports walk alongside Scholars as they explore possibilities, gain experience, and build the professional networks that help them step into what comes next.

## \* Core Values

**We are a listening/learning organization committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.**

We create spaces where Wily Scholars know they belong and are valued. Wily’s Career Fair helps Scholars see themselves across industries and take confident steps toward the futures they are imagining.

## 2025 Career Fair Partner Organizations

ALPFA Boston

Audax Charitable Foundation

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Blue Wave

Boston Region Metropolitan

Planning Organization

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A Scholar discusses summer job opportunities with her coach

## Building careers then...



At Wily’s first Career Fair in 2021, a Scholar talks with Wily alum Eric (far right) about his work at Neighborhood House Charter Schools. One conversation, one opened door.

## and now!



Four years later, the Pack comes full circle; that same Wily Scholar is now an alum, opening doors for today’s Scholars as a representative of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization at Wily’s 5th Career Fair.

“I enjoyed how friendly and accepting the employers are... I took extra solace in the fact that these employers made an intentional effort to meet and support students like me.”

Wily Scholar

# Building a Safety Net Together

Wily approaches financial support as part of a broader safety net, relieving stress to help Scholars stay focused on school and keep their futures within reach.

Wily provides a monthly stipend, direct assistance for essential needs, and support navigating the world of college financial aid. Volunteers and corporate partners contribute care packages that offer both necessities and moments of joy—crucial reminders that people are paying attention and cheering them on. And when Scholars graduate, Wily provides \$2,500 in savings to help ease the transition into what comes next, covering post-college startup costs like a security deposit or last month's rent.

In 2025, 96% of Scholars shared that Wily's financial support made a meaningful difference in their lives.

## \* Core Values

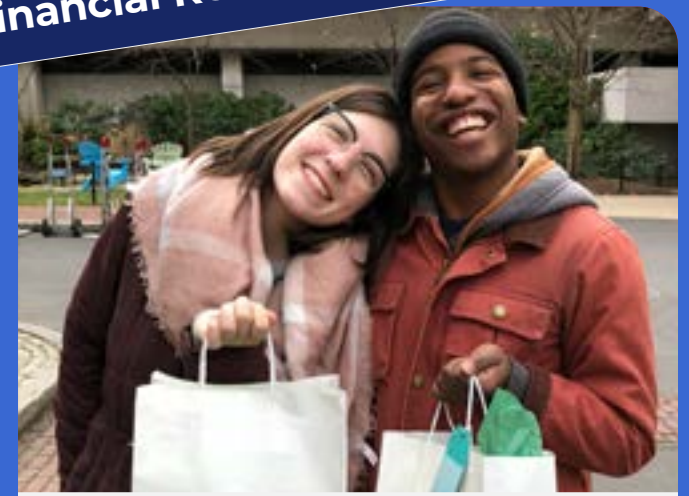
**Wily Scholars are the heart of our mission**

We keep Wily Scholars—their experiences and needs—at the center of every decision we make. In 2025, sustaining the quality of our financial support meant going deeper, not wider. To keep pace with rising costs and honor what Scholars were facing, we increased Scholars' monthly stipends from \$150 to \$200.



Senior Director of Scholar Services Ine shares gift cards with a Wily Scholar

## Financial Resources then...



Scholars receive some of Wily's earliest volunteer-made care packages with back-to-school essentials in 2017.

## and now!



Though much has changed at Wily over the last 10 years, some things are enduring—including how much Scholars appreciate care packages!

“At first Wily felt too good to be true. But it turns out it’s actually real. They did not expect anything from me. They just wanted me to succeed and stay in college, and whenever I need money for groceries or medications, they’re there, no questions asked.”

*Wily alum, Boston College '25*

“[Wily means] the protection of not being homeless, steady meals, clothes on your back if needed... Wily provides a safe environment that many have never known or have been deprived of.”

*Wily Scholar, Middlebury College*

# Celebrating 10 Years

In November of 2025, we gathered to celebrate a momentous occasion: **The Wily Network's 10th Anniversary**.

The evening was an opportunity to celebrate our history and to look out onto our next horizons. The Wily Pack showed up with generosity and joy to launch our next decade, surpassing our goal and raising more than \$290,000 to fuel our growth.



Event Host and Wily Advisor Steve Pemberton, Wily Scholar and Event Speaker Tsunami, Board Chair Stephen Barber, and Executive Director Kenn Elmore (foreground) prepare for the evening's program



Founding Executive Director Judi Alperin King (right) catches up with two Wily alums

## \* Our Sponsor

### ILENE BEAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

It was an honor to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with a foundation that embodies Ilene Beal's spirit of leadership, generosity, and life-changing relationships. A dedicated mentor and a champion for young people often overlooked, Ilene's commitment to opening doors and empowering the next generation continues to inspire us at Wily.

For a full list of event co-hosts, see page 32.

## Alum Voices



Wily alums recorded a 10th Anniversary video for the event to share what Wily meant to them. Scan to watch!



Steve and Tsunami discussed what it means to navigate life on your own in college.

"It was a **breath of cold air**...it symbolized the feeling of just knowing that you are truly alone in the world. ...I know what it was like to feel that sense of disconnectedness. And yet at the same time believing that you still, despite it all, have something to offer the world."

*Steve Pemberton (he/him), Event Host and Wily Advisor*

"Stability with Wily feels like sitting back. It feels like I have someone to go to now. I have someone who is cheering me on in the moments where I'm cheering myself on, and also in the moments when I can't cheer myself on. That feels stable. It feels like a **warm hug**."

*Tsunami (they/them/she/her), Wily Scholar*



Thank you to our wonderful committee for dedicating their time, effort, expertise, and creativity to this event. From left: Cara Maxwell, Danyel Barnard Ablon, Amy Mueller, Mary Beth Lisman (Co-chair), Joy Denomme (Co-chair), Hilary Steinert, Terrie Hallal, Annie Montesano.

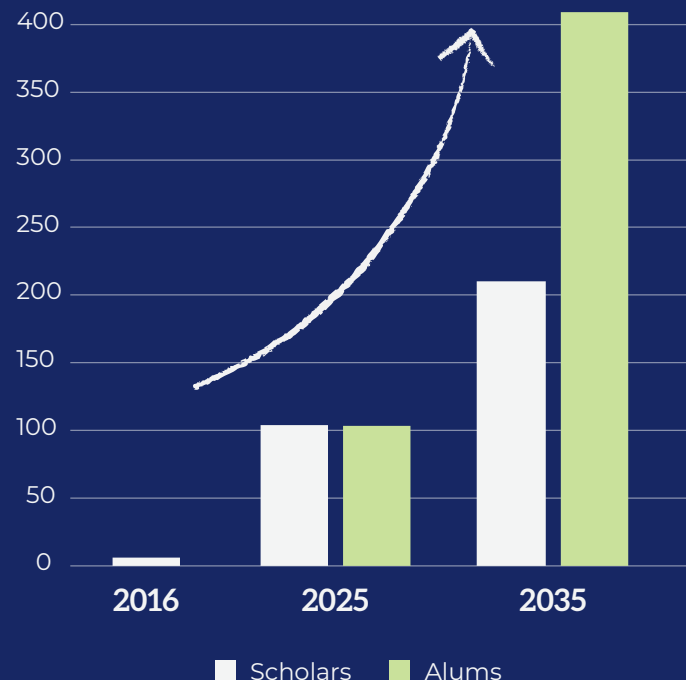
# Building Wily's Future Together

**Our 10th Anniversary was an opportunity to dream big.** Every year, talented students across Greater Boston start college alone—students who've experienced foster care, homelessness, or complex family situations. We have only reached a fraction of them.

Over the next ten years, Wily will significantly increase our reach and impact. We will forge new partnerships and expand to new campuses in service of doubling the number of Scholars we serve and tripling our community of alums.



## The Next Decade Starts Now



### \* Core Values

**We believe in the strength of our pack**

We cannot overstate our gratitude to you—our community of supporters—who have built Wily to this milestone year. We are confident in the strength of our pack as we continue to build Wily's future.



## Introducing Kenn

**Kenneth Elmore, EdM, JD  
Executive Director**

After more than two decades of building inclusive communities in higher education, Kenn Elmore is ready to build Wily's future.

Kenn served as Dean of Students at Boston University for nearly 20 years and as President of Dean College. An appointed delegate to

the New England Board of Higher Education, he believes deeply in the power of education, community, and belonging to transform lives.

Kenn's approach is grounded in the words of author, educator, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

"Kenn's leadership is a perfect bridge between the building of Wily's foundation and our bright future. Having the former Dean of Students of a university so central to Boston come to Wily is an honor—and transformative for our organization. Kenn brings exactly the kind of institutional wisdom and heart critical for Wily Scholars as they forge their own paths to success."

*Judi Alperin King, Founding Executive Director*



*Kenn gets to know Wily Scholars at our Fall Community Day*



In June of 2025, Wily received one of the best anniversary gifts we could imagine: a 10-year grant from **Cummings Foundation**. With their "all profits to nonprofits" philosophy, Joyce and Bill Cummings support more than 100 Boston-area organizations every year with the earnings from their real estate company, Cummings Properties.

We are honored to be in the company of 25 phenomenal nonprofits whose grants were elevated to a **decade-long partnership**. This gift represents a powerful endorsement of our track record and our vision for the future.

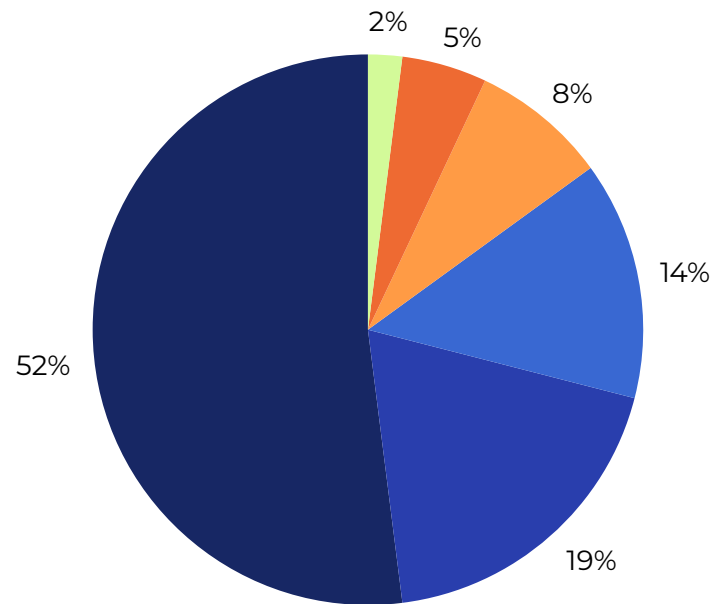
# Building Pathways to Success Together

Fund-A-Scholar donors make a long-term commitment that allows Wily to walk with Scholars through the full arc of their college experience. Because of you, we can meet needs in the moment, stay present over time, and keep the door open for new Scholars to join the Pack in the years ahead.

## Fund-A-Scholar

**\$60,000 4-Year Pledge**  
**\$15,000 per Year**

- 52% Clinical Coaching**
- 19% Financial Assistance**  
Groceries, laptop, textbooks, dorm items
- 14% Annual Stipend**  
Support social and extracurricular activities
- 8% Community Activities**
- 5% Savings Plan**  
\$2,500 upon graduation
- 2% Emergency Funds**



## \* Core Values

**We are committed to the long term.**

Fund-A-Scholar donors enable Wily to live out our core values. Because of the security and stability their generosity provides, when we tell Scholars that we are making a long-term commitment to them, we mean it.

“The Wily Network has profoundly shaped my life in ways I never could have imagined. As a first-generation, low-income student, the unwavering support from Wily coaches was far more than academic. It was holistic, transformative, and rooted in genuine care... and I would not be where I am today without the dedication and belief you have poured into all of us. It has been an extraordinary privilege to be a Wily Scholar, and I will carry the lessons and love from this community with me always.”

*Wily alum*



“I know for sure that no matter where I walk or if I stumble, that Wily is going to be there for me.”  
*Wily Scholar, Northeastern University*

**Thank you to Wily’s Fund-A-Scholar donors!**  
 For a complete list of Fund-A-Scholar donors, please see page 22.

# Building Momentum Together

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer our deepest thanks to the many individuals, organizations, and partners whose generosity sustains The Wily Network.

Your support does more than fund programs. It helps build the relationships and stability that allow Wily Scholars to stay focused on their education and move forward with confidence. Every gift strengthens the safety net that surrounds this community.

The pages that follow recognize the many members of the Wily Pack whose commitment makes this work possible and how, with your continued engagement and support, we intend to expand our efforts in the years to come. We are grateful not only for your generosity, but for your belief in the mission and future of Wily.

Thank you for walking alongside Wily Scholars and this community.



Stephen Barber  
Chair,  
The Wily Network  
Board of Directors

## Wily Partners

We are honored to recognize our Wily Partners—those of you who contributed \$1,000 or more during the fiscal year. We are deeply grateful for the role you play in sustaining this work. Your generosity helps ensure that Wily remains present for Scholars, not just at moments but throughout their college journey.

### \$100,000+

Anonymous Fund  
Katie and Don Bramley\*\*  
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Ilene Beal Charitable Foundation\*  
Stevie and David Spina\*

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Rappaport Foundation  
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Vance Directors Fund  
Wellington Management  
Foundation\*  
Robin and Marc Wolpow\*\*  
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### \$49,999-\$25,000

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### \$24,999-\$10,000

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Wily's founding board chair **Leann Walsh** (left) flew in from South Carolina to attend our 10th Anniversary Celebration, where she had the chance to catch up with her **K&L Gates** colleague **Kathleen Parker** (right). Leann, Kathleen, and the legal team at K&L Gates have donated their time and expertise to Wily for the last seven years—we are so grateful for their partnership.



In 2025, The Wily Network was awarded the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region I's Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award! We were honored to be recognized for dedicated service, consistent advocacy, and outstanding leadership to the higher education community.

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At Wily, we are built on a commitment to the long term. We are honored to recognize our Wily Sustainers—those whose multi-year support allows us to live that commitment fully. Your steady generosity ensures that when we say we will be there for Scholars, we can keep that promise year after year.

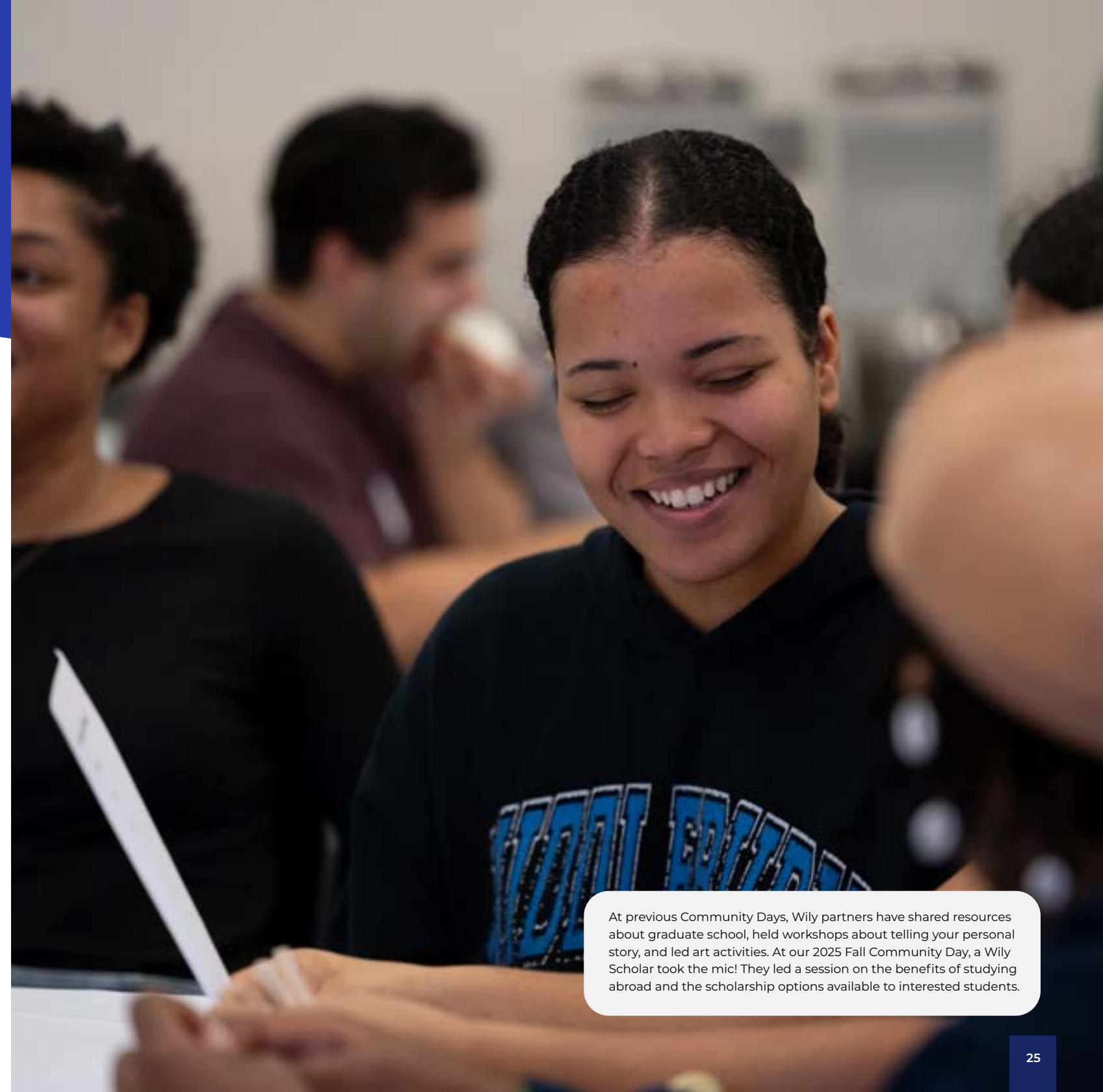
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At previous Community Days, Wily partners have shared resources about graduate school, held workshops about telling your personal story, and led art activities. At our 2025 Fall Community Day, a Wily Scholar took the mic! They led a session on the benefits of studying abroad and the scholarship options available to interested students.

For years, whenever we wanted to capture Wily's story on camera, we would call **Cristine Santo** (right) for advice. In 2025, we finally had the opportunity to work with Cris and her agency **New Leaf Production Group** directly. She filmed and produced our 10th Anniversary Alum Voices video, interviewing nine Wily alums (one of whom is pictured at left). Thank you, Cris!



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Our partner **Audax Charitable Foundation**, pictured at a Wily Career Fair, continues to support Scholars in various and creative ways. In addition to making care packages, volunteers from their team provided a four-part financial literacy seminar series for Wily Scholars in 2025 covering budgeting, savings, credit cards, loans, investments, and taxes.



A huge thank you to **Boomerangs by More Than Words** for opening their doors to Wily after hours! Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Wily coach **Natalie** (right) and her sister **Stefanie** (left), who happens to be More Than Words' Associate Director of Thrift Retail, Wily Scholars were able to explore the store and select items for free ranging from shoes and clothes to bedding, furniture, décor, and books.

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Wily piloted a new program in 2025: our **Next Chapter** series. Led by a rotating group of coaches, the meetings are a chance for graduating seniors to drill down into some of the topics that can be among the most daunting post-graduation: finances, housing, employment, and more.

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Fun fact: Wily's busiest birthday month is March. With 14 Scholar birthdays, every single coach is treating at least one student to a special dinner that month! Where coaching meetings are often goal-oriented and productive, birthday dinners are a chance to celebrate and relax—and to give Scholars their birthday presents, lovingly provided by Wily's generous Gift Givers.

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 Caroline Muggia  
 Henry Muggia

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 Osamagbe Osagie  
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 Kathy and Bill Parent  
 Heather and Yoon Park  
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 Lindsey and Rob Parker  
 Andrea and Dick Patton  
 Ryan Phennicie  
 Betsy and Mark Reale  
 Yvone Rego  
 Rachel Rock and Josh Levy  
 Solomon Rosenberg  
 and Aliza Berger  
 Sue and Chuck Ross  
 Nancy and Larry Rowe

Caroline and David Ryan  
 The St. Jean Family  
 Amy Schectman  
 and Mitchell Rosenberg  
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 Bonnie Sherman  
 Connie Short  
 Hilary and Langley Steinert  
 Donna and Scott Swanson  
 Heather and  
 Thayer Swartwood  
 Laura Lee Tam  
 Mary Tambor  
 Calista Thompson  
 Bonnie Troupe  
 Cate and Andy Waldeck  
 Erica Wright  
 Natalie and Rod Wright



The Willy Pack gathered to celebrate our **10th Anniversary** in 2025! Thank you so much to our event Co-hosts:

**Pack Leaders**

Katie and Don Bramley\*\*  
 Stevie H and David Spina\*  
 Hilary and Langley Steinert\*

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Pam and Andy Martin  
 Pathfinders  
 Affordable Interior Systems, Inc.  
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 Kim and Greg Pappas\*  
 Ned and Lisa Parsons\*  
 Andrea and Dick Patton  
 Amy Schectman and Mitchell Rosenberg

**Circle Builders**

Mary Beth and Eric Lisman  
 Irene and Chris Todd

**Packmates**

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in MA (AICUM)  
 Danyel and Stuart Ablon  
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 Judi and Tim King  
 Kris Schaefer and Lisa Chapnick\*  
 Scott and Ursula Steele\*



\*Five years of consecutive giving  
 \*\*Ten years of consecutive giving



Each month, Wily organizes festive and fun community events for Scholars. In June, Scholars gathered on the Boston Common to decorate T-shirts and posters for Pride Month celebrations!



#### Gift Card Drives

Lindsey Beaudoin  
 Brian Bennett  
 Penny Bennett  
 Kimberly Blanchette  
 Michele Botelho  
 Courtney Botelho  
 Diana Bowles (Chair)  
 Erin Brunner  
 Marissa Collins  
 Marilyn Cook  
 Sheila Dahl  
 Nancy Daniels  
 Laurie Ellison  
 Christine Hampton  
 Melissa Szczycinski  
 Jenna Tait

#### Goods

Breanna Bowles  
 Diana Bowles  
 Elijah Brown  
 Marilyn Cook  
 Sheila Dahl  
 Mary Jane and Jim Devins  
 Give A Cake  
 Hope & Comfort  
 Quintia Iradukunda  
 Lizanne and John Kenney  
 Mary Beth and Eric Lisman  
 MFS Investment Management

Karen Osorio  
 Pega  
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*Laura Galiazzo*  
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 Ripple Effect Consulting  
*Danielle Frankel*

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 Aliza Berger  
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 Diana Bowles  
 Paige Carey  
 Katherine DePasquale  
 Erin Epker  
 Mary Beth Lisman  
 Amanda Mayers  
 Karen Milkosky  
 Emi Nietfeld  
 Hazel Patton  
 Allison Sobel  
 Natalie Todd

#### Event Hosts

Andrea Patton  
 Irene Todd

#### 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Danyel Barnard Ablon  
 Joy Denomme (Co-chair)  
 Terrie Hallal  
 Mary Beth Lisman (Co-chair)  
 Cara Maxwell  
 Annie Montesano

Amy Mueller  
 Hilary Steinert

#### Advisors

Joy Denomme  
 Francisca Fenton  
 Kelly Glew  
 Michael Julian  
 Kimberly Klem  
 Margaret Lewis  
 Mary Beth Lisman  
 Meredith Mendelson  
 Annie Montesano  
 Sheila Murphy  
 Steve Pemberton  
 Kathryn Sargent  
 Jennifer Schoen  
 Carolyn Shaughnessy  
 Leann Walsh

#### Young Professionals Network Chairs

Elijah Brown  
 Quintia Iradukunda

# Building A Network Together

Volunteers extend Wily's community beyond the college campus, creating an expansive and supportive network of resources, connections, and care throughout Greater Boston and beyond: anywhere Scholars live. Whether making care packages, providing birthday gifts, sharing professional expertise, or planning events, volunteers are core members of the Wily Pack.

- **Become a Scholar's Gift Giver**  
Help a Scholar celebrate birthdays and holidays
- **Host a Care Package Event (individual or corporate)**  
Give Scholars a boost during exam weeks and other milestones
- **Host a "Building Futures Together" Event**  
Be an ambassador for the Wily Pack
- **Help Wily Scholars Build Their Networks**  
Connect Scholars with job or internship opportunities

Reach out to our Scholar Engagement Coordinators Maddie Sheely and Myles Taylor at [volunteer@thewilynetwork.org](mailto:volunteer@thewilynetwork.org) to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, or scan below to fill out our volunteer interest form.



## \* Core Values

**Wily Scholars are the heart of our mission**

Wily's volunteers truly embody and exemplify our commitment to keeping Scholars at the center of our mission. They dedicate their time and energy, often without ever meeting the students who benefit from their generosity—simply because they believe in Wily Scholars and the power of the Pack.



The team at **Bright Horizons** gathers after building 10 care packages for Wily Scholars, complete with homemade hats and scarves.



Volunteers from the **National Charity League (NCL)** join us in our office to make holiday cards and wrap gifts.

# 2025 Financials

As Chair of Wily's Finance Committee, I, along with other members of the committee, work closely with the Board and leadership team to ensure our financial resources align with Wily's mission, program model, and long-term strategy.

This past fiscal year reflected both progress and discipline. Wily continued to expand its reach while sustaining the relational model at the center of its work. At the same time, rising costs and a shifting funding landscape required careful planning and thoughtful decision-making.

The financial results that follow show how Wily has balanced growth with stewardship—investing in Scholars today while strengthening the organization for the years ahead.



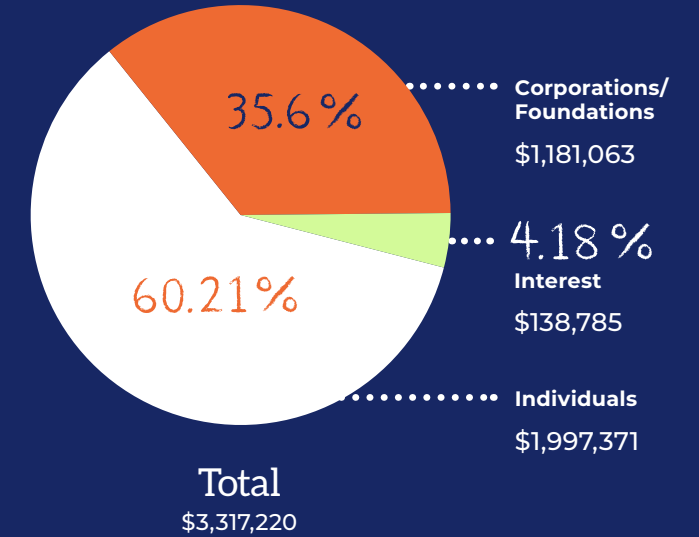
We are grateful to the donors, partners, and supporters whose commitment makes this work possible.

**Scott Steele**  
Chair, Finance Committee

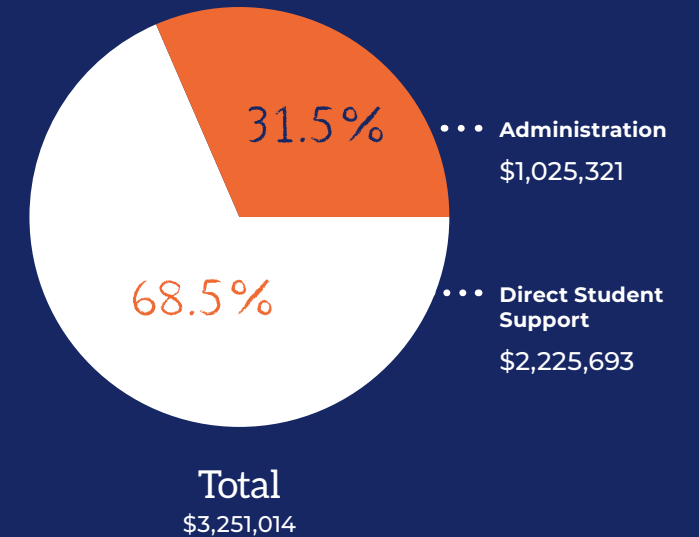


Scholars celebrate Wily's 10th birthday together at Fall Community Day

## 2025 Revenue



## 2025 Expenses



All financial statistics for 2025 are unaudited. If you would like to request a copy of the full, audited financial statements, please email Ashley Linell at [ashley@thewilynetwork.org](mailto:ashley@thewilynetwork.org).



## Wily By The Numbers in 2025

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