

SUMMER 2021

# WCAA Inc.

Western College Alumnae Association Inc.

1974 – 2024 • 50 years of making history

## What Alumnae Said!

“Western was the perfect school for me – it was my new family.”

“I loved the campus! It was beautiful!”

“Western taught me how to think, to analyze, to ask questions, and to appreciate what everyone brings to the table.”

“I left Western a very strong woman and felt empowered to do what I wanted.”

“The honor system held us accountable for our actions.”

## Just One ...

**Screenshots are part of our memories of events.**



## 2021 Westerners Worldwide Reunion - AMAZING!

Over 150 alumnae registered for the Virtual Alumnae/i Weekend on Zoom on Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12, 2021. The reunion spotlighted many international students, honored our 5-year anniversary classes, and absolutely celebrated Western College! All sessions were open to everyone to attend and there was plenty of ‘sharing time’ with classmates and Westerners from various countries and eras.

### INTERNATIONAL INTERVIEWS during Alumnae Weekend (see page 2 for video links)

Maria (Mieke) van  
Waveren Smit '54 •  
Netherlands

Hazel Williams Drew '66 •  
Guyana, South America

Sappho Haralambous '70 •  
Greece

Brit Henne '69 • Norway

Eletheria (Lily) Cambouris Williams '65 • Greece

Victoria Choy '68 • Hong  
Kong

Mohammed Al Barwani '76 •  
Oman

Gunvor Fink Moeller '67 •  
Denmark

Yoriko Konishi Meguro '61 •  
Japan



### Alma Mater (1961)

words by  
NARKA NELSON

music by  
RICHARD MONACO

Western College, Alma Mater, grace and beauty dwell with thee;  
Hear the praise of sons and daughters echoing from sea to sea.  
Flashing red-bud, sweeping beeches, peonies that bloom and blow,  
Bridges where the crocus reaches up to spring 'mid winter snow.  
Every year thy happy greeting welcomes those from lands afar;  
East and West in friendship meeting find in thee a guiding star.  
Symbol of our life together, Western blue the flag we raise;  
Time cannot our friendship sever, joy of all our college days.

## Western Songs - Remember

### Alma Mater & Western Blue

The closing program of the Weekend included singing the Alma Mater and Western Blue. Mellifluous voices from around the world brought thrills and chills and even some tears. What a way to bring joy to a heartwarming weekend!

### Western Blue

words adapted by  
THE CLASS OF 1951

music by  
ROBERT ROWE

The day is done and night shadows fall,  
While across the campus darkness covers all,  
Oh Western Blue, we pledge our love anew.  
Your guiding spirit ever is near,  
On the rocky path that takes us through the years.  
We will loyal be, and our praises lift to thee  
All hail, now we sing our voices are raised together  
And always we'll cling to our visions shining high,  
Up in the Western sky  
When the dawn breaks bright and clear,  
To our Alma Mater we will e'er be near,  
With our hearts so true and our friendships born of you.

## Click on the Reunion Links below:

[Welcome, Campus Tour, Parade, and Annual Meeting](#)

[International Student's Interviews Part 1](#)

[International Student Interviews Part II](#)

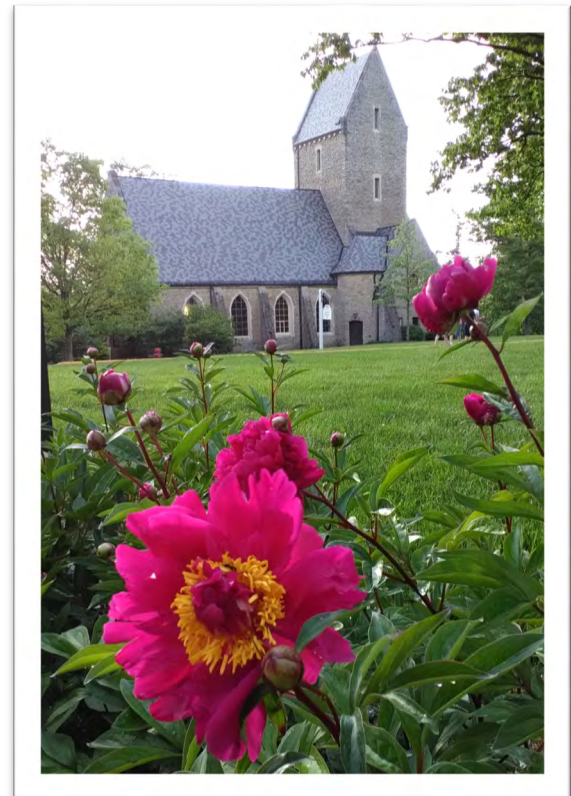
[Closing Program](#)

## Alumnae Attendance

160 Alumnae registered to participate in the reunion.  
Participation by Session

- Welcome and Annual Meeting – 60
- Intl Student Interviews, Part 1 – 45
- Intl Student Reunion – 35
- Class of 1961 – 22
- Class of 1966 – 15
- Class of 1971 – 6
- Class of 1976 – 5
- Classes of 1951 and 1956 – 5
- 1940's and 1950's decades – 26
- 1960 – 1965 – 44
- 1966-1969 – 49
- 1970's – 47
- Intl Student Interviews Part II – 58
- Closing Program – 55

**Mark your calendar for the  
Western Alumnae Weekend 2022!  
June 10-12, on the beautiful Western Campus.**





## Western Sisters We've Lost



**Phillis  
Petrikin Chiri-  
co '47**, of Wil-  
liamston,  
Michigan,  
passed in her  
home on March  
20, 2020, at the

age of 94. Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1926, Phillis was a talented singer and performed with a female trio during WW2 for and in support of the armed forces. Phillis raised her family in Naperville, Illinois. She was a successful and respected Realtor in DuPage County and one of the first female managing brokers in metro Chicago. She was a founding member of Williamston's ArtFest on the River and a lifelong member of Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club.



**Ann Luthy  
Stachelberg  
'52** passed  
from this life  
on Thursday,  
August 20,  
2020 at age 90  
in West Palm

Beach, FL. She was born in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1929 to Hedwig and Max Luthy. Both of her parents were born and brought up in Switzerland. They emigrated to the United States in 1924. After graduating from Western, Ann moved to New York City and worked in the foreign language department at the United Nations as a translator. She met her future husband Peter on a blind date at the Stork Club in Manhattan. Ann was a pink lady for 21 years at the front desk of Good Samaritan Hospital.



## Jacqueline Wallace Passes Away

*Our hearts are heavy as we bring you this news. Dedicated Western College French professor (1966-1974) and WCAA director (1983-2000) Jacqueline Wallace passed away June 11, 2021, at her home in Coral Gables, FL, with her family. It was her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*How perfectly apropos of Jacqui's strong focus on preserving Western's global vision that we learned of her death during our virtual Alumnae Weekend, "Westerners Worldwide" — as we were welcoming and celebrating Western's international students!*

*The Wallace family has set up a memorial website and invites us all to visit and share our memories and photos: [Jacqueline Sciaky Wallace, \(1931 - 2021\) - ForeverMissed.com Online Memorials](#) . In addition, we urge you to share your memories and photos [with us](#).*

## Alumnae Service Awards

### Susan Blake '68

**Susan** arrived at Western College for Women in 1964 and graduated in 1968, having majored in art history. She spent her junior year in Athens, Greece. While at Western she sang in the college choir, served as president of the YWCA, and was a co-founder of the Foreign Student Discussion Group. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Teaching of English as a Second Language (ESL) from San Francisco State University, where she also taught ESL at the American Language Institute ... ([continue reading](#))



### Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69

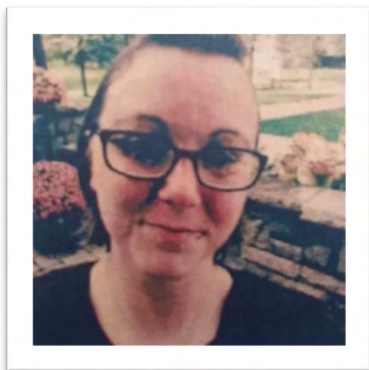
**Nancy** is from the golden-plus class of 1969. A native of Canada, she came to Western as an international student and instantly caught the Western Spirit. She joined International Club, served as Library Council chairman in 1967, and volunteered at Cincinnati's Longview Hospital with the YWCA. Since graduation, she has served a term on the WCAA. Board of Trustees (2005-2008) and has regularly attended WCAA Alumnae Weekends even though her residence is in Kamakura ... ([continue reading](#))

### Elizabeth Salt '74

**Elizabeth** is a Western College graduate from the last graduating class of 1974 and has been an active Western College alumna ever since. "Betsy," as she was known to her friends and classmates, was involved in alumnae activities early on, coming to Oxford with her mother, **Alice Schact Salt '47**, for Alumnae Weekends. Very much a family affair, Betsy's father, Charles Salt, was made an Honorary Alumnus in ... ([continue reading](#))



## Scholarship Recipients



*Myrissa Kelly  
2022*

I wish to bestow my heartfelt gratitude for being awarded the WCAA Peabody Scholarship. As a mother, I ap-

preciate all of the help and support I can get to finish my degree.

My education is everything to me! I was, at one point, a high school dropout. I have done everything in my power to rectify the mistakes I have made. I work endlessly to ensure that my daughter watches me and learns how to carry on when the odds are stacked against you. I share my knowledge with her at every opportunity and we enjoy learning and growing as a family.

My major in Psychological Sciences helps me to not only understand those around me, but also better understand myself. I have struggled with illness for the better part of 30 years and knowledge brings me closer to wellness. My second major in Forensic Science will allow me to work with those that have lost their way while also promoting wellness in their lives.

With the help of your scholarship, I can take one more step towards that graduation stage. My education at Miami allows me to better my family's life in the long run while also making them proud.



*Mathias Adjei  
2024*

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship. I must confess that the scholarship has made a great impact on my life by making it pos-

sible to have access to higher education. I am currently in my sophomore year majoring in Public Health and Entrepreneurship with Global Health as a minor.

I believe our worth is essentially unveiled by the contributions we make to our community. Wilks Leadership Institute here at Miami has a brilliant and diversified program designed to prepare future leaders for which I am completely persuaded to build on its liveliness by adding a touch of mine. With the call to make a change in our community, with regards to my experience as a student leader and aspiring club president, I can lead the charge and motivate other students.

By awarding me the Grace Chu International Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

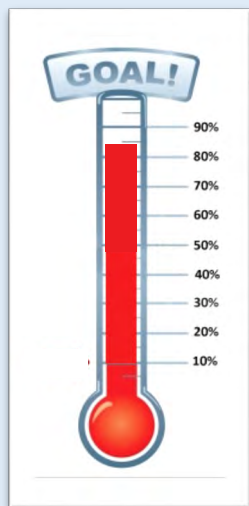


## Miami's 2021 Commencement

Western's own, Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins '74, served as the 2021 Miami University commencement speaker. Among her many accomplishments, Carolyn was elected as the 15th national president of the League of Women Voters in 1998, serving two terms and also chairing the League of Women Voters Education Fund. She was the first woman of color to be elected president. The hybrid ceremonies—both in-person and virtual—may be viewed [online](#).



## Western College Legacy Seminars Update



We are pleased to report that following the Western Virtual Alumnae Weekend 2021, with your most generous Class and Reunion Gifts, we have reached **84.4%, \$421,804.30** of our \$500,000 fundraising goal!

THANK YOU!

You may donate to the Western College Legacy Seminars or the WCAA Annual Fund via our [secured giving site](#) at any time.



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We are giving.

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