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COMPLETING THE WILLIAMS CAMPAIGN

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“In 2003 we launched The Williams Campaign to prepare students to shape the world in profound and positive ways, as Williams alumni have done for generations. Gifts from thousands of alumni, parents, and friends have now reached \$400 million, the campaign’s original goal, a year and a half ahead of schedule. Inspired by extraordinary generosity — and, more importantly, deeply aware of essential strategic initiatives yet to be fully funded — we will continue to press forward with the campaign until its original completion date of December 2008.”

— President Morton Owen Schapiro

What a Difference Four Years Have Made

Since the campaign began, the College has been able to substantially achieve its most ambitious dreams for Williams students. The College has hired 30 additional professors, reducing its student-faculty ratio from 8:1 to 7:1. Many courses are now small and intimate: 75 percent now enroll 19 or fewer students, versus 59 percent in 2000. Tutorials — Williams’ educational “gold standard” — have tripled from 21 in 2001 to 63 today. Students have more experiential opportunities, enabling them to apply classroom learning in a wide variety of field-work settings. Rigorous new requirements in writing and quantitative reasoning complement new interdepartmental and team-taught classes, which expose students to problems that transcend individual academic disciplines.

Vastly expanded need-based aid — in the form of larger grants and smaller loans to middle- and upper-middle income as well as lower-income students — makes Williams more affordable to a wider range of outstanding students. The College now aids families with incomes ranging from below poverty level to over \$190,000. Extending need-based aid to international students means that Williams undergraduates now better reflect an increasingly globalized society. New residential life initiatives help all students create a powerful learning community — bridging class years, interests, and backgrounds through a broad array of extracurricular activities.

Acclaimed new spaces support a great undergraduate experience. The ’62 Center for Theatre and Dance is a highly effective teaching facility as well as a magnificent performance space. The new Paresky Center gathers the entire Williams community — students, professors, and staff — under one roof. Paresky also creates new opportunities for student leadership through centralized, accessible, highly functional space for College Council, *The Record*, new residential neighborhood governance, and community service.

The Road Ahead

“By continuing our efforts over the next 18 months, we can fund a strategic plan that over six years has grown more ambitious and more powerfully effective for students and professors,” said President Schapiro. “And we can do so without shifting the financial burden to students’ families and still leave Williams in a position of strength to respond to future challenges and opportunities.”

Fulfilling the strategic plan means securing funding for the Stetson-Sawyer project, which will create a brand new library and media center and house two-thirds of Williams’ faculty. It also means more endowment to secure increased financial aid commitments that have doubled Williams’ aid budget, from \$15 million in 2001 to \$30 million in 2007. The College also seeks to sustain closer faculty-student interaction and new curricular initiatives through additional endowed professorships; programmatic support for tutorials, interdisciplinary, and experiential courses; and dedicated programming funds for the ’62 Center. Sustained funding for all of Williams’ new residential-life initiatives is also essential.

“As we enter The Williams Campaign’s final phase,” said President Schapiro, “I thank you all for what you have already done and will continue to do for our great college. Your generosity will support countless future generations of Williams students and extend a legacy of educational excellence farther into the future than anyone in our time can envision.”

How Williams Community Members Generously Supported Campaign Initiatives this Year

Alumni Fund and Parents Fund

More than 14,600 Williams alumni have contributed \$11.3 million to The Williams Campaign through this year’s Alumni Fund. The Parents Fund has received more than \$1.3 million in gifts from 1,500 parents of undergraduates and of alumni. Together, the Alumni Fund and Parents Fund have reached a record \$12.6 million, providing a steady stream of unrestricted monies that account for roughly six percent of Williams’ operating budget and support all of the campaign’s major objectives.

Leadership Giving

Since the campaign began, Williams has received 457 gifts from individual alumni and parents of \$100,000 or more. Seventy-three of these are for \$1 million or more; seven are for \$10 million or more. This year, the College has received 69 new leadership gifts of \$100,000 or more, 22 of which are for \$1 million or more, two of which are for \$10 million.

50th Reunion and 25th Reunion Gifts

The 50th Reunion Class of 1957 has raised over \$10 million to support the Alumni Fund, extend the seminal ’57 Scholars Program, and create the first endowment for the Summer

Research Program in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Class of 1982 gave an \$8.5-million 25th Reunion gift to the College, which includes an unprecedented \$2.5 million for the Alumni Fund and financial aid support through the Class of 1982 Scholarship and other gifts. In recognition of the class's generosity, the Paresky Center pub will be named "'82 Grill."

Planned Giving

Alumni, parents, and friends of Williams also "invest" in the College and the campaign through life income gift arrangements (charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and pooled income funds). Williams manages nearly \$100 million in life income gift assets for the immediate benefit of 800 individuals and the eventual benefit of the College. Life income arrangements can be tailored to meet the needs of individual beneficiaries, providing retirement income, supplementing grandchildren's college tuition expenses, or diversifying a portfolio in a tax-advantaged way.

** All campaign data current as of Reunion Weekend 2007.*