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INTRODUCTION

Dear Alumni,

The Alumni Association grants program started in 2007 with the forward thinking of the Alumni Association Board of Directors to utilize funds generated by the Association’s royalty and affinity programs including our credit card program, Liberty Mutual Insurance, and most recently from our partnership with Amazon.com.

The purpose of the Grants Program is to offer grants to alumni or members of the University community that support current student programs, student organizations, Alumni Association initiatives, and student and alumni athletics.

Mat Nelson ’93, then vice president of the Alumni Board of Directors, was charged with starting the grant process. The original team consisted of Amy Lewis ’88/G’00, past alumni board president and now a Trustee; Scott Davis ’76, Alumni Outreach Chair; Mike Coffey G’79, member-at-large, who would be our incoming vice president, and Nathan Schwartz ’06, one-year alumni Trustee.

Together, the team reviewed the first five proposals submitted and listened to the professional presentations that each student group made. They awarded funding to each of the groups for a total of approximately $10,000. From there, the team continued to review the proposals twice per year, word spread, and interest grew over the years.

In the past ten years, 276 grants totaling $378,926 has been awarded. Our funding has made a difference to the students and other applicants who were also fundraising or requesting funding from other sources. And as always, behind all of these decisions are alumni volunteers.

On behalf of the Alumni Association and the Grants Team, it is with great pleasure that we have supported the many wonderful and meaningful projects proposed by our students and faculty. As representatives of the global network of Western New England University alumni, we are thrilled to be able to help enhance the student experience and provide value to the alumni community.

I hope you enjoy reading about the programs and projects which have been funded over the years.

Sincerely,

Katie DeBeer
Director of Alumni Engagement
2007 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Mat Nelson (Chair), Scott Davis, Amy Lewis, Nathan Schwartz, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2007 Grants

Name of Organization: Historical Society
Summary of Project: This on-campus student organization sponsors a historical road trip; visiting area museums and other historical attractions to promote student engagement in our country’s history. For this grant, the Historical Society went to Rhode Island.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting & Finance Honor Society)
Summary of Project: Grant was utilized to attend the Beta Alpha Psi National Conference, which is a requirement of chapter membership. Attending students were provided the opportunity to network with others, as well as perform community service.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This all male peer-education group advocates for sexual awareness and educates the college’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant project was to become certified as an official One in Four chapter by completing training by the national organization.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Student Disability Services
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to support the Peer Mentoring Program for Students with Asperger’s Syndrome. Various teaching/learning resources were purchased and appropriate recreational opportunities for Mentors and mentees were allotted.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Computer Science & Information Technology Department
Summary of Project: Grant supported the Kids Involved with Technology & Science (K.I.T.S) program, which invites students from local area schools on to campus to learn about physics, chemistry, and computer science in fun, hands-on ways. Students were provided the opportunity to build computers, and participate in various physics & chemistry experiments.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Fall 2007 Grants

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone)
Summary of Project: Grant enabled the beautification project at Freedman Elementary School. Members of C.A.R.E repainted a map of the United States on the playground at Freedman
Elementary, which had become faded.

**Amount Awarded:** $200

**Name of Organization:** SWE (Society for Women Engineers)

**Summary of Project:** This student group hosted an Alumnae Dinner for five alumni women from the engineering program. This dinner provided student members an opportunity to network and interact with professional women currently working within the engineering field.

**Amount Awarded:** $600

**Name of Organization:** Alternative Spring Break

**Summary of Project:** Alternative Spring Break is a week-long service project where students are immersed into a new community and work directly with community members to combat different social issues. While the experiences associated with these trips are priceless, the trips themselves can be a bit costly to students. To help alleviate some of the costs, the students host a Pasta Dinner fundraiser. This grant helped fund the food and supplies needed to host this event.

**Amount Awarded:** $900

**Name of Organization:** C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone)

**Summary of Project:** Members of C.A.R.E hosted a spring-themed day for the children that attend the Gray House. The Gray House is a neighborhood center located in the North End of Springfield where local children go after school to receive homework help and have dinner. This grant funded healthy food and fun activities for the attending community children.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** Creative Writing Committee

**Summary of Project:** The grant was used to fund the Reading Series Program hosted on campus, including the cost of guest authors.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** United & Mutually Equal Connections Mentoring Program

**Summary of Project:** The Connections Program is designed to assist incoming multicultural students with the transition to the University’s academic and co-curricular life. This grant was utilized to fund various workshops and community service projects, designed to enhance the connections between mentors and mentees.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,275

**Name of Organization:** United & Mutually Equal Connections Mentoring Program

**Summary of Project:** The Connections Program is designed to assist incoming multicultural students with the transition to the University’s academic and co-curricular life. This grant was utilized to fund various workshops and community service projects, designed to enhance the connections between mentors and mentees.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,275

**Name of Organization:** Diversity Task Force

**Summary of Project:** The purpose of the task force is to help foster a community that will enrich students’ experiences through appreciation and celebration of diversity and difference.
This grant was utilized to help sponsor a Campus Community Diversity Training: Conversations on Race. Through this program, trained facilitators presented a “guided journey” dialogue for a group of 8-12 individuals. The facilitators were trained with the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and the intent of the program was for participants to become trainers for others in the campus community.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,400

**Name of Organization:** Association for Computing and Machinery (ACM)

**Summary of Project:** This grant helped sponsor the Kids in Computing (KIC) program. This program invited local middle school students to campus to learn about the multiple aspects of computers and technology. Students had the opportunity to work in partnership with current Western New England University students in the construction of computers, which were then sent back to the middle schools as donations.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** Department of Athletics

**Summary of Project:** This grant was used to purchase a professional, custom designed Golden Bear mascot to replace the current one, which had become damaged and deteriorated.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** Department of Mechanical Engineering: American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

**Summary of Project:** Four mechanical engineering graduates (May 2007) placed first in a regional ASME competition. Based on this win, they were invited to participate in the national competition held during the International Mechanical Engineering Conference and Exhibition (IMECE), which was held in Seattle, Washington. This grant was used to fund their travel expenses, as well as the shipping costs for their prototype design.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500
2008 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Mat Nelson (Chair), Scott Davis, Amy Lewis, Nathan Schwartz, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2008 Grants

Name of Organization: United & Mutually Equal Connections Mentoring Program
Summary of Project: This grant funded the registration fees for attendance of the International Mentoring Association Annual Conference, which was held in Las Vegas, NE.
Amount Awarded: $1,400

Name of Organization: Diversity Task Force
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to help sponsor the second part of the Campus Community Diversity Training: Conversations on Race. Through this program, trained facilitators presented a “guided journey” dialogue for a group of 8-12 individuals. The facilitators were trained with the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and the intent of the program was for participants to become aware of their own stereotypes & biases, as well as develop a personal commitment to work towards social change.
Amount Awarded: $1,800

Name of Organization: Residence Hall Association
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to for the student conference committee to host the NEACURH 2008 Regional Conference. Funds were used to purchase various supplies for participating delegates, as well as registration and binder requirements.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Creative Writing Committee
Summary of Project: This grant was used for expenses for the 2008-2009 Creative Writing Series
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting & Finance Honor Society)
Summary of Project: This grant was used for the registration fees for the Beta Alpha Psi National Conference, which was held in Anaheim, CA.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: Alternative Spring Break provides a week long service project where students are immersed into a new community and work directly with community members to combat different social issues. While the experiences associated with these trips are priceless, the trips themselves can be a bit costly to students. This grant has helped fund a Scholarship Fund for ASB participants. There is a specific scholarship application in addition to the ASB participant application.
Amount Awarded: $2,500
Name of Organization: Volunteer Connection Center  
Summary of Project: This grant funded a portion of Make A Difference Weekend, which is an opportunity for students to participate in different one-day service projects within the Springfield area. Projects include, but are not limited to Habitat for Humanity builds, leaf raking, and participating in the Ray of Hope Walk. Funds are used to help pay for food, supplies, and transportation needs.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: F.Y.R.E (First Year Residential Experience Program)  
Summary of Project: This grant provided funding for the annual Freshman Olympics program, which is held early in the fall semester. This grant helps purchase residence hall tee-shirts, which are used as building uniforms for the day’s events. At the end of the day, the team/building with the most points, wins a trophy and the title of Freshman Olympics Champion. The idea behind this program is to bring the freshman class together and establish some common bonds.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: BMES (Biomedical Engineering Society)  
Summary of Project: This grant funded the BME Fall Conference fees for students, which was held in St. Louis, MO.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Fall 2008 Grants

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Hunger & Homelessness Committee  
Summary of Project: This grant was used to sponsor a hunger banquet during national Hunger and Homelessness Week. This banquet was designed to educate the campus population on international and national hunger issues, with a specific discussion about the realities of hunger in Springfield. Funded through this grant was food, publicity needs, and miscellaneous supplies.  
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Criminal Justice Student  
Summary of Project: Grant was utilized for attendance to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences National Conference in 2009. During this conference, the student represented Western New England University through the presentation of his research paper on the topic of challenges to the 4th Amendment rights during school searches in the United States.  
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Management Association  
Summary of Project: Members of the Management Association volunteered for the Springfield Schools Volunteers Programs, which is a program that promotes the academic proficiency among K-12 Springfield Public School students. Volunteers were provided a tee shirt to help promote recognition and awareness of the community service project.  
Amount Awarded: $750
Name of Organization: SWE (Society of Women Engineers)
Summary of Project: This grant funded the 2nd Annual Alumnae Dinner. This project was funded the previous year and was a huge success. For this dinner, the organization invites four to five alumnae to attend the dinner and participate in a question and answer session. Funds were used to purchase food, as well as small thank you gifts for the attending alumnae.
Amount Awarded: $750

Name of Organization: Psi Chi (Psychology National Honor Society)
Summary of Project: Psi Chi hosted an Alumni Psychology Symposium, where they invited alumni to speak about their experiences in the Psychology field and/or further Psychology education. Funds were used to help with transportation costs of the guest speakers, as well as food for all attendees.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Children and Youth Committee
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to host a spring carnival for the children living at the Children’s Study Home located in Springfield. The Children’s Study Home services children and adolescents who have often experienced some form of abuse or neglect. This spring carnival was designed to provide the children with a fun, light-hearted event. Funds were used for food, game supplies, prizes, and inflatable activities.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: Model United Nations Club
Summary of Project: This grant was used to fund conference costs for delegates to attend the Model United Nations Club Conference Spring 2009. Delegates attended the Harvard Model United Nations Conference, as well as the Five College Simulation at Mount Holyoke College. Attendance at conferences help to broaden the students’ knowledge and understanding of international affairs, as well as enhance the respect for different cultures and backgrounds, which can be brought back to campus.
Amount Awarded: $1,100

Name of Organization: CareerCenter
Summary of Project: To assist new graduates with the transition into the working world, the CareerCenter provided individual copies of the Life After College brochure for the 2009 graduates. Funding was utilized for duplication costs at the Western New England University printing services.
Amount Awarded: $1,260

Name of Organization: Stageless Players
Summary of Project: This grant will help the group acquire a more professional drape system for the spring semester production.
Amount Awarded: $1,400
Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: Alternative Spring Break is a week-long service project where students are immersed into a new community and work directly with community members to combat different social issues. While the experiences associated with these trips are priceless, the trips themselves can be a bit costly to students. To help alleviate some of the costs, the students host a Pasta Dinner fundraiser. This fundraiser was designed to present the essence of the trips the students would be traveling on and provide an opportunity for the students to discuss what issues they would be tackling while on their trips.
Amount Awarded: $1,500

Name of Organization: Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society Leadership Team
Summary of Project: This grant funded the attendance of three leadership team members to attend the National Alpha Lambda Delta Conference in Anaheim, California. Participants were able to attend different workshops on various topics and skills, which were then brought back to the campus’ Alpha Lambda Delta chapter.
Amount Awarded: $1,500

Name of Organization: Cheerleading Club
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant was provided to support the purchase of 20 new uniforms due to the deterioration and inadequate sizes of the previous uniforms.
Amount Awarded: $2,000

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Children & Youth Committee
Summary of Project: This grant funded the 2nd Annual Spring Fling event with the Gray House located in the North End of Springfield. Through this event, C.A.R.E members and other chaperones took 18 children and their parents from the Gray House to the visit Project Oceanology in Connecticut, where they were able to take part in lighthouse expeditions, oceanographic cruises, and seal watches.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Guatemala Trip Integrated Liberal and Professional (ILP) Class
Summary of Project: This grant supported the 13 students and two professionals that were a part of this ILP course. As a part of this course, these students and professors traveled to San Lucas Guatemala to help with civil service programs, such as water supply projects. While in Guatemala, students had the opportunity to learn about the water sanitation systems, experience the Mayan economy and culture, as well as learn Spanish and the local Mayan language of Catchickel.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Department of Psychology & Student Disability Services
Summary of Project: This funding continued support of the Peer Mentoring Program for Asperger’s Syndrome. Through this grant, funding was provided for conference training expenses, additional resource materials, as well as various social skill activities between mentor and mentee.
Amount Awarded: $2,500
**Name of Organization:** Office of Marketing and External Affairs  
**Summary of Project:** This grant provided Registration Scholarships for 20 Western New England University Alumni to attend the POSSIBILITIES Symposium. The symposium is designed to provide an educational environment to share current practices in child safety. Funding from this grant was also utilized to supplement printing and other mailing costs for this symposium.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** One in Four  
**Summary of Project:** This all male peer-education group advocates for sexual awareness and educates the university’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant project provided necessary presentation materials, such as lapel microphones and uniformed attire for presenters.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** V-Day Committee  
**Summary of Project:** “V-Day is a global moment to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness and raise money.” This grant supported the student production of *The Vagina Monologues*, as well as an interactive reception. Funding was also used for printing costs of educational materials and publicity.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500
2009 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Tim Stelzer (Chair), Mike Coffey, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

2009 Grants

Name of Organization: Psychology Club
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to fund a portion of the registration fees for the Eastern Psychological Association Conference. Sixteen Psychology students were able to attend this conference.
Amount Awarded: $400

Name of Organization: Office of Diversity Programs & Services
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant was used to help enhance the GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) Resource Room, which is located in Rivers Hall. This room provided up-to-date resources pertaining to GLBTQ news and issues, as well as a safe space for members within the Western New England University community.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This all male peer-education group advocates for sexual awareness and educates the college’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant project provided funds to host a regional conference on campus with other male student leaders. Funding was used for conference supplies and speaker fees.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Global Sustainability Club
Summary of Project: Funding was utilized to sponsor a series of events during Earth Week. Events included a hiking trip to Green Mountain National Forest, presentations regarding one’s environmental footprint, as well as recycling competitions among the residence halls.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Biomedical Engineering Student
Summary of Project: Grant was provided for attendance to the Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics. During this conference, the student will represent Western New England University through the presentation of her research paper entitled “Coexistence of Stable ECM Solutions in the Lang-Kobayashi System”.
Amount Awarded: $675

Name of Organization: SWE (Society of Women Engineers)
Summary of Project: This grant funded the 3rd Annual Alumnae Dinner. This project was funded the previous two years and has been a continued success. For this dinner, the organization invites four to five female engineering alumnae to attend the dinner and participate in a question and answer session. Funds were used to purchase food, as well as small thank you gifts for the
attending alumnae.

**Amount Awarded:** $750

**Name of Organization:** C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Children and Youth Committee

**Summary of Project:** This grant was utilized to host the second spring carnival for the children living at the Children’s Study Home located in Springfield. The Children’s Study Home services children and adolescents who have often experienced some form of abuse or neglect. This spring carnival was designed to provide the children with a fun, light-hearted event. Funds were used for food, game supplies, prizes, and inflatable activities.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** Office of Freshman & Transfer Students

**Summary of Project:** This grant funded the Pre-Pharmacy Workshop Series, which was designed to foster a sense of community among the registered Pre-Pharmacy students. These students do not have a first year seminar course, so these workshops addressed many of the topics that other traditional first-year seminar courses touch on.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** Social Work Department

**Summary of Project:** This grant provided some funding for 10-15 Social Work students to travel to Washington D.C. and participate in several Social Work related experiences. Through this experience, students were provided the opportunity to visit the national headquarters for the National Association of Social Workers, meet with social work alum Bill Briggs ’96, visit various social work agencies, as well as meet with a congressional representative. Students were also able to visit various historical museums and monuments.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** School of Engineering Outreach Committee

**Summary of Project:** This grant funded an Engineering Outreach Activity where local middle-junior high teachers were invited to campus to participate in an engineering workshop. The workshop was facilitated by various Engineering faculty, as well as current Engineering students.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,100

**Name of Organization:** Model United Nations Club

**Summary of Project:** This grant was used again to fund conference costs for delegates to attend the Spring 2010 Model United Nations Club Conference. Delegates attended the Harvard Model United Nations Conference, as well as the Five College Simulation at Mount Holyoke College. The conference delegation also used some of the funding for a day-trip to New York City to tour the real United Nations.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,200

**Name of Organization:** Stageless Players

**Summary of Project:** This grant was utilized to help sponsor the spring semester production, including the purchase of two technical headsets for the backstage crew.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,200
Name of Organization: RHA (Residence Hall Association)
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to enhance and expand the Annual Spring Fling event held shortly before the close of the spring semester. Funding was used to purchase more inflatable activities and other interactive activities.
Amount Awarded: $1,250

Name of Organization: BMES (Biomedical Engineering Society)
Summary of Project: This grant funded the attendance of 15 members to the 36th Annual Northeast Biomedical Engineering Conference in New York, NY.
Amount Awarded: $1,425

Name of Organization: United & Mutually Equal Connections Mentoring Program
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to fund a mentors training retreat. Mentors received training on how to effectively deal with conflict, how to facilitate workshops, how to be an appropriate advocate for students, as well as other useful skills.
Amount Awarded: $1,500

Name of Organization: V-Day Committee
Summary of Project: “V-Day is a global moment to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness and raise money.” This grant supported the student production of *The Vagina Monologues*, as well as a screening of a V-Day documentary. Funding was also used for printing costs of educational materials and various publicity efforts.
Amount Awarded: $1,500

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Senior Citizens Committee
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant was used to purchase food and supplies so that students could hold a formal Valentine’s Dinner Dance at St. Luke’s Rest Home in Springfield.
Amount Awarded: $1,800

Name of Organization: N.S.B.E. (National Society of Black Engineers)
Summary of Project: This grant provided funding for the registration fees to the National Society of Black Engineers Annual Convention for students.
Amount Awarded: $1,820

Name of Organization: B.E.A.R (Building Experiences Among Residents)
Summary of Project: This grant provided funding for the annual Freshman Olympics program, which is held early in the fall semester. Funding from this grant helps purchase residence hall tee-shirts, which are used as building uniforms for the day’s events. At the end of the day, the team/building with the most points, wins a trophy and the title of Freshman Olympics Champion.
Amount Awarded: $2,000

Name of Organization: College of Business
Summary of Project: This grant funded a portion of the Learn2Succeed program. This program
works with promising junior and senior high school students from the Springfield area and teaches them various skills and training for success in their education and chosen careers.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,000

**Name of Organization:** Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society  
**Summary of Project:** These funds sponsored a Leadership Round Table during Leadership Week on campus. The Round Table included current students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The topics included various leadership skills and the importance of these skills in becoming successful.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,000

**Name of Organization:** Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development and Office of Residence Life  
**Summary of Project:** These funds were utilized for the development and implementation of the Senior Success Series. This series of workshops was designed to provide seniors with a leadership component that will assist their transition from life during college to the life beyond college. Workshops include mock interviews, budgeting, and how to interpret benefits packages.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,000

**Name of Organization:** Center for International Sport Business  
**Summary of Project:** This grant was used to support the program “For the Love of the Games.” This program continues of a project to bring interesting and prominent speakers from the world of sports to campus.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,000

**Name of Organization:** Alternative Spring Break  
**Summary of Project:** Alternative Spring Break is a week-long service project where students are immersed into a new community and work directly with community members to combat different social issues. While the experiences associated with these trips are priceless, the trips themselves can be a bit costly to students. This grant has helped fund a Scholarship Fund for ASB participants.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** LaRiviere Living and Learning Center  
**Summary of Project:** The LaRiviere Living and Learning Center is a residence facility for sophomore students, which is also the home to several classrooms. This grant was utilized to celebrate the tenth year anniversary of this facility, and to celebrate and acknowledge all that Mr. & Mrs. LaRiviere have contributed to this facility.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500
2010 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Tim Stelzer (Chair), Mike Coffey, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2010 Grants

Name of Organization: Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development and Office of Residence Life
Summary of Project: These funds supported the continued implementation of the Senior Success Series. This series of workshops was designed to provide seniors with skills and knowledge that would assist with their transition from life during college to the life beyond college. Workshops included examining medical benefits, dressing for success, and hearing from alumni who spoke about “what they wish they knew.”
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Hunger & Homelessness Committee
Summary of Project: This grant was used to sponsor a variety of educational events during National Hunger Week. Events included sponsoring a hunger banquet, volunteering in a local food shelter, and conducting a food drive.
Amount Awarded: $600

Name of Organization: Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting & Finance Honor Society)
Summary of Project: This grant funded the registration fees for three students to attend the National Conference of Beta Alpha Psi in San Jose, California.
Amount Awarded: $630

Name of Organization: RHA (Residence Hall Association)
Summary of Project: This grant funded the registration fees for four delegates to attend the National Association of Colleges and Universities of Residence Halls (NACURH) National Conference, which was held at the University of San Diego, California.
Amount Awarded: $900

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Children and Youth Committee
Summary of Project: This grant funded activities for a Halloween party for the children at the Gray House located in the North End of Springfield. This party was held during Make A Difference Weekend and was part of the Kid’s Club program at the Gray House.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This all male peer-education group advocates for sexual awareness and educates the college’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant project
provided funds to continue the yearly training, as well as sponsor the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event. The event promoted awareness of sexual assault and other challenges women encounter. 

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** Center for International Sport Business

**Summary of Project:** This grant funded a portion of the Seminar Abroad 2010: FIFA World Cup/South Africa for 11 students and 2 faculty members. Attendees participated in an 8-day tour of South Africa, volunteered at several events, and attended several soccer matches during the World Cup.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** Western New England University Music Program

**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant helped sponsor the Chamber Music Concert Series. This series was free of charge, and featured local professional musicians. It included a one-hour performance, as well as a meet and greet reception.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,000

**Name of Organization:** C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone): Senior Citizens Committee

**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant were used to sponsor a social event with C.A.R.E members and veterans at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, MA.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,200

**Name of Organization:** Volunteer Connection Center

**Summary of Project:** This grant funded a portion of Make A Difference Weekend, which is an opportunity for students to participate in different one-day service projects within the Springfield area. Projects included Habitat for Humanity builds, leaf raking, and participating in the Ray of Hope Walk. Funds are used to help pay for food, supplies, and transportation needs.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** RHA (Residence Hall Association)

**Summary of Project:** This grant supported a 24-hour community service based event called “We Never Ever Close Service Extravaganza,” which took place in March 2011. Funds will be used to purchase food, decorations, publicity, and activities for area children and other participants.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** Office of Freshman & Transfer Students

**Summary of Project:** This grant helped fund the Urban Plunge portion of the Bear Tracks’ Program. Bear Tracks is a pre-orientation program, which provides the opportunity to establish connections before the academic year begins. The Urban Plunge is an opportunity for students to participate in 2 ½ days of community service projects in Springfield. Funds from this grant were used for food and lodging of the participating students.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500
Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: Alternative Spring Break is a week-long service project where students are immersed into a new community and work directly with community members to combat different social issues. While the experiences associated with these trips are priceless, the trips themselves can be a bit costly to students. This grant was used to fund a Scholarship Fund for ASB participants. This grant was also used to help fund the annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser, which also helps alleviate trip costs for participating students.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Department of Computer Science and Information Technology
Summary of Project: This grant helped fund the 2010 Computer Summer Camp, which are two, 2-day camps geared towards middle and high school students, and is designed to provide students the opportunity to explore different computer science and technology subjects.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

**Fall 2010 Grants**

Name of Organization: Undergraduate Class: History 345 World War II & The Holocaust
Summary of Project: This grant helped to fund a field trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust located in New York City, in which thirteen students and one faculty member attended. After the trip, attendees created a visual presentation of their experience for members of the class that were unable to attend the field trip.
Amount Awarded: $200

Name of Organization: Biomedical Engineering Society
Summary of Project: Grant will be utilized to fund the registration fees for 15 students to attend the Northeast Regional Bioengineering Conference located at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY in April 2011.
Amount Awarded: $450

Name of Organization: Institute of Industrial Engineers- WNE Student Chapter
Summary of Project: This grant will be used to fund the registration fees for 10 students to attend the Northeast Regional Industrial Engineering Conference located at Northeastern University in Boston, MA in March 2011.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Awareness Committee
Summary of Project: This grant funded the Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, Read Across America project. In March 2011, C.A.R.E members attended several local elementary schools and contributed to a read-aloud with the children. Members also visited patients at the Shriner’s Hospital for children and contributed to a read-aloud there as well. A few C.A.R.E members dressed in Cat in the Hat costumes and provided Cat in the Hat hats for the children. They also donated several Dr. Seuss books to the hospital for the patients.
Amount Awarded: $500
Name of Organization: GLBTQA Resource Room
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant was used to continue to enhance the GLBTQA Resource Room, located in Rivers Hall. This room provides up-to-date resources pertaining to GLBTQA news and issues, as well as a safe space for members within the Western New England University community.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Sustainability Class, School of Arts & Sciences
Summary of Project: This grant was used for the set up requirements of a pollination garden, located in the parking lot on Valley Road. Funds were also used toward printing costs of several business reports and a laminated marketing poster of the project.
Amount Awarded: $540

Name of Organization: Global Sustainability Club
Summary of Project: This grant supported a variety of interactive and educational activities for the Earth Week and Earth Day Festival, which took place during Earth Week in April 2011.
Amount Awarded: $600

Name of Organization: RHA (Residence Hall Association)
Summary of Project: This grant funded a portion of the Tunnel of Oppression project April 2011. The Tunnel of Oppression is a multimedia tour designed to make individuals aware of the different types of oppression that take place across the world every day. This Tunnel of Oppression focused on the following areas: social class, physical disabilities, body image, homophobia, religious oppression, genocide, relationship violence, race, and civility.
Amount Awarded: $600

Name of Organization: The Office of Learning Beyond the Classroom
Summary of Project: This grant supported the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day Challenge, which was designed as a means to encourage students to spend their “day off” giving back to the community through various service projects. The Challenge includes a day of leadership and orientation workshops, as well as post-service reflection opportunities.
Amount Awarded: $757

Name of Organization: Model United Nations Club
Summary of Project: This grant was used again to fund conference costs for delegates to attend the Model United Nations Club Conference and 5 Colleges Conference during the 2011 Spring semester. Delegates attended the Harvard Model United Nations Conference, as well as the Five Colleges Model U.N. Conference at Mount Holyoke College.
Amount Awarded: $900

Name of Organization: U & ME (United & Mutually Equal)
Summary of Project: Funds were utilized to help sponsor the 12th Annual World Festival, which took place during the 2010 Fall semester. World Festival is an event that celebrates food, culture, and entertainment for around the world. Grant funds were used to increase the number of cultural performances and ethic food that was to be provided. This event was also designed to assist with the transition of the increased number of international students that arrived on campus.
during the summer and fall.

Amount Awarded: $1,000

**Name of Organization:** V-Day Committee  
**Summary of Project:** “V-Day is a global moment to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness and raise money.” This grant was utilized again to support the student productions of *The Vagina Monologues*, and *A Memoir, Memory, Rant & Prayer*, as well as a reception immediately following the Friday night performance. Funds were also put toward printing costs of educational materials, various publicity efforts, and the screening of the documentary *Until the Violence Stops.*  

Amount Awarded: $1,000

**Name of Organization:** C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Children & Youth Committee  
**Summary of Project:** This grant was again utilized to host the annual spring carnival for the boys living at the Children’s Study Home located in Springfield. This spring carnival is designed to provide the children with a fun, light-hearted event they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to participate. Funds were used for food, game supplies, prizes, and inflatable activities.

Amount Awarded: $1,200

**Name of Organization:** Office of First Year Students & Students in Transition  
**Summary of Project:** This grant supports the Urban Plunge portion of the Bear Tracks’ Program. Bear Tracks is a pre-orientation program, which provides the opportunity to establish connections before the academic year begins. The Urban Plunge portion is an opportunity for students to participate in two and one half days of community service projects in Springfield. Funds from this grant will again be used for food and lodging of the participating students.

Amount Awarded: $1,500

**Name of Organization:** English Department  
**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant were used to sponsor the “Readings” program designed by the English Department. Through this program, the English Department invited published authors to read their work and/or speak about the process of writing and becoming published. These events took place throughout the 2011 Spring semester.

Amount Awarded: $2,000

**Name of Organization:** B.E.A.R (Building Experiences Among Residents)  
**Summary of Project:** This grant provided funding for the annual BEAR Olympics program, which is held early during the fall semester. Funding from this grant helps purchase residence hall tee-shirts, which are used as building uniforms for the day’s events. At the end of the day, the team/building with the most points, wins a trophy and the title of Bear Olympics Champion. This program was designed to establish connections between first-year students, their residence halls, and to the Residence Life staff.

Amount Awarded: $2,500
Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This all male peer-education group advocates for sexual awareness and educates the college’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant project provided the necessary funding for presentation materials, such as lapel microphones and uniformed attire for presenters. This funding also supported the overall sustainability of this organization.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business
Summary of Project: This grant funds for the program “For the Love of the Games.” This program is a continuation of a project that seeks to bring prominent speakers from the world of sports to campus. Tentative speakers for the 2011 schedule were Sandy Alderson, MLB’s representative in the Dominican Republic and Sunil Gulati, president of USA Soccer.
Amount Awarded: $2,500
2011 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Tim Stelzer (Chair), Mat Nelson, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2011 Grants

Name of Organization: BMES (Biomedical Engineering Society)
Summary of Project: Grant was utilized to fund the registration fees for 18 students to attend the National BMES conference in Hartford, Connecticut.
Amount Awarded: $1,980

Name of Organization: Guatemala Field Experience (ILP 296 – Global Health & Technology)
Summary of Project: This grant supported a field experience to Guatemala for 13 students. During this field experience, students had the opportunity to investigate the healthcare and technology challenges facing the local population.
Amount Awarded: $1000

Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This all male peer-education group advocates to educate the university’s population on the prevention of rape and sexual assault. This grant helped fund the continued success and growth of the One in Four organization, as well as the registration for two members to attend the “From Theory to Practice” conference in Washington, D.C.
Amount Awarded: $1,200

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone)
Summary of Project: This grant was used to fund a portion of the Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, Read Across America project. In March 2012, members visited several local elementary schools to conduct a read-aloud program and participate in various educational activities with the children. Books were purchased for each class that participated in the read-aloud.
Amount Awarded: $200

Name of Organization: CISB (Center for International Sport Business)
Summary of Project: This grant continued to help fund the “For the Love of the Games” speaker series. Through this program, prominent and distinguished personalities from the world of sport business have been brought to campus. A tentative speaker scheduled is Don Porter, International Softball Federation President.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Western New England Music Program
Summary of Project: Funds from this grant helped to sponsor the Chamber Music Concert Series. This series featured various local professional musicians and ensembles for students and the community to enjoy.
Amount Awarded: $1,200
Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Senior Citizen Committee
Summary of Project: This grant helped to fund a prom hosted at the Saint Luke’s Senior Citizen Home located in Springfield. The event included dinner, dancing, and crafts.
Amount Awarded: $1,500

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Children & Youth Committee
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant helped to sponsor the Halloween field trip for the children at the Gray House during Make A Difference Weekend. This grant also helped fund other smaller activities that took place during the after school program at the Gray House.
Amount Awarded: $300

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E (Community Action Rewards Everyone) Children & Youth Committee
Summary of Project: This grant helped to fund the 4th annual “Day at the Carnival” at The Children’s Study Home in Springfield. Funding provided various supplies for the carnival, as well as support for other smaller activities throughout the year.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: U & ME (United & Mutually Equal)
Summary of Project: Funds from this grant supported an international student trip to New York City where 16 students visited the Statue of Liberty and museum, had lunch at the Havana Central Restaurant, as well as other activities.
Amount Awarded: $608

Name of Organization: U & ME (United & Mutually Equal)
Summary of Project: Funds was used to help sponsor the annual World Festival program. World Festival is a celebration of food and culture. This event is designed to assist in raising awareness of the many cultures from around the world.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: CISB (Center for International Sport Business)
Summary of Project: This grant will continue to help fund the “For the Love of the Games” speaker program. Through this program, prominent and distinguished personalities from the world of sport business have been brought campus. Tentative speakers scheduled include Justine Siegal, first female to toss batting practice to MLB players, and alumnus Rodney Smith, two-time gold medal Olympian.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Fall 2011 Grants

Name of Organization: Colleges of Business and Engineering, Product Development and Innovation Course
Summary of Project: Funds from this grant will help sponsor the three credit, multi-disciplinary course open to engineering and business seniors. The course will expose students to the
challenges and advantages of working in a multi-disciplinary, team-oriented, and real-world environment while also providing them with the skills in product innovation and development.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development

**Summary of Project:** This grant will help fund the GLBTQA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Ally) Resource Room which is aimed to the education, support, and awareness of the GLBTQA community at Western New England University. The Resource Room also serves as a “safe space” for GLBTQA students, staff, and faculty members.

**Amount Awarded:** $500

**Name of Organization:** Mathematics Department

**Summary of Project:** This grant will support their undergraduate mathematics conference on campus. The goal of the HRUMC (Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference) is to provide undergraduates with the experience of attending and/or presenting at a professional mathematics meeting.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** Improv on the Rocks

**Summary of Project:** This grant will help to send students to the 2011 ImprovBoston College Bean Pot. Here the students have the chance to improve their skills and also receive valuable information that can be passed to Improv members in the future.

**Amount Awarded:** $300

**Name of Organization:** Student Disability Services

**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant will help to bring the Saint Louis University’s College of Education & Public Service exhibit to campus. The exhibit was created to raise the student awareness of people with disabilities through respect, comfort during interactions, and a general awareness of disabilities. The funds will allow for the University to purchase a workshop version of the physical exhibit.

**Amount Awarded:** $500

**Name of Organization:** BEAR (Building Experience Among Residents) Olympics & Bar-B-Que

**Summary of Project:** This grant will support the BEAR Olympics held in September each year as part of the welcoming activities. The event allows first-year students to show their pride and to build their connection with Western New England University.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** Writing Resource Center

**Summary of Project:** Funding from this grant will start the first annual Writing Tutors’ Conference at Western New England University. This conference is intended to bring together area faculty, support services, staff, university tutors, and alumni who are involved in education at all levels.

**Amount Awarded:** $800
Name of Organization: Western New England Investment Group
Summary of Project: This grant will help to cover the cost of the Investment group’s portfolio management costs. As a student run, paper trading portfolio group, the grant will cover the monthly access cost of running the portfolio management website that helps to manage the investments. The website provides the group with all the tools it needs to carry out its investment activities.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: CARE (Community Action Rewards Everyone)
Summary of Project: This grant will support the clean-up efforts of the Connecticut River and the surrounding area. The students plan to clean up the surrounding forest and pick up trash. They will also educate other students during Earth Week and clean up in the communities around Western New England University.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: CARE (Community Action Rewards Everyone)
Summary of Project: Volunteer Appreciation Week is a project that is intended to recognize those who volunteer in CARE and other groups on the Western New England campus. Nationally established in 1974, this week recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of those who have volunteered in the community, and is meant to motivate, current and future students.
Amount Awarded: $600

Name of Organization: CARE (Community Action Rewards Everyone)
Summary of Project: This grant will support the purchase of new CARE University shirts. Since the change from College to University, the CARE tee shirts need to be updated. With these new shirts, members and executive board members will be recognized as part of CARE at the many volunteer events that they attend.
Amount Awarded: $650

Name of Organization: Sustainability Class Project
Summary of Project: Based on last year’s progress, the students that are majoring in sustainability are going to use the plan for the Pollination Garden of last year and try to renovate a neglected traffic island that is found on Pasadena Street in the Forest Park neighborhood. By working with other non-profit agencies (Keep Springfield Beautiful and the Springfield Garden Club) they are hoping to bring the neighborhood together to take care of the garden once it is completed.
Amount Awarded: $600

Name of Organization: Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (ODK)
Summary of Project: Funds from this grant would go to support bringing alumni speakers to campus for the induction ceremony. The alumni will share their experiences post-graduation with the students.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Pharmacy Student Governance Association
Summary of Project: This grant will help support the College of Pharmacy Former Student Dinner. There will be about 400 former Pre-Pharmacy students invited along with guests such as President Caprio, Dean Robinson and others. The purpose of the dinner is to have previous students network with current students.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: United & Mutually Equal
Summary of Project: Funding from this grant will provide the opportunity for the mentor to focus on developing their leadership skills and form a united team. This Connection’s Mentoring Program Leadership Retreat professionally trains mentors with skills to guide their mentees through times of crisis, teaching mentees responsibility, and how to deal with different conflicts and struggles.
Amount Awarded: $700

Name of Organization: United & Mutually Equal
Summary of Project: This grant will help fund the Ebony Food Festival and gospel concert. Each year in honor of Black History Month, United & Mutually Equal invites local Gospel choirs to perform at the event.
Amount Awarded: $200

Name of Organization: United & Mutually Equal
Summary of Project: This grant was utilized to help fund the end of the year banquet for the United & Mutually Equal members. This is a time where students’ successes are celebrated and their contributions are acknowledged. The seniors of the club are also recognized for their dedication to the campus community.
Amount Awarded: $700

Name of Organization: Mortar Board
Summary of Project: Mortar Board is a national honor society for college seniors. This grant will raise awareness and to help promote their Reading is Leading program which helps the children who live in the Springfield community.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: Model United Nations
Summary of Project: The fifty-eighth session of the National United Nations will be held by Harvard University. This year Western New England was selected to represent the country of Monaco. This conference was held in February 2011. With the support of Assistant Dean Keizer and the advisor Dr. Plum these students will be involved in politics, international relations, and diplomacy.
Amount Awarded: $1,200

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: For twelve years the Alternative Spring Break Program has given students the opportunity to help others. In Spring 2012, students had the opportunity to aid low income families in Radford, VA; restore and preserve the environment in Chataawahatchee Bay, FL; and work with children with disabilities and emotional issues at the Crotched Mountain in
Greenfield, NH.

Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: CARE (Community Action Rewards Everyone)

Summary of Project: Funds from this grant supported CARE in continuing to help the community directly. The activity funded was to raise awareness of hunger issues. During the week students can go to the campus center and make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that at the end of the day will be given to local organizations to help them feed the hungry in Springfield.

Amount Awarded: $250
2012 FUNDED GRANTS

**Grants Team:** Tim Stelzer, Mat Nelson, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

### Spring 2012 Grants

**Name of Organization:** Colleges of Business and Engineering  
**Summary of Project:** The Project Development and Innovation course for the College of Business and Engineering undergraduate seniors was launched in 2009. This course was designed to give students a multi-disciplinary class that provides hands on experience. This funding supported the trip to the ASME Show where the competition was held in mid-June.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** One in Four  
**Summary of Project:** One in Four is an all-male group that hosts training and awareness concerning the national average that one in four females are assaulted while in college. This grant assisted in raising awareness through the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,450

**Name of Organization:** BEAR (Building Experiences Among Residents)  
**Summary of Project:** This grant helped to fund this year’s BEAR Olympics and the BEAR BBQ that follows the event. Each year this event helps build team spirit and helps with the freshman student integration process. All freshman resident halls are grouped for the games, allowing them to get to know other students in their resident halls.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** United & Mutually Equal  
**Summary of Project:** This grant was utilized to help fund The World Festival which celebrates the diversity of the University in presenting musical and other performances. This grant also supported the Alumni Networking Event, Ebony Food Festival, Asian Fusion, and Apparel for the Civility Leadership Team.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** Program in Law & Society  
**Summary of Project:** This grant supports registration fees for two students who will be attending the 2012 International Conference on Law and Society. At this conference there will be the American Law and Society Association, Research Committee on Sociology of Law, and many other national and international groups. This conference happens once every five years.  
**Amount Awarded:** $365

**Name of Organization:** D’Amour Library  
**Summary of Project:** The funds from this grant will be purchase a glass exhibition case to display unique and important information of interest to our campus community in the D’Amour Library. This case will be located on the first floor and will be seen by all students and visitors.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500
Name of Organization: Department of Computer Science and Information Technology  
**Summary of Project:** This grant supports the 2012 Computer Summer Camp which consists of two five day camps: one for high school students and one for middle school students. These camps will expose the students to computer science and information technology.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

Name of Organization: National Residence Hall Honorary  
**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant will support the induction ceremony for all the new inductees. Alumni are also invited for the formal ceremony where the new inductees receive their pin and certificates.  
**Amount Awarded:** $400

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business  
**Summary of Project:** “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker series has evolved and inspired “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire,” which is a lunchtime speaker series. Featured speakers include nationally recognized speakers such as, a New York Times sports writer, Lynn Zinser and the general manager of the New York Mets, Sandy Alderson.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business  
**Summary of Project:** While in Great Britain for the summer Olympics the student delegation plans to go to East London to teach underprivileged children. The grant will provide the equipment needed along with shirts and snacks.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,200

Name of Organization: Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will help send two students to the Hartford, Connecticut Northeast Regional 2012 NACA conference. At the conference the students would be representing the GLBTQ Resource Room. There the students have the chance to learn about diversity related programs and opportunities to bring them back to campus.  
**Amount Awarded:** $500

Name of Organization: Office of First Year Students and Students in Transition  
**Summary of Project:** This grant helps to help fund the Freshman Focus Programs and the Bear Tracks Program. The Freshman Focus Programs are designed to help educate new students. The Bear Tracks Program is helps freshman bond with each other and develop a connection with the Springfield community. There will be two programs, Urban Plunge and Outdoor Adventure.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

Name of Organization: Music Program  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will bring guest artists for the chamber music concert series on campus. This yearly concert has been growing since the first concert in February 2011. This concert will be held in the Law School Atrium.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,200
Name of Organization: CARE (Community Action Rewards Everyone)  
Summary of Project: The funds from this grant will support Earth Week, Volunteer Appreciation Week, the Spring Carnival at the Children’s Study Home, Hunger and Homelessness Week, the Prom at St. Luke’s Senior Citizens Home, and Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, and the Read Across America Campaign.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500  

**Fall 2012 Grants**

Name of Organization: Model United Nations Club  
Summary of Project: This grant supports students going to Harford to participate in the National Model United Nations Conference where each club represents a country.  
Amount Awarded: $1,125  

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business  
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500  

Name of Organization: Department of Computer Science and Information Technology  
Summary of Project: This grant will go to support the 2013 Computer Summer Camp. This camp is a community outreach program initiated by the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology. There are two five-day camps; one is focused on middle school students and the other is aimed at high school students. In the program students will work with Mobil Apps, Scratch programming, Robotics, and various theoretic concepts of computer science.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500  

Name of Organization: Mortar Board Senior Honors Society  
Summary of Project: This grant will support the “I Rode the Golden Bear” tee shirts and WNE Coloring books which will raise visibility of the “Reading is Leading” program, which benefits the Springfield community.  
Amount Awarded: $900  

Name of Organization: The GLBTQA Resource Room  
Summary of Project: This grant will support the GLBTQA Resource Room. The room is a source of information for students, staff, faculty, and alumni regarding issues facing the GLBTQA community. Such information is provided in the form of programming, books, movies and other materials, and is a safe space for members of the Western New England University community.  
Amount Awarded: $400  

Name of Organization: College of Engineering Outreach Committee  
Summary of Project: This grant will fund activities that enhance the College of Engineering’s involvement with the local community and draw interest from local high school students.
Examples of typical outreach activities are the planned water filtration activity with Springfield Central High School students and the senior design poster presentations by senior engineering students to high school students.

**Amount Awarded:** $650

**Name of Organization:** Alternative Spring Break  
**Summary of Project:** Alternative Spring Break enables students to help others through service trips during spring break. Service trips include working with the following organizations and locations: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; Coalition of Immokalee Workers in Immokalee, Florida; and Beans and Rice in Radford, Virginia. After Super Storm Sandy, New York was added and received funding of $1,000.

**Amount Awarded:** $3,500

**Name of Organization:** Improv on the Rocks  
**Summary of Project:** The funds from this grant will be allocated towards participation in the Beanpot Comedy Festival. The Beanpot Comedy Festival is a three day improv event in which college students participate in various improv competitions, receive stage time to showcase talents in front of a live audience, and participate in workshops by improv professionals.

**Amount Awarded:** $360

**Name of Organization:** Stageless Players  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will sponsor the Stageless Players Spring 2013 Musical entitled, *I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change*. This event will be held in collaboration with the Department of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,350

**Name of Organization:** United and Mutually Equal  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will support United and Mutually Equal to provide the campus community with an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate a multiethnic and multicultural community on campus. Examples Activities include the Student Solidarity Conference in 2013, Civility Leadership training, and a U&ME alumni networking event.

**Amount Awarded:** $500

**Name of Organization:** Pharmacy Student Governance Association  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will support the annual dinner for current pharmacy students and past pharmacy students who participated in the joint program between the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Hampden College of Pharmacy and Western New England. The purpose of the dinner is to reestablish connection and potentially create mentorships for current students.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** Society of Women Engineers  
**Summary of Project:** Funds from this grant will help to support a trip to the Society of Women Engineers Regional Conference at the University of Connecticut. Conference will provide networking opportunities, sessions dealing with work/life balance, and career options.

**Amount Awarded:** $810
2013 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Tim Stelzer, Mat Nelson, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2013 Grants

Name of Organization: Senior Biology student
Summary of Project: This grant will fund per diem meals for the student traveling to present his research at the American Society of Microbiology Conference in Denver Colorado.
Amount Awarded: $524

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Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Electrical and Computer Engineering
Summary of Project: This grant will allow the department to give each graduating senior a polo shirt embroidered with the College of Engineering and Western New England University’s logos.
Amount Awarded: $950

Name of Organization: Massachusetts Kappa Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon
Summary of Project: This grant will fund the installation ceremony for the WNE chapter of this national honorary society.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: WNE Office of Community Relations
Summary of Project: This grant will fund the WNE/Glickman Swim Program that addresses the need for swim instruction and greater self-esteem among Springfield’s inner city youth.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: One in Four
Summary of Project: This grant will fund the Walk a Mile, Denim Day, One in Four Training and presentations for this all male peer-education group.
Amount Awarded: $1,000
Name of Organization: Western New England Archives
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund the archival of Western New England College materials.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Center for Civic Engagement
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund the three day Bear Tracks- Urban Plunge program which is designed to immerse first year students in the Springfield community to explicate the issue of food security and justice as it related to the low income population.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E.
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund the Hunger and Homelessness Week and the St. Luke’s Prom.
Amount Awarded: $1,000

Name of Organization: Center for Civic Engagement
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund the Bear Tracks- Outdoor Adventure program which places first year students in team-building and self-exploration activities in the great outdoors.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: National Residence Hall Honorary
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund the National Residence Hall Honorary Induction Ceremony.
Amount Awarded: $500

Name of Organization: Office of Residence Life
Summary of Project: This grant will help to fund Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Institute Gatekeeper Training. QPR training will teach residence life staff to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to get help and save a life.
Amount Awarded: $640

Name of Organization: Department of Athletics
Summary of Project: This grant will support in part Golden Bear Sports Network’s (GBSN), live streaming video content of 100 home games.
Amount Awarded: $2,500 (via special request summer 2013)

**Fall 2013 Grants**

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500
Name of Organization: Colleges of Business and Engineering
Summary of Project: The Project Development and Innovation course for the College of Business and Engineering undergraduate seniors was launched in 2009. This course was designed to give students a multi-disciplinary class that provides hands on experience.
Amount Awarded: $2,000

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: Alternative Spring Break enables students to help others through service trips during spring break. Trips include working with the following organizations and locations: Youth Villages in Memphis, TN; Urban Tree Connection in Philadelphia, PA; Civil Rights Tour in Atlanta and Birmingham AL and Memphis and Nashville, TN; Beans and Rice in Pulaski, VA.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: BEAR (Building Experience Among Residents) Olympics
Summary of Project: This grant will support the BEAR Olympics held in September each year as part of the welcoming activities. The event allows first-year students to show their pride and to build their connection with Western New England University.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Baja SAE Team- Preparation for the 2015 Competition
Summary of Project: This group will represent Western New England University in the annual international Baja (car) SAE Engineering Design Competition. Students are challenged to design and build off-road single-passenger cars that put to the test the rigors of proper engineering practice.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Department of Computer Science and Information Technology
Summary of Project: This grant will support the 2014 Computer Summer Camp. This camp is a community outreach program initiated by the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology. There are two five-day camps; one is focused on middle school students and the other is aimed at high school students. In the program students will work with Mobile Apps, Scratch programming, Robotics, and various theoretic concepts of computer science.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Improv on the Rocks
Summary of Project: The funds from this grant will be allocated towards participation in the Beanpot Comedy Festival. The Beanpot Comedy Festival is a three day improv event in which college students participate in various improv competitions, receive stage time to showcase talents in front of a live audience, and participate in an educational seminar including development workshops and a panel discussion with Improv Boston executives.
Amount Awarded: $420

Name of Organization: Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (ODK)
Summary of Project: Funds from this grant will support the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014
induction ceremonies. ODK will celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2014. Funding will also offset the cost of graduation cords for ODK seniors.

**Amount Awarded:** $500

**Name of Organization:** C.A.R.E. (Community Action Rewards Everyone)

**Summary of Project:** This grant will help to fund the Children’s Study Home Carnival hosted by WNE students.

**Amount Awarded:** $510

**Name of Organization:** Concert Band

**Summary of Project:** This grant will allow the band to purchase a baritone saxophone. With this instrument purchase the expansion of the music program will continue to bring music to the student body, faculty and community, as well as encouraging alumni to return and continue to be an important part of the University.

**Amount Awarded:** $850

**Name of Organization:** Model United Nations Club

**Summary of Project:** This grant supports conference registration fees to allow students to attend the National Model United Nations Conference at Harvard University.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,200
2014 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Ed Lavoie, chair; Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Gary Cromack, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2014 Grants

Name of Organization: Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will allow Professor Laura L. Hansen to attend the NGCRC International Gang Specialist Training Conference. There she will acquire her certification as an International Gang Specialist in the areas of gang problems in grades K-8, as well as gang and violence prevention for school administrators. Certification will impact any of Professor Hansen’s 200+ students, and as a research partner for South Holyoke’s Safe Neighborhood Initiative. This group is currently applying for grants, and this certification will add legitimacy to their efforts.  
**Amount Awarded:** $700

Name of Organization: Student Disability Services  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will fund the purchase of five Pulse Smart Pens and a laptop computer outfitted with various assistive technologies such as screen readers, text-to-speech and voice recognition software. These will assist the Office of Student Disability Services in creating a more equitable learning experience for WNE students with disabilities.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,125

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business  
**Summary of Project:** This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Summary of Project:** These funds will support the designing and building of a net-zero technologically innovative and aesthetically pleasing full-size solar powered house. After the design process is complete, the students will build, test and transport the house to Irvine, CA in the fall of 2015. Green-related courses will be established at the University, as well as community outreach programs. The students will attend training and education seminars during the competition.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

Name of Organization: One in Four  
**Summary of Project:** Funding will support the Walk a Mile, Denim Day, for this all male peer-education group.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,350

Name of Organization: C.A.R.E. (Community Action Rewards Everyone)  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will help to fund the Hunger & Homelessness Week, visits to
The Children’s Study Home, and a trip for WNE students to Heifer International.

**Amount Awarded:** $800

**Name of Organization:** Biomedical Engineering Society

**Summary of Project:** These funds will pay the registration fees for students to attend the Biomedical Engineering Society National Conference in San Antonio, Texas in October 2014.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,260

**Name of Organization:** Baja SAE Team - Preparation for the 2015 Competition

**Summary of Project:** This group will represent Western New England University in the annual international Baja (car) SAE Engineering Design Competition. Students are challenged to design and build off-road single-passenger cars that put to the test the rigors of proper engineering practice. Tools will be purchased with this support.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** College of Pharmacy Chapter of Student Society of Health System Pharmacists (SSHP)

**Summary of Project:** This grant will allow the purchase of supplies to enable the students to host on and off campus health fairs.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,750

**Name of Organization:** College of Pharmacy Student Governance Association

**Summary of Project:** This grant will fund the purchase of t-shirts for the 2nd Annual College of Pharmacy Day of Service.

**Amount Awarded:** $750

**Name of Organization:** Department of Athletics

**Summary of Project:** This grant will support in part Golden Bear Sports Network’s (GBSN), live streaming video content of 100 home games.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500

**Name of Organization:** American Society of Mechanical Engineers

**Summary of Project:** This grant will pay the registration fees for students to present their Senior Design Projects at the ASME “Lighter than Air” UAV Design Competition.

**Amount Awarded:** $720

**Name of Organization:** United and Mutually Equal

**Summary of Project:** This grant will support the Connections Mentoring Program Leadership Retreat

**Amount Awarded:** $1,500

**Name of Organization:** Rugby Club

**Summary of Project:** This grant will fund the WNE Rugby Club’s purchase of new team jerseys.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,300
Name of Organization: Cheerleading Team
Summary of Project: This grant will fund the Cheerleading Team’s request to purchase new uniforms.
Amount Awarded: $2,500

**Fall 2014 Grants**

Name of Organization: Criminal Justice Association
Summary of Project: This association is student ran and offers students with an interest in Criminal Justice the chance to meet each other and work together as a group. This grant helps so students can attend a nationwide conference in Philadelphia and present original research on a topic of their choice.
Amount Awarded: $300.00

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: ASB is an opportunity for students to spend their spring break engaging in community service around the country. This grant will be used to provide scholarships to participating students who indicate financial need.
Amount Awarded: $2,400.00

Name of Organization: Kelly Klingensmith
Summary of Project: This grant will cover the costs of the new manuscript *Appropriate Distances: The Ethics of the Photographic Essay*.
Amount Awarded: $211.00

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business (CISB)
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Honors Program/ Understanding Photography Class Field Trip, Spring 2015
Summary of Project: This Honors program gives students the opportunity to join the community and participate in challenging courses. This grant will fund to take students to see an exhibit of contemporary photography at a museum in Western Massachusetts.
Amount Awarded: $250.00

Name of Organization: Western New England University Solar Decathlon
Summary of Project: Western New England University is competing in the 2015 U.S Department of Energy Solar Decathlon. Thus grant will fund the project and once completed to be sent to Irvine, CA where it will compete in the in the solar Decathlon.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Department of Computer Science and Information Technology
Summary of Project: This department is responsible for educating undergraduate students in
various aspects of computing, this grant will help fund the 2015 Computer Summer Camp, an outreach activity by the department.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,000.00

**Name of Organization:** Kyle R. Marion  
**Summary of Project:** The principal goal of the design team is to work towards a fully functioning upper extremity hand exoskeleton prototype. This grant will fund this unique opportunity for students to get involved.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500.00

**Name of Organization:** International Club  
**Summary of Project:** This club is to blend international cultures and aid in transition of international students to Western New England’s Environment. This grant will fund activities carried out through the club such as International Educational Week and International Trivia Night.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,100.00

**Name of Organization:** Model United Nations  
**Summary of Project:** This club was organized to provide students with an opportunity to gain valuable insight into national and international politics. This grant will fund activities and travels of the program.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,200.00

**Name of Organization:** Shashank Kaul  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will fund Shashank Kaul, Ryan A. Dubay and Jhonathan M. Nagasako on their research advised by Dr. Michael Rust. This grant will go towards research and development funding for the advancement of the device.  
**Amount Awarded:** $500.00

**Name of Organization:** Community Action Rewards Everyone (C.A.R.E)  
**Summary of Project:** The Mission of C.A.R.E is to work with others to promote change through projects that impacts volunteers, broaden their definition of service, and create a positive image of the Springfield Communities. This grant will fund the wheelchair event by Caitlin Haendiges.  
**Amount Awarded:** $500.00

**Name of Organization:** American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will help fund ASME to take students and faculty to Drexel University to compete in 2014 ASME SDC.  
**Amount Awarded:** $200.00

**Name of Organization:** WNE Toastmasters International Chapter  
**Summary of Project:** This grant funds scholarships for students to participate in Toastmasters International  
**Amount Awarded:** $500.00
Name of Organization: WNE SAE Baja Team
Summary of Project: This group represents Western New England University in the 2015 international Baja SAE Engineering Design competition. This grant allows the team to make process with the project.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE VDay
Summary of Project: This grand helps to fund the performance of “A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant A Prayer”
Amount Awarded: $1,000.00
2015 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Ed Lavoie (Chair), Alison Castellano, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Kyle Knowles, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2015 Grants

Name of Organization: Western New England University B.S.W. Program
Summary of Project: This grant will help fund the program with the legislative Education and Advocacy Day which is sponsored by the Massachusetts National Association of Social Workers. Its purpose is to teach social work students and current social workers how to advocate for policies and causes which will better the lives of their clients.
Amount Awarded: $360.00

Name of Organization: BEAR: Building Experiences Among Residents/ Office of Residence Life
Summary of Project: The BEAR program challenges first year students to grow by providing intentional learning and social opportunities. This grant will help fund the BEAR Olympics as well as other BEAR events.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Western New England Solar Decathlon
Summary of Project: Western New England joined with other Universities to form team MASSCA, which is tasked with designing, building, and operating a solar-powered house. This grant will help fund the materials as well as participating in seminars and information sessions to develop a greater understanding of the work involved in building sustainable homes.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Revitalize Community Development Corporation / Revitalize CDC
Summary of Project: This program preserves affordable homeownership and revitalizes the community. This grant will help fund to support the 3rd Annual Green-N-Fit neighborhood Rebuild Initiative.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Society of Women Engineers
Summary of Project: This grant will support outreach to middle school girls interested in engineering.
Amount Awarded: $500.00

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport and Business (CISB)
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00
Name of Organization: WNE SAE BAJA Team
Summary of Project: This group represents WNE in the 2015 International BAJA SAE Engineering and Design Competition. This grant will continue to help make significant progress with the project.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity
Summary of Project: This fraternity develops leaders to advance the profession of pharmacy. This grant will help fund the Generation RX program, in which pharmacy students deliver presentations about the misuse of prescription drugs throughout the community.
Amount Awarded: $500.00

Name of Organization: Pharmacy Student Governance Association
Summary of Project: Each year the College of Pharmacy hosts a day of service on the Tuesday of fall break. This grant will help fund the day of Service and gives an opportunity for students to give back to the community.
Amount Awarded: $750.00

Name of Organization: WNE Athletic Department
Summary of Project: This grant will help fund the athletics department with materials to create a permanent display in the AHLC that presents “What it means to be a Golden Bear”. Also planned will be a speaker series.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Department of History and Political Science
Summary of Project: The purpose is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of German Reunification with a speaker from another university with a PHD program. Amount Awarded: $500.00

Name of Organization: ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
Summary of Project: This grant will help fund the ASME “Robot Relief” 2015 Student Design Competition.
Amount Awarded: $760.00

Fall 2015 Grants

Name of Organization: Dennis Kolodziejski’s Counseling Skills Psychology Class
Summary of Project: Fees to travel to the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 49th Annual Convention
Amount Awarded: $840.00

Name of Organization: Colleges of Engineering and Business
Summary of Project: 100 students from the engineering and business disciplines come together to form cross-functional teams that create a new product innovation. The purpose is to teach students how to work in cross-functional teams, in order to successfully bring an idea/innovation to a product launch.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00
Name of Organization: The Center for International Sports Business
Summary of project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: University Archives
Summary of Project: The purpose of this mission is to collect, preserve and make available records of enduring historical value to the University. The grant will help the mission of seeking to build its digital presence to students and alumni across the globe.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Criminal Justice Association
Summary of Project: The Association encourages students to learn all about the criminal justice systems through guest lectures, field trips and national conferences. This grant will help fund the association with future guest speakers as well as its events.
Amount Awarded: $120.00

Name of Organization: Model United Nations
Summary of Project: Travel to and participate in the Harvard Model United Nations.
Amount Awarded: $1,200.00

Name of Organization: Advanced Social Psychology Research
Summary of Project: The purpose of this project is to help students engage and perform research from different types of data and comparing them. This grant will fund students’ EPA Presentations.
Amount Awarded: $400.00

Name of Organization: WNE American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Summary of Project: ASME Student Professional Development Conference at Rutgers University
Amount Awarded $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Mortar Board Senior Honor Society
Summary of Project: Reading is Learning “Free Little Libraries” program
Amount Awarded $200.00

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break
Summary of Project: This program is designed to give opportunity to WNE students to spend spring break performing community service to communicate throughout the country and become more civically engaged. This grant will help fund the travel expanses of this program.
Amount Awarded $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE SAE Baja Team
Summary of Project: The purpose of this group is to represent Western New England
University in the 2016 International Baja SAE Engineering and design competition.

**Amount Awarded:** $2,500.00

**Name of Organization:** Center for Civic Engagement

**Summary of Project:** The mission of this program is provide students the opportunity to be civically engaged, explore root causes of social issues, foster relationships with community members and gain cultural competence. This grant will fund students’ travel to the IMPACT Conference.

**Amount Awarded:** $1,900.00

**Name of Organization:** WNEU Outing Club

**Summary of Project:** This outing club organizes off-campus trips giving students the opportunity to participate in outdoor or outdoor related activities. This grant will help fund activities such as hiking, rock climbing, etc.

**Amount Awarded:** $50.00

**Name of Organization:** One in Four

**Summary of Project:** This project is an all-male peer education group that advocates sexual awareness and is committed to the education of the college population on the subject of rape and sexual assault with a particular emphasis on the prevention and recovery from, these common atrocities. Funding is to support presentations and awareness

**Amount Awarded:** $2,350.00

**Name of Organization:** Jason Secat's Research Class

**Summary of Project:** This grant funds attendance to the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Conference.

**Amount Awarded:** $190.00
2016 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Ed Lavoie (Chair), Alison Castellano, Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Kyle Knowles, Kathy Pappas (staff)

Spring 2016 Grants

Name of Organization: The Center for International Sports Business
Summary of project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Law Review
Summary of Project: This grant will help fund Western New England’s Law Review program. “Gender and Incarceration Symposium”
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)
Summary of Project: Funding for six students to attend the BMES Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Amount Awarded: $1,900.00

Name of Organization: Pharmacy Student Governance Association
Summary of Project: This grant will support the PSGA 5K-roadrace that would involve students, faculty and administration within the College of Pharmacy to promote wellness and healthy living.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Chapter of American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM)
Summary of Project: Funding for PhD fellows to present their research at the national ASEM conference.
Amount Awarded: $1,599.00

Name of Organization: WNEK “The Voice” Radio and Golden Bear television “GBTV”
Summary of Project: Attendance at the College of Broadcast Incorporated Conference in Philadelphia
Amount Awarded: $2,200.00

Name of Organization: WNE SAE Baja Team
Summary of Project: The purpose of this group is to represent WNE in the 2016 international Baja SAE Engineering Design Competition. This year’s competition will be held in Rochester, New York.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00
Name of Organization: Forensic Science Club  
Summary of Project: This grant will allow members to attend the New England Association of Forensic Science Conference 2016,  
Amount Awarded: $2,000.00

Name of Organization: Center for International Sport Business - Travels to summer 2016 Olympics  
Summary of Project: The purpose of this group is to aid less fortunate children living in the Brazilian Favela’s (slums) through donating school supplies and sporting equipment as well as attending some of the Olympic events.  
Amount Awarded: $900.00

Name of Organization: WNE Athletics  
Summary of Project: This project aims to revitalize Western New England University’s library of photos in athletics. This grant will help with the requests of a few high-quality cameras and associated equipment to capture student-athletes.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Fall 2016 Grants

Name of Organization: The Center for International Sports Business  
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: The Westerner  
Summary of Project: This grant will help members attend the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in March of 2017.  
Amount Awarded: $725.00

Name of Organization: Psychology Department  
Summary of Project: This grant will be awarded for registration and student membership fees for five students to attend the ABCT International Conference.  
Amount Awarded: $510.00

Name of Organization: Cupola Yearbook  
Summary of Project: This grant will help members attend the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in March of 2017.  
Amount Awarded: $725.00

Name of Organization: Alternative Spring Break  
Summary of Project: This program gives opportunities to WNE students to spend spring break performing community service to communicate throughout the country and become more civically engaged. This grant will help fund the travel expenses of this program.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00
Name of Organization: WNE American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Summary of Project: This group offers students hands-on engineering experiences that are not received in the classroom, while enforcing teamwork and project management skills. This grant will help members to attend ASME E-Fest at Tennessee Tech University.  
Amount Awarded: $1,525.00

Name of Organization: One in Four  
Summary of Project: Funding for the following programs: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Denim Day, Training and Presentations.  
Amount Awarded: $2,200.00

Name of Organization: WNE SAE Baja Team  
Summary of Project: The purpose of this group is to represent Western New England University in the 2016 International Baja SAE Engineering and design competition.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Mortar Board Senior Honor Society  
Summary of Project: This organization serves to encourage students to get involved with curricular events as well as with clubs and organizations on campus. Members are expected to serve the community during their senior year. This grant will help members bring small libraries and books to various social agencies in the community.  
Amount Awarded: $1,000.00

Name of Organization: Stageless Players  
Summary of Project: The purpose of this group is to provide high quality theatrical performances to the Western New England University Community. The awarded grant will support publicity for the production of Beauty and the Beast.  
Amount Awarded: $770.00

Name of Organization: American Institute of the History of Pharmacy Student Association-Alpha Chapter  
Summary of Project: The purpose of the organization is to explore the history of pharmacy through documentation, preservation, and advocacy. This grant will allow a display case to be purchased, displaying donated artifacts related to the field.  
Amount Awarded: $1,000.00

Name of Organization: Model UN  
Summary of Project: Travel to and participate in the Harvard Model United Nations.  
Amount Awarded: $1,200.00

Name of Organization: WNE Athletics  
Summary of Project: This project aims to expand the successful live streaming program to include live sports broadcasters at each event. This will be done in collaboration with the marketing and communications departments as well as the Western New England Sports Information Department to provide students with the opportunity to broadcast athletic events.  
Amount Awarded: $1,000.00
Name of Organization: BEAR (Building Experience Among Residents) Olympics  
Summary of Project: This grant will support the BEAR Olympics held in September each year as part of the welcoming activities. The event allows first-year students to show their pride and to build their connection with Western New England University.  
Amount Awarded: $2,500

Name of Organization: Improv on the Rocks  
Summary of Project: The funds from this grant will be allocated towards participation in the Improv Boston College Comedy Festival. This festival provides members with the opportunity to perform in a competitive environment while learning communication skills.  
Amount Awarded: $550.00
2017 FUNDED GRANTS

Grants Team: Alison Castellano (Chair), Amy Lewis, Scott Davis, Krystal Kolesnik, Kristina Oleksak (staff)

Spring 2017 Grants

Name of Organization: Five Colleges United Nations
Summary of Project: This grant supports student attendance at the Harvard National Model United Nations conference.
Amount Awarded: $500.00

Name of Organization: CISB Speaker Programs
Summary of Project: This grant supports two speaker series. The first series is the “For the Love of the Games” distinguished speaker program. The second is the “A Brown Bag Series: People Who Inspire” which is a lunchtime series program.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Student Employment Committee
Summary of Project: This grant funds an event which will acknowledge the hard working student employees of the University. It will take place during the National Student Employment Appreciation week celebration, in which over 200 students on campus are involved.
Amount Awarded: $300.00

Name of Organization: The Westerner
Summary of Project: This grant will assist students to attend ACP/CMA National College Media Convention to help them become equipped in serving the news throughout campus to other students, faculty and staff.
Amount Awarded: $600.00

Name of Organization: WNE SAE Baja Team
Summary of Project: This grant will be awarded to help those representing Western New England University in the 2017 international Baja SAE Engineering Design Competition.
Amount Awarded: $2,500.00

Name of Organization: Biomedical Engineering Society
Summary of Project: This grant will be awarded to the BMES to allow students to attend the BMES Annual Meeting.
Amount Awarded: $1,260.00

Name of Organization: The Cupola
Summary of Project: This grant will assist students to attend ACP/CMA National College Media Convention to help them become equipped in serving the news throughout campus to other students, faculty and staff.
Amount Awarded: 600.00
Name of Organization: Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will be used to purchase t-shirts for students attending athletic events.  
**Amount Awarded:** 2,500.00

Name of Organization: Forensic Science Club  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will be used to allow students to travel to the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Conference.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,000.00

Name of Organization: Learning Interest Community, College of Business  
**Summary of Project:** This award will help support the joint the program titled “The Rising Business Professionals Learning Interest Community” for incoming freshmen students.  
**Amount Awarded:** $1,350.00

Name of Organization: Department of Athletics  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will support the update the Downes Hall of Fame.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500.00

Name of Organization: WNE Recreation  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will be used to purchase new weights for the all-access weight room.  
**Amount Awarded:** $2,500.00

Name of Organization: CARE  
**Summary of Project:** This grant will be awarded for the Make a Difference Weekend, an annual C.A.R.E event that bring students out into the community.  
**Amount Awarded:** $400.00
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