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# GREETINGS & GRATITUDE

Dear Friends, Alumni, and Supporters,

Your donation to the Wilmington University Annual Fund has already made a difference in the lives of many of our students. Thanks to donors like you, we were able to present **81 new scholarships and awards** to our students at a special ceremony in June. All of the funds that you have donated were used directly for scholarships and other benefits for our students. For many, the dream of a university degree is now a reality. The students pictured in the pages of this report represent the many ways that you have helped them, and their comments to you are heartfelt.



Many of you have chosen to make donations in memory of fellow students and staff at the University. Some of you contribute by honoring friends, while others patronize the Green and White Scholarship Ball or the Scholarship Golf Classic. No matter how you help us raise funds, we appreciate your support. When you contribute to the future of the students at Wilmington University, you are also investing in the future of the region.

Thank you for joining all of us at Wilmington University in our commitment to quality education through excellence in teaching, relevancy of our curriculum, and individual attention to students as we continue to offer people of varying ages, interests, and aspirations the opportunity to pursue higher education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack P. Varsalona

President

# HERE'S TO YOU!



Please allow us to share with you an especially meaningful event. On June 14, Wilmington University's Scholarship Committee hosted its first Scholarships and Awards Ceremony.

The monetary awards presented that evening were made possible by your generous donations, which were received through the Annual Fund and charity events. More than 80 students from the University's six colleges received scholarships this year.

This was an occasion that none in attendance will forget. The honorees and their families were welcomed to the Doberstein Admissions Center for an evening of camaraderie and celebration. It was an opportunity for recipients to share with loved ones their achievements, and for us to honor them

publicly. Upon accepting the awards, students were greeted by University President Dr. Jack Varsalona, who presented them with commemorative medallions. There were tears of joy, moments of robust applause, and expressions of sincere gratitude.

Our benefactors include friends, businesses and alumni—people who care about students as well as the future of Wilmington University. Every dollar donated is used directly for scholarships. While some gifts are cash contributions, other funds are raised at events you may

have attended. The Green and White Scholarship Ball, a black-tie gala held at the New Castle campus, raised \$200,000 in its two years of existence. The Wilmington University Scholarship Golf Classic, which debuted in May, raised \$17,000.

We believe that scholarship recipients will use their educations to make a difference in their communities. Students such as Candita Suppi, a Cumberland County College Presidents' Scholarship recipient, did not think she could balance her family responsibilities with obtaining an advanced degree. "Through Cumberland County College's partnership with Wilmington University," she said, "more people are able to work toward other degrees while staying close to home."

Or Rade Vakadinovic, a Business Management major who feels that his Alumni Scholarship has had a positive effect on his life. "Having my hard work recognized with this scholarship is extremely rewarding





to me,” he said. “In turn, this recognition has motivated me to work even harder to achieve my academic goals.”

Today’s uncertain economy necessitates the need for more scholarships. Donors afford us the privilege of assisting students who deserve quality education regardless of their financial situations. Scholarships validate our students’ hard work, and serve as an investment in their futures as well as the future of our region.

Wilmington University is braced for that future. We have experienced tremendous growth to accommodate the growing needs of local residents and businesses in Delaware and the surrounding areas. With 13 locations in Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland, as well as a successful on-line platform, the University is serving more students than ever. And thanks to you, we will be able to offer financial assistance to many who need it.



# Institutional Advancement Department Hits a “Home Run” at First Scholarship Golf Classic

It might be a mixed metaphor to talk of home runs at a golf outing, but the first attempt at a golf fundraiser for scholarships was a success by any measure.

The field of 116 golfers assembled by 11:00 a.m. on May 12 at the Cavaliers Country Club in Newark to register for the first-ever Wilmington University Scholarship Golf Classic. Golfers

Below left: The WU Recruiting Department served as event volunteers. Vern DuPree, Lauren Godwin, Kim Christensen and Rob Miller (not pictured, Sherry Stephens).

Below top right: Stefanie Whitby presents the winning foursome with their trophies. Anthony Burton, Chris Aiello, Shawn Mitchell and Bill Riley.

Below bottom right: Dr. Jim Wilson gets ready to play as Professor Joe Paesani watches.



representing the regional business and professional community practiced for the \$5,000 putting contest, \$50,000 shoot-out, and a chance to win a Jeep Wrangler that was donated by the CARMAN Group.

Mark Kleinschmidt, President of the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce, commented that, “The University may have dialed up the best weather of the season for the outing” as

the temperature hovered in the low 70s in bright sunshine.

STEFANIE WHITBY, Senior Director of Alumni Services and general chairperson of the event, headed a team of volunteers comprised of employees in the Alumni Relations and Recruiting departments. The volunteers made sure that every golfer received a generous selection of gifts, including a cooler bag, golf towel, golf tees, a ball marker, and a chance to win free trips. The gift sponsors included Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and TGI. Rick LaPenta, owner of IFS, the presenting University-level sponsor, provided every participant with a golf umbrella.

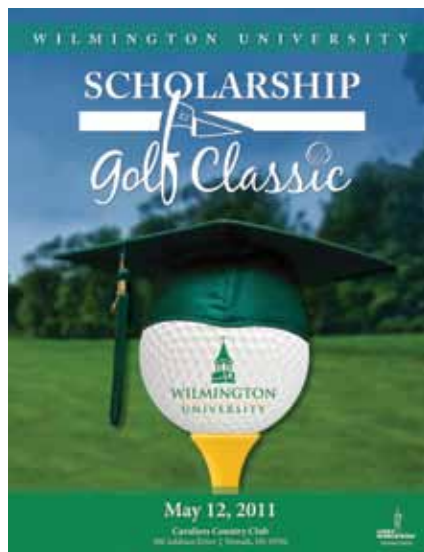


**DR. JIM WILSON**, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, won a weekend trip based upon the Super Ticket drawing. The group enjoyed a box lunch donated by PureBread Deli and then joined the “running of the carts” as the golfers headed out on the course for the noon shotgun start.

Members of the Recruiting Department, led by **ROB MILLER**, staffed two beverage stations and drove a snack cart around the course. Larry Barth, local Culinary manager at the University, grilled hotdogs and kielbasa as the players passed the ninth hole. By 5:30 p.m., the golfers were headed toward the clubhouse for the happy hour that preceded the awards banquet.

The banquet was officially opened by **DR. JACK VARSALONA**, University president, who welcomed the golfers saying, “Every penny that is raised today will go right back to our students in the form of scholarships and other benefits.”

**DR. THOMAS CUPPLES**, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement, introduced two student scholarship recipients who thanked the golfers for



supporting the event and added personal insights about how the scholarships had helped them.

Plenty of lighthearted golf banter was heard during the banquet, which was highlighted with several door prizes presented by **GLORIA JOHNSON**, Director of the Annual Fund.

Although the mood of the day was lighthearted, the atmosphere became a bit more serious when the winners of the

golf competition were announced. **DINO NARDO** and **KARI JARMUZ** received a trophy for the longest drive, while **JIM BYRNE** received the closest to the pin award. First place was decided by a tiebreaker, as two teams finished with identical scores of 58. But it was the foursome of **CHRIS AIELLO**, **ANTHONY BURTON**, **SHAWN MITCHELL**, and **BILL RILEY** who received the first-place trophies and bragging rights until next year’s outing.

In addition to those mentioned above, special recognition was given to Dr. Michael Axe and Dr. Joseph Straight, Wilmington Trust, Scalessa Lawncare, Comcast Spotlight and Giordano Custom Homes as major sponsors. A complete list of all of the donors, hole sponsors, specialty sponsors, and major sponsors is listed on the Alumni website at [wilmu.edu/alumni](http://wilmu.edu/alumni).

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Below right: Dr. Varsalona at the awards banquet.





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## LAURIE FITZGERALD

B.S. in Nursing

Mig Reardon Scholarship Recipient

"As a single mother with a full time job, I have limited time and resources to further my education. Wilmington University has allowed me to pursue my goals and obtain my dream of getting my degree and enabling me to better myself and the future of my children. I encourage all working mothers and older women who have been considering higher education to go for it. There are people and institutions out there that will help you."

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#### BRANDON WEED

B.S. in Game Design and Development, 2013  
 Wilmington University Scholarship Recipient

"Wilmington University has helped me discover my true passion—game design. With my first year here, I met new friends and great teachers who have helped me reach my full potential in my classes. They also have helped me see what it takes to be successful in my career field. I greatly look forward to continuing my education at Wilmington University."



**GEORGE H. CORBIN, JR.**  
 B.S. in Elementary Education (Grades K-6), 2012  
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“Being a husband and a father, it is very important for me to finish my degree. The close family atmosphere at Wilmington University has always made me feel comfortable about being a student here. The Scholarship that I was awarded allowed me to continue the pursuit of my degree without slowing down. I am a walking example that if you want to succeed in education—regardless of your age, work schedule, or anything else going on in your life—you can do it at Wilmington University.”

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**FREDERICK SCHMIDT**

B.S. in Behavioral Science, 2012

Wilmington University Scholarship Recipient

"Receiving this scholarship has enabled me to be confident in my aspirations. It has reassured me that my best effort and extra work will be rewarded. I would like everyone who donated to the scholarship fund to know that this means so much to me. I will never forget your kindness. One of my goals is to work hard, achieve career success at the highest possible level to the best of my ability and have the opportunity to GIVE BACK as well. **Wilmington University** has changed my future by opening doors that I have approached, creating countless opportunities for me. The knowledge and friendship I have gained here is priceless. Thank you!"

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