

H. Major research and public service activities

Research

There are many ways the University actively pursues outside resources for its activities; one way is through grants often awarded to faculty and administrators. In FY 2009, the total value of new awards, primarily from State and Federal agencies, fostered through the University’s Office of Sponsored Programs, totaled \$11,486,926; \$4,767,357 was related to projects supporting student-related activities and scholarships, teacher professional development, faculty research, community services, and cultural programming. The figures below are a subset of the \$4,767,357.

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<u>II.I MAJOR RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES</u>	
R&D EXPENDITURES : YEAR 2009	
Institution: William Paterson University	
	Amount (\$)
Federally Financed Academic R&D Expenditures	\$ 565,710
Institutionally Financed Academic R&D Expenditures	\$ 951,282
Total Academic R&D Expenditures*	\$1,516,992
*Includes \$350,159 for externally (state, local and private)financed expenditures	
Note: Dollar amount as reported to the National Science Foundation (NSF) on Form #411 (Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Colleges and Universities).	

Several notable new multi-year awards were received. The U. S. Department of Education’s Transition to Teaching Program funded the New Vistas project, a five-year, new teacher preparation collaboration with Kean University. The U. S. Department of Education’s Teacher’s for a Competitive Tomorrow program funded the Math and Science Teachers project to support undergraduate and graduate students who are working to become teachers. The National Science Foundation supported the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program or the preparation of new science and math teachers by the College of Education and the College of Science and Health with funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supported the four-year New Jersey Nursing Initiative for the collaborative preparation of new nursing college faculty by WPUNJ, Kean University, the College of New Jersey, and Richard Stockton College. The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services supported the three-year WPU Recovery Support and Environmental Management Project to provide dedicated abstinence housing for undergraduate students, counseling services for recovering undergraduate students, and programs/activities to reduce the use of alcohol and other substances by WPU students. Funding was also received from the National Science Foundation, the Institute for Museum and Library Service, the N. J. Department of Education, the N. J. State Council on the Arts, the N. J. Historical Commission and other agencies for the continuation of previously funded projects.

Community service and outreach efforts

As a public university William Paterson has as part of its mission an understanding of service to and a close relationship with its surrounding communities. The University and the University community are involved in a variety of community outreach efforts that include artistic and educational programming, free speech and hearing screening, as well as support for community efforts such as the WP TV-6 student club's fundraising contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A few highlights follow and a full list of activities are found at: http://ww2.wpunj.edu/community/index_community.html.

The University's well known *Distinguished Lecturer Series* completed its 30th season last year and hosted one of the 2009 Gubernatorial Debates and brought the well known team of Penn and Teller to the northern NJ area.

Launched in 1978, *The Jazz Room* is one of the largest and most prestigious college-sponsored jazz events in the country. Performers include renowned professionals who encompass the complete spectrum of jazz, from practitioners of traditional jazz to avant-garde to bebop to swing to Afro-Latin jazz, as well as William Paterson's own student ensembles. The series has won numerous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for its innovative programming. Concerts begin at 4 p.m. on Sundays in the Shea Center for Performing Arts on campus. "Sittin' In," informal jazz talks with the afternoon's artists, are presented prior to the concerts. The talks begin at 3 p.m. in Shea Center 101 and are free to all Jazz Room ticketholders. Each concert begins with a performance by a William Paterson student jazz ensemble. Last year the Jazz Room Series featured performances by special guest Pete Escovedo with the William Paterson Latin Jazz Ensemble directed by Chico Mendoza as well as a performance that combined the talents of George Cables, Jeff "Tain" Watts, James Genus and Gary Bartz.

The Jazz Workshop for high school and college students celebrated its 17th annual edition with the special participation of Dr. Billy Taylor and renowned resident faculty, Jim McNeely, Richard DeRosa, David Demsey, Steve La Spina, Marcus McLaurine, and James Weidman. It was funded in part by a generous grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The University also presents the works of regionally or nationally known artists working in a variety of mediums at the campus's *Ben Shahn Galleries*. This past year Ben Shahn Galleries hosted eight professional contemporary art exhibits which included the work of a total of 113 painters, sculptors, printmakers, photographers and artists. In addition a special exhibition from the University Collection: *Objects of Power: Selections from the Joan and Gordon Tobias Collection of African Art* was also presented. The exhibit was documented with an extended educational catalog. The annual student art exhibit, *Profiles of the Future*, was on view in the South Gallery.

In conjunction with the University hosting the Third Biennial Conference of the William Carlos Williams Society, celebrating one of the region's most significant writers, the Ben Shahn Galleries helped the University celebrate the City of Paterson and the William Carlos Williams epic poem, "Paterson" with a lively variety of interconnected programs including a special exhibit, a poetry series, and original musical compositions inspired by the poem.

Working with the city of Paterson's Middle Eastern community, the College of Arts and Communication launched the inaugural *Cross-Cultural Arts Festival*. Dedicated to the arts of the Middle East, more than fifteen hundred guests attended the events. As a preamble to the festival, music faculty members visited the Middle East. They conducted master classes and collaborated with faculty at the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, with campuses in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Bethlehem. The project received partial funding from the Muna and Basem Hishmeh Foundation.

In August 2010, the College of the Arts and Communication received the annual Achievement Award of the American Muslim Union for "its commitment and exceptional dedication in education and its innovative program to promote Community Understanding and Awareness."

Also highlighting the University's commitment to community outreach to the city of Paterson, the Music Department's *Music After School Program* celebrated its second year of providing instrumental music enrichment for Paterson Public Schools students, grades 5-8.

This past spring Dr. Jan Lewis, a professor of history at Rutgers University, presented the 26th annual Abram Kartch/Thomas Jefferson Lecture at William Paterson University. (The series began in 1985 after Abram Kartch, a retired Paterson businessman and Jefferson scholar, provided William Paterson with an endowment to establish and continue the series). Dr. Lewis is one of the foremost Jeffersonian scholars in the country. She is the author of several books including *The Pursuit of Happiness: Family and Values in Jefferson's Virginia*, and *The Revolution of 1800: Democracy, Race, and the New Republic*. Her lecture to almost 400 area high school students called, "Thomas Jefferson's Two Families," looked at how the former president managed to care for the members of his two disparate families in the same house, was the topic of the address. Her lecture included a discussion of what it meant for Jefferson to house his two, separate families under one roof. One family was privileged and acknowledged, and the other was a hidden, slave family. Lewis expertly connected the history of private life and family with the history of race.

The College of Education maintains varied relations with public school districts through professional development schools and grant-supported teacher development programs. Following a similar pattern, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences offers programs supporting the teaching of history and languages reflecting the cultural diversity of the area.

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The College of Science and Health interacts regularly with community agencies and hospitals through its nursing and other health science and education programs, and faculty from environmental science and other disciplines participate in grant projects relating to water quality and management, while others interpret features of the environment for the appreciation of the public. There is an active Center for Creative Aging sponsored by the College and University and associated with the Department of Public Health.

Other units of the University also perform public service and conduct community awareness and fundraising activities. The range of efforts spans local, regional and national organizations as well as international causes. The Division of Student Development & Enrollment Management, through the offices of Campus Activities and Student Leadership, the Women's Center, Recreational Services, Residence Life, Athletics and in conjunction with student groups such as the Student Government Association, Greek Senate, Student Activities Programming Board, among others, have regularly collaborated with campus partners over the years to coordinate the following activities:

- Annual Breast Cancer Campus Walk that benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society
- Up 'til Dawn Program for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society
- Annual Red Dress Dinner for the American Heart Association
- Special drives (food, toiletries, etc.) for Covenant House in Newark, NJ
- William Paterson teams for off campus walks for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, March of Dimes, A.I.D.S, etc. and various Habitat for Humanity sites
- Numerous collections and programs focused on supporting the Father English Center, Strengthening Our Sisters and OASIS centers in Passaic County who serve homeless families, battered women and children and coordinate shelters, soap kitchens, etc.
- Awareness programs that go beyond the University community to support international issues and causes such as the displaced people in Darfur, Haitian earthquake victims, and efforts to reduce violence against women as well as addressing the educational needs of the young in war torn Iraq and Afghanistan

Continuing and Professional Education offers many summer youth programs, funded by grants or available on a fee basis to members of the local community, is a major recipient of workforce development grants, and actively participates in the Paterson Alliance.

In addition, the Friends of the Cheng Library has offered programs on local and regional history and the arts, and has collaborated on presentations in the community—at the Paterson Public Library, the McBride Environmental Center, and the Islamic Center of Passaic County.

Finally many employees and students are active in their home communities serving on library and school boards and volunteering at animal shelters, hospices, Special Olympics, and many, many other civic organizations.