Adelphi University
Women’s Giving Circle
Year in Review

June 6, 2019
Adelphi University Women’s Giving Circle

Background and History

TRADITION

Adelphi University is a preeminent coeducational university whose history is steeped in the rich tradition of excellence in higher education. From its early roots, Adelphi has been at the forefront of educating women—from launching the first collegiate dance department in the U.S. to establishing the first collegiate school of nursing and the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps in New York State.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF GIVING

Founded in 2011, the Adelphi University Women’s Giving Circle was created by a group of women from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for enriching the Adelphi community. Together they strive to empower women, collectively support Adelphi and encourage the development of women as philanthropic leaders. They share a willingness to strategically put forth intellectual, social and financial power, as well as time and energy for the benefit of the University. The circle consists of alumnae, parents and friends who recognize the potential of women donors in making a tremendous impact on the University, its students, faculty and staff.
Adelphi University’s Women’s Giving Circle
Mission Statement and Goals

MISSION STATEMENT
The Adelphi University Women’s Giving Circle (“WGC”) invites women of vision who yearn to unite, collaborate and share their best for the betterment of Adelphi University.

Goal #1: One of our major goals is to support the University through annual grants made to strengthen and support areas of interest to the WGC. These grants have a direct and immediate impact on the University.

Goal #2: Another major goal is to serve as a learning community, where members gain new insights into the University at our monthly meetings. At the same time, the diversity of our membership allows us to provide valuable feedback to those University speakers that they may not otherwise receive.

PURPOSE
The Adelphi University Women’s Giving Circle celebrates, promotes and supports the University, its’ students and the programs administered. Through our financial collective giving and donation of time the circle is committed to impacting and enhancing the Adelphi community. Our goal is to forge new relationships and unite as a diverse group of effective women philanthropists.

Goal #1: To promote and provide support to Adelphi University and its programs.
Goal #2: Promoting and supporting students’ educational pursuits at the University.
Goal #3: To inspire and encourage women to be effective philanthropists.
Adelphi University’s Women’s Giving Circle
2019 Grant Allocations - $27,734

April 2019
$4,000  Student Essay Contests
$2,000  Grant-in-Aid Scholarships
$1,160  WGC Endowment
$5,535  S.E.E.D.S.: Curricula Development/Garden Vines
$6,000  Biology Department
$2,144  Active Panthers Program-Bridges to Adelphi Program Collaboration
$4,500  Training in Group Intervention
$1,395  Mindfulness for First Year Students
$1,000  Adelphi Physicists at PhysCon
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## Past Grant Allocations

### March 2012
- $10,000  AU Reads Initiative

### March 2013
- $10,000  GoinGlobal Program: Career Services

### March 2014
- $2,000  Dr. Scott Scholarship Fund
- $2,000  WGC Endowment Fund
- $2,000  Grant-in-Aid Scholarships
- $5,000  Bridges to Adelphi Program
- $3,500  Jaggar Community Fellows Program
- $1,500  WGC Endowment
- $1,000  Student Essay Contest

### April 2015
- $3,500  Mentoring Program Events
- $5,400  Bridges to Adelphi Program
- $5,000  Nexus Building Equipment
- $2,000  WGC Endowment
- $5,675  Learning Writing Centers
- $1,000  Student Essay Contest

### April 2016
- $5,228  Red Watch Band
- $7,200  Bridges to Adelphi Program
- $2,000  Student Essay Contests
- $6,000  Grant-in-Aid Scholarships
- $2,572  WGC Endowment Fund

### April 2017
- $2,000  Student Essay Contests
- $2,000  Grant-in-Aid Scholarships
- $2,519  WGC Endowment
- $7,200  Bridges to Adelphi Program
- $6,000  Diversity & Inclusion: Center for Student Involvement
- $900  Emergency Fund for Vulnerable International & Immigrant Students
- $3,750  Preservation of Adelphi University’s history
- $271  College of Nursing and Public Health: simulation childhood obesity suit

### April 2018
- $2,000  Student Essay Contests
- $2,000  Grant-in-Aid Scholarships
- $1,000  WGC Endowment
- $7,200  Bridges to Adelphi Program
- $2,000  Active Panthers Program-Bridges to Adelphi Program Collaboration
- $2,500  Virtual Interview Room
- $2,500  Adelphi University Story Shuttle
- $1,000  Theatre Open Captioning
- $3,800  Work-Life-Wellness Program
- $1,000  Adelphi Athletics Leadership Academy
- $1,500  Guest Artist Master Classes
- $4,800  Program Coordinator for the International Mentor Program
- $5,000  The Adelphi Hempstead Child and Family Clinic
Financials and Membership Data

### Grant Dollars Allocated and Membership Counts

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13 new members in 2018/2019
WGC Endowments

**WGC Endowment Fund:**
Established with a $10,000 gift in 2014.
Current Market Value: $24,552

**WGC Scholarship Endowment Fund:**
Established at the 2017 Gala.
Current Market Value: $29,506 ($45,775 in outstanding pledges) in gifts and interest that will be matched dollar for dollar by the Board of Trustees.
2018/2019 Activity Summary and Calendar

**September**
9/10: Executive Committee Meeting
9/20: 1st meeting. **Shawn O’Riley**, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies

**October**
10/12 and 10/14: WGC Annual Reception and Adelphi University Spirit Weekend

**November**
11/3: Women’s Leadership Conference

**December**
12/6: WGC Meeting. **Cynthia Proscia**, Health & Sports Sciences, Clinical Assistant Professor and Garden Vines Founder

**January**
1/31: WGC Meeting. **Tom Ward**, Executive Director, Center for Career and Professional Development

**February**
2/18 -3/20: Grant application submissions

**March**
3/2: Women’s Recognition Dinner; **Carmelle Bellefleur** selected as the keynote speaker and **Chitralekha “Pooja” Kar** presented with the *Courage to Inspire; Strength to Empower* Award
3/7: Student Leadership Luncheon
3/27: Giving Day
3/20-4/19: WGC Annual Essay Contest for graduate and undergraduate students

**April**
4/11: WGC Annual Grant Voting Meeting

**May**
5/18: Presentation of Essay Awards to undergraduate **Rachel Foley** and graduate **Francesca Giammanco** at the Legacy and Commencement Celebration
5/21: Commencement
5/29: Executive Committee Meeting

**June**
6/6: WGC End of Year Meeting
2018/2019 Key Initiatives

1. Drafted and approved by-laws to govern the Women’s Giving Circle

2. Moved Annual Reception to Spirit Weekend

3. Sponsored the 2nd Annual Women’s Leadership Conference

4. Launched WGC Social Media pages on Facebook and LinkedIn:
   - [facebook.com/AdelphiWGC](https://facebook.com/AdelphiWGC)
   - [linkedin.com/groups/8703618/](https://linkedin.com/groups/8703618/)
Looking Ahead to 2019/2020

1. Grow membership and social media presence

2. Explore ways to further WGC’s partnership with the Women’s Leadership Conference

3. Social evening event for WGC Members around the holidays or end of academic year