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Alumni Trustee Slate

The Alumni Trustee serves for five years on the governing board of the college, helping to guide college policies and programs.

Current elected alumni trustees are:


Robin Powell Mandjes '82 Powell Mandjes Associates Hilversum, The Netherlands <i>Alumni Trustee 2010-2015</i>	Caron Garcia Martinez '81 American University Washington, DC <i>Alumni Trustee 2012-2017</i>	Sarah Mollman Underhill '80 Bronxville, NY <i>Alumni Trustee 2014-2019</i>
Brian D. Carpenter '86 Washington University Saint Louis, MO <i>Alumni Trustee 2012-2016</i>	Richard R. Pickard '75 Plantronics, Inc. Santa Cruz, CA <i>Alumni Trustee 2013-2018</i>	

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Three candidates are proposed by the Nominating Committee below.

Select one Nominee

Catherine Kessler Chatas '88 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)




Catherine Kessler Chatas '88
Columbus, OH

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "More than two decades of service have helped me focus on why Williams matters to me, and both gratitude and pride have motivated me to be involved in as many ways as possible. Williams is essential to the rhythm of my life, whether I'm making my way back to Massachusetts (now to visit our daughter Sophie '16) or gathering area alumni for the Williams-Amherst telecast, or connecting by phone with far-flung classmates, even as I'm asking for Alumni Fund gifts. I can never say "no" to Williams, because I can't imagine my life without my Eph education and friendships. I would be honored to work with the leadership of the college to further my commitment to Williams as an alumni trustee. And maybe I could finally learn all the words to *The Mountains*."

- Katie has chaired the Alumni Fund, served as class agent and 25th Reunion leadership co-chair, and helped lead regional associations in North Carolina and Ohio. A member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni, she received the Rogerson Cup, Williams' highest award for alumni service.
- She majored at Williams in German and history, was a member of Gargoyle and the equestrian team, and volunteered with the Williamstown Youth Center. She went on to Citibank as a corporate finance analyst, then to Greenwich Academy as a language arts and ancient history teacher before earning a master's at the University of London's Institute of Education.
- She has worked as the general manager of a residential and commercial property company and as co-interim director of development at the Columbus School for Girls.
- Katie chairs the board of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and has chaired the boards of Columbus School for Girls, COMPASS Homelessness Prevention Agency, Columbus Metropolitan Library's Celebration of Learning, and fund-raising for Nationwide Children's Hospital. She tutors at the Columbus Metropolitan Library and volunteers with Canine Companions for Independence.

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Jeffrey S. Harleston '82 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)




Jeffrey S. Harleston '82
Los Angeles, CA

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "Williams provided me the freedom to grow and explore as an intellectual and a person, while inspiring me to seek challenges in every aspect of my life. Throughout my Williams journey, I have had incredible experiences such as discovering a passion for political science, serving as a Junior Advisor, playing lacrosse, and serving as a class agent. These experiences, along with the meaningful and supportive friendships I have made along the way, form the cornerstone of my relationship with Williams. I am proud that Williams has upheld its mission to provide the finest liberal arts education while supporting a commitment to a diversity of ideas and backgrounds among its students and faculty. As a trustee, I would welcome the opportunity to contribute an alumni perspective in forming solutions to the college's many challenges, ensuring that Williams continues to realize its mission. It would be an honor to serve."

- Jeff has served Williams as associate class agent, on the Williams Black Alumni Network and L.A. Regional Association, and through Windows on Williams for prospective students.
- A political science major who played lacrosse and served as a Junior Advisor and member of the Purple Key Society, he earned a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and as a young lawyer was appointed associate independent counsel for the Iran/Contra investigation.
- For the past two decades Jeff has worked with Universal Music Group, a worldwide leader in recorded music whose U.S. record labels include A&M, Capitol, Decca, Def Jam, Geffen, Motown, and Verve. He currently serves as general counsel and executive vice president of business and legal affairs.
- Jeff is a board member of the Recording Industry Association of America and of SoundExchange and serves on the executive committees of the music and entertainment industry chapter of the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. A treasurer for the Rhythm & Blues Foundation, he helped found the Universal Motown Fund, which provides financial assistance to older artists.

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Jeffrey A. Weber '86 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)



Jeffrey A. Weber '86
New York, NY

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "I feel fortunate to have received what I consider to be the best undergraduate education available—that special combination of rigorous scholarship and intimacy as symbolized by Mark Hopkins and the Log. While I enjoyed an extraordinary academic experience, the core values of citizenship, social equality and volunteerism, all developed at Williams, still resonate with me today. As an Alumni Fund volunteer, I recognize the need for significant resources to support financial aid and operating expenses. As a parent of a current junior and incoming freshman, I am keenly aware of issues students face today. As a son of longtime Williamstown residents, I understand the challenges associated with Williamstown's economy and infrastructure. I would be honored to serve as an Alumni Trustee on behalf of all of us who feel that Williams is more than just a college—it is who we are."

- An Alumni Fund co-head agent and leadership gift chair, Jeff also has served as an admission representative and on his 25th reunion fund committee.
- At Williams he majored in the history of ideas, worked at The Log, and as a nationally ranked Sabre fencer ran the fencing club and taught PE fencing. He went on to receive an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and worked at Drexel Burnham Lambert and Chemical Venture Partners before joining William A. M. Burden & Co., L.P. where he rose to president and chief executive officer.
- In 2004 Jeff joined York Capital Management and serves as the firm's president and chief operating officer. A partner of the firm, he chairs the Operating Committee and is a member of the Executive, Brokerage, IT, Valuation and Risk Management Committees.
- Jeff is chairman of the board of directors of The Carter Burden Center for the Aging, a director of the Managed Funds Association, and serves on the Department of Medicine Advisory Board at the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He chairs Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Working Group on Aging.

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Tyng Administrator Slate

An Alumni Administrator of the Tyng Bequest serves for three years on a select committee of alumni, trustees, and students that allocates substantial endowment income from the bequest of Juliet Augusta Tyng, widow of Stephen H. Tyng, Class of 1886, to worthy Williams students who need financial assistance in graduate/professional school.


Current elected alumni Tyng administrators are:

Marcellus Blount '80 New York, NY <i>Term Expiring 2015</i>	Gus Haracopos '85 Waterbury, CT <i>Term Expiring 2016</i>	Dore Lebeau '91 New York, NY <i>Term Expiring 2017</i>
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Select one Nominee

Eugenie Du '07 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)



Eugenie Du '07
New York, NY

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "The first things that struck me upon arriving in Williamstown for previews weekend were its size and seeming isolation. By the time I left, I knew that I had found a truly special community. Since leaving the Purple Valley, I've often reflected on how Williams has impacted virtually every aspect of my personal and professional life. Those four years gave me enduring friendships (and my husband!), diverse academic interests, a love for service and travel, and an intellectual framework for approaching new challenges that has served me well throughout medical school and residency. As a Tyng Scholar, I know from firsthand experience that its mission to support students in their post-graduate education is unique and reflects a true investment in students' longitudinal development. Having personally benefitted so greatly from both Williams and the Tyng scholarship, I would be deeply honored by the opportunity to serve on the Tyng committee."

- Eugenie is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist) at Montefiore Medical Center and will pursue a fellowship in surgical treatment of head and neck cancers after completing her residency. She is well published in her field, having received departmental awards for her research and presented at numerous national meetings.
- She graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from Williams, majoring in biology and political science. She served as co-editor-in-chief of *The Guillemensian*, attended the Williams-Exeter Programme at Oxford, and rowed crew. She earned her M.D. from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, where she served as a teaching assistant in anatomy, neuro-anatomy and doctor-patient relationship courses. She was inducted into both the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society and the Gold Humanism Honors Society.
- As a volunteer, Eugenie has served on medical missions to Myanmar and Peru and has worked with Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World, the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children, the Maria Shelter for Women and Children, the Washington Park Children's Clinic, and as an English and biology teacher in Tanzania.

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Mary K. Flynn '04 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)




Mary K. Flynn '04
Worcester, MA

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "I knew as soon as I saw the Williams campus that it was where I wanted to attend college, but I had no idea what my future beyond the Purple Valley would hold. The Tyng scholarship has given me the freedom to pursue a career in primary care, working in a setting that feels meaningful to me, without worrying about student debt. As new graduates experience an ever increasing burden from student loans, this is the value of the Tyng Scholarship: to allow them to pursue their interests through graduate school in a way that benefits both the students and society, without worry about how they will finance their goals. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities I have had at Williams and beyond, including those made possible by the support of the Tyng Scholarship, and would be honored to serve as a Tyng Administrator."

- Mary is an attending physician at UMass Memorial Medical Group and an assistant professor in family medicine and community health at the University of Massachusetts. She teaches medical students from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and family medicine residents on their maternal-child health rotation and in the outpatient setting at the Hahnemann Family Health Center.
- A *cum laude* Williams graduate, Mary was a member of the crew and equestrian teams and of the Lehman Council. As a Junior Essel Neuroscience Fellow, she conducted independent research and served as an undergraduate lab instructor. After receiving her M.D. and completing a family medicine residency at University of Massachusetts Medical School, she worked for two years as a staff physician at Worcester's Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program and currently sees patients in an urban primary care office.
- Mary is a member of the American Association of Family Physicians and the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine. She served on a team of doctors in a pilot student project to improve prenatal education in health centers, and her work has appeared in professional publications.

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Ann M. Bechan '87 - [CLICK HERE TO READ CANDIDATE STATEMENT](#)



Ann M. Bechan '87
Wells, ME

What defines your sense of responsibility to Williams and how might that guide your leadership and contributions as a trustee? "Being a recipient of the Tyng Scholarship enriched me in so many ways. As an undergraduate, I was able to attend Williams, a college that my family could not have afforded without generous financial aid. As a graduate student I was able to obtain my certificate of advanced study at Harvard. Not only did these graduate credits enhance my earning power, the experience also allowed me extraordinary freedom to explore many different areas connected to the study of education— areas that I have been able to apply in many ways during my teaching career. Providing Williams students with the opportunity to extend their intellectually rigorous, empowering, and socially contributive studies is a powerful endeavor. Providing a variety of academic fields with socioeconomically and culturally diverse Williams students enriches our nation and world. I would be honored to assist in the work of administering this valuable scholarship."

- Since 1988 Ann has taught English and social studies at Wells High School, where she is the social studies team leader and former English and foreign languages team leader. Having served on the school's staff development, building renovation, and re-accreditation committees, she is also the National Honor Society advisor and created a program to help students through the college application process.
- A Williams summa cum laude English and classics major, she tutored in the Classics Department and with local high school students, served on an admission advisory board and as a tour guide, and was involved in the Gaudino Fund and Classics Club. She earned a master's in teaching at Brown and a certificate of advanced study at Harvard School of Education.
- Ann has served Williams as an annual sponsor of Williams' Maine regional association Peace Book Award. She has served her community on the Forbes Family Foundation Board, the social justice and peace commission of her local church, and has led annual drives to help single mothers and their children, and disabled and economically disadvantaged preschoolers.

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