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Our Mission

Wily Scholars bring unique experiences, challenges, strengths and goals to the college journey. Some have experienced homelessness or foster care, some have been denied family support due to their sexual orientation or gender identity, some have lost their parents, and some have family members dealing with addiction, mental illness or incarceration. All are talented and motivated—and all are braving college on their own.

The Wily Network provides a critical safety net for Scholars as they navigate college independently. The Wily program offers weekly clinical coaching, financial assistance, community-building support, and networking opportunities to help them move from surviving to thriving.

Wily works to ensure Scholars have the tools and networks necessary to thrive in four-year residential colleges and transition successfully into post-college life.

Our Core Values



Wily Scholars are the heart of our mission

We shape every decision we make around how best to partner with Scholars during their college journeys. Scholars' voices are a critical component of our decision-making process. We reflect on how each of our individual perspectives and identities influences our work with Scholars.



We believe in the **®** strength of our pack

Together, Wily Scholars form a pack that supports and celebrates one another. We work collaboratively with colleges, local nonprofits, and a dedicated base of volunteers to build a community of support for Scholars.



We believe in the power of deep, trusting relationships

Wily is a reliable presence in Scholars' lives. We join Scholars in building reciprocal and transformational relationships. We are intentional about creating a space where all members of the Wily community can share their authentic selves and feel a true sense of belonging.



We are committed to the long term

As an organization and in our individual relationships with Scholars, we only make commitments we can keep. We are there for Scholars through college and beyond. Wily alums remain an integral part of our pack.



We are a listening/learning organization committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging

We make decisions with intention. We continually evaluate our program and are adaptable to meet our staff and Scholar needs. The Wily Pack is made up of unique identities, backgrounds and perspectives, and we strive to honor each individual's lived experiences.

2022 Staff

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Dear Wily Pack,

By the time they meet us, Wily Scholars have already blazed the trail to college and are forging their path to graduation.

I think of our role as the "assist." Our support is important—sometimes critical—in helping Scholars manage obstacles that they have no control over. At the same time, we don't speak for them or tell them what they need. We follow their leads. We **speak alongside them** when their voices aren't being heard, and we **stand behind them** when they want to take the mic.



Wily's staff gathers at Fall Community Day. Not pictured: Laura Broffman, Kat Castañeda, Korie Clegg, Beth Franklin, Ine Ogagan.

I am so thankful for this community, which is essential to our ability to partner with Wily Scholars throughout their journeys. Because of your support, our coaches are there for Scholars every day to problem solve around challenges and celebrate successes.

I hope you will connect with the voices in this report, and use your own voice to serve as an ambassador for Wily.

With gratitude,

2022 Staff Changes

In 2022, we said goodbye to Wily's founding Director of Clinical Coaching, **Kat**, and our Program Assistant, **Beth**, and welcomed three new members to our pack: Ine, Jai and Krisbelle.





Kat

Beth



Ine



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Jai



Krisbelle



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From left: Bilal, Victor, Shalona and Ed

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Thank you to 2022 retiring board members Kim Pappas and Jennifer Schoen



Jennifer

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Committee Chair

Advancement Committee

Co-chair





Wily's 2022 board. Not pictured: Allison Hirsch, Zach Martin, Kim Pappas, Jennifer Schoen, Heidi Ziobro.

Why Wily

Why Wily? That's the question Board Chair Katie Bramley asked at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Board on April 25th. At the meeting, moderated by Advisory Council member Ed Walker, Scholar panelists Bilal, Shalona and Victor offered a variety of powerful answers to that question.

Why Wily? The Scholars.

"The greatest resource in Wily is the Scholars themselves. We utilize that. Knowing that you're not alone is a very powerful thing in life."

Victor (he/him) Boston University '22

Why Wily? The Coaches.

"[My coach] being there for me has made it possible for me to cross this bridge and to think about my future."

Bilal (he/him) Boston College '22

Why Wily? The Pack.

"I do really well in environments where a group or community can inspire you and help you recognize your potential. Once you find that, nothing else can tear you down."

Shalona (*she/her*)

Daniel E. Offutt III ENDOWMENT FUND

We had the opportunity to hear from **Dick Orenstein**, the trustee of the Daniel E. Offutt III Charitable Trust. The trust has established an endowment fund for Wily with a generous gift of \$750,000. As the fund grows, so will the sustainability of our organization—and the stability we can offer Scholars.

Wily Champion Award

The Wily Champion Award was presented to **Taylor Capuano** and Mike Virginio, founders of Wily's Young Professionals Association (YPA). They had a vision for a group of driven young professionals who would work to amplify Wily's message, and in a short amount of time they transformed that vision into a reality.



YPA members attend the Annual Meeting in support of Taylor and Mike, who spoke virtually.

The Journey Continues

In 2022, we celebrated the graduations of **15 Wily Scholars**! We also reunited with Wily alums from the classes of 2021 and 2020 who came back to their alma maters for in-person ceremonies. We are always thrilled to cheer Scholars on as they walk across that stage.

And **the journey doesn't end there**. Wily continues to work with Scholar alums for **three months** after they graduate. During that time, coaches partner with alums on setting up their apartments, adapting to their new work environments and embracing their new communities. Coaches also work with recent grads to find new resources and supports to lean on in this next phase of life.

We love staying in touch with Wily alums! Our growing alumni network is more than 50 strong.

The Wily class of 2022 graduated from:

Boston College Boston University Harvard University Massachusetts Institute of Technology Middlebury College Northeastern University







A graduate hugs her coach.



Boston College graduates celebrate together.



make-up ceremony.

Along with attending graduation ceremonies, we celebrated Wily's graduating seniors at our annual grad dinner. We welcomed back our alum speaker, **Taylor** (she/her), who shared the lessons she learned throughout college about asking for and receiving help. We also heard from **Nicole Stewart** (she/her), executive director of Boston CASA, about her own story and her journey through college and beyond.

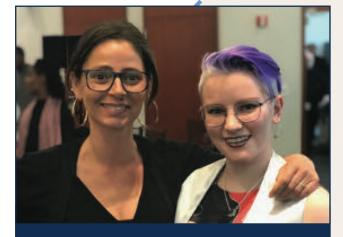


Saying Goodbye

In November of 2016, **Kat Castañeda** took a chance on an early-stage startup and joined Wily as our first Director of Clinical Coaching. From day one, Kat led the charge to plan the program, welcome the first Wily Scholars, and adapt the Fostering Success Coaching Model to our community-based organization. After almost six years, Kat has now moved on to a career in consultation and coach training. Her lasting impact on Wily continues to be felt.



December 2022 graduates pose with their coaches at their graduation dinner.



Kat celebrates with one of Wily's first graduates in 2019.



The class of 2022 celebrates with their coaches at Wily's spring graduation ceremony.

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Alum Voices

Eric James

When Wily met Eric James (he/him), he hadn't yet enrolled at UMass Dartmouth, and we were yet to partner with our first college student. Now, seven years and more than 100 Scholars later, we sat down with Eric to talk about his new role as Mattapan's Neighborhood Liaison to City Hall.



Eric poses with coaches Ana (left) and Judi (right) at Wily's 2019 Community Day.

How are you liking the new position?

It's a lot to take in, but I'm enjoying it! This job brings me into contact with so many different people from all different walks of life. I definitely like being out in the community and working with people in a way that actually helps them.

Do you feel like Wily helped you along the way to finding this role?

You know, when I first met Wily, I was 19 and homeless. I knew that I wanted to become an attorney, and I knew that I liked to advocate for the people around me. But I had no tangible way to get there.

The mindset I was in at that time was all survival-based. It was all just, I need to make money. I need to make enough money to get somewhere to live. But Wily gave me the security to know that I could do something more besides trying to figure out how to survive every day.



Advisory Council member Sheila Murphy poses for a photo with Eric after he is introduced to the community by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Eric speaks with a current Wily Scholar about career options at Wily's 2022 Career Fair.

Did your experience with Wily influence the way you approach this position?

Definitely, just in the sense of being able to lead with confidence.

As Mattapan Liaison, I go between two entities: people who want something—like more speed bumps, or funding for a block party—and the city officials that have the means to access it.

But they have to split resources between the rest of the city. So a big part of the job is having the confidence to go into a situation and say, "Listen, I understand that there's only so much you can do. But here's how this will benefit the community."

Especially because I'm very new at the job, to have the confidence to go in like that? I love the fact that I got to witness that firsthand through so many people at the Wily Network who taught me how to advocate with confidence.

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New Beginnings

Prior to moving into our first office in **Rockland Trust Bank** in 2018, a team of five worked out of Judi's living room. Needless to say, Rockland Trust's donation of office space was a game-changer for Wily. Over the last five years, the bank provided us with consistent space for meetings, storage and collaboration: a stable foundation for our program to expand. We are so thankful for Rockland Trust's generous investment in our growth.

The fact that we have now outgrown Rockland Trust's office marks a bittersweet accomplishment. Though we were sad to leave our space in West Roxbury at the end of 2022, we are excited to announce that we have moved to a new office large enough to accommodate our growing staff of 16.

Thank you to **Robin** and Marc Wolpow for funding the buildout of our new office in Newton. They provided a beautiful, spacious environment for our growing staff.

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Wily's 2018 team holds their first meeting in the Rockland Trust office space.



Exactly five years and one day from our move in, volunteers from Audax Group help us pack up in preparation for our move out.



For the first time, we are able to host events in our own space! Volunteers from the National Charity League wrap holiday gifts for Scholars in our new office.

Dec.

Sept. 2018

Sept. 2022

2022

Sept. 2019



Our growing staff thrives at Rockland Trust.



Oct.

Staff starts unpacking boxes in our new office space in Newton.

Our Sponsors

Sponsorships and grants from corporations and foundations are critical in helping Wily fulfill our mission. We are so grateful to the sponsors who supported Wily in 2022.

Graduate Sponsors (\$100,000+)

Ilene Beal Charitable Foundation Daniel E. Offutt III Charitable Trust

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To learn more about our corporate sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to Major Gifts Manager Michael Holliday at mike@thewilynetwork.org or (617) 869-8340.



Supporter Heidi Heinlein and Board Chair Katie Bramley celebrate receiving some extra funding from our sponsor, Cummings Foundation.

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THE WILY NETWORK PRESENTS

The Ilene Beal Speaker Series

The Journey Starts Here:
Using college experience to build career success

At the Ilene Beal Speaker Series, we gained insight into how college students can prepare for their careers from three panelists representing a wide range of perspectives and professional experiences.



Paul Alexander (he/him)
Chief Marketing and Communications
Officer for the Questrom School of Business
at Boston University

Joe Du Pont (he/him)
Associate Vice President of Career Services at Boston College

Vaneshia Reed (she/her)
Strategy Consultant and Chef



From left: panelists Joe Du Pont, Vaneshia Reed and Paul Alexander, and moderator Treasure

Wily has created an intimate community armed with material resources that ensure we not only beat the odds, but create new ones that challenge the rest of society to be even greater.

Treasure (she/they), Harvard University '22

THE ILENE BEAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

While we were never fortunate enough to meet Ilene Beal, we are inspired by the deep impact she made as a mentor to young women starting out their professional lives. Thank you to The Ilene Beal Charitable Foundation for sponsoring the **Ilene Beal Speaker Series**.



An incredible team of volunteer networkers shared their experience and advice as young professionals with guests. They even made some connections for the college students in attendance!

Thank you!

Thank you to **Julie Beckham** for providing public speaking coaching for Wily Scholar Award winners!

Thank you so much to event cochairs **Annie Montesano** and **Hilary Steinert** for all their hard work! From selecting topics, to researching and securing speakers, to developing content for the program, Annie and Hilary's leadership has been instrumental in the success of the Speaker Series every year.

Thank you to **Kabrina Chang** for connecting us with our host, Boston University.

The Wily Network has helped me become the young woman I am today. Being a part of this organization has allowed me to focus on personal growth and build a future for myself that, freshman year, I couldn't imagine living.

Marissa (she/her), Boston College '22



Marissa was presented with the 2022 Wily Scholar Award, given annually to a student who has made a significant impact on our program.

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Community Voices



A Scholar hugs her coach, Bonnie, at Fall Community Day.

Coaching

It's a good feeling to know there's someone who really cares and is there to support you, even if they just got to know you.

Ashia (she/they) | Middlebury College '27

Community Day

One of my biggest struggles last semester was finding 'my place' at college. Wily for me was my place. It's a place where I feel embraced, accepted, cared for, important, seen and appreciated.

Nicole (she/her) | Northeastern '25



Scholars spend some time together at Spring Community Day.



Two Scholars enjoy Wily's "Packsgiving" meal the week before Thanksgiving.

Packsgiving

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When I think 'Wily,' I think of a warm Thanksgiving dinner.

Taylor (*she/her*) | Wily Alum



A Wily alum (right), who attended the 2021 Career Fair as a student, returns in 2022 as a recruiter and chats with current Wily Scholars.

Career Fair

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In terms of Wily supporting my career, it's been one of the most useful things I've gotten from the program.

David (he/they) | MIT '23

Gift Giving

When I joined Wily, someone told me to send my wishlist for birthday gifts. And I was like, what kind of scam is this? But I made a list of things I wanted. And then I got them. And it was really surreal. I felt cared for...I felt like someone was looking out for me.

Mathieu (he/him) | Wily Alum



A Scholar enjoys a drum set from her gift giver.



A Scholar opens a care package.

Care Packages

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When I got care packages, it would make me tear up a little bit. They helped get me through school.

Jordan (he/him) | Wily Alum

Growing our Program

2021-2022 Initiatives

In 2021, the Wily Network adopted three initiatives to continue to build on our foundation, expand our network, and improve our programming. Now, we're looking back on what we accomplished to date as part of each ongoing initiative: **Expansion**, **Mental Well-Being**, and **Career Preparation**.

Where We Started



Expansion

When campuses started closing in March of 2020, we started receiving more referrals than ever before. We realized that we didn't just want to grow: we **needed to grow**, in order to keep up with the demand from students in the greater Boston area.

So, we set a goal: to expand by 15 Scholars a year, until we reach 210 Scholars in 2029.



Two new Scholars meet an alum from their school at Fall Community Day.



Mental Well-Being

Many young adults deal with significant mental health challenges during college. As a result, colleges offer the option of taking a **medical leave of absence** to pursue treatment for a semester. But without a stable home to return to, or the ability to pay for expenses, going on medical leave is rarely a realistic option for Scholars.

We set two goals to support Wily Scholars' mental well-being: to create a fund to pay for therapy, and to step up our support for students who are taking a medical leave.



A Scholar works on a collaborative Wily art project at Fall Community Day.



Career Preparation

When the pandemic hit, we knew college seniors would be graduating into a tough job market. On top of that, Wily Scholars deal with another obstacle: the "network gap," or the advantage some individuals have in their careers simply because of who they know.

We decided to launch a **career fair** to help Wily Scholars make professional connections, build confidence, and practice their interviewing skills.



A Scholar speaks with representatives from EF Education First at the Career Fair.



A Scholar chats with representatives from First Republic Bank at the Career Fair.

If there's s

If there's something that you think might fall through the cracks, Wily will help you catch it.

Mathieu (he/him), Wily Alum

Thank you to Wily's 2022 Career Fair attendees

Companies

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Rainbow Tales
Jessie Laurore (she/her)
Neighborhood Birth Center
Jessica McNeill,
Harvard Business School
Brianne Miers (she/her)
KIND Marketing &
Communications

We'd like to say a special "thank you" to the following:

Simmons University *for hosting us*

Volunteer Mary Beth Lisman for working with all the companies

Volunteers Francey Fenton, Becky King and Beth Franklin for serving as hosts and connectors

Below: The Wily Pack gathers at Fall Community Day.



Growing our Program

Where We Are



Expansion

We started the year with **65** Scholars. Over the course of 2022, we worked with a total of **91**. We welcomed **30** new Scholars and celebrated **18** graduations, bringing our community of alums to **51**.

We had been looking for the right person to lead our team through this period of growth as Director of Clinical Coaching, and **Ine Ogagan, MS, LCSW** was the perfect fit. We welcomed Ine in December 2022.





Mental Well-Being

We partnered with board member **Cindy Lawry** and students at Boston University's School of Public Health Practicum Program to research the landscape of college mental health medical leaves nationwide. By the end of 2021, we had developed a "first of its kind" medical leave support program for Wily Scholars.

Wily's medical leave program keeps students connected with coaching and Wily community events, while helping fund their therapy, housing and food.



A Scholar sports a hoodie with our motto: rely on the strength of your pack.



Career Preparation

We held Wily's first Career Fair in October 2021 with 18 companies.

In 2022, we honed the **Career Fair** program based on student feedback. We brought in recruiters from a wider variety of fields, and who better reflected the diversity of the greater Boston area.

Scholars networked with representatives from **24 companies**—including two Wily alums, who returned to speak with Scholars about their careers!



A Wily Young Professionals Association member (left) and our Manager of Major Gifts (right) work with Scholars on their resumes at the Career Fair.

Partner Voices

When **Jeff Taylor** heard Wily's story, he was inspired to share it with others. He brought our message to his coworkers at **Pegasystems Inc.** and from there, an incredible partnership began to grow.

Time and time again, the folks at Pega stepped up to offer their support in creative and impactful ways. When they heard we were looking to move, **Dan Ryan** and **Stephen Ferrick** helped us secure a new office space, consulted on the design and arranged for Pega to furnish it. When our Executive Director had questions about human resources or helping new hires relocate, Jeff Taylor and **Dianne Couto Foutz** volunteered their time and expertise. When we were working on growing our career preparation programming, **Jason Wilhelm** brainstormed with us and hosted a Pega University workshop for Wily Scholars.

We are so grateful to the entire team at Pega for their commitment to Wily.



Pega representatives chat with a student about career opportunities at Wily's 2022 Career Fair.

I help where I can because I believe in Wily's story and see their positive impact. I knew others would too; I knew they were passionate and generous people, for whom a story like Wily's would resonate.

Jeff Taylor (he/him)
SVP, Chief Strategy and Growth Officer

When Jeff introduced us to Wily, we wanted to help. And we brought others along to support this wonderful organization. Partnerships like these happen because of people who hear Wily's story and share it with anyone who will listen.

Dan Ryan (*he/him*)
Vice President of Real Estate and Facilities

We are proud that our team members have been able to support and engage with the Wily Network in so many meaningful ways. We were thrilled to contribute to Wily's move with a donation of furniture!

Stephen Ferrick (he/him)
Facilities Manager

Scholar Voices

Our blog highlights the voices of Wily Scholars and alums. Scan the QR codes to read Scholars' reflections on home and family history, the books that have changed the way they think, their study abroad experiences, and more!



What Wily Means to Me

"It is extremely important to understand the perspective of a Wily Scholar. We are individuals who have

had to focus on fighting for housing, family or finances, while others got to focus on being a kid. We are individuals who all have the goal to make a better life for ourselves, but do not have the means to do it on our own."

By J'Saun (he/him) | Wily Alum



Study Abroad in Accra, Ghana

"Though I'm a first-generation Nigerian, this was my first time on

the continent and my first time being outside of the United States for a substantial amount of time....I hadn't ever been in an environment where the general majority of the population was Black....It was a precious feeling of belonging that I wish every Black person could experience."

By Moonlight (*they/them*) | Harvard University '22



Home

"The main reason why she hasn't visited is bus tickets are \$60 one way, but she also hasn't visited because I

haven't invited her.... I spent my whole life escaping her only to find that I miss her."

By Regina (she/her) | Middlebury College '22



Gift Guilt

"I actively try to avoid gifts, they often carry with them a lingering feeling of guilt....Each year my grandma says

almost the same line, 'I wish we could've done more.' I used to agree with that."

By Gar (he/him) | Middlebury College '22

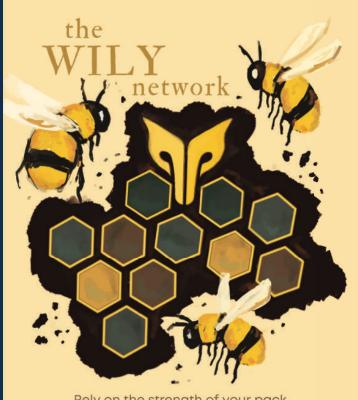


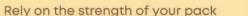
Two new Scholars meet a Wily alum for a picnic

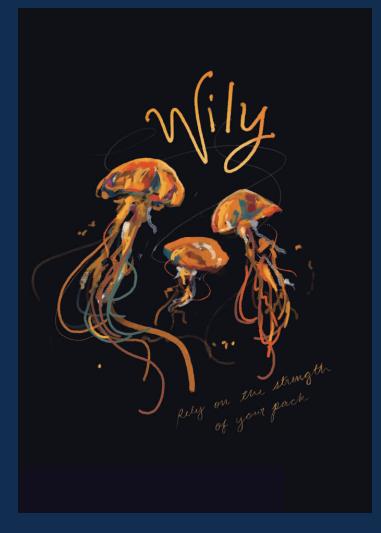


Art by Alexis

At Wily, we rely on the strength of our pack. Wily Scholar Alexis created some beautiful artwork for us depicting what that might look like with different types of packs!







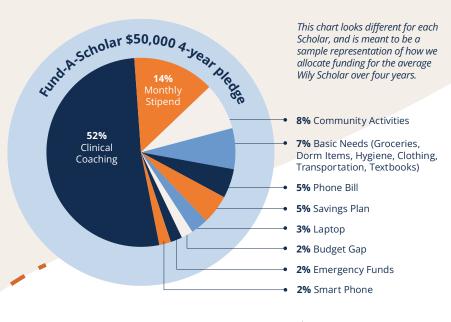
Wily's icon is a wolf, and it really does feel like a wolf pack. You feel looked after, like you're a part of a community where you're going to be taken care of. You're going to be supported. No one is left behind.

Davae (she/her), Wily Alum

Fund-A-Scholar

Fund-A-Scholar Program donors make **a long-term** commitment to the Wily Network to ensure we can work with Scholars throughout their college journey. These **high-impact** gifts can be made in a single contribution or with a multi-year pledge.

If you have supported the Fund-A-Scholar program in previous years, **thank you! Because of you**, we are able to meet the needs of Scholars today—and prepare to welcome new Scholars in the years ahead. You inspire other individuals, families, businesses and grant-makers to join you in building a vibrant Wily community. Most importantly, you let Wily Scholars know that you have their back.



Wily is an

awesome

program that before

you find it, you cannot

imagine that it exists.

This is a program that

has changed my life.

Sonam (he/him),

Wily Alum



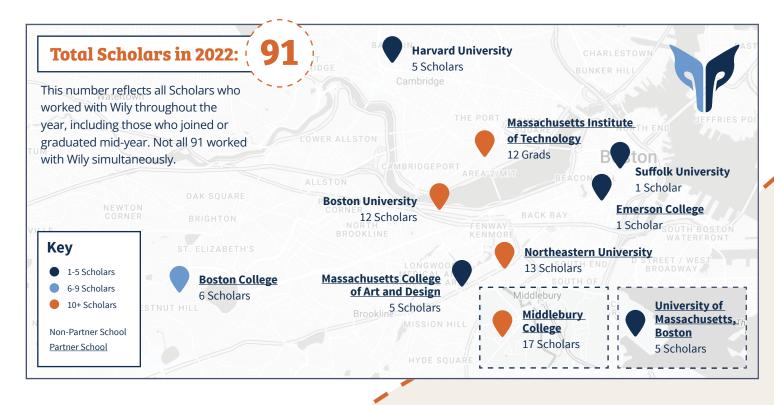
*All gifts to the Wily Network are for general operating purposes, and no gift is designated to a specific Scholar.

Thank you to Wily's Fund-A-Scholar donors!

Collectively, in 2022, you funded the cost of our program for 65 Scholars. We hope you are proud of all that you have made possible!

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*Five years of consecutive giving





At a Glance

Fiscal Year 2022 Financials

At Wily, we're almost always in a time of transition. As we help new alums move into their next phase post-graduation, we're also already beginning the process of onboarding a flow of new Scholars that will continue to grow throughout the school year.

This year, we had our biggest turnover year ever. We celebrated **18 graduations** and welcomed a record-breaking **30 new Scholars**, meaning one third of the 2022 student cohort was new to Wily. That growth was a huge undertaking, and we couldn't have done it without you. **Your generous support** funded our program and grew the Wily Pack. Thank you!

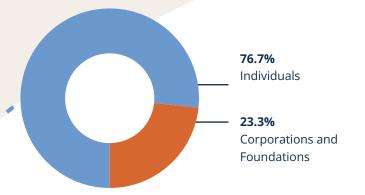
All financial statistics for 2022 are unaudited. If you would like to request a copy of the full, audited financial statements in May of 2023, please email Ashley Linell at ashley@thewilynetwork.org.

As a former Wily Scholar, I now sit in front of you as a first generation college graduate on his way to stability. I maintain a full-time steady job, a roof over my head, and a clear mind to focus on what is next. Dreams are tangible goals, and I am on my way to reaching my dreams because of the support donors have put into the Wily Network.

J'Saun (he/him), Wily Alum

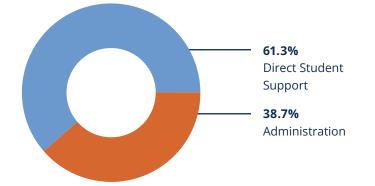
2022 Revenue

Individuals\$1,623,032Corporations and Foundations\$492,996Total\$2,116,028



2022 Expenses

Direct Student Support\$1,194,112Administration\$755,229Total\$1,949,341







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We are honored to recognize our Wily Partners: those who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Wily Network during the fiscal year. We are truly grateful for the tremendous contribution that Wily Partners make to our program. Your generosity keeps our program running so we can be there for Scholars from freshman year through graduation.

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Our Feature in The New Yorker

We were honored to be the subject of a letter published in *The New Yorker* this past spring! The short piece was written by Wily Advisory Council member **Annie Montesano**.

Annie's letter referenced an article about University of Pennsylvania graduate **Mackenzie Fierceton**, a Rhodes Scholar recipient and foster care alum who was accused by her school of lying about her upbringing.



Read Annie's letter in The New Yorker



Read our blog post about Mackenzie's story

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Wily is lucky to benefit from the insight of two Scholar Representatives on our Board of Directors. Scholar Board Rep **Marissa** graduated this past May, and though we've missed her at board meetings, we are so excited for her to embark on her next chapter!

We were thrilled to welcome **Ajani** as Wily's newest Scholar Board Representative. He joined our senior Scholar Board Rep, **Shalona**.



Scholar Board Representatives Shalona (left) and Ajani (right) attend the first board meeting of 2023.

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Marissa (she/her), Boston College '22

The Wily pack is a group of individuals who support you and your goals, and are there for you no matter what.

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Connecting with Scholars from

my campus has made me feel more connected to my school.

Anonymous, Wily Scholar

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We're always reminding Wily Scholars to **rely on the strength of their pack**. Volunteers are a critical part of that pack, from providing Scholars with thoughtful gifts and helping them make professional connections, to amplifying Wily's mission. We are so **grateful** for all of the incredible work they do.

We are so grateful to the volunteers who graciously hosted events for Wily this year! Thank you to Joy Denomme, Susan Geraghty, Terrie Hallal, Cara Maxwell, Lynda Voghel, and Judy Zimmerman.



Event hosts Susan Geraghty and Lynda Voghel host a beautiful rooftop event for Wily.



Volunteers from Audax Group build care packages on-site at Boston College.

How you can support **Wily Scholars**



Host a Wily Introduction Event

Bring a Wily staff member to your home or office to speak to your family, friends and colleagues about our mission. Virtual events are a great option.



Host a Fundraiser

From setting up a Facebook fundraiser to organizing a gift card drive at your work or school, we are so grateful when our community members host fundraisers! We are always happy to help you brainstorm or plan.



Support Scholars with a Gift Card

When you give a gift card to a Scholar, you give them more than the dollar amount on the card. You provide them with the ability to join their peers in going shopping or getting a cup of coffee without stress.

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Program and Volunteer Coordinator Alex Hendricks (she/her) at alex@thewilynetwork.org.



Create Care Packages for Scholars

Receiving a care package filled with tasty snacks, gift cards, encouraging notes, and other goodies gives Scholars a boost while they focus on their schoolwork.



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Receiving gifts for birthdays, holidays and graduation lets Scholars know that people are thinking of them. Help a student celebrate the milestones along their way through college.



Support Wily Career Networking

Scholars want to connect with professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, interests and ambitions. Share your knowledge and experience, and help them build a network for future success.



Join the Young **Professionals Association**

Join a driven group of young professionals in raising awareness of Wily's mission. Grow your network while helping us grow ours.



event for Wily Scholars.



From left: Mary Beth Lisman, Becky King and Francey Fenton help make Wily's second annual Career Fair a success.



Young Professionals Association members gather for a happy hour and fundraiser for Wily.

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