When you join the President’s Club with a minimum gift of $1,000, you make an especially important contribution to students. President’s Club funding creates opportunities for our students and faculty that allow them to reach beyond the status quo and explore new ideas and experiences that may not be available through traditional funding sources.

As a President’s Club member, the university offers you a variety of special benefits:

- Unique access to campus leaders and special events held during the year
- Updates from me about current initiatives and priorities at WCSU
- Invitations to lectures and events exclusively for members
- An annual reception
- Recognition in donor publications

To achieve our full promise, we cannot rely solely on tuition revenues and the state, which today provides 38 percent of our operating budget. We need continuing investment from supporters like you to continue to capitalize on our outstanding faculty and our location in the greater New York metropolitan area, our diverse range of quality academic programs, and our supportive student-focused environment. With your help, Western will continue to improve and to offer access to more outstanding students.

Do you believe in excellence, opportunity and value?

Western does.

James W. Schmotter, Ph.D.
President
What is considered an unrestricted gift?
An unrestricted gift is allocated to our greatest needs. They are essential to the continued success of the university. The president depends on these resources to address the university’s most pressing needs and to create opportunities for students such as scholarships and new academic initiatives.

What does the President’s Club support?
Below are a few examples of how unrestricted President’s Club gifts can make a difference at WCSU:

- Student Development: When Carnegie Hall invited theatre and music students to perform, President’s Club funds provided transportation for participants.
- Faculty Development: Professors obtain financing from many sources for their research and student training, but the economy and last-minute expenses can jeopardize their efforts. President’s Club funding can help.
- Unexpected needs: Unrestricted gifts provide the financial flexibility to act expeditiously. For example, enrolling and counseling displaced WCSU students who have been affected by a disaster, or facilitating emergency aid and loans for students in need.

Is President’s Club membership based on the calendar year or fiscal year?
Annual membership is based on the university’s fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

Frequently Asked Questions

Western by the numbers

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5,007 Full-time undergraduate students
54.5 Percent female students
45.5 Percent male students
18.8 Percent traditionally under-represented groups
91.8 Percent of students from Connecticut
5,279 New applications for full-time enrollment
1,462 Enrolled as new full-time students
122 Number of accepted students ranked in top 10 percent of their high school class
$213.6 WCSU’s contribution in output of goods and services to the region, in millions
$3.75 ROI for each dollar invested by Connecticut taxpayers

Yes, I would like to join or renew my annual membership in the President’s Club. 

Please mail your check to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Make checks payable to the WCSU Foundation, Inc. If you wish to make your gift by credit card, please complete the form at right.

To fulfill your pledge in installments, please contact our office directly at (203) 837-8279.