

## Despite COVID, OSP has it's Best Year Yet!

In the world of Sponsored Programs it can be hard to predict when you will have a stellar year. One of the characteristics of seeking external support is that the value of awards will vary from year-to-year based a variety of variables. Some years will be especially successful while others will be comparatively less successful. Despite the pandemic, this past spring when we were in lockdown the number of proposals submitted rose sharply and the awards started rolling in. We actually had our best fiscal year to date with an amazing \$16.7 million in funding for 39 new awards in FY2020!

### CARES Act Funding

The funding we received included \$10.7 million in CARES Act awards. The CARES Act of 2020 was passed by Congress in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, which directed emergency relief funds to institutions of higher education, businesses, artists and other groups. The CARES Act awards we received before June 30 include:

- Three Emergency Cares Act Relief awards were received through **Finance and Administration**: two awards for \$4,881,678 from the funds set aside for all higher ed institutions and one award for \$705,001 from the funds for Minority Serving Institutions. These funds are to support the financial needs of students as well as the University.
- The **Small Business Development Center** received \$270,411 from the Small Business Administration through the Statewide SBDC program at Rutgers. Funding is to provide enhanced consultative support to existing small businesses who are struggling because of closure and related business challenges.

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## \$125 Million: One Award at a Time

FY2020 included an impressive milestone for William Paterson University and the efforts of the Office of Sponsored Programs: The total value of external awards received through the OSP between January 1997 and June 2020 exceeded \$125 Million dollars!

This number is a great headline but it is the people and the projects that are the story and reason for this success. The OSP enables the development and submission of proposals, the management and completion of projects, and a dozens related tasks, but we do not bring the ideas or the commitment or the day-to-day dedication that is required. This comes from the project directors, principal investigators and others who work on these sponsored projects.

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# Awards Received in FY2020



## Lydia Albuquerque

American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
\$5,000

*Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Adherence among Patients with Cardiac Diseases and Association with Heart-health Behavior and Health Status*  
This project will improve the standards of care for cardiac disease and rehabilitation.

## Wartyna Davis

Paterson Public Schools  
\$85,000

*Bilingual Teacher Endorsement*  
This program offered a Bilingual Teacher Endorsement Program to a cohort of 20 teachers from the Paterson Public Schools.

## Jennifer Di Noia

National Cancer Institutes  
\$77,420

*WIC-Based Intervention to Promote Healthy Eating Among Low-Income Mothers, Year 2*  
This feasibility study tested an education and intervention initiative geared toward pregnant and postpartum women served by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. The study combined behaviorally-focused nutrition education with the establishment of a WIC-based farmers' market.

## Kristen Evangelista

NJ State Council on the Arts  
\$19,247

*University Galleries, FY2020*  
General program support to assist the University Galleries to oversee and exhibit the University's art collections, sponsor lectures, artists and curator talks, host collaborative workshops, and offer exhibition tours and educational programs throughout the year.

## Kristen Evangelista and Laura Di Summa-Knoop

National Endowment for the Arts  
\$25,000

*Fashioning through the Arts*  
University Galleries will present an exhibit investigating the use of fashion in the arts and the very idea of fashion as art.

## Dorothy Feola and Amy Ginsberg

US Department of Education through a subaward from Passaic County Community College  
\$239,140

*Passaic County Community College Hispanic Serving Institutions Program*  
The College of Education will serve as mentors and conduct Praxis Core workshops for Passaic



## Elizabeth Amaya-Fernandez

NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety  
\$15,000

*William Paterson University HERO Campaign 2020*

This project supports campus educational programs and events that promote awareness about the importance of selecting a sober designated driver before going out.

## Vanessa Apaza

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
\$750

*Communities Talk, Town Hall Meeting, 2019*  
This project supported two Town Hall Meetings in Passaic City, last October, to discuss underage drinking.

## Stephen Bolyai

US Department of Education  
\$9,763,356 (Total of two awards)  
*William Paterson University Emergency Relief Fund*

These projects support funding for William Paterson University regarding COVID-19.

## Stephen Bolyai

US Department of Education  
\$705,001  
*William Paterson University MSI Emergency Relief Fund*

This project supports the financial needs of students as well as the University regarding COVID-19.

## Christine Bravo and Michael Corso

US Department of Education  
*Title III and Title V Eligibility, FY 2021*  
This designation enables WPU to continue as an eligible institution for Title III and Title V in FY21, and as a Hispanic serving institution.





**PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Preparing All Children for College and Career

County Community College education majors preparing to transfer to WPU.

**Elizabeth Galetz, Joset Brown, Nadine Aktan, and Lydia Albuquerque**

Health Resources and Services Administration  
**\$3,250,000**

*William Paterson University Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students*

This project will increase recruitment and retention efforts by providing scholarships for disadvantaged students in the Nursing Program.

**Amy Ginsberg**

NJ Department of Education  
**\$199,278**

*Career and Technical Education Teacher Preparation Program*

The College of Education will provide a new Career and Technical Education Teacher Preparation Program to support NJ's growing CTE programs.

**Vidya Kalaramadam and Rajender Kaur**

US Department of Education  
**\$99,940**

*Integrating South Asia and Diversity in New Jersey Classrooms: The Roots and Routes of Ethnic Communities*

This Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program will provide 14 educators the opportunity to gain firsthand cultural awareness and linguistic differences in various regions throughout South Asia.

**William Kernan**

NJ Division of Community Health Services through a subaward from New Jersey Prevention Network  
**\$20,000**

*Passaic County Youth Tobacco Action Team Program*

This subaward will support a project of the NJ Prevention Network to reduce tobacco use among youth and young adults in NJ, by establishing County Youth Action Groups. Dr. Kernan and United for Prevention in Passaic County Coalition will establish the Tobacco Prevention Youth Action Team for Passaic County.

**William Kernan, Glen Sherman, and Sherrine Schuldtt**

NJ Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services  
**\$12,540**

*Outreach and Community Education Regarding the Use of Opioid Pain Relievers for Sports-Related Injuries in Young Athletes, Year 3*

The continuation of this project extends the work currently underway with United in Prevention of Passaic County. A toolkit and complementing materials for "Addressing Opioid and Other Drug Use among NJ Athletes" will be created and distributed in the region. They will also host educational presentations and other outreach activities.

**William Kernan**

US Environmental Protection Agency through a subaward from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County  
**\$5,030**

*Paterson Grow Healthy*

WPU is responsible for developing evaluation instruments and survey administration for the Food Waste Summit and serves as main point-of-contact for data and data analysis questions for the project.

**Kiho Lim**

Institute of Information & Communications Technology Planning & Evaluation, South Korea with Chosun University  
**\$90,000**

*Next-generation Biometrics - Smart Connected Car Convergence*

This collaborative international research project with Chosun University (South Korea) will conduct research on Artificial Intelligence based Next-generation Biometrics and Smart Connected Car Convergence using the Cybersecurity Lab at WPU.

**Brenda Marshall**

American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
**\$5,000**

*Nursing Grief*

This project will train and evaluate the impact of nurse practitioners getting certified in the Mental Health First Aid program, which helps Nurse Practitioners learn therapeutic communication skills to increase empathy and decrease stigma while caring for those with mental illness and substance use disorders.



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**Casey Mathern**

National Endowment for the Humanities  
**\$6,500**

*Artists' Book Collection Rehousing*

This project will support the rehousing of the University Galleries' collection of artists' books contributing to the current and long-term preservation of the book collection.

**Debbie Mohammed**

Gilead Sciences, Inc.

**\$59,365.66**

*Healthcare Providers Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Related to Early Treatment Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy in New Jersey*

The project will test and evaluate different methods of early treatment interventions for HIV positive patients.

**Emily Monroe**

National Institutes of Health through a subaward from Rutgers, The State University  
**\$42,750**

*Biomedical Research and Education Training Program, Year 3*

This teaching mentorship program will continue to place Postdoctoral Fellows in the Biology Department and will engage them in teaching, labs, and curriculum development. Dr. Monroe will be the site director and campus coordinator. Pradeep Patnaik and Carey Waldburger also serve as mentors for this project.

**Daryl Moore**

NJ State Council on the Arts

**\$37,846**

*Shea Center for the Performing Arts, FY2020*

General program support to assist the Shea Center in hosting a variety of performances, concerts, workshops and educational programs, specifically supporting the Jazz Room Series performances.

**Kathleen Muldoon**

NJ Business Action Center through a subaward from Rutgers, The State University  
**\$16,000**

*WPU Small Business Development Center, FY2020*

This award supports funds for the WPU Small Business Development Center, which provides clients with free confidential counseling, free and affordable workshops, and marketing research to support business expansion.

**Kathleen Muldoon**

US Small Business Administration through a subaward from Rutgers, The State University  
**\$131,482**

*WPU Small Business Development Center*

This award supports funds for the WPU Small Business Development Center, which provides training and assistance to small business owners in the surrounding community through workshops, confidential counseling, and other activities to support business expansion.

**Kathleen Muldoon**

SBA CARES Act Funding through a Subaward from Rutgers, The State University  
**\$270,411**

*Small Business Development Center: CARES Act Supplemental funding supporting the WPU SBDC during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Nancy Norris-Bauer**

NJ Department of Education through a contract from Paterson Public Schools

**\$25,800**

*21st Century Community Learning Center, Year 3*

The College of Education will continue to provide professional development workshops and support for Paterson teachers covering STEAM related content and pedagogy topics.

**Nancy Norris-Bauer**

NJ Historical Commission

**\$15,000**

*NJ History Day 2020*

This exciting educational program encourages students to conduct historical research related to an annual theme. The work can be presented through poster presentations, essays, films, or dramatic presentations. The students present their research at the state competition, held annually at WPU in May.

**Nancy Norris-Bauer**

Smithsonian Institute

**\$16,000**

*Arts Integration and Cultural Competency*

*Professional Support for New Jersey Educators*

This cooperative project with the Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access (SCLDA) will provide program support, professional development sessions, and pilot the integration of instructional practices and innovative technologies as part of the expansion of the SCLDA web-based Learning Lab resource for teachers and students.



Smithsonian  
Institution



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**HRSA**  
Health Resources and Services Administration

**KSPS**  
Korean Studies Promotion Service



### Carmen Ortiz

NJ Secretary of Higher Education

**\$1,199,433**

*Educational Opportunity Fund FY 2020*

This program gives tremendous opportunities for higher education to financially disadvantaged and academically underprepared New Jersey residents.

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NJ Secretary of Higher Education

**\$35,028**

*Educational Opportunity Fund FY 2020, Winter Session*

The Winter Program helps to provide the academic advancement and enrichment of EOF renewal students during the FY 2020 Winter Session.

### Carmen Ortiz

NJ Secretary of Higher Education

**\$36,825**

*Educational Opportunity Fund FY2020 Fall Conference*

EOF Board sponsored registration to attend the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey/Alliance of Educational Opportunity Fund Students Fall Conference last November, which was also hosted by William Paterson University.

### Keumjae Park, Carrie Hong and Angie Yoo

Korean Studies Promotion Service

**\$198,972.00**

*Seed for Engagement, Education, and Development of the Korean Studies at WPUNJ*

This project will develop a multi-faceted curriculum for the Korean Studies program at WPU by expanding course offerings, developing exchange programs with South Korean universities, and fostering connections through cultural events on campus and in the local community.

### Sherrine Schuldt

Passaic County Department of Human Services

**\$17,500**

*Passaic County Prevention Education Project*

Support for three day peer leadership institute, Passaic County Teen Summit for education to reduce underage drinking and misuse and abuse of medications.

### Holly Seplocha

NJ Department of Education

**\$818,900**

*RTT Grow NJ Kids Ratings Project: NJ Center for Quality Ratings-FY20*

This project will continue to support the implementation and monitoring of a quality rating improvement system, across the state of NJ, for programs, schools, and centers serving children from birth through age five years old.

### Glen Sherman, William Kernan, and Sherrine Schuldt

NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**\$150,000**

*Passaic Coalition to Utilize Environmental Strategies, Year 9*

The continuation of the Passaic Coalition project will expand prevention programs and will reduce underage drinking and access to prescription drugs through peer education groups on campus and in the surrounding communities.

### Bernadette Tiernan

NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development

**\$224,982**

*Skills Partnership Healthcare - Nursing Facility Consortium*

This interactive healthcare leadership training program combines proven-in-action techniques with peer interaction and insights from the latest research to assist healthcare managers to master the competencies of effective leadership.

### Martin Williams and Samantha Green

US Department of Health and Human Services

*Indirect Cost Rate, 2020-2024*

Federal indirect cost rate agreement used to support indirect costs on eligible grants and contracts.



# Welcome Kate Boschert to OSP

The Office of Sponsored Programs would like to introduce the newest member of our team: Kate Boschert!

Kate joined the OSP team in the new position of Assistant Director for Research Development in February 2020 and has been working closely with faculty, staff, institutional leadership, and our consultants from McAllister & Quinn to develop high quality proposals. Kate helps OSP clients develop their ideas into projects that are part of their larger career development strategy. Kate educates new and experienced grant-seekers about the proposal development process, tools to search for funding opportunities, how to review eligibility criteria, and makes plans for proposal development. Kate helps with revising and resubmitting proposals as well.



Kate's background includes over 10 years of research administration experience both at a department level and in a centralized office at a medical school. She has a master's degree in applied econometrics and strong background in statistics, data collection and project management. She is married with two children. In her free time, she enjoys walking in nature, bike riding, local history, and cooking and baking with her family. With her breadth of knowledge and experience, we are thrilled to have her on our team!

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- The **College of Arts and Communication** received a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support artists and the staff that enable performances. Virtual and live performances by the WP Presents and Jazz Room series will be supported across the 2020-2021 academic year.

### Other Noteworthy Awards

This includes \$3,250,000 from the US Health Resources and Services Administration for the Nursing Department to support financially or educationally disadvantaged students by providing up to \$650,000 in scholarships for eligible students annually for five years.

Another noteworthy student support award was received over the summer by Jyoti Champanerkar, Paul von Dohlen, Cyril Ku, Weihau Liu, and Djanna Hill, from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Mathematics and Computer Science Scholarships.

WP also received two multiyear international awards during FY 20. While we have previously received small awards from international sponsors these are the first two awards that will have substantive outcomes funded by significant awards. The first was from the Korean Studies Promotion Service, a program of the government of South Korea, to Keumjae Park, Carrie Hong and Angie Yoo for the multi-college SEED for Engagement, Education, and Development of Korean Studies at WPUNJ project. WP will receive \$198,972 over 3 years.

The second was from the Institute of Information and Communications Technology Planning & Evaluation (IICPTE), which is an agency of South Korea, to Kiho Lim for a collaborative research project with Chosun University (South Korea) on the Next-generation Biometrics - Smart Connected Car Convergence. WP will receive about \$180,000 over two years.

We would like to thank all those who have worked tirelessly on the submission of proposals and congratulate our award recipients! This has been a year unlike any other!

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very important to recognize that none of these projects were accomplished by just the people named here. All these projects were completed by teams that were comprised of some combination of faculty, staff, students and possibly partners at other institutions.

The top three groups represent long-term activities. **Carmen Ortiz**, the Executive Director of EOF and Academic Achievement, represents over 50 years of WP providing support to disadvantaged students by providing advisement and financial aid; the almost \$17 million included here is only a fraction of what WP has received to support this endeavor. In 2000, the **College of Education** began pursuing funding to support the professional development of teachers along with improving the preparation of future teachers. All of their projects involved, and continue to involve, both statewide and local partners. **Bernadette Tiernan**, Executive Director of the **School of Continuing and Professional Education**, has pursued an aggressive strategy for building WP as a major provider of training of workers for businesses and industries. Others in this group that represent long-term, strategic initiatives include: **Holly Seplocha**, professor of education and director of the **NJ Center for Quality Ratings**, has focused on improving pre-K education at WP and the provision of pre-K in centers around the state; a broad assortment of programs aimed at reducing the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs led by **Glen Sherman**, **Bill Kernan**, **Sherrine Schuldt**, **Alex Kecojovic**, **Liz Amaya-Fernandez** and others; and **Kate Muldoon** and the **Small Business Development Center** support new businesses in Passaic County.

Project Leaders	Total Awards
Ortiz, Carmen and other EOF Directors	\$16,919,525.00
Dean's Office, College of Education	\$15,173,194.57
Tiernan, Bernadette	\$14,431,349.80
Seplocha, Holly	\$6,516,013.00
Walsh, Kevin	\$5,104,876.03
Sherman, Kernan, Schuldt and Others in ATOD Education	\$5,064,101.00
Muldoon, Kathleen and other SBDC Directors	\$4,428,437.00
Louie, Kem	\$3,227,566.00
De Young, Sandra	\$2,908,419.00
Gardner, E. Eileen	\$1,985,853.00
Hong, Carrie Eunyoung	\$1,641,613.00
Fengya, Donna	\$1,167,075.00
Poandl, Lou	\$1,120,000.00
Griffiths, Michael	\$1,115,973.00
Hill, Djanna and Champanerkar, Jyoti	\$1,049,995.00

Providing effective advisement and financial support to students at all levels is a priority at WP. Major one-time awards were received to support students by: **Kevin Walsh** (supported advanced degrees for teachers and principals), **Kem Louie** (supported training of future nurse educators, Sandy DeYoung and Donna Fengya (professional development for STEM teachers), **Carrie Hong**, **Eileen Gardner**, **Djanna Hill** and **Jyoti Champanerkar** (scholarships and support for undergraduate students).

**Michael Griffiths** and his awards from the National Science Foundation leads a growing list of faculty who are obtaining support for important scientific research that is receiving international attention. **Lou Poandl** represents WP's efforts to become a green institution whether that is through grants, cooperative ventures, intentional construction choices or strategic choices about energy and recycling.

The OSP offers its heartfelt appreciation for the individuals on this list and the hundreds of others in the WP community — past, present and future — who seek to make a difference with the support of a grant or contract.





### What is GrantForward?

GrantForward is a subscription search engine dedicated to help you find grants to fund your research or other sponsored projects. This resource is being provided by the OSP to help you identify potential sponsors and funding opportunities. GrantForward includes more than 13,000 sponsor sources and provides a comprehensive database of more than 40,000 funding opportunities that continues to grow with the most up to date information. GrantForward's powerful search engine helps to improve the experience of searching for grants with adaptable search filters and specialized search features.

### Why should you sign up?

GrantForward allows you to quickly create a customized search for funding opportunities that align with your ideas. GrantForward provides brief summaries including sections such as a description of the opportunity, link to the sponsor webpage, grant and applicant type, deadlines, eligibility, and applicant location.

GrantForward researcher profiles allow you to highlight your research achievements and interests to receive personalized recommendations via email for grant opportunities that match your research needs.



### How to create your GrantForward Account and Researcher Profile?

Start moving your research forward and create an account! There are two ways to get started:

Email Kate Boschert ([boschertk1@wpunj.edu](mailto:boschertk1@wpunj.edu)) and we can send you a link to create your account with your university email address.

If you are on campus, log-on to <https://www.grantforward.com/> to set up an account using your WP email address.

Once you set up your account- create your profile so you can take advantage of the search power of GrantForward. Here is a link to a YouTube video on how to create your account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w998RyQvwII>

If you would like to benefit from receiving grant recommendations, then you will also need to make sure to create your researcher profile.

### Where to get more information?

- Email Kate Boschert [boschertk1@wpunj.edu](mailto:boschertk1@wpunj.edu) with questions or to obtain an electronic copy of the "GrantForward Researcher Welcome Guide"
- Visit GrantForward YouTube Channel for all instruction videos.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w998RyQvwII>
- Visit GrantForward Support page for the complete list of resources:  
<https://www.grantforward.com/support>