



FACES OF WORCESTER CLEMENTE

Holiday Greetings!

from
The Worcester
Clemente Course
in the Humanities

Dear Clemente Supporters and Members of the Worcester Community

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the Worcester Clemente Course in the Humanities is now entering its sixth year! As our new cohort begins its own Clemente journey, we are proud to share with you some of our achievements from the 2018/2019 year:

- ✓ We graduated 14 students, growing our alumni group to 84.
- ✓ Graduate Valdajeon Jordan spoke at the National Health Care for the Homeless Conference in Washington DC in May.
- ✓ Graduate LaToya Lewis was appointed to The Human Rights Commission for the City of Worcester in August.
- ✓ We welcomed members of the Worcester Community to four Community Dinners in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church at which our alumni cooked and entertained.
- ✓ We partnered with TEC Schools and Trinity Lutheran Church to bring a "Cardboard Explosion" puppet making workshop and performance to Worcester in April, free and open to the public.
- ✓ Professor Lucia Knoles led a five-week summer program for graduates and early admitted students called "How and Why we Read Short Stories." It ended with a free public program on James Baldwin's story, "Sonny's Blues" in partnership with WAM.
- ✓ We welcomed The Worcester County Poetry Association as our new Fiscal Agent.

Each student's story about how they came to Clemente is compelling, and the delight with which they share their Clemente experiences is infectious. Our goal is to sustain this diverse and joyful effort for the foreseeable future. To do this, we need your valued support! **This year, The Clearbrook Fund of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation will match every gift up to \$5000 made before the end of the year.** This generous match will ensure we end the year in positive territory and can place funds in reserve for next year's program.

We ask you to please give generously to support this valuable program. Donations can be made as follows:

On-line at:

Worcester County Poetry Association

[Click here](#) to reach donation page

By check, payable to "The Worcester County Poetry

Association" with Worcester Clemente in the memo – mailed to:

The Clemente Course in the Humanities, Worcester

c/o The Worcester County Poetry Association

PO Box 804, Worcester, MA 01613

With our sincerest wishes for the happiest of holidays to you and your loved ones. From all of us at Clemente Worcester, thank you in advance for your vital support.

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Clemente Worcester By the Numbers

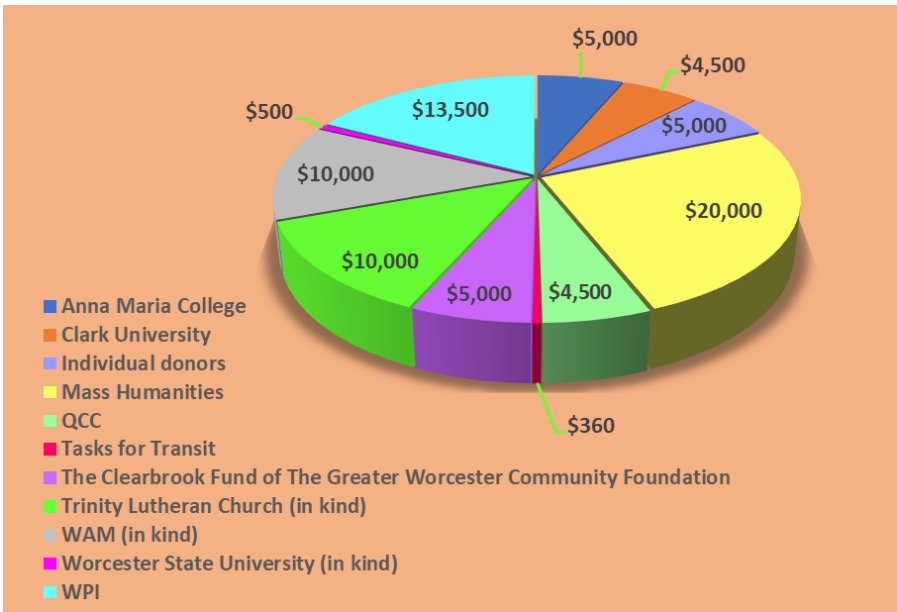


WHO YOUR FUNDING SUPPORTS

Our Clemente Graduating Class of 2019 with their Professors

WHAT YOUR GIFT PROVIDES

- \$50 provides a student with books for one course
- \$123.25 provides a student with a bus pass for a semester
- \$250 provides a student with books for all five courses
- \$1,000 provides snacks and supplies for the children for a year



WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM

Thank you for your generous gift!



Clemente student Rose Bilonda Muela of Worcester examines a Persian illustrated manuscript at the Worcester Art Museum's Preserved Pages: Book as Art in Persia and India, 1300-1800 exhibition in fall 2018. Photo courtesy of the Worcester Art Museum.



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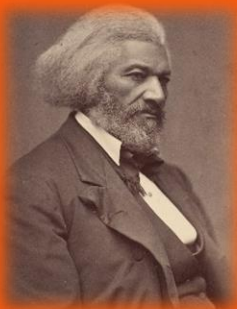
Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30-8pm: Philosophy Professor Emeritus, Ruth Smith and former Advisory Board Chair, Frank Kartheiser, will lead a program for Alumni called "Mapping Justices and Injustices" at Trinity Lutheran Church Library. Supporters welcome. Please join us!

Community Dinner preceding from 5:00-6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. All Welcome.

Tuesday April 7th, 6:30-8 pm: Art History Professor Barbara Beall-Fofana will lead "A Visit to The American Galleries" at the Worcester Art Museum for Alumni. Supporters welcome. Please join us!

Community Dinner preceding from 5:00-6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. All Welcome.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



"I am Frederick Douglass. I am Rosa Parks. I am Phillis Wheatley. I am Duke Ellington. I am black soldiers during the Civil War. I am Serena Williams. I am the undefeated."

LaToya Lewis - during her speech at Graduation on May 19th, 2019.



The Clemente Course in the Humanities is an award winning college level seminar for highly motivated low-income adults seeking to build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

Clemente offers five strands of the humanities: Philosophy, Art History, Critical Thinking and Writing, US History and Poetry.



"The Clemente Course in the Humanities has been a very powerful and enlightening experience for me. I am so blessed to have been a part of it. It has also given me a voice in which I can express myself more fully and not be ashamed to do so."

Valdajeon Jordan – during her speech at Graduation, May 19th, 2019.

The Course is taught by some of the finest professors our city has to offer, and it is supported by five colleges: WPI, Clark, QCC, Anna Maria and WSU as well as The Worcester County Poetry Association (our fiscal agent), the Worcester Art Museum, Trinity Lutheran Church and Mass Humanities, with program credits granted by Bard College.

The Clemente Course seeks to remove the obstacles to success by including transportation, books, an enriching summer program and a child education program that mirrors for the children of our students what their parents are learning, involving the whole family in the deep, considerate dialogue which is the hallmark of the course.