# Parents & Families: The Power of Partnership

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#### Parent Engagement

Parent Steering Committee 1967 Parent & Family Giving 2000

Divisional Restructure 2012













Association of Parents 1994

Parents Leadership Circle 2006 Parent & Family Programs 2012



#### Is this what you think?

Helicopter, Lawnmower, Bulldozer, Blackhawk, Blue Angel, Stealth, Stroller, Curling, Snow Plow, Parachute, Bubble Wrap

**National Data** 

84%

of students feel that their parents are involved the

"Right Amount"



#### For Students...

Parental involvement is associated with

Higher Levels of
Student Engagement
Self-Reported Gains



#### Family Priorities

- Concern for the Individual Student
- Instructional Effectiveness
- Academic Advising Effectiveness
- Campus Climate/Campus Support Services
- Safety and Security



#### For Parents and Families...

- Increased Cost = Increased Investment
- Information often and early
- Content at the right time



Challenges & Successes

#### Challenges

- Parent Data
- Parent Board Structure
- Staff Training

#### Successes

- Successful Communication Strategy
- Early & Increased Engagement
  - Parent and Family Council
  - Cohen Career Center
  - Regional Communities
- Increased Parent & Family Giving

## 60 Regional Events



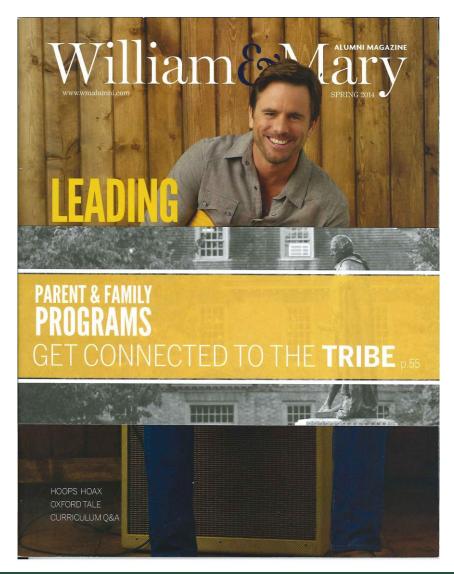
## Early Decision Events



100% RESPONSE

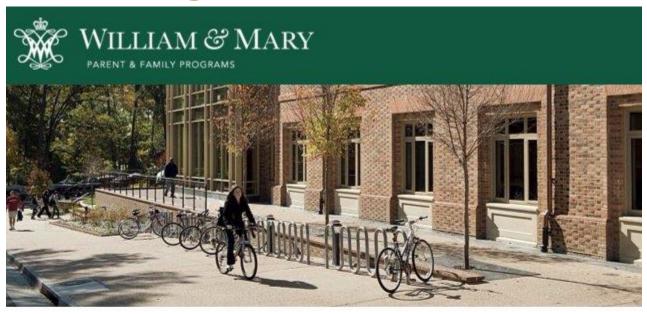
90%
PARTICIPATION

## Communication Partnerships



- Alumni Magazine with Parent Page
- Belly Band

### **Targeted Communications**



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Monthly
Newsletters to
targeted groups
of parents

#### In This Issue

Career Center

Alternative Break

Activities Fair

Study Abroad

Student Accounts

Residence Life

Washington Office

Class of 2017

August 2015

#### **Junior Family Newsletter**

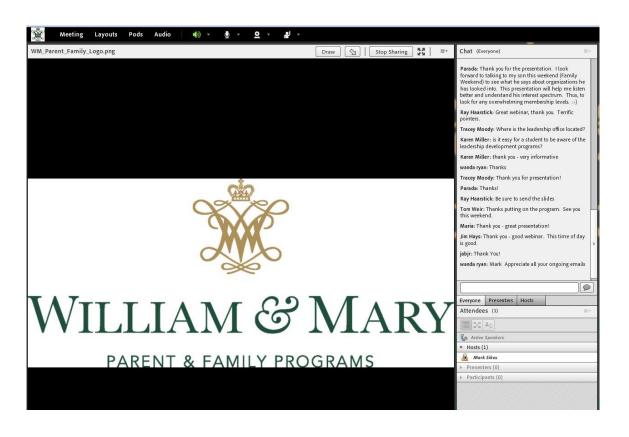
Dear W&M Families,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! We are Peter and Meg Carlsen, proud parents of junior Sarah and your Class of 2017 Junior Class Representatives. We are excited to serve you and your family in this



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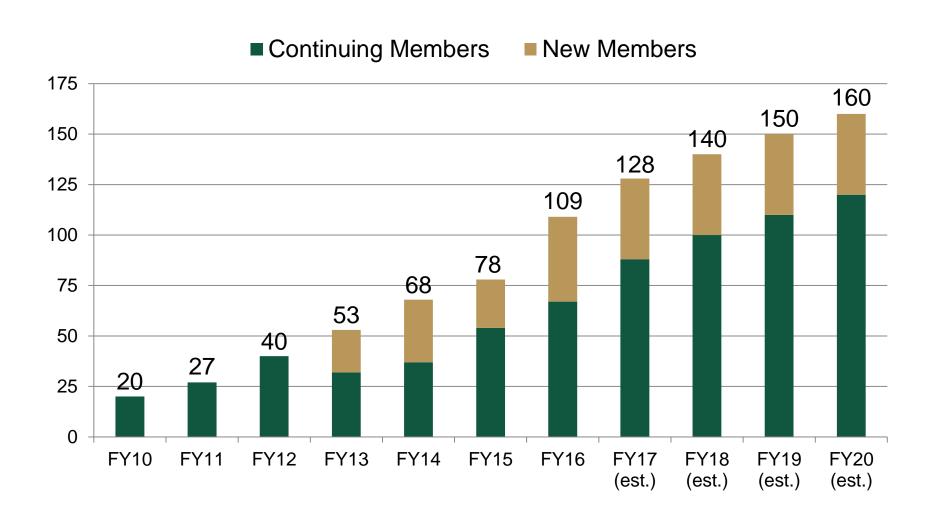
#### **Parent Webinars**



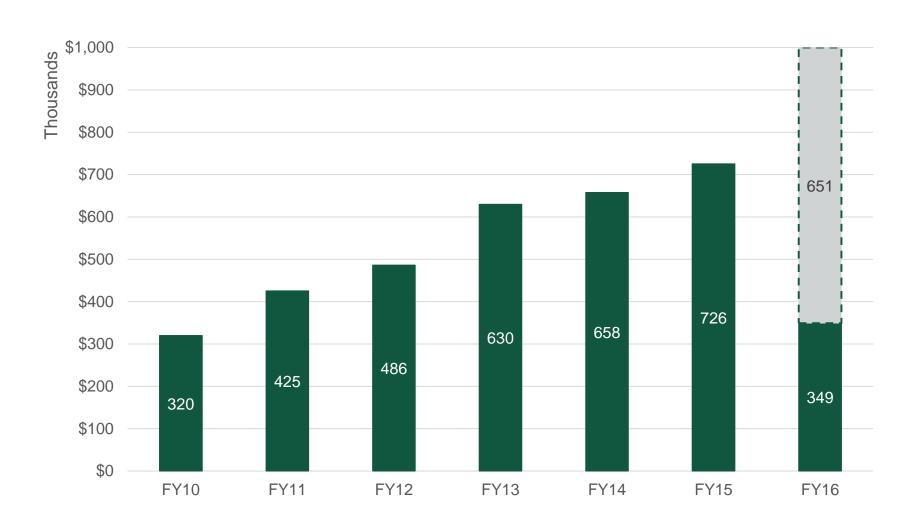
- Study Abroad
- Career Center
- Student Leadership

Growth of Parent Engagement & Philanthropy

### Parent & Family Council Growth



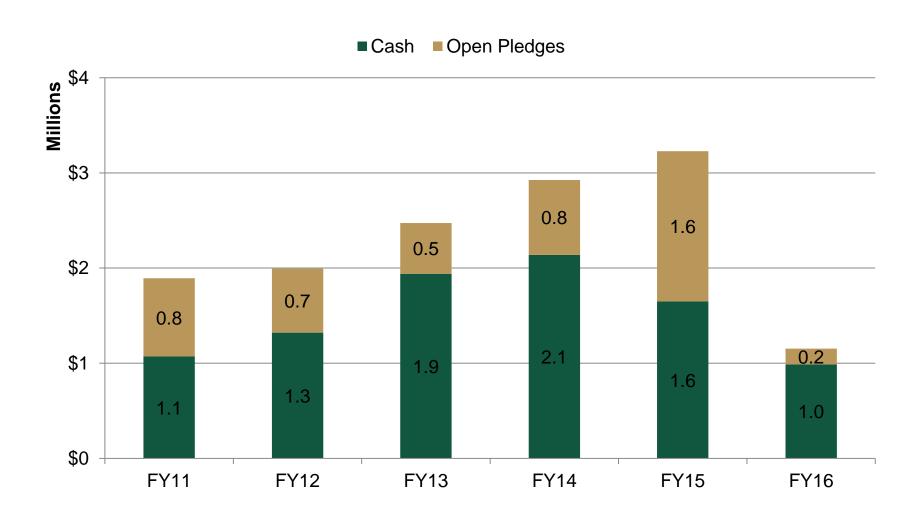
### Growth in the Parents Fund (Cash)



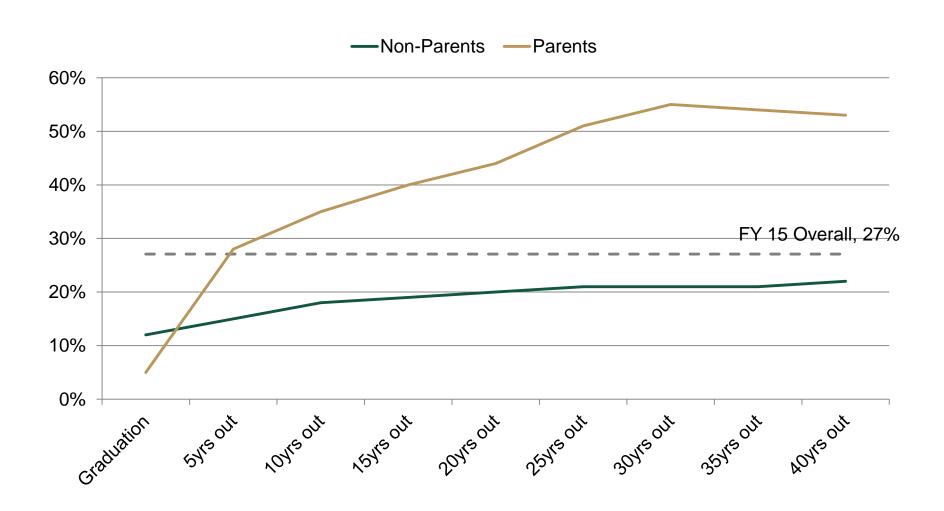
### Parents Fund Impact

- Undergraduate Summer Research
- Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fair
- Tribe TutorZone
- Off-campus career programs travel funds
- MLK Day of Service
- Student Conduct Council Development
- Neurodiverse Student Coaching
- Leadership Development Programs
- Cultural Programming
- New Student Organization Support Grants
- ProtoCall & Tribe Rides

### Non-Alumni Parent Giving



### Alumni Participation Rates



# Next Steps Grow Together, Stay Together

- Unique Model
- Trust & Cooperation
- Constant Communication