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Colleges of Worcester Consortium Collection, 1968-2013

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Collection Information

Abstract : The Colleges of Worcester Consortium Collection contains materials from the organization including newspaper articles, reports and brochures, event invitations, internal administrative papers, photographs, compact discs, and posters. The collection dates from 1968-2013, and contains information on the organization's staff, primary goals of educational cooperation, impact on the city of Worcester, finances, and more.

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Colleges of Worcester Consortium (COWC) was a non-profit association of colleges and universities located in central Massachusetts. The Consortium was founded in 1968, and at that time was made up of ten accredited public and private colleges and universities, including; Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Becker College, Central New England College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, Quinsigamond Community College, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Worcester State University. As of 2013, the Consortium included twelve schools; Anna Maria, Assumption College, Becker College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, MCPHS University, Nichols College, Quinsigamond Community College, Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Worcester State University. The Consortium encouraged cooperation among the colleges to broaden and enrich the academic programs, hold down costs through joint purchasing and shared services, and expand community service activities. Students had the opportunity to freely attend courses and facilities across the colleges. Additionally, through the Consortium students had access to the Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries, the Consortium Events Calendar, free shuttle bus service connecting several campuses, and the Annual Career Fair. In July 2013, the Colleges of Worcester Consortium split into two separate groups, Massachusetts Education and Career Opportunities Inc. and the Colleges of Worcester Consortium. The Colleges of Worcester Consortium is currently (as of December 2013) being reorganized.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of newspaper articles, reports and pamphlets published by the Consortium, event invitations, internal administrative papers, photographs of important people, events, and locations, audio compact discs, PowerPoint presentations, and posters. The newspaper articles date from 1968-2007, and include material on promotions and staff members of the Consortium, the impact of the Consortium on the city of Worcester, both culturally and economically, the free shuttle service the consortium offered, and numerous other day to day reports. The Consortium's published materials, dating from 1968-2012, consist of annual reports, informational pamphlets, brochures on cross-registration programs, booklets on the Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries, shuttle bus schedules, and much more. The event pamphlets and invitations cover the dates 1972-2013, and include events such as the 30th Anniversary celebration in 1998, to the Community Service Awards in 2013. The internal administrative papers include material from 1969-1974, and contain drafts of press releases, letters to the CEO, Lawrence Fox, and information regarding the Board of Trustees. The large collection of photographs in this collection cover the years 1970-2008, and include images of staff meetings, holiday parties, graduate fairs, career fairs, employee headshots, and much more. The collection of compact discs contains complete shows of "Worcester: Academically Speaking," which aired on AM 1310 WORC between 2003 and 2006. Additionally, there are CD's that contain informational PowerPoint presentations, from 2001-2008. Finally, there are four oversized posters in this collection that represent how the colleges and universities in the Consortium were advertised.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Newspaper Articles. The bulk of this series includes articles from the following newspapers: *The Worcester Sunday Telegram*, *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*, *The Evening Gazette*, the *Worcester Business Digest*, and the *Holy Cross Crusader*. These articles contain information on the Board of Trustees and staff members of the Consortium, the cultural and economic impact of the Consortium on the city of Worcester, the free shuttle service the consortium offered, and numerous other daily reports and activities. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 1968-2007.

Series 2: Colleges of Worcester Consortium Published Materials. The Consortium's published materials, including annual reports, informational pamphlets, brochures on cross-registration programs, shuttle bus schedules, community placements reports, partnerships with K-12 schools, etc. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 1968-2012.

Series 3: Events and Invitations. Pamphlets, flyers, and invitations for events that were hosted by the Colleges of Worcester Consortium. Specifically, some events included are the 30th Anniversary celebration in 1998, the 1997 town meeting regarding a financial report, the Tri-College Fine Arts Series, and the Community Service Awards in 2013. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 1972-2013.

Series 4: Internal Administrative Papers. These papers include material from 1969-1974, and are made up of drafts of press releases, letters to the CEO of the Consortium, Lawrence Fox, drafts of the Consortium Open University Project, and information regarding the Board of Trustees. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 1969-1974.

Series 5: Photographs. An extensive collection of photographs, which includes images of various staff meetings, holiday parties, graduate fairs, career fairs, employee and faculty headshots, campus grounds and facilities, and much more. Also includes slides that display campus buildings and landmarks, as well as the free shuttle bus service. This series also includes floppy discs and compact discs that contain soft copies of some of the photographs. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 1970-2008.

Series 6: Compact Discs. CD's containing complete shows of the radio program, "Worcester: Academically Speaking," which aired on AM 1310 WORC and consisted of interviews of faculty members. Additionally, includes CD's that contain informational Power Point presentations on topics such as the celebration of higher education. This series is organized chronologically, ca. 2003-2008.

Series 7: Oversized Posters. Four posters that represent the list of colleges and universities that made up the Consortium, as well as advertisements for events such as a networking event; dates unknown.

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 Series 1: Newspaper Articles

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2013.40.1.1	Newspaper articles; 1968-1972
1	2	2013.40.1.2	Newspaper articles; 1973-1977
1	3	2013.40.1.3	Newspaper articles; 1978-1987
1	4	2013.40.1.4	Newspaper articles; 1988-2007, and dates unknown

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 Series 2: Colleges of Worcester Consortium Published Materials

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2013.40.2.1	Pamphlets on the gerontology studies program, the cross-registration program, "This Week in Public Health," and Consortium News reports; 1968-1986
1	6	2013.40.2.2	Annual reports, brochures on Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries, shuttle bus schedules, and the Impact Study Report; 1990-2002
1	7	2013.40.2.3	Community placement reports and "Partnership with K-12 Schools" reports; 2004-2012
1	8	2013.40.2.4	Pamphlets on class programs and environmental studies, health studies, and a program for Music in the Consortium; dates unknown

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 Series 3: Events and Invitations

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	2013.40.3.1	Invitations and flyers for community service awards, cocktail receptions, symposiums, tri-college

fine arts series, Battle of the Brains, and Worcester chorus performances; 1972-2013

1	10	2013.40.3.2	A "Town Meeting" on the Economic Impact Report; 1997
1	11	2013.40.3.3	The 30 th Anniversary Celebration; 1998

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Series 4: Internal Administrative Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	2013.40.4.1	Materials containing drafts of press releases, letters to the CEO of the Consortium, Lawrence Fox, drafts of the Consortium Open University Project, and information regarding the Board of Trustees; 1969-1974

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Series 5: Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	1	2013.40.5.1	Photographs of employee and faculty headshots; 1970-1984, dates unknown
2	2	2013.40.5.2	Photographs of campus settings, the Consortium free shuttle, student life, and trustee meetings; 1971-1993, dates unknown
2	3	2013.40.5.3	Photographs from Economic Impact Report, Career Fair, And Human Resource Workshops; 1995-1996
2	4	2013.40.5.4	Photographs of the graduate school fair, the holiday party, town meetings, and newsletters; 1996-1997
2	5	2013.40.5.5	Photographs of open houses, the 30 th Anniversary Celebration, and the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association; 1998-1999
2	6	2013.40.5.6	Photographs of the Board of Directors, municipal research

			forums, the holiday party, and the EOC brochure; 1999
2	7	2013.40.5.7	Photographs of the open house at Nichols, Doherty High School, and Beckleys Black & White; 2000
2	8	2013.40.5.8	Photographs of the shuttle bus, the holiday luncheon, and the McGovern Lecture; floppy disc copies included; 2001-2002
3	1	2013.40.5.9	Photographs of faculty receptions, the holiday party, the Worcester Art Museum, and the civic engagement; floppy disc copies included; 2002
3	2	2013.40.5.10	Photographs of the breakfast for legislators and college presidents and the Channel 13 JobMass Interview; floppy disc copies included; 2002-2003
3	3	2013.40.5.11	Floppy discs with photographs of the Talent Search, and the ETS Breakfast; 2003
3	4	2013.40.5.12	Photographs of staff retreats, faculty development workshops, and consortium staff; compact disc copies included; 2003-2008
3	5	2013.40.5.13	Photographs of the Higgins Armory Museum, the move from Fruit Street to downtown Worcester, and birthday parties; dates unknown
3	6	2013.40.5.14	Photographs of architectural structures and design from Worcester colleges; dates unknown

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Series 6: Compact Discs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
4		2013.40.6.1	Complete shows of the radio program, "Worcester: Academically Speaking," which aired on AM 1310 WORC and consisted of interviews of faculty members; 2003-2005
5		2013.40.6.2	Complete shows of the radio program, "Worcester: Academically Speaking," which aired on AM 1310 WORC and consisted of interviews of faculty members; 2005-2006

