February 27, 2015

Dear Members of the Classes of 2016 and 2017:

The William T. Spears/Mary-Bernadette H. Handy Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of two scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. While students with a major in Criminal Justice or Social Sciences are especially encouraged to apply, the committee emphasizes that the scholarships are available to all students in good standing at Westfield State University and are members of the classes of 2016 and 2017. The Scholarship Committee will select one (1) male and one (1) female as recipients of the scholarships.

The scholarships are dedicated to the memory of Mr. William T. Spears and Miss Mary-Bernadette H. Handy, both of whom were killed in a tragic automobile accident on February 28, 1982. Bill and Mary-Bernadette graduated from Westfield State College in 1980 and were engaged to be married in the spring of 1982. Both were active members of the College Community during their undergraduate days at Westfield State, and their commitment and dedication to the College continued after their graduation. Each was posthumously selected as Alumnus/Alumna of the year in 1983.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the application that must be completed. Additional applications for the scholarship may be obtained on line or in the Financial Aid office at the Horace Mann Center, Westfield State University, 333 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA 01086.

For consideration of this scholarship, all applications and recommendations must be submitted to Westfield State Foundation, Inc.
2 Broad Street P.O, Box 1630
Westfield, MA. 01086
ATT: Lisa McMahon University Advancement by March 30, 2015. Any questions please email lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu. Notifications of awards will be made by June 2015.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa McMahon
Scholarship Committee
Westfield State Foundation, Inc.
The William T. Spears/Mary-Bernadette H. Handy Memorial Scholarship Application 2015-2016

Name:____________________________________________ Marital Status:________________
Home Address: __________________________________________________
College Address: _______________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________  College Phone: ________________________
Expected Year of Graduation: _______________  Email: __________________________
Major: __________________________________ Cum. Grade Point Average: ______________
Father’s Name: ___________________________ Occupation: ___________________________
Mother’s Name: __________________________  Occupation: ___________________________

ON SEPARATE PAPER, PLEASE LIST/INCLUDE:

1. **Family/Siblings:** Names and ages of all siblings. If applicable, include school in which each is presently enrolled.
2. **Activities:** Complete list of activities in which you have been involved *at Westfield State University only*.
3. **Employment:** Source and amount of yearly income earned since your admission to Westfield State University.
4. **Financial Assistance:** Source and dollar amount of any financial aid/assistance used toward payment of your college expenses: (a) for each year you have attended Westfield State University; and (b) commitments for next year (if known). Include, on an annual basis, all loans, grants, scholarships, and awards. **DO NOT INCLUDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM PARENTS.**
5. **Other Factors:** In your own words: (1) describe yourself; (2) explain why you applied for this scholarship; and, (3) state the reasons, not stated in #2 above, why you feel the Committee should award this scholarship to you.
6. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) current letters of recommendation from persons not related to you who have known you for at least two (2) years or whom you have met while a student at Westfield State. These must either accompany the completed application or be emailed (lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu) or delivered to University Advancement, Westfield State Foundation, Inc. on or before March 30, 2015.

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Return completed application to: Spears/Handy Scholarship Committee
Spears/Handy Scholarship Committee
Westfield Foundation, Inc.
2 Broad Street, P.O. Box 1630
Westfield, MA 01085
Attention: Lisa McMahon

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED