February 2016

Dear Members of the Classes of 2017 and 2018:

The William T. Spears/Mary-Bernadette H. Handy Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of two scholarships for the 2016-2017 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 2017 and 2018. 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.

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 31, 2016. Any questions please email lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu. Notifications of awards will be made by June 2016.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa McMahon
University Advancement
Westfield State Foundation, Inc.
The William T. Spears/Mary-Bernadette H. Handy Memorial Scholarship Application
2016-2017

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. 2 Broad Street Westfield, MA 01085 **on or before March 31, 2016.**

Return completed application to: 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