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Making College Affordable Through Generosity: WPU Receives \$200,000 in Scholarship Money from Give Back Foundation

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There is talk about affordability in higher education, and then there is action. William Paterson University has received a \$200,000 donation from the Give Something Back Foundation (Give Back) that will provide 10 low-income students from northern New Jersey with the opportunity to attend William Paterson University and graduate in four years with no cost for tuition and fees or room and board.

The gift was announced during a reception on the William Paterson University campus by Robert Carr, founder and chairman of Give Back, which is focused on providing scholarships to students of modest means to help them realize their full potential by achieving a college education.

“Give Back is excited to expand its scholarship program in New Jersey and provide our scholars with the option of receiving a college degree in four years from William Paterson University – an institution that shares our vision of making a college education available to qualified students of modest means,” said Mr. Carr.

“Scholarship support can be transformative for students in need of financial support who are seeking to make higher education a priority,” says Kathleen Waldron, president of William Paterson University. “We are grateful to Robert Carr and the Give Something Back Foundation for their generous gift in support of students whose hard work in high school will make them eligible for a scholarship-supported William Paterson University education in the future.”

Give Back, with strong ties in New Jersey, is currently recruiting ninth graders throughout the state to apply to its program, as well as mentors to support accepted students through high school. For more information, visit www.giveback.com.

Give Back works with high school administrators and community leaders to select ninth graders who show academic promise and whose family income level qualifies them to receive a Federal Pell Grant.

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The goal of Give Back is to help students who may not have considered college an achievable option to get the guidance and financial support they need to complete a college degree in four years, debt free.

Give Back pairs selected students with trained adult mentors who support the students through the challenges of high school years at home and in the classroom, thus preparing them for the rigors of a four-year college education. Mentors help students navigate the process of college admissions and Give Back provides its high school graduates with a scholarship so they can graduate from college with no debt for tuition and fees or room and board at one of its partner universities or colleges. www.giveback.ngo.

While a student growing up in Lockport, Ill., Robert Carr received a \$250 scholarship from a local women's club that helped him attend the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana. Mr. Carr was so inspired and appreciative that he vowed then to give back to other college students and has done so through the Give Something Back Foundation.

Mr. Carr's business successes include Heartland Payment Systems, a Fortune 1000 company and one of the largest payment processors in the United States. On April 25, 2016, Global Payments Inc., an Atlanta-based worldwide provider of payment technology services, announced it completed its merger with Heartland. Currently, Mr. Carr devotes his time to the Give Something Back Foundation, which was established in 2003 and incorporated in 2006. He is the author of *Through the Fires: An American Story of Turbulence, Business Triumph and Giving Back*, and the upcoming *Working Class to College: The Promise and Peril Facing Blue-Collar America*.