

People are going to wonder about the dog, I know.

She is a big part of my story. Her name is Bogey. Her predecessor was named Deucie, good names for good dogs, named by an owner who teaches golf and racquet sports.

Almost every day, in between my teaching assignments, Bogey and I spend about an hour visiting patients who live in the Alzheimer's center near the College. For many of those patients, Bogey's face and her loving attention are the highlights of their day.

It's a highlight of my day too, which is why my dogs and I have logged nearly 7,500 of these visits since we started in 1990.

I have the same unbridled passion for teaching. My assessment from nearly four decades here is that Wellesley students are not uniformly athletic, but they are uniformly intelligent. If I can reach them intellectually as well as physically, using core components of athletics like kinesiology, physics, history, and physiology, then they will take away something that they can use forever.

I will always be grateful that Wellesley College has allowed me to pursue these passions for most of my adult life. For me, being part of the Wellesley College community is a special thing indeed.

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Ann Batchelder retired this year after 38 years on the Wellesley College faculty. In recent years, she established a charitable remainder trust and a charitable gift annuity at Wellesley, creating one of the largest gifts from a member of the College's academic community. Ann is an alumna of Wheaton College and has her Ed.D. from Boston University.

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