

# WJ Supports Local Farmers Market

**Washington, Pa. (Sept. 13, 2012)** – To welcome students back to campus and the Washington community, Washington & Jefferson College and the Main Street Farmers Market hosted a W&J Student Day during the first week of classes.

The first 200 students who arrived received a voucher to use at any of the 30 vendor stands, which sell products ranging from vegetables, fruits, chicken, bread, shaved ice, jewelry and soaps. The event was organized by faculty and staff members with the support of Alexandra Sossi, a senior English major from Venetia, Pa., who interned with the Market during the summer.

"The Farmers Market has so much to offer W&J students," said Sossi, who produced the Market's weekly newsletter. "Even if they don't have a kitchen to use on campus, students can take advantage of several goods that require no preparation, like breads, jams and kettle corn."

The College is a sponsor of the Market and faculty members and students volunteer throughout the course of the event, which is held every Thursday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. until the end of October.

"Since we started 10 years ago, the College has embraced the Farmers Market. In addition to providing financial support, many in the College community have generously donated their time and talents to our organization," Suzanne Ewing, president of the board for the Farmers Market, said. "Whether helping to develop business plans, seek grant funding or produce our website and newsletter, students and faculty serve as an important link between the Market and the College."

The Farmers Market, located in the parking lot across the street from the Observer-Reporter, a block away from City Hall, is comprised of small farmers and businesses in the community. Each week, the event features a local non-profit organization, live entertainment from local musicians, and activities promoting nutrition and the environment.

For more information, call Ewing at 412-392-2069 or visit [www.msfn.org/](http://www.msfn.org/).

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