

Webster Five Celebrates Women's History Month Profiling Women's Accomplishments in our Community



Jennifer Davis Carey, Founding Executive Director, Worcester Education Collaborative

Dr. Jennifer Davis Carey applied to be The Worcester Education Collaborative's first executive director nearly 12 years ago and still considers it a privilege to have the opportunity to shape public education through community engagement. A Harvard and Radcliff graduate who worked for four Massachusetts governors, Dr. Carey uses her superpower of cutting through bureaucracy and her passion for education to inspire community members and provide them with the platform to become advocates and agents of change. This Women's History Month, Webster Five celebrates Dr. Carey and WEC's mission to engage the community in fulfilling its responsibility to provide all public-school students with an excellent education.

What inspired you to start WEC?

The Worcester Education Collaborative is the brainchild of John Bassett, former president of Clark University. The vision was to create an organization that would engage the community in the work of public education. I was intrigued by the whole idea. My passion is education and I jumped into the opportunity by applying for the executive director position as the organization was being formed. It has been a privilege to be engaged in this work for 12 years.

What is the biggest challenge you've had to overcome?

For me, the biggest challenge, and one that faces all of public education has been working to create sustained, deep change in a large, slow-moving bureaucracy.

What is your mantra?

"Keep your shoulder to the wheel."

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