It is the goal of the WCAA Board of Trustees that in future years, students and visitors on the Western Campus "will catch the essence of that remarkable college in Oxford, Ohio, called 'The Western.'"

"[Women's colleges] accepted women as individuals with minds that could be used and ... trained for whatever course they selected."

"Western, by choice and policy, was a residential college from the beginning. It accepted only those who came to live there and who were willing to work to share the responsibility for the well-being of all the members."

"The academic life of Western College was rich and fully accredited. There was an excellent faculty — scholarly, dedicated and caring. As all Alumnae know, their education at Western was equal to any anywhere else and they are proud of it."

"We can walk one of the loveliest campuses in the nation and cross its bridges and know how enriched our lives have been because it existed and endures."

Phyllis Hoyt
Western College Professor and Dean, 1946-1974
THE PROJECT
The Western College Legacy Circle will tell the story of Western, beginning with the founding of the Western Female Seminary in 1853. Designed by architect Robert Keller for use by individuals or groups, this outdoor gathering space will be a visible and tangible commemoration at the hub of the Western Campus. The Legacy Circle will feature a two-dimensional Western College seal as the focal point. The complete design forms a compass symbolizing Western’s international emphasis.

Highlights of the history of Western College will be inscribed on easily accessible stone benches. At dusk, a Western blue glow will be visible through white stone at the compass points.

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