A YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Favorite Numbers from 2014-2015

Book Published. In Spring 2015, Jennifer Lawless and Richard Fox published Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics. CNN's John King moderated a discussion about the book's implications, and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle have also weighed in.

Race Participants. WPI's 4th Annual 5K Race to Representation was a success! More than 500 registered runners, 30 sponsors, and 30 volunteers supported our efforts to close the gender gap in political leadership. Join us on April 30th for the 5th Annual Race.

Experts Discussed the Midterm Elections. In Fall 2014, we cosponsored pre-election and post-election panels with pollsters and political scientists. Glen Bolger, Margie Omero, and John Sides offered predictions. And Anna Greenberg, Jennifer Lawless, Candy Nelson, Molly O'Rourke, and Jim Thurber analyzed the results and reflected on whether they were what we expected.

Students Explored DC. The WPI staff led 25 incoming freshmen around the nation's capital, following in the footsteps of female political pioneers. The young women learned about careers in politics, women's political history, and the importance of public service. They also had the opportunity to meet DC Mayor Muriel Bowser.

Media Mentions. In the last 12 months, WPI has been in the news. A lot! Our comments about women, politics, campaigns, and elections have been featured in the Washington Post, New York Times, CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN, and the PBS NewsHour, among other outlets.

WeLead and WPPL Graduates. Last year, our academic and bipartisan leadership training programs prepared the next generation of women to shatter the political glass ceiling. Our graduates are passionate about, and prepared for, public service.

Alice Paul Award Winners. Alice Paul, a leading activist in the Suffrage Movement, played a vital role in the passage of the 19th Amendment, and she graduated from AU! We honor members of the AU community whose actions exemplify Paul’s spirit. In 2015, we honored Jessica Waters, Paula Warrick, Samantha Guthrie, CJ Murphy, and Congresswoman Gwen Graham.

Steps Walked. In Summer 2015, the WPI staff participated in the AU Pedometer Challenge. Over the course of six weeks, we logged almost 6 million steps! Unsurprisingly, we won. And still today, we can barely walk.