

Mother M. Dolorine Powers (1916-1919)



- Born in St. Louis and grew up in Florissant
- Entered the Loretto convent at age 17 and was a nun for 65 years
- Was Superior of Loretto Academy on Lafayette Ave. from 1910-1916
- Became Superior (aka President) of the college as construction on Webster Hall was nearing completion in 1916.
- “..during her sixty-five years as a religious she taught and studied every branch of learning, except mathematics, offered in the curricula of Loretto schools.”(Loretine, Jan. 1939).

Mother M. Edith Loughran (1919-1925)



- Born in County Meath, Ireland
- A.B. from Loretto College in 1920
- Helped Webster obtain membership in the North Central Association
- Built the original gymnasium called “Idle Hour” in 1920
- Added courses and programs in Journalism, Physical Education, and Millinery
- Enrollment was 165 in Fall, 1924

Mother M. Linus Maier (1925-1931)



- Born in Iola, Kansas.
- Entered the Loretto convent at age 20 and spent 73 years as a nun.
- A.B., Creighton University and M.A., Denver U.
- Helped establish the Loretto Foundation to support the work of the Sisters of Loretto. The first project of the Foundation was to raise money to pay for the newly constructed Loretto Hall.
- Built Loretto Hall which opened in 1929.

Sr. Mariella Collins
(1948-1950 Interim President;
1950-1958 President)



- Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- A.B., Loretto Heights College and M.A., St. Louis U.
- Formerly Principal of Nerinx Hall
- Established Webster's Admissions Office in 1948.
- Secured a \$665,000 loan to begin construction of Maria Hall.
- Webster offered its first night class in 1955.

Sr. Francetta Barberis

(1958-1965)



- Born in St. Louis
- A.B., Loretto Heights College and M.A., Notre Dame University
- Was instrumental in securing a gift of \$1,500,000 for the construction of the Loretto-Hilton Center from Conrad Hilton
- Helped to acquire the Thompson estate for the use as a fine arts campus, the site of the current Music Building, Carriage House, and Loretto-Hilton Center.
- During her time Webster began its first graduate program (MAT).
- Webster began to admit men on a limited basis in 1962.

Jacqueline Grennan Wexler (1965-1969)



- Born in Illinois
- A.B., Webster College and M.A., Notre Dame U.
- Was a member of President Kennedy's Advisory Panel on Research and Development in Education and the steering committee for Project Head Start.
- Helped secure numerous grants from major foundations, including the National Science Foundation and the Ford Foundation, which helped fund innovations in the teacher education curriculum
- Was instrumental in the transfer of ownership of the college to a lay board in 1967

Dr. Elizabeth Stroble

(2009-)



- Born in Newcastle, Wyoming
- A.B., Augustana College; M.A. History and M.A. American & English literature, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; Ph.D., U. of VA, Charlottesville.
- Was the Senior Vice-President and Provost and Chief Operating Officer of University of Akron
- “A world of opportunity awaits Webster, and I welcome collaborations that help us realize Webster’s vision to put students first as we set the standard for global education.” (Webster World, Spring 2009)