UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

November 13, 2026

By email only to contact@legalinsurrection.com

William A. Jacobson
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Re: Case Number 01-25-2165
Westfield State University

Dear William A. Jacobson:

On April 15, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received the complaint you filed against Westfield State University (the University).

The complaint alleged that the University discriminates on the basis of race by administering the following four scholarships that are racially exclusive or that have racial preferences:

- Landrau/Martinez Scholarship Fund: Reach to Teach Partnership
- Veta Daley Scholarship: Reach to Teach Partnership
- Dr. Terrell M. Hill "Leader for Change" Scholarship
- Victor and Mariellen Quillard Scholarship

The complaint further alleged that the University discriminates against male students on the basis of sex by administering the following two scholarships that are exclusive to female students:

- BJ Bourdon/Zonta Scholarship
- Coach Shmoel "Sam" Doner Scholarship

OCR enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 100, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from the Department of Education. OCR also enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq., and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity operated by a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department of Education. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department of Education, the University must comply with these laws.

OCR evaluated this complaint in accordance with OCR's Case Processing Manual (CPM) (February 19, 2025) and has decided to open the complaint for investigation. Please note that opening an investigation does not mean that OCR has made a final determination with regard to the merits. During the investigation, OCR is neutral; OCR will collect and analyze the evidence it needs in order to make a decision about the complaint. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient in accordance with OCR's CPM. Additional information is available at Complaint Processing Procedures. Please note that you may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

If OCR determines during the course of the investigation that a complaint could be appropriate for mediation, OCR will contact the parties and offer this resolution option.

Please be advised that the University must not harass, coerce, intimidate, discriminate, or otherwise retaliate against an individual because that individual asserts a right or privilege under a law enforced by OCR or files a complaint, testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding under a law enforced by OCR. If this happens, the individual may file a retaliation complaint with OCR.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact the OCR attorney assigned to this complaint, Caitlin Myron, at [redacted].

Sincerely,

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Jasmine Gibbs
Team Leader