

From: [Curtis, Christopher](#)
To: [Save Marlboro College](#)
Subject: RE: Public records request.
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 2:28:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I should add:

If you believe any documents have been withheld in error you may appeal to Deputy Attorney General Joshua Diamond. Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Christopher
Christopher J. Curtis
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From: Curtis, Christopher
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 2:26 PM
To: 'Save Marlboro College' <martin@savemarlborocollege.org>
Subject: RE: Public records request.

Dear Mr. Heck,

Thank you for your interest in the Office of the Attorney General. You requested "all public records...

between the State of Vermont and Marlboro College or The Corporation of Marlboro College" accessible by this office. We previously provided you with responsive records to or from Marlboro College in our possession. Since December 31, 2019 we have not received or sent any new records from, or to, the institution.

You also requested unredacted information of correspondence sent to our office. Attached please find the correspondence to our office you previously requested with the name and town of the correspondent unredacted per your request. Physical addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers are redacted to protect the privacy of individuals. Please note that I am also including an email from November that our administrative support staff had overlooked during the timeframe of your original request, but not sent to me. It was subsequently conveyed to me, and I provide it to you now with my regrets for the oversight. I hope that is helpful.

** Also note: the original production contained duplicate email messages. Because these represent the same record I am not reproducing duplicates in this production. In addition, the original

production contained an email from you. However, given that you are already in possession of both that correspondence and your own contact information and in the interest of efficiency I am not resending that document. If you would like a copy of that document with your name and town unredacted I would be happy to produce it for you.

Thank you again for your interest in the Office of the Attorney General.

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Curtis, Christopher

From: Matthews, Deborah
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Curtis, Christopher
Subject: FW: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

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From: Office of the Vermont Attorney General <ago.helpdesk@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 8:49 PM
To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>
Subject: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Name	Peter
Last	Hutchinson
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Mailing Address (required for a response)	[REDACTED] Redwood City, California 94062
Subject	Marlboro College Endowment

Message I'm a graduate of Marlboro College. I have serious concerns that Marlboro's proposed merger with Emerson College involves a misuse of Marlboro's \$30 million-plus endowment, and I urge your office to investigate. "Gifting" the endowment to an out-of-state institution is clearly not the reason the endowment was established or the purpose for which the funds were given. My understanding is that a major portion of the endowment is restricted, underscoring my concerns about misuse. The impact of Marlboro's closing on the town and the region will be significant, and the loss to future students is immeasurable. One last note: several viable alternatives to this merger have been proposed all of which would leave the campus open and the endowment intact. Many thanks.

Curtis, Christopher

From: Renner, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Curtis, Christopher
Subject: FW: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Fyi – to discuss

From: Matthews, Deborah <Deborah.Matthews@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Renner, Jamie <Jamie.Renner@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Jamie, does this fall under your umbrella?

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From: Office of the Vermont Attorney General <ago.helpdesk@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 4:42 PM
To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>
Subject: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

Name	Douglas
Last	Franklin
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Mailing Address (required for a response)	[REDACTED] South Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02663
Subject	Intended closure/merger of Marlboro College with Emerson College--a parental question
Message	Does the Attorney General of the State of Vermont have any oversight responsibilities with regard to a Vermont educational institution closing/merging with an out of state educational institution? Does the Attorney General have regulatory authority to determine if the Trustees of Marlboro College have

complied with terms and conditions of all gifts and grants to the college as a result of over sixty years of fundraising? Is there any state review mechanism of a educational board of trustees decision to gift Vermont charitable assets including real property to an out of state institution? When a Vermont charitable organization ceases operations, shouldn't those assets be distributed within Vermont for similar charitable purposes?

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From: Matthews, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Curtis, Christopher
Subject: FW: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

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From: Matthews, Deborah <Deborah.Matthews@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:22 AM
To: Sudbay, William <william.sudbay@partner.vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

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From: Office of the Vermont Attorney General <ago.helpdesk@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:18 AM
To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>
Subject: Contact Form submitted on Office of the Vermont Attorney General

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Last	Blackwood
Email	
Phone Number	

Mailing Address
(required for a
response)

Windham , Vermont 05359

Subject Emerson takeover of Marlboro College

Message To Attorney General Donavon,

I attended Marlboro College from 1995-2000 and was elected by my class, senior speaker. In my commencement speech I spoke of the college's origins, how WWII veterans built the college by hand out of three farms donated by the town of Marlboro.

I spoke on the integral responsibility of stewardship of our college and it's pedagogical culture. When news of the college's imminent closure, hit the news cycle, it coincided with the week of Veterans' Day, honoring the service & sacrifice of soldiers both living and deceased.

There was no palpable acknowledgement of the service and sacrifice of Marlboro College's founders during WWII, much less substantive coverage of their contributions in the creation of such a unique and valued institution of higher learning.

This omission in college outreach and both local & national press was a gut punch like none I've ever experienced, even during the most painful years of my youth in the 70's & 80's, the only black person in unambiguously racist John Bircher country in the eastern Sierras.

It revealed to me just how far the college has moved from its origins and how institutional memory has been obscured and erased over these last 20 years.

That this administration and board of trustees came to the conclusion that Marlboro college, (its 35 million dollar endowment and storied campus built by veterans from 3 farms donated by residents and the town of Marlboro), announced this awful news during the week of Veterans' Day, with insignificant acknowledgement of the veterans and G.I. bill, evidences just how poor Quigley and Saudek's judgement is and his been throughout this juncture.

They are clearly incompetent and unfit to represent our institution of higher learning.

What is more, their reckless decision threatens to bankrupt the town of Marlboro that lent the college its name. And perhaps most unconscionable of all is even the notion of removing 35 million dollars from the state of Vermont, which is essentially a gift to Emerson for taking the college off their hands.

These were desperate, short-sighted moves lacking in ethics, civic responsibility & imagination. The planning of this "merger" was undertaken and executed without sufficient oversight or consideration of town, tenured faculty and alumni's much less administrators of the college's past.

I must demand as a 25 year resident of Vermont that you represent the interests of my beloved Windham county and Vermont as a whole. Reject this untenable hand off and illustrate once and again how our state stands apart from the rest. We would never let corporate over reach devour such a significant cultural landmark and example of progressive education.

Thank you

Sincerely Kermit