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### ROBERT L. WEST APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM

*(Boston, Massachusetts, February 4, 2013)*: Robert L. West, most recently Vice President for University Advancement, Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, has been appointed Director of Development at the Boston Athenæum, the Athenæum has announced.

West's experience includes more than three decades in college university development and capital campaigns at Roger Williams, Marist College, the State University of New York (Empire State College Foundation), and Suffolk

Robert L. West  
University, his alma mater.

While at Marist College, West received the national CASE Award in recognition of the most improved fund raising program over a three year period. At Marist, he led the first major comprehensive capital campaign effort for the college and raised \$136 million in its first twenty-four months, including sixteen seven-figure gifts. He increased annual giving from \$600,000 to more than \$1.5 million over a three-year period. His career has encompassed major gifts, annual giving, alumni/ae affairs, publications, planned giving, and foundation and corporate giving programs. At Roger Williams, West increased private giving nearly 50% over twelve months.

“We are very pleased that Robert West has accepted our offer to come to the Athenæum,” said Paula Matthews, Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian. “His impressive track record in building professional development programs and numerous skills will be an enormous asset to us going forward. I look forward to his insights and vision for our future.”

"I am delighted to be joining such a historic Boston institution as the Athenæum," West commented. "I look forward to working with Director Mathews, the board of trustees and the dedicated staff of this wonderful institution as we build a robust and sustaininig development program."

Robert West holds B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Boston’s Suffolk University. At his alma mater, he served as director of alumni giving and programs, director of alumni/ae development, and associate vice president/chief development officer for the Suffolk Law School before moving to the State University of New York, where he was executive director/assistant vice president for development at the Empire State College Foundation. He served at Marist College from 1996-2010 and at Roger Williams University from 2010.

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Founded in 1807, the Boston Athenæum is Boston’s first cultural institution. It combines an art museum, with a public exhibition gallery and collections of paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, photographs, and decorative arts; a leading research and membership library; and a civic forum including lectures, readings, panel discussions, and other events. An innovator and catalyst for more than two centuries, the Athenæum was one of the three founders of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the inspiration for the Boston Public Library, the first municipally supported library in North America.

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