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Administrative History: Western Kentucky University's Spirit Masters originated from a trip Dr. Carl Kell, Professor of Communication, made to the University of Alabama. While visiting, Dr. Kell met a group of student ambassadors. Impressed by these students, Dr. Kell brought the idea back to Western's Interim President, Dr. John Minton, with hopes of establishing a similar group.

Eventually, Dr. Kell and Nada McGuiness developed the student ambassador group known today as Spirit Masters.

The original group was selected in the spring of 1981. The twelve men and twelve women selected were officially presented to the University that spring. The name of the group was taken from the University's motto: "The Spirit Makes the Master". [WKU Spirit Masters website]

Description: Records created by and about the Spirit Masters.

Dates: 1986-present

Extent: 7 folders, oversize

Subject Analytics:  
African Americans  
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Scrapbooks  
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UA1C11/101 Spirit Masters Photo Collection

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