The recent renovation expanded galleries, a seminar room, and other program spaces, and improved art storage facilities. The restored Museum retains the building’s iconic architectural features and provides state-of-the-art climate control and mechanical systems. A new, dramatic glass and bronze entry pavilion houses a glass elevator and “floating” steel staircase, while a rear addition to the building features an expansive glass curtain wall behind which the Museum has installed its five celebrated ancient Assyrian relief sculptures.

The Museum, open the public at no charge, is a teaching facility, with the core of its mission to keep its rich collections within immediate reach of Bowdoin students, faculty, scholars, and art lovers. Its active emphasis on the study of original objects as an integral part of the Bowdoin curriculum makes the Museum the ultimate cross-disciplinary and multicultural enterprise. Although online resources are no substitute for an actual visit, the collections can be searched and information on Museum programs and publications found on the Web site at www.bowdoin.edu/art-museum.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Bowdoin places a strong emphasis on the role of technology in the academic program and understands the vital importance of coherent and well-coordinated information systems. The CIO leads an IT Division that designs, develops, deploys, and supports all of Bowdoin’s academic and administrative systems.

IT staff work with faculty to enhance their teaching and research with innovative uses of technology in their classrooms, labs, or online. They provide technical, design, editorial, and project development opportunities for faculty and monitor trends in educational technology, such as new techniques introduced by online education, the impact of technology on student learning, and the evolving architectural standards for classrooms, educational products, and resources. The creation of podcasts and digital videos is commonplace.

Additionally, IT staff provide secure personal e-mail accounts; gigabit Ethernet and wireless Internet access in all residence rooms, offices, and public areas; video conferencing capability; cable television; VoIP telephone systems; and voice mail. They also provide a full-time Help Desk that supports Macintosh, Windows, or Linux computers and includes a student-run Help Desk, plus a number of site-licensed software such as Microsoft Office Professional, ESRI’s ArcGIS, and other specialized academic and administrative applications.

In addition to sixteen academic department computer labs, there are nine public labs and more than two hundred publicly available computers. The labs are fully equipped with Macintosh, Windows, or Linux computers.

**JOSEPH MCKEEN CENTER FOR THE COMMON GOOD**

Jointly administered by the offices of the Dean of Student Affairs and the Dean for Academic Affairs, the McKeen Center for the Common Good connects members of the Bowdoin community to local, national, and international communities, providing opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to apply their talents, passions, and academic pursuits for the benefit of society through public engagement. The work of the Center in the context of the College’s commitment to the common good is described in more detail on pages 298–99.