Student’s Name (please print)        Class Year

WELCOME TO BOWDOIN!

Over the next four years, you will accomplish a great deal. We would like to publicize your accomplishments – whether in the classroom, galleries, performance spaces, or athletic fields – but we need your help.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) restricts the kinds of information Bowdoin College may release about students without permission. Under the act, the College is permitted to release so-called “directory information” about students (i.e., name, campus and home addresses, telephone number, date and place of birth, major fields of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent educational institution attended and class year). Please refer to the student handbook for more information about FERPA.

The Office of Communications and Public Affairs handles all publicity for Bowdoin, including information about students’ academic, athletic, and other achievements. Information about you and/or photographs of you may be issued to news media in Brunswick, in other parts of Maine, to news media outlets in your hometown, to your secondary school, and/or to national news media outlets. These may include, but are not limited to newspapers, magazines, alumni/ae bulletins, radio and/or television stations. The College may also use information about you and/or images of you in its own publications and may post similar material on its Web site. Please check applicable box(es) below:

p I AGREE TO THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT ME AS PERMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT, AND WANT INFORMATION ABOUT MY ACHIEVEMENTS SENT TO MY HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS OR OTHER MEDIA AS APPROPRIATE. I AUTHORIZE THE COLLEGE AND ITS AGENTS TO CREATE AND USE PHOTOGRAPHIC OR MOTION PICTURE IMAGES OF ME, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS AS TO CHANGES, IN ANY FORM OR MEDIA FOR COLLEGE COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.

p I DO NOT WANT THE COLLEGE TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT ME:

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Bowdoin College may enlist a national news release distribution service to send news of student achievements to hometown newspapers and other news media outlets. To assist us in also sending out information directly from our office, please list on the reverse side the correct name and address of up to three of your local newspapers. Mailing addresses are frequently found in the mastheads of newspapers. If the mailing address includes a post office box number, make sure to include it because it is usually the preferred mailing address. If you live in a town without a local paper, list the weekly or daily paper which is nearest to your town. If you live in a large metropolitan area (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, etc.), be aware that most larger papers do not usually print news releases of this type. In that case, list the daily paper along with a suburban or community paper read by residents in your area.
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PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE STATEMENT BELOW:
(Note: Students participating in intercollegiate athletics will be asked to review and sign a separate form as well as this one.)

I have read and I understand the information provided above and have indicated any restrictions that I choose to place on the dissemination of information about me or images/likenesses of me. I waive all claims related to the use of such information and materials and all rights to compensation for the use of material by the College, and understand that the sole authority over its use is Bowdoin College.

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If you have any questions about this form or the information provided, please contact the Bowdoin College Office of Communications and Public Affairs at (207) 725-3832.

This form must be returned by June 1, 2006 in the pre-addressed envelope included in your packet.