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**Gift Opportunities**

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- Make a gift to the Parents Fund specifically for financial aid. If you are a Bowdoin parent interested in this option or in any of the gift opportunities listed here, contact Pam Phillips, director of parent giving, at 207-725-3269 or pphilip@bowdoin.edu for more information.

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“My environmental studies classes fundamentally changed the way I view our environment, made me revisit my conception of nature and wilderness, and reminded me that people’s happiness and livelihoods matter immensely in the fight to preserve our natural world. I even got to explore my relationship with my country, Haiti, through a Francophone literature class that provided a conceptual framework for thinking about cultural identity. At Bowdoin, I grew not only intellectually, but also spiritually, emotionally, and socially. I became emboldened in my exploration of important questions in life, such as morals, ethics, and virtue. . . . From a timid boy in high school, I became more confident in my social skills. I have made friends that mean so much to me that I get overwhelmed with gratitude at the mere thought of them. I believe I have gained some wisdom and a better understanding of who I am, from my strengths to my many flaws. I have explored and pondered the concepts of friendship, of manhood, of what it means to be an adult, to live a good life, and so on. And perhaps most fortunately, I have realized the importance of an honest assessment of oneself, and of generosity.”

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