Here are a few of the many ways you can support Bowdoin:

- Make a gift to the Alumni Fund. For more information, contact Aric Walton, director of the Alumni Fund, at 207-725-3414 or awalton@bowdoin.edu.

- Make a gift to the Parents Fund. 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 pphi@bowdoin.edu for more information.

- Establish a Hyde Scholarship for a Bowdoin student with a $40,000 minimum pledge to the Alumni Fund to be paid over four years. For more information, contact Brannon Fisher, associate vice president of annual and leadership giving, at 207-725-3670 or bfisher2@bowdoin.edu.

- Establish a new endowed fund with a leadership gift of $100,000 or more. For more information, contact Brannon Fisher, associate vice president of annual and leadership giving, at 207-725-3670 or bfisher2@bowdoin.edu. In particular, Bowdoin seeks new funded internships and scholarship aid.

- Support Bowdoin through your estate plan, retirement assets, gift of property, or other planned gift. For more information, contact Nancy Milam, director of gift planning, at 207-725-3686 or nmilam@bowdoin.edu.
WILDER NICHOLSON ’16

Documentary Film by McKinley Fellow
Wilder Nicholson ’16 Wins Support for Eco-Village in Ladakh, India

Senior Wilder Nicholson’s path to becoming a professional filmmaker has led him from Brunswick, Maine, (his hometown) to Thailand to Iceland to—most recently—Ladakh, India. Supported by a Thomas A. McKinley ’06 and Hannah Weil McKinley ’08 Family Summer Entrepreneurship Grant, Wilder spent last summer filming five short documentary films in Ladakh, ranging from five to thirty minutes in length. The films focus on topics such as local tourism, a solar energy project, and an avant-garde take on the area’s recent agricultural, social, and cultural changes. Making films far from home wasn’t easy, and Wilder did his best to apply Buddhist philosophy—which he was learning about as part of his fellowship—when he encountered unforeseen roadblocks, including a waterlogged microphone, two broken camera lenses, and a crashed hard drive.

One of Wilder’s films, an eighteen-minute promotional documentary on the first “eco-village” in Ladakh, produced the filmmaker. “I’m absolutely certain that I will become a professional filmmaker.” —Wilder Nicholson ’16

and after viewing the film, government officials agreed to endorse the project and provide extra funding. The experience helped cement Wilder’s future plans. “I’m absolutely certain that I will become a professional filmmaker,” he explained, “and I want to continue to work with NGOs around the world on environmental issues, specifically about alternative development. I now have the confidence to follow my film ideas and fully commit to filmmaking as my profession.”

Established by the McKinley family, the Thomas A. McKinley ’06 and Hannah Weil McKinley ’08 Family Summer Entrepreneurship Grant program provides funding for Bowdoin students to engage in innovative community or public service summer projects.

Generous Bowdoin alumni and their families recently created several endowed funds, which provide critical support for Bowdoin students and the College’s academic program. These funds include:

Ramona M. Pugsley Comrie Scholarship Fund
Ramona M. Pugsley Comrie established this fund through a bequest from her estate, in honor of her father, Raymond F. Pugsley, a member of Bowdoin’s Class of 1922. The fund provides scholarship aid to Bowdoin undergraduates.

Stuart ’53 and Doree Cooper Scholarship Fund
The fund was established by Michael S. Silverberg, Stefanie Sussman, and Sloane Cooper in memory of their father, Stuart, a devoted member of the Class of 1953, and their mother, Doree. The fund provides scholarship aid to Bowdoin undergraduates.

The James A. Ellis ’82 Fund
Established by James A. Ellis ’82, the fund supports Bowdoin’s most economically disadvantaged students in times of particular financial stress. The fund provides these students with grants for books and materials for classes, emergency travel expenses, winter clothing, and items needed beyond tuition, room, and board.

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ENDOWED FUNDS

Steven H. Hughes ’79, P’15, P’16 and Katherine T. Hughes ’84, P’15, P’16 Family Scholarship Fund
Steve ’79 and Kate Hughes ’84 are proud alumni, but they are even prouder of their two Bowdoin kids, Halsey ’15 and Jennifer ’16. Steve and Kate recently documented their estate plans, which will establish this family scholarship fund to support Bowdoin undergraduates.

William L. Hughes Jr. and David Condie-Hughes Scholarship Fund
Maine native Bill Hughes ’64 still feels very much connected to Bowdoin, despite his many years living in California, and applauds the College’s diversity and inclusiveness. He and his husband, Dave Condie-Hughes, recently established a fund to support Bowdoin undergraduates through their estate plan.

George J. Maropoulos ’53 Library Fund
The child of parents who emigrated from Greece, George Maropoulos ’53 grew up in Massachusetts but spent his summers in Maine, where his uncles owned a candy shop. He returned to Maine to attend Bowdoin, where he excelled particularly in history classes, and after graduation he earned a master’s degree in international affairs and a PhD in history at Harvard. Maropoulos taught for forty-five years at Tufts University where he was a beloved professor and mentor and twice was awarded the Seymour O. Simches Award for Distinguished Teaching and Advising. Maropoulos created the fund through his estate, which provides resources to Bowdoin’s libraries in the subjects he cared most about, southeastern European history and literature.