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At the annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon in May, student speaker Phoebe Thompson ’18 used the “crabs in a bucket” analogy to describe the mindset of many in her rural hometown. “In a bucket of five crabs,” she explained, “any one of them could climb out at any time, but all of the other crabs pull climbers back down, ensuring the group’s collective demise. Essentially, the idea is ‘If I can’t have it, neither can you.’” Thompson added, “They don’t know that they can put down roots elsewhere without destroying the ones they’ve grown over their first eighteen years.” But Thompson broke free of the pull of her childhood environment, came to Bowdoin, and found that she could follow her passions without turning her back on her past. “I’ve learned about oceans and volcanoes; I’ve learned a Romance language and a computer language. I have studied abroad, and I have learned how to write and communicate effectively. I’ve made lifelong friends who I love with all my heart, and I’ve been encouraged and supported by brilliant faculty and staff who are leaders in what they do.” Now a Fulbright fellow, Thompson is currently teaching English in the Canary Islands.

For alumni speaker David Morales ’97, Bowdoin was also a catalyst for deep personal change, critical thinking skills, and a rigorous mission-driven life. “From Crabs in a Bucket: The Transformation of Two Scholarship Luncheon Speakers”

The keen interest of the George I. Alden Trust to support projects “that contribute significantly to the intellectual growth of students” and do “the greatest good for the greatest number of beneficiaries” aligns particularly well with Bowdoin’s own mission. It is hardly a surprise, then, that the Worcester, Massachusetts-based trust has been, in the words of Bowdoin’s Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Allison Crosscup, “more a partner than a supporter” for a number of College priorities over the years.

In 1982, the Alden Trust established an endowed scholarship fund that has had a significant impact on Bowdoin students over the last three decades. Since then, the trust has supported several important initiatives, including a number of capital projects on campus, such as the construction of Kanbar Hall in 2003; the renovations of several academic spaces in 2007 and Kresge Auditorium in the Visual Arts Center in 2010; and the renovation of the Thomas Pickering Room in Hubbard Hall in 2014. Most recently, the trust provided crucial support for Bowdoin’s Roux Center for the Environment, a key facility for interdisciplinary environmental research, scholarship, and teaching, which opens this fall. With regard to the partnership with Bowdoin, chair of the George I. Alden Trust Warner Fletcher commented, “The trustees seek projects that enhance an institution’s mission and that lead to solid preparation for students in their lifelong learning and post-college careers. Bowdoin has presented us with a variety of opportunities over the years that meet these goals. We applaud the development of the Roux Center for the Environment and look forward to its impact on the College and in the world.”

The Transformation of Two Scholarship Luncheon Speakers

The Roux Center for the Environment nearing completion.

Trio of Planned Gifts Establish Scholarship Funds

Sharing the view that their time at Bowdoin was critically important in their lives, three alumni recently created endowed funds through planned gifts to provide financial aid for Bowdoin students.

Kent Hobby ’57 and his wife, Laurie, established the Kent ’57 and Laurena Hobby Scholarship Fund through a series of charitable gift annuities. “I’ve always felt that the time I spent at Bowdoin was a life-changing experience,” Kent explains, “one that helped provide me with a productive and enjoyable life. I would like everyone to be able to share that experience regardless of financial background. So, in some small way, Laurie and I are hoping to assist those who might have the desire and ability, but need a little boost financially.”

Explaining why he created the Peter D. and Elizabeth S. Gross Scholarship Fund through his estate plan, Peter Gross ’69 noted, “the pillars of my life have been my late wife, Betsy, my parents, and Bowdoin College. Because of the College’s generosity, I was able to attend Bowdoin without incurring any debt. At Bowdoin, I learned the value of scholarship and the importance of developing lifelong friends. Betsy and I decided years ago to establish this endowment at my 50th Reunion so that students from families unable to afford college could attend Bowdoin free from financial concerns, and be better able to take advantage of everything the College offers.”

Already a planned gift donor, Peter Driscoll ’69 and his wife, Anne, recently created two new funds through an estate plan provision. The gift will endow the Peter E. Driscoll Fund, a financial aid fund for students majoring in the physical sciences, and the Peter E. Driscoll Sailing Fund, which will support the sailing program at Bowdoin. The gift also will augment Peter’s existing fund, the Peter E. Driscoll Fund for Dramatics, which will support teaching and productions in the theater department.

Alumni speaker David Morales ’97, student speaker Phoebe Thompson ’18, and President Clayton Rose at the Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon.

“This small college transformed my life and enabled me to blaze a pathway out of poverty.”

—DAVID MORALES ’97