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 **BOWDOIN**
PINES SOCIETY

In the name of God amen I James Bowdoin of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire being of sound disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life Do make this my last will and testament in manner following - To wit - My funeral expenses and just debts, if any, being first to be paid, I do give and devise all my real and personal estate as follows - And altho' my worthy and affectionate wife Sarah Bowdoin stands first in my mind to be provided for, yet for the sake of arrangement I herein make sundry prior bequests and provisions. First I give to Bowdoin College in the District of Maine all my pictures excepting family pictures and all my Library of Books consisting of about three thousand volumes and my collection of minerals, globes, tel_copes & philosophical apparatus and I give to the president of said College the reverend Jesse Appleton Fifty pounds sterling. Secondly I give to the poor of Brattle Street Church in said Boston Fifty pounds sterling and to the reverend Joseph S. Buckminster

ATTESTED TRUE COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES BOWDOIN III

The Bowdoin Pines Society recognizes the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends of Bowdoin who have made provisions for the College in their philanthropic plans, through beneficiary designations, will or trust provisions, or other legacy arrangements, including Bowdoin gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

Planned gifts have been important to the College from its earliest days. Chartered in 1794, the College was endowed by gifts of land and money from both James Bowdoin III and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and named for James's late father, Governor James Bowdoin II. When James Bowdoin III died just a few years after the inauguration of the College's first president, he left the College a bequest consisting of his art collection, scientific equipment, geologic specimens, and his extensive library—one of the largest in the United States at the time. Bowdoin's bequest was one of the first to be made to an institution of higher learning that provided public access to the collections.

Three decades after his first bequest, a residuary provision in James Bowdoin's will provided the College with the funds necessary to complete construction of the chapel.

Throughout its history, planned giving arrangements have enabled Bowdoin to grow its endowment to support priorities like providing need-blind financial aid in the form of grants, with no repayment required; creating resources to expand the teaching and mentoring of students by establishing new faculty positions and funding new lines of pedagogy; enhancing student life through the construction and renovation of campus facilities; and funding for extracurricular and cocurricular activities such as student organizations, activities, and athletics.

Since James Bowdoin's original gift and later provision, many planned gifts have enhanced and even transformed the College.

An Estate for Life

A retained life estate of a former farm on Orr's Island in Harpswell, Maine, arranged by Irma and William Thalheimer '27, P'55 in the early 1990s, led to what is now the Schiller Coastal Studies Center, which provides unparalleled opportunities for field-based and laboratory learning and interdisciplinary research.

“Like the environment in which it sits, the Schiller Coastal Studies Center both inspires and challenges. As we explore the tough questions facing us, we will need researchers and scholars from across disciplines, community members with generations of local knowledge, skilled policy makers, eager business leaders, and students who will push us in our thinking and develop a sense of place that will drive their efforts.”

—SCHILLER COASTAL STUDIES CENTER DIRECTOR HOLLY PARKER

Internships for All

Peter Buck '52, H'08 included a transformational gift to the College in his estate plan. With his 2021 bequest to Bowdoin, the Peter Buck Student Internship Fund was established, which will enable Bowdoin to approach its goal to make a funded summer internship available to every student.



SCHILLER COASTAL STUDIES CENTER



SEARLES SCIENCE BUILDING

Gifts that Endure

When Professor Elroy “Roy” LaCasce Jr. ’44 retired in 1993, he elected to participate in a pooled income fund offered by the College’s Office of Gift Planning. Over the years, he made seventeen additions to his fund—four of which involved the transfer of four parcels of real estate. Roy received income for the remainder of his life from his fund. When he died at ninety-two years old in 2015, the maturity value of his pooled income fund went into two endowed funds that he established during his lifetime—the LaCasce Family Chair of Natural Sciences in the Physics Department and the E. O. LaCasce Jr. Physics Fund. Roy also established two Bowdoin gift annuities to provide income for life for people he cared about. When they die, the maturity value will be split between Roy’s two endowed funds. Professor LaCasce also made provisions in his estate plan to leave additional assets, including the proceeds from the sale of his home, to Bowdoin to add to his endowed funds.

“Years after Roy’s death, he is still revered in this community—for his lifelong devotion to and engagement with the College, his expertise not only in the physics he taught to generations of majors but also in underwater acoustics, figure skating, and Bowdoin history. His life is a testament to the power of our faculty in impacting the lives of our students.”

—PRESIDENT SAFA ZAKI

For Art Purposes

A 2022 bequest from a friend of the College and patron of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Peter Sheldon, who was a faculty member at Carnegie Mellon University and then St. Joseph’s College in Standish, Maine. Peter’s gift supports all purposes of the BCMA, including exhibitions, acquisitions, conservation of the collection, and programs.

A Bequest for Athletics

A 1987 bequest from Doris Pike White H'60 endowed both the Ashmead White Director of Athletics position, which was named in honor of her late husband, who was an overseer of the College and a member of Class of 1912, and an endowed fund that provides an annual distribution in perpetuity in support of the College's athletic program and maintenance of its facilities.

“The lessons learned through participation in athletics at Bowdoin lead to more than wins on the playing field. They promote success in the classroom, develop leadership qualities, encourage responsibility, and create paths to successful and fulfilling lives.”

—TIM RYAN '98, ASHMEAD WHITE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

A Musical Arrangement

Forty Bowdoin gift annuities established between 1998 and 2014 and participation beginning in 1998 in a pooled income fund provided Felix “Lex” Verity '36 with fixed income for life and the satisfaction that upon his death (which took place in May 2019 when he was 104 years old) the maturity value of his arrangements would be used to endow the fund established in memory of his parents to provide an annual distribution in perpetuity for the music department.



WHITTIER FIELD



About Bowdoin Pines Society

We honor James Bowdoin and all those who show exceptional devotion to the College by providing for it through gifts in their wills, beneficiary provisions, or other gift planning arrangements by welcoming them as members of the Bowdoin Pines Society.

The Bowdoin Pines Society comprises more than 1,000 alumni, parents, and friends. To be welcomed into the legacy society, please inform the Office of Gift Planning of your intentions for the College. You can visit our website at bowdoin.edu/gift-planning to access a secure web-based portal to provide information about your plans or go to the Resources page on the website to download a form to complete and mail to the Office of Gift Planning at 4100 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011. Alternatively, call us at 207-725-3172 or email us at giftplanning@bowdoin.edu.

minister thereof another sum of Fifty pounds sterling. Thirdly I give to my Nephew Sir Grenville Temple and to each of my Neices Mrs. Elizabeth Bowdoin Winthrop and Mrs. Augusta Palmer One hundred pounds sterling to each of them: and I give one hundred pounds sterling to George Sullivan of said Boston esquire. Fifthly I give and devise unto my Nephew James Temple Bowdoin for and during the Term of his natural life my mansion house in Beacon Street in said Boston and the Furniture of the drawing room therein with the stables and land unto said mansion house belonging, also all my Islands Lands Farms and Estate in Chilmark and in the county of Duke's county in said Commonwealth with the houses, buildings, stores, Saltworks and appurtenances, farming tools and Stock of every kind on said lands and estate with the furniture in the houses on said lands, also my right and estate in a piece of land held in common with Joseph Parker containing about three acres more or less



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