

Forward From Here

Stories, Updates, and Opportunities that Shape the Campaign for Bowdoin



A Bowdoin Outing Club student trip to Morse Mountain and Seawall Beach in April 2021.

More than a year has passed since Bowdoin, like so many other colleges and institutions, hastily closed campus to brace for the coming COVID-19 pandemic.

Since then, the changes to the way we teach and learn, work, travel, and communicate with each other have been too numerous to count. It has been an extraordinarily disorienting time, but something remarkable also happened: the Bowdoin community remained committed to each other; to current Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff; and to the future of the College that the *From Here* campaign represents.

That commitment is reflected in the current campaign total of over \$377.5 million from 14,573 donors, bringing us more than three quarters of the way toward our \$500 million goal. It also is reflected in the stunning success of BowdoinOne Day, when 1,369 members of this community made gifts in honor of the people who supported, inspired, coached, mentored, befriended,

and enriched them—Bowdoin heroes such as beloved athletic trainer Mike Linkovich P'84, associate dean Wil Smith '00, and field hockey head coach Nicky Pearson. It is reflected in the 53 percent of alumni—steadily moving toward the campaign's 85 percent goal—who have engaged through volunteering, attending a program, or making a gift. And it is demonstrated by the way alumni and families rallied to support the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021, offering hundreds of job and internship leads and resources for skill-building courses.

Alumni, families, and friends of the College continue to drive this campaign forward, enthusiastically contributing time, insights, and resources. Difficult times seem to bring out the best in Polar Bears.



Julie McGee '82 and David Driskell H'89 at Bowdoin's AF/AM/50 Celebration.

Fund Honors Champion of African American Art Promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Museum of Art

Recently established to support the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, the **David C. Driskell H'89 Fund** celebrates the life, accomplishments, and impact of David Driskell. An artist, art historian, curator, collector, and scholar, Driskell is widely viewed as the most influential figure in establishing African American art as a discipline worthy of respect and serious study. In 1976, he curated the groundbreaking exhibition *Two Centuries of Black American Art: 1750–1950*, which laid the foundation for the entire field of African American art history. Prior to joining the art faculty at the University of Maryland, Driskell was a professor of art at several historically Black colleges and universities, including Talladega College, Howard University, and Fisk University, and he also accepted invitations to serve as a visiting professor of art at several institutions, including Bowdoin College. He remained closely connected with the BCMA throughout his career, sharing several of his works and frequently providing scholarly contributions. In 1989, Bowdoin presented Driskell with an honorary degree.

The effort to establish the fund is led by Julie McGee '82, an art historian with specialties in African American art and contemporary African art. McGee, who served on the Bowdoin faculty for a dozen years and completed a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, is associate professor of Africana studies and art history and director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center at the University of Delaware. She has written and lectured extensively on African American art and contemporary art in South Africa and has curated exhibitions for the David C. Driskell Center and the BCMA, among others. The David C. Driskell H'89 Fund will support the BCMA's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by funding programming such as exhibitions and public programs on African American art. Gifts to the fund are welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret Broaddus, senior leadership gift officer, at 207-725-3957 or mbroaddu@bowdoin.edu, or reach out to your contact in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, or visit bowdo.in/driskell.

Retiring Professor’s Legacy: Research Opportunities for Future Students

A mentor for generations of students in her classroom and research lab, Josiah Little Professor of Natural Sciences Patsy Dickinson and her husband, Greg Anderson, are ensuring that future students will have similar opportunities. Dickinson and Anderson have established the **Patsy Dickinson and Greg Anderson Neuroscience Research Fund**, which will support student research and study in neuroscience, including fellowships, immersive and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) programming, seminars, lectures, and participation in conferences. The fund focuses on first-generation college students and students from underrepresented backgrounds and cultures.

In 2012, Professor Dickinson was named Educator of the Year by the national organization Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience. In announcing the award, her Bowdoin colleagues noted that, through her “singular vision, dogged determination, inspirational presence in the lab and classroom, and incredible work ethic,” Professor Dickinson “has inspired many dozens of students, and many of them young women, to pursue science-related careers.” Her gift means that, even after her retirement in June 2023, Professor Dickinson’s thoughtful leadership will inspire—and open doors for—Bowdoin’s student researchers.



Professor Patsy Dickinson



Ashley Anderson Cohane '03, Ken Anderson '68, P'03, and Lynda Anderson P'03

Amended, Expanded Scholarship Fund Is “Small Step in the Fight against Racism”

With new parameters and a significant capital gift, Ken Anderson '68, P'03 recently converted a fund he had previously established to an endowed scholarship fund for students from underrepresented backgrounds and cultures on campus, **The Anderson Scholarship Fund for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**. In a statement to current and future recipients, Anderson explained, “My goal is to help not only the students who benefit from the fund, but also the entire College community. And I hope that this fund will be a small step in the fight against racism in our broader community.”

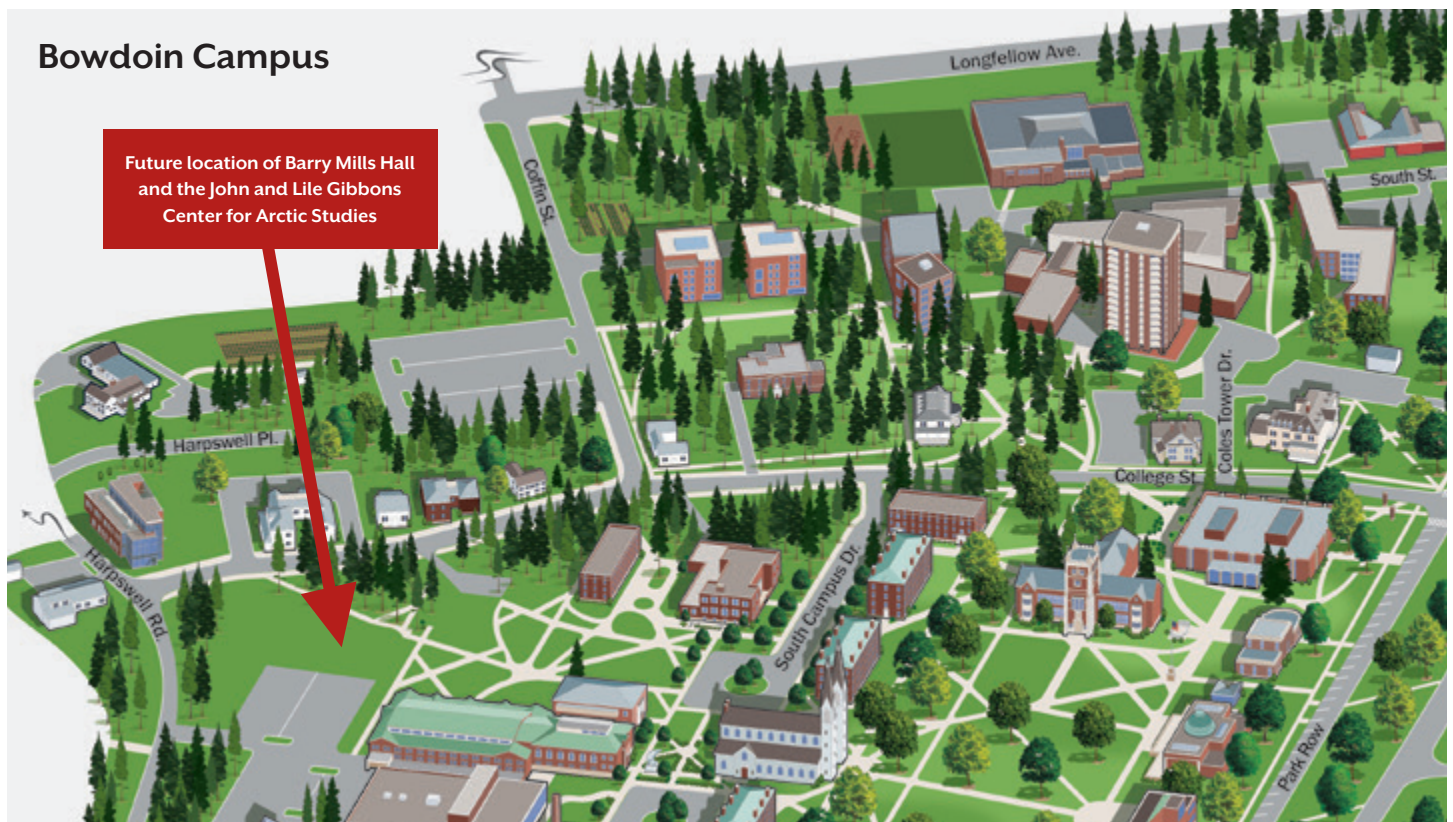
Anderson detailed his efforts to better understand the experience of people of color in the US and the destructive power of racism. Reflecting on both the pervasive racism of his college years and the social justice efforts of many at Bowdoin, Anderson told the story of a fraternity’s pledge offer to an African American student and the backlash from chapters at other campuses, something Anderson only learned about fifty years after his Bowdoin graduation. “I carry my concern about racism in this country with me all the time,” Anderson concluded. “This concern has led me to establish this fund to provide support for students from underrepresented backgrounds, and to hopefully make a difference for people oppressed by racism in this country.”

Barry Mills Hall and the John and Lile Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies

Construction and Naming Opportunities Update

The College broke ground on March 1 for Barry Mills Hall and the John and Lile Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies and expects to complete construction of both buildings by the end of 2022. Both will feature an array of thoughtfully designed spaces that promote active learning, collaboration, creativity, and impactful scholarship.

Barry Mills Hall will contain several flexible classrooms equipped with new teaching technology, a cinema classroom, student study spaces, faculty offices, and a multipurpose gathering space for alumni events and other celebrations. The John and Lile Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies will house teaching, laboratory, office, and gallery spaces, as well as support space for the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum collection. Many of these spaces are available for naming. For more information, contact Michael Archibald, associate vice president of development and alumni relations, at 207-725-3670 or marchiba@bowdoin.edu, or reach out to your contact in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.





Rendering of Barry Mills Hall and the John and Lile Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies.



Members of the Gibbons family at the John and Lile Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies groundbreaking, left to right: Lile, Adam '91, John '64, Jay '88, and Amanda Gibbons Baer '03.

A New Fund in Memory of “Pfeif” Supports Students in the Sciences

A new fund at Bowdoin honors all that Rob Pfeiffer '67 meant to the College and to the larger Maine community. **The Robert H. Pfeiffer '67 “Pfeif” Fund to Give Students in the Sciences Equal Access to a Full Bowdoin Experience** focuses on Bowdoin students in the sciences who receive financial aid. The fund provides them with comprehensive aid that covers needs such as educational technology and materials, emergency travel expenses and expenses for immediate family members to visit campus, job search and graduate school preparation and application costs, costs of participating in cocurricular activities, winter boots and clothing, and other expenses outside of tuition, room, and board. The fund was established by the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation, a family foundation that has supported the advancement and promotion of the sciences, particularly medicine and pharmacy, since 1942.

Rob, who passed away in November 2019, was an impactful and beloved figure on campus and in his home community. A standout athlete who was Bowdoin's first-ever All-American in lacrosse, Rob majored in psychology and went on to work as a guidance counselor, teacher, and coach and later established a private counseling practice in midcoast Maine with his wife, Julianna. A decorated Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, Rob founded Veterans Helping Veterans, which provides counseling services to veterans, and was a lifelong member of Veterans for Peace. Rob, who also played hockey and football at Bowdoin, was inducted into Bowdoin's Athletic Hall of Honor in 2016. Rob's daughter Sarah S. P. McCarthy serves on the Board of the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation and reflects, “I know my father would be proud to be associated with this fund established in his honor at Bowdoin. He would want every deserving student to be a little less burdened in order to focus on their studies.”



Rob Pfeiffer '67



The Pfeiffer family

Other New Endowed Funds

Since December 2020

Bowdoin College Faculty Support Fund, supports research, teaching, and scholarship expenses for associate-level faculty members, established by anonymous donors.

Farley Family Fund, general purposes of the College, established by Bill Farley '64.

The Susan and Jeffrey Goldenberg '77 Internship Fund, supporting student internships, established by Jeff Goldenberg '77 and Susan Goldenberg.

The Susan and Jeffrey Goldenberg '77 Programming Fund, in support of Career Exploration and Development programming, established by Jeff Goldenberg '77 and Susan Goldenberg.

Herbst Family Fund, financial aid for Bowdoin undergraduates, established by Jon Herbst '93.

Janes Family Scholarship Fund, providing financial aid for Bowdoin undergraduates, established by Bill Janes '76 and Alice Janes.

Kevin M. Mullins '07 and Emily S. Mullins '09 Fund, in support of general purposes of the College, established by Kevin Mullins '07 and Emily Mullins '09.

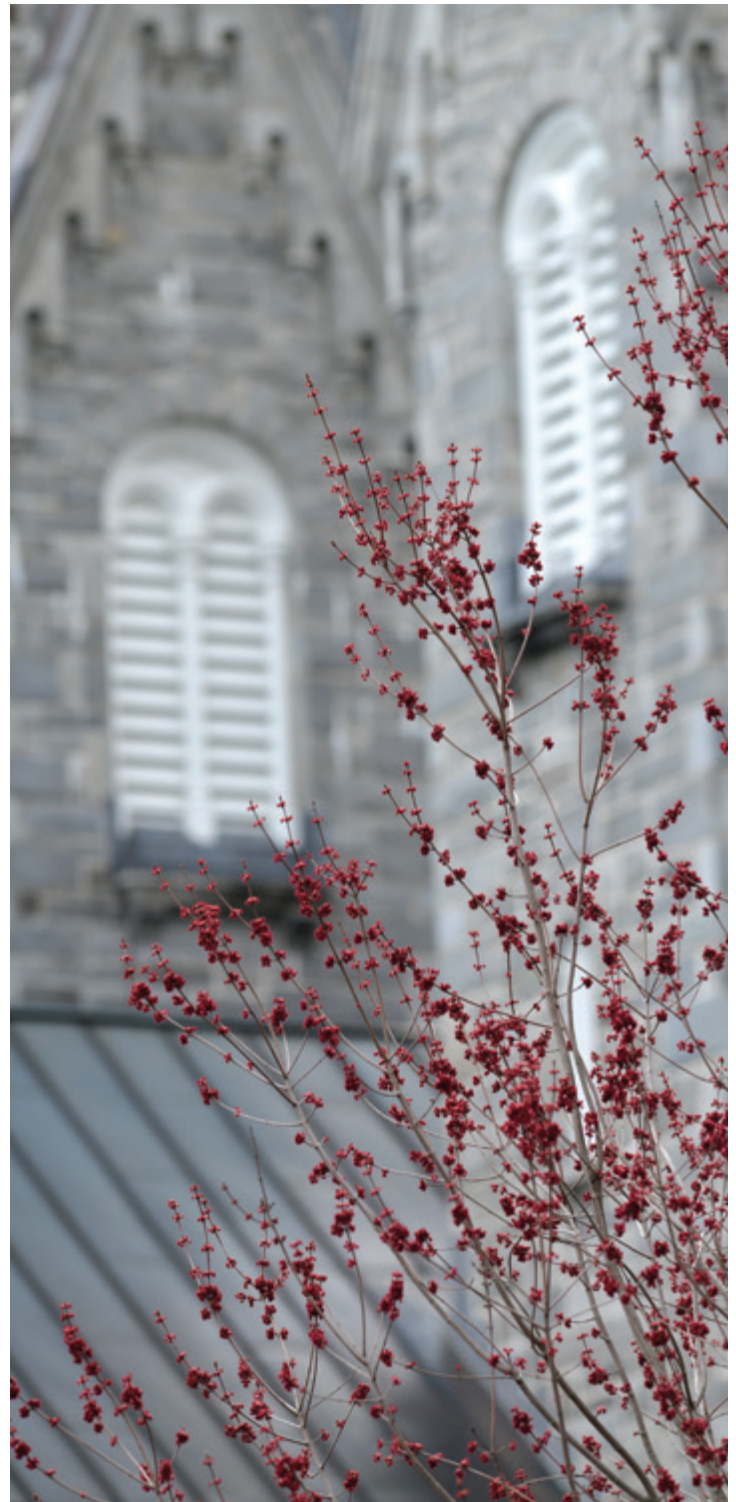
Matthew R. Patterson '93 Internship Fund, supporting student internships in biotechnology, pharmaceutical research and development, and health care innovation, established by Matt Patterson '93.

Poppy Environmental Studies Fellowship Fund, supporting student fellowships in environmental studies and policy, established by Lutz A. Prager and Patricia M. "Poppy" Lark.

Jocelyn R. Shaw '80 Fund for Progress in Mathematics, supporting mathematics activities, programs, and study, particularly for students and faculty who are women or belong to underrepresented groups in mathematics, established by Jocelyn Shaw '80.

Lindsay '95 and Pete Stavros Fund, supporting general purposes of the College, established by Lindsay Stavros '95 and Pete Stavros.

Thorndike Family Fund, in support of comprehensive aid for students to provide for needs beyond those covered by traditional financial aid, established by John Thorndike '02 and Kathryn Thorndike.



For more information about *From Here: The Campaign for Bowdoin*, visit bowdoin.edu/fromhere.

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