Macauley Lord ’77, a legendary fly fisherman who obtained a master’s degree in theology from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 2013 and now serves as minister to inmates of the Cumberland County Jail, recently endowed Bowdoin’s Center for Religious and Spiritual Life. Lord’s gift of $1 million endows the center’s director position, currently held by Eduardo Pazos Palma; the gift also honors the memory of Lord’s mother, by naming the center as the Rachel Lord Center of Religious and Spiritual Life.

Lord described his late mother as “unfailingly kind and warm to everyone she met,” and as believing deeply in the power of prayer to heal. He sought to support the Rachel Lord Center director’s role, which he views as the “spiritual heart” of campus, and to underscore that the center is a resource for students of all faiths. Lord is spearheading an effort to raise another $1 million for the center, so that it may expand its programming.
In his speech to the 430 students, alumni, and other supporters assembled in Thorne Hall for the Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon in May, Danny Miro-Chinea ’19 urged the crowd to close their eyes and imagine the moment they received their college acceptance letter. Miro-Chinea, who grew up in Puerto Rico and Florida, took listeners along on his own rollercoaster of emotions—joy, then fear, then relief—as he recalled learning of the generous financial aid package that would make his matriculation at Bowdoin possible.

Following the remarks of alumni couple Peter Grua ’76 and Mary O’Connell ’76, Miro-Chinea delivered his own observations with the command expected of someone who recently performed in both the Maine premiere of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play Sweat and the Spring Dance Concert. He noted that Bowdoin has provided him with extraordinary opportunities—an Alternative Spring Break service trip to the Mexican border, participation in the Bowdoin Public Service Initiative in Washington, DC, and his first-choice job after graduation. He now works in Washington, DC, for the international law firm Skadden Arps.

Danny Miro-Chinea ’19 tells his story in the Spring/Summer 2019 issue of Bowdoin Magazine.
New Endowed Funds

Generous Bowdoin alumni, parents, families, faculty, staff, and friends have recently created these endowed funds, which provide critical support for Bowdoin students and the College’s academic program.

**The George Alexander Fund** recently established by an anonymous donor, focuses its support on students whose full participation in the College community may be limited by their personal or family finances. The fund provides financial assistance beyond traditional aid for tuition, room, and board; for example, a student facing a family tragedy or unexpected hardship could receive a grant from the fund to cover the cost of traveling home to visit family.

**Peter A. Bieger Scholarship Fund:** Pete Bieger ’73 recently established this fund, which will provide scholarship support for Bowdoin students.

**Blue Lagoon Fund:** The fund was established by an anonymous donor to support the operations of the varsity soccer programs.

**Bowdoin Chair in Digital and Computational Studies:** The fund, created by an anonymous donor, establishes a new faculty chair in digital and computational studies.

**The Bowdoin College Opportunity Fund for Music and Community Engagement:** Established by an anonymous donor, the fund enables students with financial need to enroll in music lessons and participate in community events and travel with the Department of Music.

**Elizabeth C. Brown ’15 Scholarship Fund:** Established by David and Cathy Brown P’15 in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth C. Brown ’15, the fund provides scholarship support for students studying the environment.

**Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund:** In honor of their 50th Reunion, several members of the Class of 1970, including Paul Batista, Joel Bradley, Bruce Bragdon, Steve Buchbinder, Jeff Emerson, Harry George, Dave Gleason, Allan Jarvis, Rick Jerue, John Locke, John McGrath, and Wayne Sanford, have established a fund that will provide scholarship aid for Bowdoin students. The fund was established through outright gifts, pledges, and bequests. All class members are invited to contribute to this enduring legacy to the Class of 1970.
Dr. Cheryl M. Coffin '75 Internship Fund: Cheryl Coffin '75 recently established this fund, which will support internships for Bowdoin students, particularly those from Maine, participating in internships in Maine, or participating in internships in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

Delaney Family Scholarship Fund: Bob Delaney '55 recently created this fund, which provides scholarship support for Bowdoin students.

The Ann Malloy Clifford Scholarship Fund: The fund was established by Brian and Christina Clifford, both members of the Class of 1993, in memory of Brian's mother, an inspirational elementary school teacher in the Lewiston, Maine, public school system and a mother of seven. The fund provides scholarship support for Maine students, particularly those from the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Paul W. '75 and Diana C. Dennett Scholarship Fund: Recently established by Paul '75 and Diana Dennett through a planned gift, the fund will provide scholarship support for Bowdoin students.

The Louis Berry Dodson ’42 and Kimberly Foster Price ’81 Scholarship Fund: Established by Kimberly Foster Price ’81 in memory of her uncle, Louis Berry Dodson ’42, the fund provides scholarship support for Bowdoin students, particularly minority or multicultural students who enhance diversity on campus.

Matthew Greitzer ’98 and Kimberly Driessen ’98 Career Exploration Fund: The more they learned about Bowdoin’s endowment, the more Matt Greitzer and Kim Driessen, both members of the Class of 1998, believed that establishing their own endowed fund was right for them and for the College. They wanted their gift to address their highest priority—career advising and career opportunity for students—and to provide ongoing support for that priority as Bowdoin’s programs and resources grow and evolve. Their fund supports students, both those on campus now and in the future, as they search and prepare for satisfying careers with the help of Bowdoin’s reimagined Office of Career Exploration and Development.
The Timothy M. Laurion 1981 and Mary Laurion Scholarship Fund: The fund was established in 2019 by Tim in loving memory of his late wife, Mary. A member of the Class of 1981 and a government and legal studies major, Tim was a first-generation college student and a grateful beneficiary of generous financial support during his four years at Bowdoin. Immediately after Bowdoin, Tim began his professional career in the banking sector and has spent his entire career in the industry. He and Mary have two daughters. The fund will support Bowdoin undergraduate students with a preference given to students who are the first in their family to attend college.

Lenk Family Fund: Established by Toby ’83 and Lynn Lenk, the fund provides scholarship support for Bowdoin students.

Ormont Scholarship Fund: Established by an anonymous donor, the fund provides scholarship support for Bowdoin students, particularly those whose family background, citizenship, or country of residence brings an international perspective to the College.

Quantitative Scholarship Fund: Established by an anonymous donor who was inspired by attending Reunion Weekend, the fund will provide scholarship support for Bowdoin students, particularly those who are members of the first generation in their family to attend college and who are majoring in computer science, economics, or mathematics.

MaryLee Rowe Scholarship Fund: Lee ’70 and Lauren Rowe established the fund in memory of Lee’s mother and in honor of his 50th Reunion through a charitable remainder unitrust. The fund will provide scholarship support for Bowdoin students.

Sweeney Family Scholarship: Established by Brandon Sweeney ’89, the fund provides scholarship support for Bowdoin students, in particular women students who have an interest in technology.
Gift Opportunities

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

• Make a gift to the Alumni Fund or other annual fund. For more information, contact Christi Lumiere, director of annual giving, at (207) 721-5089 or clumiere@bowdoin.edu.

• Make a gift to the Parents Fund. If you are a Bowdoin parent or grandparent interested in gift opportunities, contact Kim Wing, director of family giving and engagement, at (207) 798-4142 or kwing@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 Christi Lumiere, director of annual giving, at (207) 721-5089 or clumiere@bowdoin.edu.

• In addition to your annual fund gift, establish a new endowed fund with a leadership gift of $100,000 or more, or give any amount to one of the many existing endowed funds. For more information, contact Michael Archibald, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, at (207) 725-3670 or marchiba@bowdoin.edu.

• Make a gift through your estate plan or retirement plan, or another of the many available types of charitable or planned gifts. For more information, contact Nancy Milam, director of gift planning, at (207) 725-3686 or nmilam@bowdoin.edu.

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