

Forward From Here

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



THRIVE Class of 2026
Geoffrey Canada Scholars
on a trip to Cow Island

Thank you. As you'll see in the following pages, the Bowdoin community once again came through in a big way for the College, with contributions of all sizes and varieties.

Whether you volunteered for Sophomore Bootcamp or the Alumni Fund, made an annual gift or established a new endowed fund, or tuned into a panel discussion celebrating *Leaders in All Walks of Life: 50 Years of Women at Bowdoin*—or did all of these things, and possibly even more—you helped move the From Here campaign forward. And, more importantly, you made a difference in the lives of our students and the progress of our collective effort. With your support, and only with your support, Bowdoin continues to deliver on its three

central promises to students: full access to the Bowdoin experience, a transformative liberal arts education, and meaningful opportunities after graduation.

The loyalty of the Bowdoin community to the College, and the thoughtfulness, generosity, and caring that underlies it, was once again abundantly evident in the 2021–2022 fiscal year. From all of those who benefit so directly and profoundly from your support—students, families, faculty, staff, and others—the message is a simple one. Thank you.



The Year in Fundraising

The Bowdoin community supported the College at an extraordinary level this past year, as reflected in the statistics that follow. One highlight of supporters' generosity was the successful **First Promise Challenge**, in which an anonymous donor agreed to match gifts or pledges of \$100,000 for financial aid and comprehensive aid endowments. Other donors responded with fifty such gifts and pledges—many for new endowed funds—to reach the challenge's ambitious goal of \$5 million raised for this vital campaign priority, and to trigger the full \$5 million match.

Fiscal Year 2022 Summary



ALUMNI FUND VOLUNTEERS
888



PARTICIPATION

Alumni participation in annual giving:

43 percent



Alumni engagement in campaign:

65 percent

2022 ALUMNI FUND AWARD RECIPIENTS

LEON W. BABCOCK PLATE: Awarded to the class making the largest contribution to the Alumni Fund. **45th Reunion Committee, Class of 1977** (\$813,436)

ALUMNI FUND CUP: Recognizing the non-reunion class making the largest contribution to the Alumni Fund. **Class of 1976** (\$659,179)

CLASS OF 1916 BOWL: Awarded to the class with the greatest year-over-year improvement. **Class of 2001** (57.6 percent increase in revenue)

CLASS OF 1929 TROPHY: Recognizing a non-reunion class in the youngest ten attaining the highest participation. **Class of 2013** (43.4 percent)

ROBERT SEAVER EDWARDS TROPHY: Awarded to a youngest-ten class making the largest Alumni Fund contribution. **Class of 2012** (\$42,211)

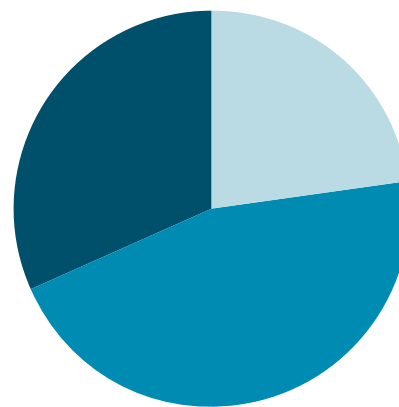
HARRY K. WARREN TROPHY: Awarded to two reunion classes (5th to 25th and 30th to 50th) achieving the highest participation. **Class of 2012** (52.2 percent) and **Class of 1972** (75.9 percent)

ROBERT M. CROSS AWARD: Awarded to the agent(s) whose outstanding performance, hard work, and loyalty to Bowdoin, as personified by Robert M. Cross '45, H'89 during his many years of association with the Fund, are deserving of special recognition. **10th Reunion Committee, Class of 2012**

ALUMNI FUND DIRECTORS TROPHY: Awarded to the class(es) that, in the opinion of the directors, achieved outstanding performance deserving special mention. **45th Reunion Committees, Classes of 1976 and 1977**

CLASS OF 1976 TROPHY: Awarded to the agent or team whose energy, creativity, and leadership deserve special recognition. **Nailah Khoory '22**

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$55,584,228

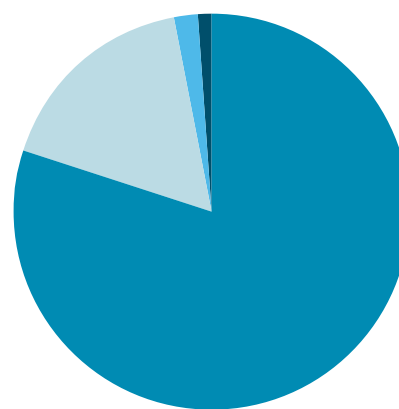


CONTRIBUTIONS BY TYPE

■ Annual Gifts: \$12,734,997

■ Capital Gifts (including gifts in kind): \$25,351,773

■ Planned Gifts (including deferred life income gifts): \$17,497,459



ANNUAL FUNDS (\$12,734,997 total)

■ Alumni Fund: \$10,220,373 (8,185 donors)

■ Parents Fund: \$2,168,653 (881 donors)

■ Polar Bear Athletic Fund: \$244,241 (780 donors)

■ Friends Fund: \$101,730 (217 donors)

REUNION GIVING



50th Reunion (Class of 1972):

- Total Multiyear Giving: **\$9,218,322** (\$6,115,822 in gifts and pledges, \$3,102,500 in documented estate plans)
- **133** donors
- **76 percent** annual fund participation (a class record)
- Established the Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund with \$1,070,955 in gifts



45th Reunion (Class of 1977):

Raised the most funding in the fiscal year, **\$813,436**, with **162** members of the class (**56 percent**) participating in annual funds. The class rallied to an appeal to support the “Heart of Bowdoin”: gifts were split among diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, health and wellness initiatives, and financial aid.

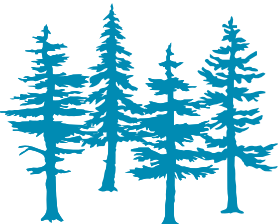


25th Reunion (Class of 1997):

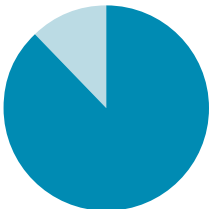
- Total Multiyear Giving: **\$1,550,550**
- **170** donors
- **48 percent** annual fund participation

Other reunion class totals:

REUNION YEAR	TOTAL	DONORS	PARTICIPATION
65th Reunion (Class of 1957)	\$130,405	53	83 percent
60th Reunion (Class of 1962)	\$192,619	85	81 percent
55th Reunion (Class of 1967)	\$88,176	89	67 percent
40th Reunion (Class of 1982)	\$501,668	140	47 percent
35th Reunion (Class of 1987)	\$292,305	148	48 percent
30th Reunion (Class of 1992)	\$137,129	136	46 percent
20th Reunion (Class of 2002)	\$143,678	162	46 percent
15th Reunion (Class of 2007)	\$88,819	170	42 percent
10th Reunion (Class of 2012)	\$42,211	217	52 percent
5th Reunion (Class of 2017)	\$12,895	122	27 percent



**BOWDOIN PINES SOCIETY
MEMBERS (BEQUEST
AND LIFETIME GIFTS):
1,052**



**CAMPAIGN PROGRESS
(AS OF JUNE 30, 2022):
\$438m**
(87.6 percent to \$500m goal)



Maine Senator Angus King in his Washington, DC, office with Bowdoin Public Service Initiative students

A Campaign Gift for the Common Good

Longtime supporters of the McKeen Center for the Common Good, Mike '60 and Linda Frieze, recently made a major campaign commitment to the Center. The Friezes' \$500,000 Alumni Fund commitment will provide five years of significant annual funding for the McKeen Center and two of its signature programs: the Global Citizens Fellowship Program, which provides students with opportunities to design and pursue summer volunteer and public service projects abroad with locally led social impact organizations; and the Bowdoin Public Service Initiative, which exposes students to careers in government agencies, political offices, and affiliated organizations by offering fellowships, an on-campus seminar series, and an immersion trip to Washington, DC.

Buck Gift Boosts Internships

Throughout his life, Peter Buck '52, H'08 thoughtfully directed his gifts to Bowdoin so that they made a significant impact on the daily experience of Bowdoin students. In addition to regular gifts to the Alumni Fund, Dr. Buck's contributions included endowed scholarship and internship funds and a leadership gift to build the Peter Buck Center for Health and Fitness in 2009.

Dr. Buck passed away in 2021, and a bequest from his estate will provide a transformative boost for the College's internship program, one of the campaign's priorities. A \$5 million gift to the Peter Buck Student Internship Fund will push Bowdoin closer to its goal of making a funded summer internship available to every student.



Peter Buck '52, H'08



PRESTON BEQUEST EXPANDS SOCIAL JUSTICE CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Preston Public Interest Career Fund, a family fund established by Ken and Linda Preston P'88, P'91, and supported by family members Leslie Preston '88, Dean Preston '91, and Jenkyn Goosby Preston '91, recently received a \$1 million infusion from Ken's bequest. The gift significantly expands the fund's capacity to provide internships and other opportunities for students to work in social justice fields like public education, social service agencies, legal aid societies, and humanitarian organizations.

Claire Wyman '25 harvesting organic vegetables at Growing to Give Farm in Brunswick.



Theo Danzig '22

Memorial Fellowship Honors Theo Danzig '22, Promotes Intellectual Curiosity

An endowed fellowship fund recently established by Andrew and Nancy Danzig P'22 with support from the Bowdoin community honors the memory of their son, Theo Danzig '22, his passion for learning and sharing knowledge, and the impact that he had on classmates, friends, faculty, and the entire Bowdoin community. The **Theodore Samuel Danzig '22 Memorial Fellowship Fund** supports student summer research fellowships in government, law, political theory, or related fields and encourages fellows to present their work to the campus community. As expressed in the terms, "the Fund honors the legacy of Theo Danzig '22, by fostering in Bowdoin students the qualities that made Theo such a beloved and valued member of the College community: intellectual integrity, insatiable curiosity, collaborative generosity, leadership with humor and humility, deep commitment to understanding contemporary issues both in theory and in practice, and enthusiastic engagement in civic life."

Class Remembers Truc Huynh '05 with Memorial Gifts for Scholarship

Upon learning of the tragic passing in June of Truc Huynh '05, several of his classmates mobilized to create a current-use scholarship in his memory. Huynh was a beloved member of the Bowdoin community and—according to the Wayside Food Program, where he volunteered—a "force for positive change" in Portland, Maine, where he moved from Vietnam with his family at age seven. More than fifty of Truc's classmates, family members, and friends have contributed to a 2022–2023 **Scholarship in Memory of Truc T. Huynh '05**, which will support a student in the current academic year.



Truc Huynh '05

BOWDOIN PRESENTS

Tune in to season two of *Bowdoin Presents*, the College's podcast, this fall. The second season of the popular series will feature chats with faculty members about their scholarship and teaching. Scheduled guests include Bowdoin College Museum of Art codirectors Anne and Frank Goodyear, as well as professors Birgit Tautz, Zorina Khan, Robert Morrison, and David Gordon. Visit bowdoin.edu/communications/bowdoin-presents/index.html.

Other New Endowed Funds

Since May 1

Sustainable Future Fund, for student internships focused on sustainability and the environment, established by an anonymous donor.

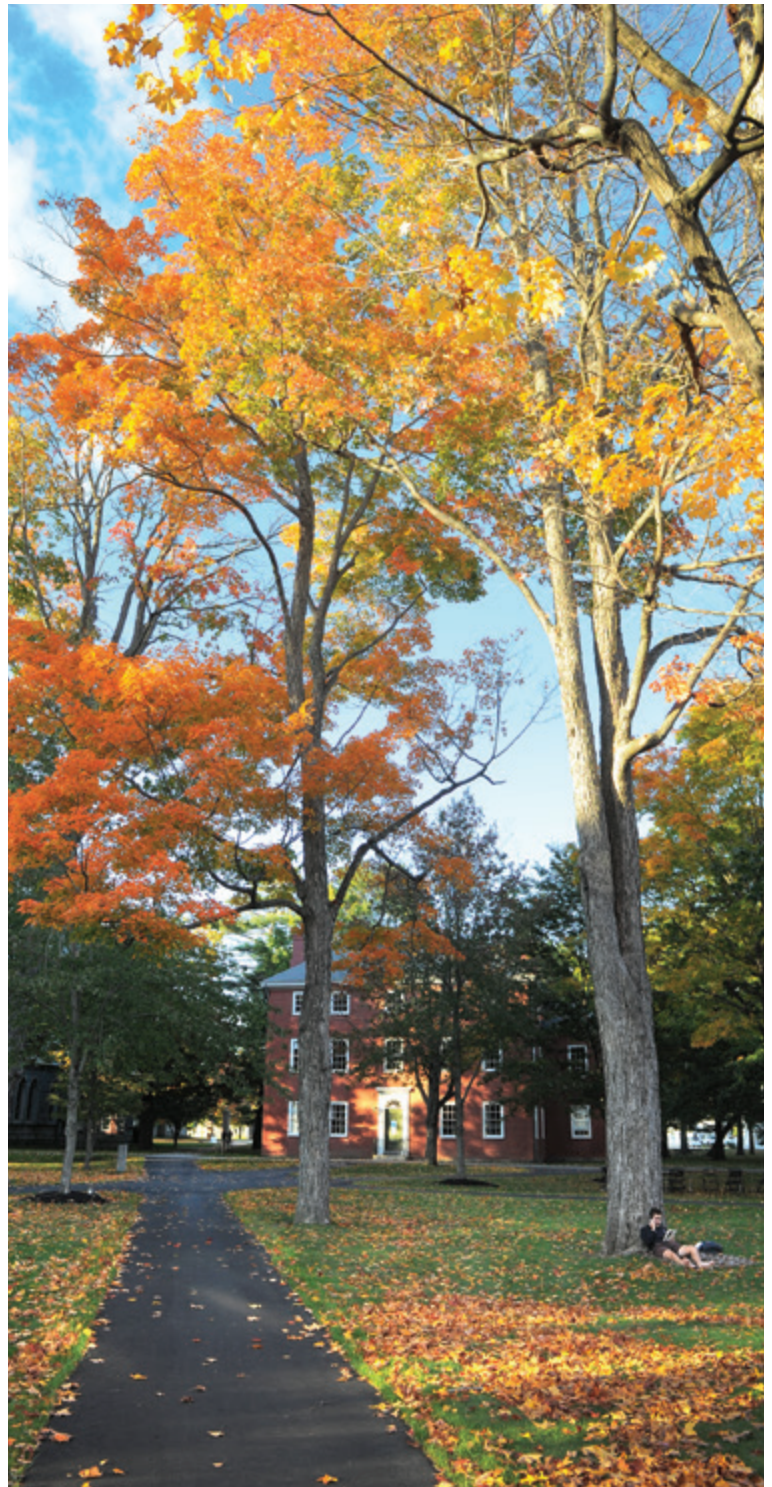
Sarah A. Gessner '96 Memorial Fellowship Fund, for student fellowships in research, writing, or other work in the fields of English language, English literature, and creative writing, established by James S. Gessner '68, P'96 and Ann Gessner P'96 in memory of their daughter, Sarah Gessner '96.

Peter Sheldon Fund, in support of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, established by the estate of Peter L. Sheldon.

Wish Theater Maintenance Endowment Fund, in support of maintenance and operation costs of Wish Theater in Memorial Hall, established by Barry N. Wish '63, P'05, H'08.

Fogseeker Fund, in support of research at the Bowdoin Scientific Station on Kent Island, established by James Cunningham in memory of his father, Robert Cunningham.

William B. Sorabella '97 Global Health Fellowship Fund, for student fellowships in health, public health, life sciences, medicine, wellness, or related fields, established by Bill Sorabella '97.



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