## **BOWDOIN COLLEGE**

## 2021 Alumni Service Award

## Albert E. "Ted" Gibbons Jr. '58

lbert E. "Ted" Gibbons Jr., distinguished member of the Bowdoin Class of 1958, the breadth and depth of your commitment to the College in the six decades since your graduation is without parallel. You have served Bowdoin in more than a dozen distinct volunteer roles, from the rarified position as an overseer of the College for twelve years to the grassroots level as a Reunion Committee member—and nearly everything in between. According to two close Bowdoin friends, your "longtime service to Bowdoin has been a true passion" for you, and year after year you have "demonstrated your outstanding loyalty" to the College.

The common thread through your many volunteer engagements with Bowdoin is your enthusiastic but thoughtful leadership, including your time as a member of the Alumni Council, during which you served a term as the youngest-ever president of that body. You also have served your class as a class agent and associate class agent, and a Reunion Committee member; and you have served the College community as a whole, in addition to your leadership roles with the Board of Overseers and Alumni Council, in such varied capacities as a campaign volunteer, a member of the Leadership Gift Committee, and a BASIC volunteer. In short, where Bowdoin has asked for your expertise, energy, and time, you have willingly stepped in.

Your work on behalf of the Bowdoin Rowing Association has drawn particular praise from your peers. A prolific and energetic fundraiser and advocate for the sport at Bowdoin, you are widely viewed as one of the most impactful supporters in that program's history. As one College staff member noted, "The crew program at Bowdoin would not be nearly as strong as it is today but for Ted's leadership in many ways, and for his vision and thoughtful advice." In recognition of your uniquely important role, the Bowdoin Rowing Association recently renamed its endowment in your honor, as the Ted Gibbons Family Rowing Fund.

For your extraordinary record of service to the College over more than sixty years, and your impactful leadership of your class, of Bowdoin Rowing, and the College community as a whole, we are proud to join with your classmates, friends, and family to honor you as the well-deserved recipient of the Alumni Service Award for 2021.