



Dear Classmates,

Our years at Bowdoin were an important time in our lives. Once again, it is altogether appropriate to celebrate those years by returning to Brunswick for Reunion Weekend, **Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 2**. This is a time to reconnect with your old friends and to make new ones.

Bowdoin, since our time there, grew through new and repurposed buildings, and improved its offerings in all academic areas. There is no better way to see and experience these changes than a visit as spring comes into full bloom in Maine.

There are hundreds of events throughout the weekend with opportunities for us to take part in some interesting sessions led by Bowdoin alums, visit with our 1974 classmates and other alums, and have fun.

As you make your plans to return to campus, we want to share with you some Reunion highlights:

Festivities begin on Thursday with a bit of Bowdoin history and a **cruise to Eagle Island** to explore the former retirement home of polar explorer Admiral Robert E. Peary, Bowdoin Class of 1877.

Then return to campus for the **Reunion Welcome Dinner** and special after-hour reception and tour at the **Bowdoin College Museum of Art**.

We'll start the conversation with classmates on Friday afternoon, as you enjoy—and perhaps lead—a class session of TED style talks with the theme of “**Serving the Common Good**.” In the coming months we'll put together a panel of speakers who will represent the broad range of experience, professional and personal, that our classmates have had over the past 45 years. We hope that these talks will spur conversations throughout the weekend. Visit **bowdoinreunion.com** and click on the 1974 Class Page for details regarding when and how to submit a talk proposal. Deadline to submit a proposal is March 29.

On Friday evening, our class will enjoy a class **reception and dinner at our Reunion Weekend Headquarters, Cram Alumni House**. After dinner, make your way to Smith Union for the **Bowdoin Brewfest** and enjoy tastings from popular New England craft breweries, or simply linger at Cram and enjoy lively conversations.

John Cross '76 will offer a session on Saturday afternoon for our class that will compare the physical campus of 1974 and 2019. John, secretary of development and college relations, is the unofficial College historian and will offer an interesting perspective on **Bowdoin Then and Now**.

Saturday is steeped in Bowdoin Reunion tradition with events including **Reunion Convocation**. The ceremony features remarks by President Rose and the presentation of Bowdoin's most prestigious alumni recognition awards. Join us as we celebrate classmate **Alvin Hall**, the 2019 recipient of the Alumni Service Award.

Saturday's festivities continue with **Afternoon on the Quad** featuring music by **The Don Campbell Band**, and the traditional **Bowdoin Reunion lobster bake**. Close out the day back at our headquarters, Cram Alumni House, or head to the Union for a **campus-wide party**.

In addition to all the great food, drink, and entertainment, campus-wide talks run throughout the weekend and offer captivating sessions led by alumni, faculty, and staff, including our own classmates, **Chris Hill** and **Steve Hannock**. Visit **bowdoinreunion.com** to register for Reunion online or to download a paper registration form, get additional weekend details, and to see who is coming. In late April the site will have a complete schedule of events.

Start connecting today and find the **Bowdoin College Class of '74 2019 Reunion** group on Facebook. We hope you will join us for what will be a memorable weekend and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Elizabeth Woodman Begin, **Reunion Committee Cochair** Joe Leghorn, **Reunion Committee Cochair**

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