

Class of 1961 50th Reunion Gift Profile



Dave Carlisle

In 1997, after many years of supporting the Bowdoin Alumni Fund, I established the David M. Carlisle Scholarship Fund for the benefit of students from eastern and northern Maine. The Fund allowed me to support the College and reinvest in an area of Maine that has meant a great deal to me personally and professionally. With the Scholarship Fund I am also able to express my strong belief that Bowdoin, while having become one of the most selective colleges in the country and enjoying a national reach and reputation, should

not forget its roots and neglect talented and qualified students from small communities throughout Maine.

In addition to the Scholarship Fund and the Alumni Fund, I recently established two charitable gift annuities at Bowdoin. These vehicles for charitable giving work better than any other I've found in the current economic climate. They provide a surprisingly strong return; present tax advantages; and will benefit Bowdoin in the long term. Charitable gift annuities do not require a large investment, and present an excellent opportunity to give a little extra for marking the occasion of our 50th Reunion.

—DAVID M. CARLISLE '61

After graduation Dave spent two years in the military, and ten years as a commercial banker in Boston before joining a family business in Bangor in 1974. Dave and his wife, Susan (Brown 1963), have been active in numerous charitable and civic activities in the Bangor area. Dave's activities have included serving as a director of Bangor Hydro Electric, Bangor Public Library, Bangor Savings Bank (chair, ten years), Eastern Maine Medical Center, Finance Authority of Maine, Fleet Bank of Maine, and the Maine Forest Products Council. Dave and Susan have three sons: Jonathan (Bates 1993), Benjamin (Hamilton 1997), and Nicholas (Brown 2001).