

## Class of 1961

# 50th Reunion Gift Profile



*Dave and Beth Humphrey*

Learning is something I've done—and loved—all my life, and I remain actively engaged in education to this day. I'm lucky to live close enough to Bowdoin so that I can audit classes, and on most Tuesdays and Thursdays you can find me on campus participating in a French class, or chatting with students at the German table in Thorne Dining Hall over dinner, or practicing piano in Gibson Hall. A Bowdoin professor recently told me that seeing an alumnus show up for class at 8:30 a.m. because he wants to be there, not out of obligation but for the simple joy of learning, sets a powerful example for the students in the course. I'm very proud to be that example.

My interest in education and my love for Bowdoin led very naturally to the creation of an endowed scholarship fund at the College, particularly because I was aware that student financial aid is among Bowdoin's greatest needs. My wife, Beth, and I began funding the David Bowden Humphrey Scholarship Fund several years ago in addition to continuing our support of the Alumni Fund. We are delighted that the scholarship reached the spending threshold this year, and that students will begin receiving scholarship aid from it this coming spring, just in time for my 50th Reunion. We are making an additional gift to the scholarship fund through our estate plan and are pleased that the College is recognizing this future commitment as part of my overall 50th Reunion gift. We feel that this is a perfect way to memorialize such an important milestone, and very much look forward to meeting these students and hearing about their experiences at Bowdoin and their future plans.

—DAVID B. HUMPHREY '61

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*Dave and Beth live in Falmouth, Maine, and remain strongly connected to Bowdoin, as evidenced by their wedding at the Bowdoin Chapel in 1999. A former Army Ranger, Dave was decorated for valor in Vietnam. As a businessman with a law degree, he retired after three decades practicing international business with the 3M Company. He and Beth enjoy visiting Europe, where Dave spent several years of his army career and professional life, as well as hiking and other outdoor activities. When he's not on the Bowdoin campus taking classes or meeting with the 50th Reunion Committee, Dave also loves spending time with his son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters, who live in Virginia.*