

# 2016



## Bowdoin Class News & Photos

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 Max Middleton  
 Parker Mundt  
 Shan Nagar  
 Kim Nault  
 Emma Patterson  
 Peter Powers  
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 Dillon Sandhu  
 Chase Savage  
 Emily Serwer  
 Rachel Snyder  
 Kiefer Solarte  
 Julian Tamayo  
 Roberto Tavel  
 Margaret Webster  
 Peter Yanson

### Class of 2020

48% men  
 52% women  
 64% outside of NE  
 31% students of color  
 5% outside of US  
 10% Maine residents  
 15% first generation to attend college  
 11 US states with ten or more students (CA, CT, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WA)

### Class of 2016

49.4% men  
 50.6% women  
 62.8% outside of NE  
 31.7% students of color  
 4.5% outside of US  
 10.8% Maine residents  
 12.2% first generation to attend college  
 12 US states with ten or more students (CA, CO, CT, IL, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NY, PA, TX, WA)



### Kenneth Cortum

En route to my second semester of teaching in Varna, Bulgaria, I had the chance to spend a snowy afternoon with a fellow Polar Bear in Bucharest, Romania.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** David Jimenez '16

*Photo:* Polar Bears, Kenny Cortum '16 and David Jimenez '16 (left to right), adjusting to the Black Sea and the Balkans

### Dan Navarro

Software Engineer at Okta. Spending my free time skiing and climbing!

### Winston Antoine

I'm recently became an ELL/ESL Ed Tech at Lewiston High School. I train with CMBJJ in Lewiston, the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu team that's connected to the Bowdoin Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club.

*Photo, right:* Another Fun Day at LHS Comes to an End



### Julian Huertas

I work with the National Park Service in San Francisco, CA. I get to work on a lot of NPS maps for Golden Gate National Recreation Area and get to travel to many sites within the park, such as at Fort Baker, Stinson Beach, and the Marin Headlands.

*Photo:* 5 Polar Bears adventuring in Muir Woods on a NorCal December day (left to right: Grace Butler '16, Henry Austin '16, Sophia Namara '16, Caroline Pierce '16, Julian Huertas '16)

## What's New at Bowdoin

### Historic Lincoln Inauguration Photograph Unveiled

The Bowdoin College Museum of Art recently unveiled a photograph of President Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration. The photo shows one of the earliest political ceremonies to be captured on film and is one of only three copies in existence. Read more about this significant piece revealing an extraordinary historical moment in the [Bowdoin News](#)

### Bowdoin Wins Beckman Scholars Award for Scientific Research

For the fourth time since 2005, Bowdoin has received the Beckman Scholars Award in recognition of the high level of faculty research as well as "strong mentorship" that professors provide students. The grant will bring in \$104,000 over the next three years to support four student-faculty pairs. Learn more about the current and former recipients and the award in the [Bowdoin News](#).

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## Scenes from Campus



## Get Involved!

If you have any interest in getting involved with the College, please contact Ryan Davis '15 at [rdavis@bowdoin.edu](mailto:rdavis@bowdoin.edu) or 207-721-5009



### Summer Xia

Just moved to Washington DC!

### Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:

Mark Chen '15, Kuangji Chen '15, Erica Hummel '16, Helen Wieffering '16, Liz Humphrey '14, Rubi Duran '16

*Photo, right:* Chinese New Year celebration in a new city!



### Hunter Miller

I began my professional career with Accenture.



### Julia Mead

I became a socialist. If any other Bowdoin alums would like to join the Democratic Socialists of America, register here: <https://dsausa.nationbuilder.com/join>

### Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:

Lots of em. *Photo:* Me and David Duhalde '06 talkin about DSA on Twitter.

### Andrew Engel

Working with children who have autism and other developmental disabilities to teach them social skills and coping mechanisms.

### Maya Reyes

Received a 1 year arts education fellowship from Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens, NY.

### Jamie Weisbach

I got engaged in August 2016 to Amram Altzman. I was also accepted as a Mechon Hadar education fellow for the 2016-2018 academic year.

### Alex Cheston

I'm on a Princeton in Africa Fellowship in Kampala, Uganda, where I'm working for an infrastructure development company. eleQtra mainly develops power plants, and recently I've been writing proposals for industrial scale government-sponsored solar and gas plants.

### Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:

Emma Patterson '16 and Shan Nagar '16, also on Princeton in Africa fellowships.

*Photo, right:* Alex Cheston '16 on a site visit to his company's solar power plant on Bugala Island, Lake Victoria.



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**Katie Randall**

I'm in my second semester at UPenn getting my Masters' in Historic Preservation and City Planning. Enjoying Philly, but missing New England. Hoping to be back in Boston next summer! Still doing tons of swing dancing, now with Penn's swing dance troupe. Finally, I'm proudly getting more involved in Pennsylvania politics, and I just marched in DC for the Women's March on Washington.

*Photo, right:* At the Women's March, January 21, 2017

**Kelsey Mullaney**

Hi everyone! Moved across the country to the SF Bay Area, and working at a start-up, Iterable. Learning a lot, meeting great people, and loving life out here. Living with two fellow polar bears as well!

**Violet Ranson**

I have been traveling throughout the United States visiting Bowdoin alums. I recently returned to Southern California after spending two weeks in Colombia visiting Cailey Oehler '15, who has been teaching English in Bogota for almost two years. I now volunteer at Long Beach Polytechnic High School and free lance tutor in subjects such as math and Japanese.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Yehma Julien '16 in Miami, Florida; Gaby Buentello '15 in Austin, Texas; Malik McKnight '15 in Albany, New York

*Photo:* Violet Ranson '16 and Cailey Oehler '15 at Pueblito Paisa in Medellin, Colombia

**Erica Hummel**

I moved to D.C. in August to work at Kaiser Associates, a boutique strategy consulting firm. I live with fellow p-bear Helen Wieffering '16 in Columbia Heights, come visit us!

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Kaiser Associates boasts fellow Bowdoin alums Sam Weyrauch '14, Josh Roer '11, Yojin Yoon '12, Bridget O'Carroll '13, and Matt Nowak '04. We had a Kaiser-Bowdoin happy hour in the fall!

I also participated in the Bowdoin Club of DC's Common Good Day in September, where we volunteered at a local street festival, and attended a Nationals game with other BCDC members in October.

**Charlotte Alimanestianu**

I'm working at a Healthcare startup in Kendall Square called CareDash and teaching yoga twice a week.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** I'm living with Sophie Janes and Rachel Brooke, both '16. We have a huge group of Bowdoin grads in Boston, and are having a blast exploring the city and adjusting to post-grad life together!

**Alana Carpenter**

For the fall of 2016, I interned with Prentice Cultural Communications, an arts and culture focused Public Relations and Special Events company. I assisted with press plans and media relations for clients such as Ballroom Marfa, VENUS Over Manhattan, Tiffany & Co, Acria, Art Production Fund and Vito Schnabel Gallery. We worked with journalists from outlets such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, W Magazine, Vogue and Harper's Bazaar to ensure our clients are at the forefront of the art world. January of 2017, I started a job with another Public Relations firm, Polskin Arts & Communications Counselors, a division of Finn Partners. Clients include the Whitney, the Guggenheim, Colby College, Columbia University, the Elbphilharmonie, Moma, Lincoln Center and Sotheby's. I live in the West Village of New York City.

*Photo, right:* Graduated 2016

**Lucy Knowlton**

I've been working at an educational non-profit, SAGA Innovations, which provides high dosage tutoring to public schools in NYC. Lots of Bowdoin alums in the city has made the transition great, including Michelle Hong and Meredith Ott '16, as well as Molly Porcher '13.



### Anna Piotti

I have been teaching English at an agricultural high school in rural Austria. My students come from all over the country, but what unites them is their respect for the planet earth, their excitement about a future in farming, and their love for cows. I teach exclusively “Conversation” classes, which is an elective that pairs with their English grammar and writing class. This has allowed me to befriend and truly know and appreciate my students and their traditional Austrian lifestyle. Be it a class on graffiti, gender roles, or generating a new breed of pig - I find I learn almost as much as my students do in our classroom.

**Other Polar Bears you’ve connected with recently:** I talk to Emily King ’16, my women’s rugby co-captain, every week, Although a world apart, she studying for MCATS at the NIH and me teaching English in my Austrian Dirndl, we find the time to discuss life, politics, and all that comes between.

*Photo:* Posed (Piotti ’16, farthest on the right) with my students in a neighbor’s barn, we sang traditional Austrian songs to welcome the new year and bless all who live in our community (the cows too!)

### Lyle Anderson

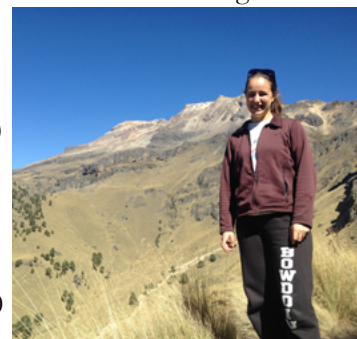
Since late July, I have been employed at a nonprofit organization named Ramapo For Children, a campus located in Rhinebeck, NY. The organization provides a variety of direct service programs, including a summer camp for children and teenagers with social and emotional learning differences, a transition-to-independence living program for young adults with learning differences, and an outdoor retreats program that utilizes teambuilding initiatives (games), low ropes courses and high ropes courses to attain certain outcomes specified by various client groups. These outcomes include teamwork, a sense of community, social and emotional skills, working through challenge and/or failure, communication skills, and self-awareness. For most of my work, I have been a retreat program facilitator, working primarily with middle school and high school groups based in New York City. The remainder of my work is comprised of role modeling as a roommate for a young adult with learning differences, serving as a mentor for another, and assisting with the daily activities of the special needs population on campus. This experience has been absolutely incredible and valuable!

**Other Polar Bears you’ve connected with recently:** JR Chansakul ’16, Westerly Gorayeb ’16, Alex Tougas ’14, Andrew Park ’15

### Kelsey Freeman

Since August, I’ve been in Celaya, Guanajuato in Central Mexico working as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. I’m teaching at a small university and am in charge of giving support workshops for those taking English class. Despite the difficulties of teaching in another country (and in a university that was only founded two years ago), I have truly loved connecting with students. Outside of school, I have been volunteering at a local migrant shelter, giving workshops on cultural differences in the U.S. (which includes talking a lot about the election) and conducting interviews with migrants. These interviews, combined with my own experiences, are the basis of a creative non-fiction writing project I’ve been working on. The project intends to delve into what it means to choose to move to another country versus migrate by necessity. You can read some of my writings at <https://thefreedomtomovefreely.wordpress.com>

*Photo, right:* I’ve been very fortunate to be able to travel quite a bit around Mexico. Here I’m at about 13,000 feet on the volcano Iztaccihuatl (yes Mexico has mountains!).



### Wilder Nicholson

I recently completed a five month film fellowship with Conservation Media Group and Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership in Rockland Maine. I produced photos, timelapses, and promotional videos for HICSL’s website and social media platforms. The videos document HICSL’s experiential education programs, sustainable energy systems, and community based research projects.

**Other Polar Bears you’ve connected with recently:** Bailey Moritz ’16, Cody Stack ’16, Henry Austin ’16, Hector Magaña ’16, Noah Fardon ’16

*Photo:* Capturing aerial footage on Hurricane Island.

**Jimmy Donnellan**

After graduation, I moved to New York with two buddies from school (Anthony Bellavia and Tom Rehnquist, both class of '16), adopted a lovely cat named Estelle Costanza, and landed a marketing internship with Brooklyn Brewery. I work closely with our Community Support and Donations program, whose intention is to give back to the wonderful community that has supported us since our inception in 1988. We provide discounted and donated cases of beer to a wide array of organizations and events, ranging from museums to local bakeries, hackathons to book releases.

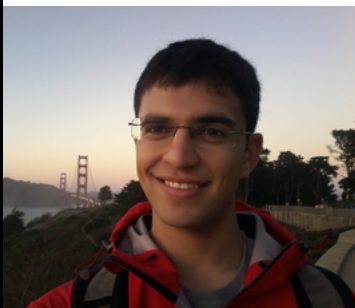
**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Adam Gordon '15, Orin James '15, Alex Mathieu '15

**Lila Wright**

I am currently working as a teacher at an American School in Dubai. My colleagues and students are from all over the world. I am enjoying learning about the culture, language and people of the Middle East.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Mary Frances Harris (class of '16), who is currently working at King's Academy in Jordan, and I met up for a fun - filled weekend in Dubai. Diya Chopra, a current junior at Bowdoin (class of '18), grew up in Dubai and we grabbed coffee before she headed off on her junior year abroad.

*Photo, right:* This is a picture of me (left) and my roommate (Wellsley College graduate) biking through the desert sands of Dubai.

**Franco Sasieta**

After a summer working as an outdoor trip leader for a company called Overland summers, I am now working as a Software Engineer at a company called Rally Health. We handle the United Healthcare website (so if you have uhc insurance and have logged in to your account recently, you've seen our work) and we have an app that gives out rewards (physical not just virtual) if you complete several health related objectives. The idea is to make people healthier while lowering the cost of insurance for employers.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** There are a lot of Polar Bears in the Bay Area! Just in the same block where I work is Evan Hoyt '15, Dan Navarro '16, Caroline Pierce '16, Dan Zeller '15.

*Photo:* The golden gate bridge is on the background!

**Mariah Reading**

I am working as a teaching fellow at the Crane Country Day School in Santa Barbara, CA. It is a two year position and currently I am placed in the Upper School Art room, working with the teacher to design and present curriculum for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. I also work twice a week with kindergarten and fourth grade where the focus is largely on learning the elements and principals of design. This has been a refreshing shift from the higher level of thinking required in the upper school. Projects have included a Dale Chihuly homage installation made from recycled plastic and heat guns, a tree of life project made in collaboration with our engineering department to add LEDs, and Joseph Cornell inspired cabinet of curiosities. We just completed a school-wide art show that elaborately displays over 1000 pieces of student work.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Sasha Kramer '16, Sue Sim '16

*Photo, right:* Halloween costume to celebrate Van Gogh, which was a large unit for the lower school in the fall.

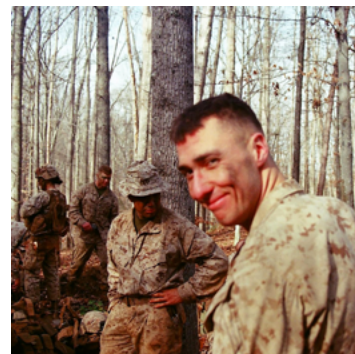
**Erin McKissick**

In January, I relocated to Savannah, GA where I am working in advancement for a local nonprofit theater and volunteering as the Education Coordinator for Millennials in Action, a group aimed at getting young people to mobilize politically in the wake of Trump's election. I'm enjoying the warm weather as I train for a half-marathon, and have loved the chance to get to know a new city and decorate my first post-college apartment!

**Gibson Hartley**

As of 5 FEB 17, I am only days away from receiving my MOS (or military specialization) and assignment and less than two months away from graduating from The Basic School and heading off to follow on training. I hope to report to Fort Sill in Oklahoma for artillery school and then return to the East Coast for my first billet. TBS has been an extraordinary experience and each of the four previous months have presented enormous challenges: academically, physically, and an exercise in leadership. I am fortunate to be surrounded by excellent peers who lighten a great deal of the load every day with their good humor and encouragement. I am humbled to be here and eager to face the challenges that will inevitably follow.

*Photo:* 2ndLt Gibson Hartley, USMC (2016) stands relieved following two days as platoon commander in a training field exercise at Camp Barrett, Quantico, VA.

**Julian R. Anglada Pagan**

Currently in my first year of Law School at the University of Puerto Rico.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Felix Emiliano '15, Tung Nguyen, '15, Luis Rico '17

**Gregoire Faucher**

After working for a hedge fund this past summer, I am now pursuing a Master's in East Asian Studies at Stanford University.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Zack Burton '15

**Caroline Martínez**

I'm working as a Domestic and Family Violence Advocate Caseworker in Victim Services at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Miguel Aviles '16, Dillon Sandhu '16

**Emily Talbot**

¡Saludos a todxs mis compañerxs de universidad! Some days Bowdoin feels like a lifetime away, and others I feel pangs of longing to go back, which I did not expect after my readiness to fly the coop. Perhaps this mixture is also due to the fact that, like several of us, I have been living in another country (and compounded with the confounding and unacceptable discord in our own country). Working in Mérida, Yucatán, México--returning to the place where I studied abroad and now working here (ironically, working while I have just the promise of a work visa on hold, meanwhile Mexicans themselves are subject to the most capricious and senseless vetting and negation of visas even for just a visit: such is the USA paranoia) as an English teacher for first and fifth graders at a private elementary school called Comunidad Educativa Yaxunah. There is a lot that I want to improve, change, and study about myself, my teaching, and issues that we discuss in class and that I see in Mérida. Sending best wishes to all!!!! <3 Stay strong.

**Other Polar Bears you've connected with recently:** Maya Reyes '16, Natasha Soto '15, Junru Guo '16, Octavio Castro '17, Victoria Wirunwang '17

*Photos, right to left:* Reunion of friends from '15, '16, and '17, at the Catedral de Mérida (oldest in the continental Americas), and at Uxmal ruins.

