

JAMES STACY COLES, ninth President of Bowdoin, President of Research Corporation, teacher, scholar, author, and administrator. As President of Bowdoin for fifteen years, he recognized that a college achieves its purposes through those who teach and he insisted on a highly qualified faculty which continued to grow and develop as it worked. Ever a supporter of academic achievement, he placed adequate compensation high on the list of priorities. He facilitated research by effective assistance for travel, equipment, time, and collaboration. Believing in the importance of the student's total environment, he led the pioneering development, resulting in the Senior Center, which combines congenial living quarters with the intellectual stimulation of a Seminar Program. He was the greatest builder in Bowdoin's history, adding to the College plant the Senior Center complex, the Pickard Theater in Memorial Hall, the new Gymnasium and hockey rink, and Hawthorne-Longfellow, with its superb facilities for the Library and temporary quarters for the administration. He supported fully Bowdoin's traditional dedication to the common good, not only by encouraging others, but by playing an active role in public affairs, as a member of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Brunswick, as Chairman of the Advisory Commission for the Higher Education Study of the State of Maine, and as member of a survey committee of the National Academy of Sciences, studying scientific and engineering education in the universities of Brazil, at the invitation of the Brazilian Government. President Coles, you left a notable career in classroom, laboratory, and office, to come to us. Building on a firm foundation, you created in large measure the Bowdoin of today. For your contributions to Bowdoin in the Coles Era of its history and for your continuing efforts on behalf of education, we honor you today:

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