**Generations of students have found connection and meaning in Bowdoin's “The Offer of the College,” written in 1906 by Bowdoin President William DeWitt Hyde.**  
  
*To be at home in all lands and all ages;*  
*to count Nature a familiar acquaintance,*  
*and Art an intimate friend;*  
*to gain a standard for the appreciation of others' work*  
*and the criticism of your own;*  
*to carry the keys of the world's library in your pocket,*  
*and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake;*  
*to make hosts of friends...who are to be leaders in all walks of life;*  
*to lose yourself in generous enthusiasms and cooperate with others for common ends –*  
*this is the offer of the college for the best four years of your life.*  
  
**Which line from The Offer resonates most with you?**\*



To be at home in all lands and all ages



To count Nature a familiar acquaintance...



...and Art an intimate friend



To gain a standard for the appreciation of others' work and the criticism of your own



To carry the keys of the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake



To make hosts of friends... who are to be leaders in all walks of life



To lose yourself in generous enthusiasms and cooperate with others for common ends