



2019-2020 Annual Report

Celebrating 25 Years of Crafting Leaders in Maine

25 years
\$17 million
3,011 Maine students

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HELP. MANY WERE THE FIRST EVER IN
THEIR FAMILIES TO GO TO COLLEGE."**

THOUGHTS FROM Senator Mitchell

It took more than 12 years to do it, but during my service in the United States Senate I visited every high school in Maine. It was a life-changing experience to meet and talk with thousands of students. As I looked into their eyes and listened to their voices, I was reminded of myself at their age: insecure, uncertain, lacking in purpose, direction or resources. Over and over again I was moved to recall how lucky I had been to have received the many helping hands that enabled me to go to college, and beyond.

On the long drives to and from Fort Kent, Lubec, Kittery, Dover-Foxcroft, Rumford—indeed to all of the 140 schools—I thought of little other than what I could do to help them have the same chance in life that I had.

By the time I left the Senate I had decided to devote myself to that goal and I established what is now the Mitchell Institute.

This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary. I'm pleased and proud to report that we have provided \$17 million in direct financial assistance to 3,011 Maine students. All were deserving. All needed help. Many were the first ever in their families to go to college.

Although the choice is theirs, a majority of them attend and graduate from Maine colleges and universities and most of them remain in Maine. They are at work today, helping to build stronger and better communities all across our state, as doctors, teachers, business men and women, nurses, writers, entrepreneurs, artists, engineers.

We found early on that the support our Scholars need is not, and cannot be, met by a check alone. So we offer more than a scholarship, a suite of programs and additional resources to help students to reach their full potential. These include meeting extraordinary financial needs by providing Fellowship Awards to enable students to pursue internship or career-related exams. We head off other financial emergencies through the Promise Fund, to prevent an emergency expense from derailing a student's college career. We prioritize personal, professional, and leadership development so our Scholars can use their full talent and abilities to become the future leaders of Maine.

The part of the Mitchell Institute that expands most beyond the scholarships is the dedicated and ever-growing community of Scholars, Alumni, and supporters like you. We will continue to provide the necessary leg up our Scholars need to help our communities to thrive. But none of this would be possible without your help and support. On behalf of the thousands of talented and motivated Maine students you've helped, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your support.



With my gratitude and
warmest regards,

George Mitchell

more than a Scholarship



THE MISSION OF THE MITCHELL INSTITUTE is to increase the likelihood that young people from every community in Maine will aspire to, pursue, and achieve a college education.

The Institute awards a \$10,000 college scholarship to one graduating senior from every public high school in Maine each year. Mitchell Scholars are selected on the basis of financial need, community impact, and academic potential. Mitchell Scholars represent the best of their respective communities, and many cite the scholarship as helping them reach subsequent success.

Truly helping our Scholars succeed, however, requires more than a Scholarship. As you'll see on the following pages, once Scholars are selected, the Mitchell Institute helps them achieve a college degree and find success in the world beyond with a wide range of personal and professional support programs. And our approach has proven effective: 85% of Mitchell Scholars graduate from college within six years, as opposed to the national average six-year graduation rate of 58%. Our Scholars go on to be gainfully employed in a field related to their interests and studies, and many of them choose to stay in Maine – or leave for a time and return.

In 2019 and into 2020, Scholars face more challenges than ever before. Whether they need to weather the financial fallout from the COVID-19 crisis or navigate new online resources for their college, we are checking in with them consistently to ensure they have the supports they need. Fittingly, thanks to your ongoing support, this is the Institute's 25th year of awarding scholarships to help deserving Maine students succeed. Though much has changed in 25 years, the mission and work of the Mitchell Institute is as focused as ever.

68%

OF MITCHELL SCHOLARS COME FROM FAMILIES WITH INCOMES BELOW THE STATE MEDIAN OF \$72,177

85%

OF MITCHELL SCHOLARS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE WITHIN SIX YEARS

46%

OF MITCHELL SCHOLARS ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND WILL BE THE FIRST MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILIES TO COMPLETE A POST-SECONDARY DEGREE

40%

OF MITCHELL SCHOLARS MAJOR IN STEM FIELDS

Mitchell 2019 Scholars



The Mitchell Institute is pleased to award scholarships at each of the public high schools across Maine, from Traip Academy in Kittery to Madawaska High on the Canadian border. This 25th cohort of Mitchell Scholars represents 132 high schools in all 16 Maine counties.

Androscoggin

Tamra Benson
Lillian Bosse
Holly Desjardins
James Greenwood
Rizzajem Reboquo
Amber Soucy
Hunter Steele

Aroostook

Ashley Bosse
Valerie Burby
Harley Carter
Natalie Corson
Emily Everitt
Austin Findlen
Lauren Headley
Dylan Jurson
Jordan Labbe
Kassidy Mathers
Owen McQuarrie
Annika Nicholas
Mitchell Sirois
Emily Thompson
Noah White
Alex Wilde
Daniel Wortman

Cumberland

Ami Beaumier
Sarah Belling
Abigael Chandler
Autumn Finkle
Maxwell Gailey
Dyllan Hinton
Kade Kelley
Evan Medunitza
Han Mei
Pethuel Mutalenu
Amanda Myron
Ken Niyonkuru
Oumalkaire Omar
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Garrit Reynolds
Gedeon Rugema
Salar Salim
Olivia Scola
Robert Sheils
Katelyn Smith
Parker Swanson
Andrew Wing

Franklin

Natausha Cogley
Brooke Egan
Hallie Pike
Summer Ross
Orion Schwab

Hancock

Mark Berry
Elijah Breault
Emily Erickson
Tara Flubacher
Lillian Gray
Reilly Linkel
Ivy Sanborn
Hattie Slayton

Kennebec

Maguire Anuszewski
Grace Begin
Gabrielle Benson
Maeghan Bernard
Molly Calkins
Anna Chadwick
Destiny Clough
Victoria Hamel
Samantha Heath
Joshua Hoffman
Hannah LeClair
Hannah Woodford

Knox

Josiah Hansen
Keaton Lear
Eliza Roy
Matthew Thomas Young

Lincoln

Paige Camp
Matthew Chapman
Nicholas Hill
William LaBrecque

Oxford

Margaret Bragg
Osage Crie
Emalee Harrington
Casey Kneissler
Alexis Littlefield
Tucker Olsen
Taylor Richard
Katianna-Marie Sinclair

Penobscot

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Emily Birdsall
Emily Elwell
Vidya Gilley
Natalie Kirby
Natalie McCarthy
Alec McGuire
Brad McKechnie
John McNally
Kylene Neal
Susanna Owens
Gage Poulin
Maxwell Sennett
Eliot Small
Ryan Stavnezer
Lauren Turcotte Seavey
Alexis Wagner
Taylor Weeks

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SCHOLARS

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Every year, Unum supports five Stephen B. Center Diversity Leadership Scholars. These scholarships honor Mr. Center, who championed diversity in the workplace and the community, always inspiring others to value differences and eliminate discrimination.

ALFOND
SCHOLARS

Harold Alfond
FOUNDATION

To recognize the extraordinary investment the Harold Alfond Foundation has made in the Mitchell Institute, each year sixteen Scholars, the most promising from each county, are named Alfond Scholars.



Scholar Spotlight

OSAGE CRIE

- Fryeburg Academy, 2019
- University of New England, 2023



I'm going to college not only to get an education but also because of the opportunities that college provides."

In his first year, Osage went to as many Mitchell Institute events as he could, out of a desire to connect with other Mitchell Scholars as well as staff. "I am blown away by how caring every Mitchell Institute employee is. They go out of their way to help every chance they can." A first-generation college student, he is excited to take advantage of more Mitchell Institute programming throughout his college career.

Promise Fund

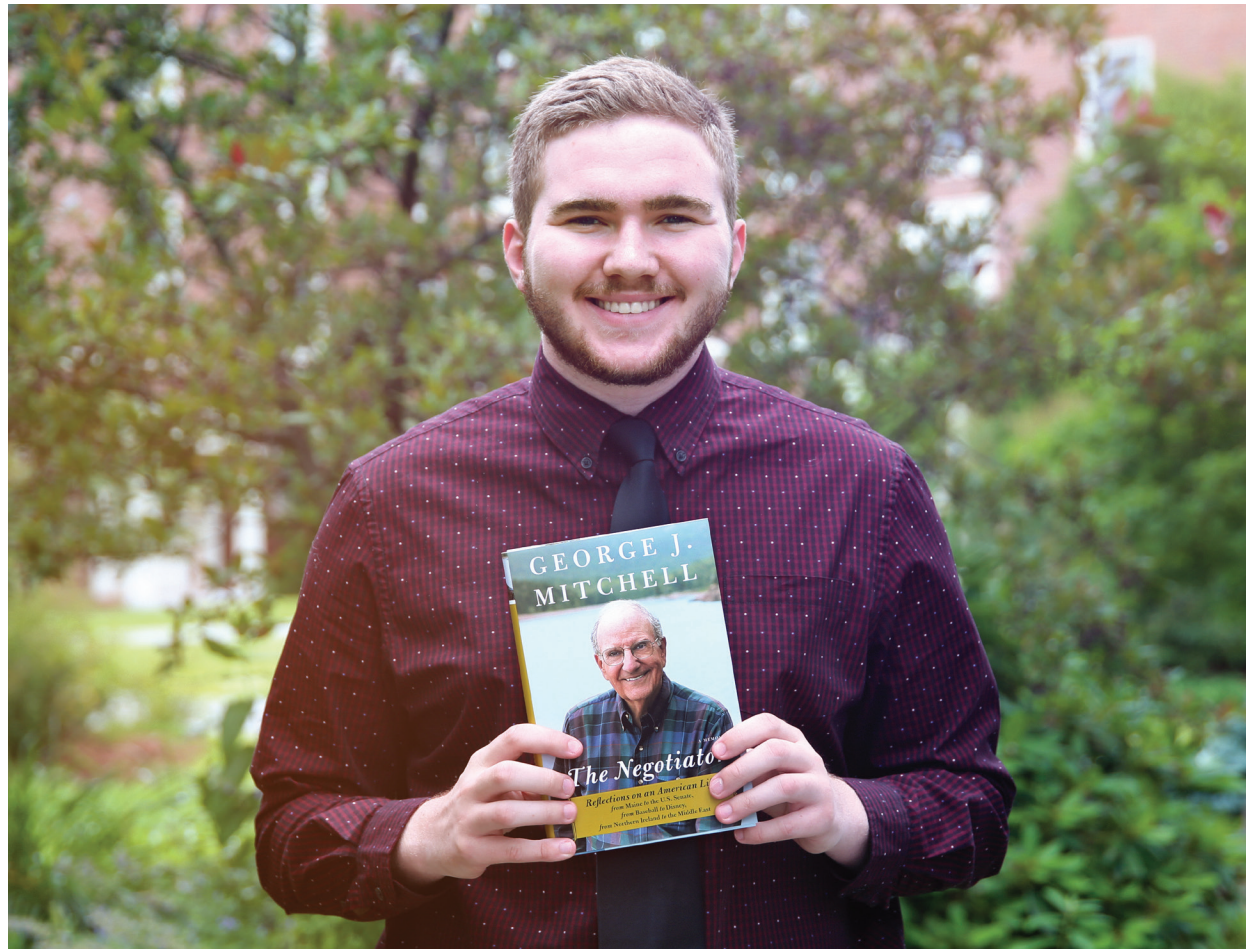
Our research has shown that even small financial emergencies can present an enormous roadblock to graduation. Promise grants are made to Mitchell Scholars who have experienced unexpected financial setbacks that are hindering their ability to persist towards college graduation. Support is issued on a case-by-case basis and usually requires a conversation with a Mitchell Institute staff member to gain a holistic personal, academic, and financial understanding of the situation.

More than half of Mitchell Scholars come from families making less than \$50,000 a year, which means that they do not have the financial flexibility to deal with unexpected turmoil, much less the enormous and broad-reaching challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis. When college campuses started to shut down this spring, we were deeply worried about the consequences for Mitchell Scholars—those who rely on part-time jobs to pay their bills, those who did not have the resources to return home when dorms closed, and those who may have no home to which they could return.

In response to the challenges they were facing, staff provided Mitchell Scholars with both emotional and financial support. Some Scholars just needed a listening ear or an advocate to help them secure external resources. To others we provided grants to make up for lost wages, housing, car repairs, and more. Thanks to a grant from Machias Savings Bank, we were also able to send grocery store gift cards to Mitchell Scholars to help them adjust to the closure of dining halls or sudden loss of income.

Ultimately, our goal is that no financial emergency would force a student to drop out of college. We had already started the Promise Fund several years ago to help Mitchell Scholars overcome financial emergencies and stay on the path towards graduation. It quickly became clear that the Promise Fund would be needed in a big way to help Mitchell Scholars overcome the COVID-19 crisis.





Welcome Brunch

A long-standing tradition at the Mitchell Institute, new Scholars are welcomed into the Mitchell Institute Family each August at a brunch in Orono. In 2019, about 300 Scholars and their family members attended, and heard directly from Senator Mitchell about why he started the Mitchell Institute. Mitchell Scholars Kylie Dunphy and Tristan Alley also shared their advice for transitioning from high school to college, and the value of leaning on the Mitchell Institute Family for support and guidance. For many, the Brunch is the first opportunity to learn about the path they are beginning as Mitchell Scholars.



Fellowship Awards

Not every Mitchell Scholar will follow the same path to their post-college life. But many of them need a little financial support to gain the experience and skills they will need. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Mitchell Institute is able to provide stipends to Scholars to pursue unpaid internships, take test preparation classes, travel abroad, and more. In return for receiving these fellowships, Scholars commit to completing a community service project. In 2019, we awarded more than \$100,000 to 104 Mitchell Scholars and Alumni.

HOPE DUBOIS

- Poland Regional High School, 2017
- University of New England, 2021



The Mitchell Institute really is in everyone's corner if you let it be."

When Hope applied for a fellowship from the Mitchell Institute to help cover study abroad costs, she didn't realize how life changing the experience would be. She lived with the Maasai in Kenya for several weeks, which allowed her to develop personally and gain new perspectives of another culture. "I now want to help preserve and protect cultures like theirs while focusing on environmental impacts on their daily lives."



MILE I

An important aspect of being a Mitchell Scholar is becoming part of a supportive community. As busy college students, Mitchell Scholars don't always have a chance to step away, reflect on their role in the world, and interact with people outside their college community. In response, the Mitchell Institute developed a weekend-long leadership and professional development event. MILE I takes place in Millinocket and in 2019 brought together 60 Mitchell Scholars from different colleges all over Maine and the Northeast. This intimate experiential learning program includes guided outdoor exploration activities and a group community service project. Throughout MILE weekend, individual and group leadership, team building, lively group dialogue around decisions, and awareness of the views of others all become vitally important – be it rafting down the Penobscot, reaching the summit of Mt. Katahdin, or at a dinner table discussing professional ethics. We know that programs like this help build confidence, and 52% of Mitchell Scholars say our programming has made a major difference to their willingness to pursue new opportunities.

Since 2007, MILE has been fully funded by a single donor — Unum. We are deeply grateful to Unum and its leadership for assisting us in this important program.

Mitchell Institute Leadership Experience





OLIVIA GILES

- Gray-New Gloucester High School, 2016
- Bowdoin College, 2020



Mitchell events leave me feeling empowered, and ready to take on the world.”

Olivia Giles went to Bowdoin with a dream of becoming an immigration lawyer. The Mitchell Institute is making that dream possible. “I have met with extremely important members of the legal community because of my connection to the Mitchell Institute.” She has experienced periods of self-doubt while in college, but finds that there is a Mitchell Institute event right when she needs it most to boost her confidence. She says some of her closest friends at Bowdoin are Mitchell Scholars.

MILE II

Career Development Day

LEVERAGING RESOURCES

A constant refrain in our annual Scholar survey is “How do I find an internship?” To answer those kinds of questions, every March, the Mitchell Institute Alumni Council organizes the Mitchell Institute Leadership Experience II (MILE II), generously hosted by Unum. This daylong professional development opportunity brings Mitchell Scholars and Alumni together with business and community leaders from across Maine. Interactive sessions cover topics like expanding your network, deciding on career paths, and learning about professional opportunities in Maine.



Pioneer 2019 Scholars

The Pioneer Scholar program, a partnership between generous supporters and the Mitchell Institute, provides the opportunity to recognize specific Mitchell Scholars and Alumni who, through their contributions to school and community and their demonstration of certain qualities – as students and as citizens – stand out for acknowledgement.



HAROLD ALFOND PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Dexter Regional High School

TAYLOR WEEKS

Dexter Regional High School 2019
University of Maine at Fort Kent 2023

HAROLD ALFOND PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Messalonskee High School

MOLLY CALKINS

Messalonskee High School 2019
Brandeis University 2023

EDWARD AND BARBARA ATKINS PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar attending the University of Maine who has an interest in marketing and communications, with an emphasis on graphic arts and design

NATALIE MCCARTHY

Mattanawcook Academy 2019
University of Maine 2023

AVANGRID FOUNDATION AND CENTRAL MAINE POWER PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math

DANIEL WORTMAN

Ashland Community High School 2019
University of Maine 2023

BATH IRON WORKS | BUZZ FITZGERALD PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who is a child or grandchild of a BIW employee, and who embodies the characteristics of leadership and compassion for which Buzz Fitzgerald was known

HALLIE PIKE

Mt. Blue High School 2019
University of Southern Maine 2023

MORTON K. AND JANE BLAUSTEIN PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a first-generation college student and a student from recently immigrated families

PETHUEL MUTALENU

Westbrook High School 2019
Bowdoin College 2023

JACK AND CHARLIE CANNING PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar from the greater Augusta area who has demonstrated academic growth, leadership, and enthusiasm for the community

LUCA DEANGELIS

Maranacook Community High School 2016
Bowdoin College 2020

CASELLA PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar entering the field of environmental studies

MAEVE MCGOWAN

Morse High School 2016
University of New England 2019

SAM L. COHEN FOUNDATION PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Biddeford High School

ADDISON MOORE

Biddeford High School 2019
Wheaton College 2023

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recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Portland High School

ROBERT SHEILS

Portland High School 2019
Bates College 2023

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recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Thornton Academy

ZAINAB JABOR

Thornton Academy 2019
University of New England 2023

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recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from South Portland High School

MAXWELL GAILEY

South Portland High School 2019
University of Vermont 2023

BOB CREWE FOUNDATION PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who is majoring in the field of Art or Music and/or is a member of the LGBT community, reflecting the Crewe Foundation's support of aspiring artists and LGBT rights

JOSIAH HANSEN

North Haven Community School 2019
College of the Atlantic 2023

LEON AND LISA GORMAN PIONEER SCHOLAR IN HONOR OF SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL

recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who has demonstrated strong qualities of leadership, character, and hard work

SIERRA GOODRIDGE

Gardiner Area High School 2017
Franklin & Marshall College 2021

JOHN AND NELLIE JACKSON PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes a student attending Maine Maritime Academy who represents personal humility and hard work

MAX BARTON

Yarmouth High School 2017
Maine Maritime Academy 2021

ANN LAMB PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Falmouth High School who has demonstrated a love of reading or literacy work, a commitment to environmental preservation or education, and an enthusiasm for community service

KADE KELLEY

Falmouth High School 2019
Northwestern University 2023

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recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Lewiston High School

RIZZAJEM REBOQUIO

Lewiston High School 2019
University of Maine 2023

GEORGE AND MINTAHA MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Waterville High School in memory of George and Mintaha Mitchell

HANNAH LECLAIR

Waterville High School 2019
University of Maine 2023

2019 PIONEER SCHOLARS - CONTINUED

SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*is in recognition of leadership, character,
and perseverance*

JESS WATSON

Mt. Ararat High School 2003
University of Southern Maine 2007

HEATHER MACLACHLAN MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*is in recognition of a Mitchell Scholar who
has demonstrated an interest and aptitude in
literature and writing*

SALAR SALIM

Deering High School 2019
College of the Holy Cross 2023

JANET FRASER MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar at Colby College,
with a preference toward those majoring in
English literature*

REGAN BRAGG

Machias Memorial High School 2017
Colby College 2021

JOHN AND PRINELLA MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar-Athlete who
demonstrates the qualities of sportsmanship and
leadership in and out of competition*

CYMERIA ROBshaw

Penquis Valley High School 2019
College of the Holy Cross 2023

PAUL AND YVETTE MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar majoring in
business who demonstrates the qualities of
independent thinking, leadership, and self-
motivation necessary to become a successful
entrepreneur*

LEXI CLARK

Lee Academy 2016
Thomas College 2019

ROBERT E. MITCHELL
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar majoring in
business or economics, with a demonstrated
interest in entering the field of banking or
finance upon graduation*

JUSTIN ZHANG

Erskine Academy 2017
Colby College 2021

MITCHELL SENATE STAFF PIONEER
SCHOLAR IN MEMORY OF
GAYLE CORY

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar whose belief in
public service, faith in people, and dedication to
the greater good are a model to all*

KATE DUROST

George Stevens Academy 2003
University of Maine 2007

OTT FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Gorham
High School who has demonstrated academic
promise and a history of community service*

KATELYN SMITH

Gorham High School 2019
University of New England 2023

COLLEEN J. QUINT PIONEER
SCHOLAR

*recognizes the Mitchell Scholar who best
exemplifies the qualities of leadership and
inspiration, which defined Colleen's 13
years of service to the Mitchell Institute*

TAYLOR MCCAFFERTY

Schenck High School 2011
University of Maine at Farmington 2015

REYNOLDS-KERR FAMILY
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar entering the field
of engineering, mathematics, or the physical
sciences*

EMMA LUNNY

Sanford High School 2019
University of New Hampshire 2023

REYNOLDS-KERR FAMILY
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar entering the field
of engineering, mathematics, or the physical
sciences*

PARKER SWANSON

Yarmouth High School 2019
University of Maine 2023

ROCKEFELLER FAMILY
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Mount
Desert Island High School*

REILLY LINKEL

Mount Desert Island High School 2019
University of Maine 2023

DONALD ROUX PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Lewiston
High School*

HUNTER STEELE

Lewiston High School 2019
Bowdoin College 2023

BILL RYAN PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar with financial
need and demonstrated commitment to the
community who plans to pursue a career
in business*

NICK GUIOU

Hall-Dale High School 2017
Saint Joseph's College 2021

FRANCES TARR PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes the Mitchell Scholar from Edward
Little High School*

LILLIAN BOSSE

Edward Little High School 2019
Husson University 2023

UNUM PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who has
demonstrated a history of leadership and
community service*

C.J. MOODY

Old Town High School 2015
University of Southern Maine 2020

PADDY FRANK WALSH
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who has overcome
tremendous obstacles to success*

AMBER SOUCY

Lisbon High School 2019
Skidmore College 2023

WALT DISNEY COMPANY
PIONEER SCHOLAR

*recognizes a Mitchell Scholar who has
demonstrated an interest and talent in
the arts*

ELLEN HODGKIN

Edward Little High School 2001
University of Southern Maine 2007

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J. Mitchell, the Mary
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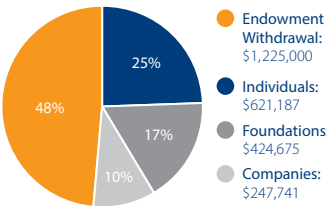
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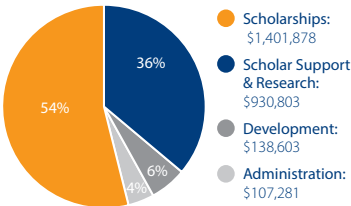
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● Individuals: \$621,187

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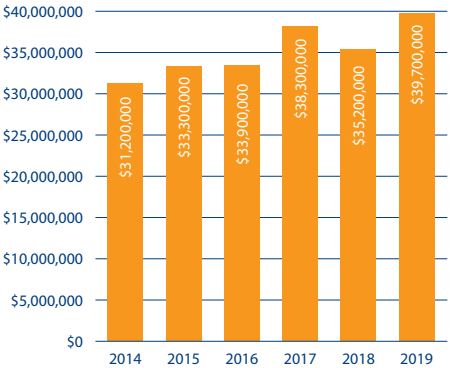
● Scholar Support & Research: \$930,803

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Growing up in Saco, Denise always knew she wanted to travel. After graduating from the University of Southern Maine with the help of a Mitchell Scholarship, she spent a decade in Naples, Italy. There she earned a Master's in Translation, worked as a translator, and also met the love of her life. “My husband is Italian, and we loved living in Italy. But I also felt a strong pull back to Maine, and in 2015, we moved to Biddeford.” Denise has found the perfect employer to put her international experience to use, at CIEE in Portland, which organizes international exchange programs. She also is thrilled to give back to the Mitchell Institute by serving on our Alumni Council, and helping to put together the annual career development day, MILE II.

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