

3,291

In our more than 25 years serving Maine students, 3,291 Mitchell Scholars have benefited from our programs. \$21.3M

The Mitchell Institute has awarded more than \$21,300,000 in scholarship, fellowship, and contingency funds since 1995.

48% 74% Nearly half of the 2021 More than two-thirds Mitchell Scholar cohort of Mitchell Scholars will be the first member of come from families their families to complete making less than the a post-secondary degree. state median income.

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AND THE MINDSET THAT
I WAS AS DESERVING
OF OPPORTUNITIES AS
PEOPLE BORN IN MORE
PRIVILEGED POSITIONS."

CHRISTINA LEMIEUX 1995 MITCHELL SCHOLAR



A STRONG FOUNDATION

The Mitchell Institute strengthens Maine communities by providing a path to success in college and beyond for Maine students. We reach every corner of the state by selecting a Mitchell Scholar from each public high school in Maine. Mitchell Scholars are given a four-year, \$10,000 scholarship and invited to participate in a wide array of personal, academic, and career support programming.

This impact we have is only possible through the generosity of our individual, foundation and corporate donors. We are deeply grateful to all our wonderful donors for their support. Together we are unlocking the potential of these students so that they can contribute to the vitality of Maine communities.

HOW WE BUILD

Knowing that leadership, integrity, and confidence play a huge role in successful lives professionally and personally, we weave those themes into our programming. We offer programs that provide support, guidance, and mentoring — both during and after college — all meant to increase Scholars' chances of attaining a degree and finding meaningful employment in Maine.

A VERY REAL ROI

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OUR MISSION

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OUR LEADERSHIP

Jared Cash **PRESIDENT & CEO**

"TOGETHER, WE ARE **BUILDING UP THE FUTURE OF THIS** STATE BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOLARS FROM **EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS MAINE."**

from western Maine, I personally benefited from an entire village of support that lifted me to see and realize my potential. For me, the most compelling essence of the Mitchell Institute is the opportunity to unlock the potential of Mitchell Scholars in the same ways someone did that for me years ago.

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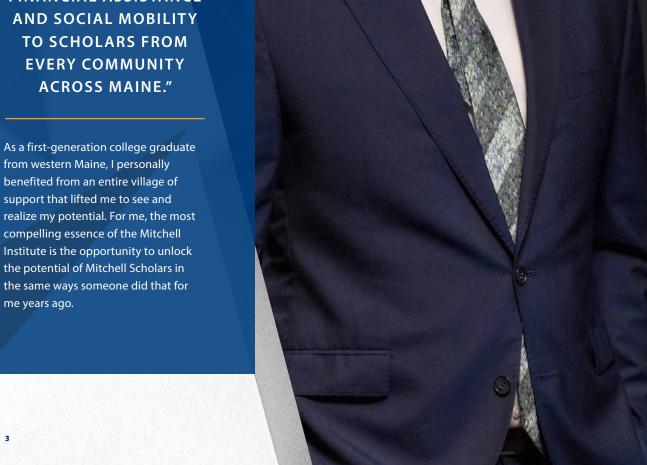
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"The skills and connections I gained thanks to the Mitchell network have been crucial to my success, and I am so excited to be part of the Mitchell family moving forward!"

NOAH AUBE. 2016 MITCHELL SCHOLAR





MEETING SCHOLARS WITH EMPATHY

Mitchell Scholars and Alumni persisted in the face of new challenges as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued through 2021. As they navigated this changing world, we were there to support them with a robust collection of supports and programming which we adapted to meet their unique needs. Our two types of contingency funds, SOS and SPARC, provided a financial safety net for emergency expenses or recurring costs, both of which could potentially derail a Scholar's pursuit of a college degree. When Scholars and Alumni were not sure what exactly they needed, staff were available for one-on-one conversations to offer advice, support, or just a listening ear.

In our second year of virtual programming, we used input from our Scholars to present topics that were relevant and applicable to their lives, and we struck a balance between structured formats and informal opportunities for connection. In an isolating and emotionally trying time, we provided resources and discussions about mental and emotional health and wellbeing. As many struggled to stay motivated and organized while studying or working remotely, we invited Alumni to share their strategies and stories of how they successfully manage their work and their time. To respond to the uncertainty many Scholars and Alumni were feeling about their futures, we incorporated themes of staying open to happenstance and nonlinear paths to success into our events.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Charis Loveland

Bonny Eagle High School, 1998 Bates College, 2002 Northeastern University, 2013

"I AM SO GLAD I OPTED TO RETURN TO MY HOME STATE."

Growing up in a working class family in Maine, Charis never dreamed of having a career in technology and artificial intelligence. Now, as the Global Program Manager of the EPIC Emotional Intelligence team at Amazon, she leverages technology to elevate emotional intelligence across the organization-working remotely from Wells, Maine! She is passionate about supporting aspiring STEM majors from underrepresented backgrounds, and a fellowship from the Mitchell Institute helped her bring a STEM afterschool program to the Boys and Girls Club. "Not only does the Mitchell Institute support my career and volunteer work, it also offers a supportive community both at in-person events and virtually."



"Unum is committed to supporting organizations that make our communities stronger, which is why we're proud to partner with the Mitchell Institute. Through our focus on Equitable Pathways, we're able to support Mitchell Institute's efforts to ensure all Maine students have equitable access to resources they need to pursue their post-secondary ambitions and thrive."

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"I learned that there are very valuable leadership opportunities and chances for related growth that may be found through the Mitchell Institute."

LUCAS BENT, 2021 MITCHELL SCHOLAR

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The Mitchell Institute is pleased to award scholarships at each of the public high schools across Maine, from Traip Academy

OXFORD

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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





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.





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Thomas LaJoie

Van Buren District Secondary School, 2016 Colby College, 2020 Tufts University School of Medicine, 2024

"BECAUSE OF THE
MITCHELL INSTITUTE,
I AM DETERMINED
TO LIVE AND WORK
IN MAINE AS
A PHYSICIAN."

On Thomas's path to the Maine Track program at Tufts University School of Medicine, it was the wraparound support the Mitchell Institute provided that made the most difference to him. "From supporting me through my medical school application process, to granting me a fellowship award to help pay for an Emergency Medicine Technician course, to providing tips on professional and interpersonal skills, the MI staff have taken great care to remind me of my potential to be a leader." Thomas feels like he is part of a family and knows firsthand that this is more than a scholarship.



EMBRACING UNCERTAINTY

The Mitchell Institute is committed to meeting Scholars where they are and providing the unique supports that will help them succeed. As the world around them continues to change, Mitchell Scholars need reassurance that there are many different paths to success, and often that path is not linear. Our annual Career Development Day, MILE II, was presented as a virtual two-part series with the theme of "Serendipity into Opportunity: Turning Ordinary Moments into Extraordinary Surprises." Part 1 of the event, held in November 2021, featured a panel of Alumni who shared stories of their winding career paths and advice for success. MILE II, Part 2 took place in February 2022 and included an Employer Showcase featuring representatives from five Maine businesses who engaged with participants through speed networking and small group conversations.

"Even though all the programming is valuable, I really appreciate the optional social connection time. In the midst of nearly two years of a lot of isolation it is nice to just connect with people."

NATALIE LAROCHE, 2019 MITCHELL SCHOLAR

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

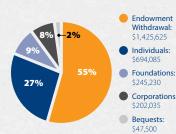
Fellowship Awards. These awards of up to \$1,500 offer support to eligible Scholars and Alumni in their pursuit of career-related internships, professional certifications, study abroad, and service projects. These investments empower Scholars to pursue professional development opportunities regardless of financial hurdles.

Contingency Funds. There are two other funds available to all Mitchell Scholars to help overcome financial hurdles that may potentially prevent college completion. The SOS (Supporting Our Scholars) Fund provides grants to Scholars facing unforeseen financial crises such as health emergencies or unexpected changes in living circumstances. Another fund, introduced in 2020, is available for ongoing expenses for particularly financially vulnerable Scholars. That fund, called the SPARC (Subsidy Providing Assistance with Recurring Costs) Fund can help with challenges like food insecurity, course materials, and ongoing transportation costs. If left unfunded, these are the types of necessary expenses that could derail a Scholar's ability to remain in college.



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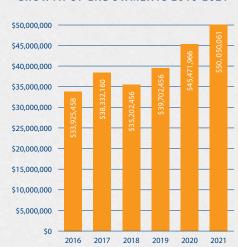


2021 **EXPENSES**



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GROWTH OF ENDOWMENTS 2016-2021



"I look forward to learning something new, both professionally and personally, every day. I rose to the challenge of obtaining new professional certifications within my field and strive to put forth my best effort and work every day. These are all aualities that I feel the Mitchell *Institute helped to instill in me as* a young adult that I carry with me every day." ASHLEY HIBBARD, 2007 MITCHELL SCHOLAR



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Lauren Segal & Rich Grigos

"A COLLEGE
EDUCATION WAS A
CRITICAL STEPPING
STONE IN OUR
LIVES. OUR GIFT
OFFERS THAT SAME
OPPORTUNITY
TO OTHERS."

Lauren and Richard both had fulfilling careers in nonprofits, and Lauren retired as President of Scholarship America.

They've known a lot of nonprofits, and the Mitchell Institute is one of the ones that is achieving outstanding results.

Lauren says, "We knew we would never be able to donate as much as we wanted during our lifetimes because we are on a relatively fixed income." That's why it seemed natural for them to include the Mitchell Institute in their will to help others and invest in the next generation.



MARY MITCHELL LEGACY SOCIETY



To honor the legacy of Mintaha "Mary" Mitchell, mother of Senator George J. Mitchell, The Mary Mitchell Legacy Society's members are comprised of those who have committed to including the Mitchell Institute in their wills or trusts.

To find out how you can join, please contact Sarah Short, Development Director, at (207) 358-7733.

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"Thank you for all that you do! I know I would not have been able to afford college without the support of the Mitchell Institute, and without my education, I wouldn't have the job that I LOVE today!"

Bill Mitchell

ELIZABETH SNOWDON, 2013 MITCHELL SCHOLAR

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a Mitchell Scholar from Dexter Regional High School

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a Mitchell Scholar from Messalonskee High School

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

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University of Maine 2025

BATH IRON WORKS | BUZZ FITZGERALD PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

MASON WOODMAN

Colgate University 2025

MORTON K. AND JANE BLAUSTEIN PIONEER SCHOLAR

a first-generation college student and a student from recently immigrated families **BRIAN ISHEMA**

University of Maine 2025

JACK AND CHARLIE CANNING PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

NATHAN RIVERA AYALA

Husson University 2024

CASELLA PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar entering the field of environmental studies

JAMES GREENWOOD

University of Maine 2023

SAM L. COHEN FOUNDATION PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Biddeford High School

KATLYN BICKFORD

Mount Holyoke College 2025

SAM L. COHEN FOUNDATION **PIONEER SCHOLAR**

a Mitchell Scholar from Portland High School

DALYCIA GREELY

Suffolk University 2025

SAM L. COHEN FOUNDATION PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Thornton Academy **FATIMATULZAHRAA HASAN**

Wheaton College 2025

COYNE FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from South Portland High School

FIONA AKILO STAWARZ

Dartmouth College 2025

BOB CREWE FOUNDATION PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

ALLYSON NADEAU

The Culinary Institute of America 2025

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

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

SAM STONE

University of Maine 2022

JOHN AND NELLIE JACKSON **PIONEER SCHOLAR**

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

ROXY MACGREGOR

Maine Maritime Academy 2023

ANN LAMB PIONEER SCHOLAR

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 **FARANIGAN**

California Polytechnic State University 2025

SHEPARD LEE PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Lewiston High School **IDEY ABDI**

Cornell University 2025

GEORGE AND MINTAHA MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

EVELYN FUENTES

Bentley University 2025

SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

is in recognition of leadership, character, and perseverance

JACQUELINE MARTIN

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*

EVE LESSARD

University of Southern Maine 2025

JANET FRASER MITCHELL **PIONEER SCHOLAR**

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

KAITLYN HURLEY

Colby College 2025

JOHN AND PRINELLA MITCHELL **PIONEER SCHOLAR**

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

MAKENZIE ALLEY

University of Maine 2025

PAUL AND YVETTE MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

EMILY MAGOON

Babson College 2025

ROBERT E. MITCHELL PIONEER SCHOLAR

and their demonstration of certain qualities – as students and as citizens – stand out for acknowledgement.

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

GILLEYANNE DAVIS-OAKES

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Bates College 2022

MITCHELL SENATE STAFF PIONEER **SCHOLAR IN MEMORY OF GAYLE CORY**

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

GABRIELLE SCHRAGE

Husson University 2007

OTT FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

the Mitchell Scholar from Gorham High School who has demonstrated academic promise and a history of community service UNUM PIONEER SCHOLAR **LEAH JAMES**

Southern Maine Community College 2025

COLLEEN J. QUINT PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

JESSE BLACKBURN

University of Maine at Machias 2014

REYNOLDS-KERR FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

NATALIE BICKERSTAFF

University of Maine 2024

REYNOLDS-KERR FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar entering the field of engineering, mathematics, or physical science

NICHOLAS HAMMOND

University of Maine 2025

ROCKEFELLER FAMILY PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Mount Desert Island High School

KASSANDRA ROBLEDO

Cornell University 2025

DONALD ROUX PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Lewiston High School

DAMON DEWITT

Dartmouth College 2025

BILL RYAN PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

SUSANNA OWENS

Thomas College 2023

FRANCES TARR PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar from Edward Little High School

BRYCE HAMEL

University of South Florida 2025

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

JAMES PETERSEN

University of Connecticut 2021

PADDY FRANK WALSH PIONEER SCHOLAR

a Mitchell Scholar who has overcome tremendous obstacles to success

HANNAH SMITH

University of Southern Maine 2025

WALT DISNEY COMPANY PIONEER SCHOLAR

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

University of Maine 2007

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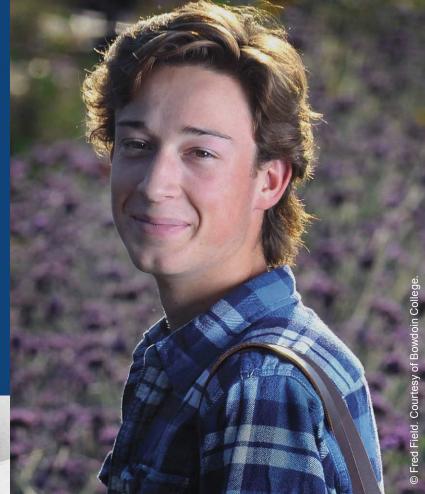
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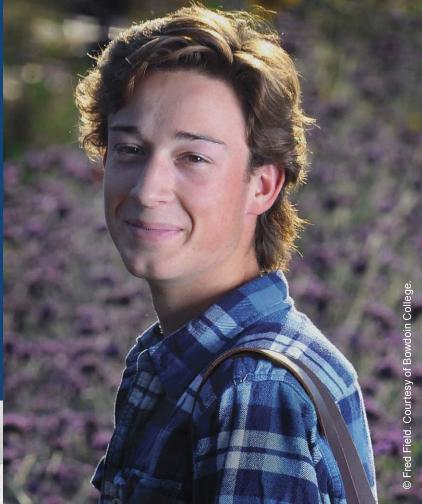
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The 2021-2022 Annual Report is dedicated in loving memory to a promising Maine student whom we had the pleasure of knowing as a Mitchell Scholar. Finn lived life to its fullest and was determined to achieve his goals no matter the obstacles, but he was taken from us much too soon. He will live on in our hearts and minds.







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