

Class of 2013 Pledge of Social Responsibility

As a 2013 graduate of Bates College, I pledge to be an agent of change, committed to living out the values I have cultivated through my education and experiences at Bates. I will act upon these principles even amidst cultural expectations to maintain the status quo.

I pledge to remain conscious of those with whom I share this planet and to be an environmental steward at home and in the workplace. I will limit my consumption of resources, mindful of the consequences my choices have on current and future generations around the world. I will contribute to the conservation of this planet so that we can all continue to thrive in the beauty and abundance of nature.

I pledge to honor the intersection of identities and social positions we all embody. I will challenge myself to listen and engage with people who are different from me and whose opinions differ from my own. I will strive to challenge discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice. I pledge to challenge social norms and stereotypes, speaking out against harmful words and images that perpetuate structures of inequality. I will hold the utmost respect for the inherent worth and dignity of all.