

# WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, CLASS OF 2023



As we help you navigate the next couple of years of your Bates experience, one of the things that we want to encourage you to do is critically evaluate the environments into which you're entering: summer jobs, classrooms, internships, volunteer experiences, friend circles, teams, and clubs. Never has this been more relevant than in the conversation around Black Lives Matter and the need for our places of life, work, and study to believe in what we believe in -- and act accordingly.

Whether it's an employer, a group of peers, or another institution, it's important that the places in which you choose to operate share your values and are committed to what you care about. It's even more important that they demonstrate these values, not just in words but also in actions.

We hope that one reason you chose Bates was that you share the values expressed in our [mission statement](#). Reflect on that again: What are your related thoughts about your lived experience now? What does the mission emphasize? Where is it visible? How has the institution lived up to its values during your time on campus? Do you share a clear vision for the future of Bates and your life as expressed in the mission statement?

Second, consider how the mission and values manifest themselves in the priorities and operations of an organization you are familiar with. For example, if an organization believes in environmental justice, how does that commitment show up in its policies? If an institution believes in community engagement, how does that commitment show up in its investments? Consider [Ben and Jerry's](#), which has become known for its mission, values, and commitment to causes and action. Or [P&G](#), which has historically supported communities and causes across the nation, around the world, internally and externally.

You can, of course, translate this kind of analysis to any experience you are exploring. Doing so thoughtfully and reflectively will help you understand yourself and your work - whatever and wherever that work is - more deeply and fully, and will help bring a greater sense of purpose to

that work. That analysis and reflection is a valuable skill that you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

As we work to process another week of tumultuous events, know that we're here for you and considering what we need to do within Purposeful Work to live up to the Bates mission. Our team is committed to critical reflection in order to achieve informed action.

Heading into the summer, here's where to find us:

- **Upcoming Workshops: THURSDAY, JUNE 11 at 7PM ET**  
**[VIA ZOOM -- Taking Stock of Your Superpowers: Interviewing Strategies for 2020](#)**  
Interviews can mystify even the most seasoned job-seekers. You may be asking yourself: What are interviewers looking for most? How can I best prepare for an interview? What if they ask me one of those questions about how many golf balls will fit inside a Boeing 747? Join counselors from the Bates Center for Purposeful Work as we demystify the job interview. Make sure to register so we know you're interested!
- **Counseling Appointments via Phone, Zoom, or Google Hangout**  
As is the case every summer, our team will continue to be in the (virtual) office, so don't hesitate to reach out should you need help with anything related to Purposeful Work. Our counselors are available for appointments via phone, Zoom, or Google Hangout. You can make an appointment for Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM ET through Handshake (log in, click "Career Center" in the upper right, then click "Appointments"). If you have any trouble making an appointment, please email us at [purposefulwork@bates.edu](mailto:purposefulwork@bates.edu).
- **Resume and Cover Letter Reviews**  
If you'd like to submit your resume and/or cover letter for review, please email your document(s) to [purposefulwork@bates.edu](mailto:purposefulwork@bates.edu). We'll have an advisor available every Monday-Friday 1-3PM ET to provide feedback on your document(s).
- **Quick Consultation**  
If you'd like to reach out with a quick question or for a quick consult, we'll have an advisor \*LIVE\* on Zoom every Wednesday 7-9PM ET during the summer. Find us at this Zoom link: <https://bates.zoom.us/j/97431670569>. You'll enter a waiting room and the on-call advisor will be with you as soon as possible.

NOTE: If you've missed any of the Class of 2023 messages since March 23, you can find them [here on the Purposeful Work COVID-19 page](#).

As always, we're here for you. Have a wonderful summer!

The Team at the Center for Purposeful Work