



# WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, CLASS OF 2020

## \* A NOT FOREVER FAREWELL \*

To ensure that you don't think of this as a forever farewell, we wanted to share a few more nuggets of inspiration and wisdom:

[Why some of us don't have one true calling](#) - Emilie Wapnick

[Grit: The power of passion and perseverance](#) - Angela Lee Duckworth

[Three secrets to achieve happiness](#) - Neil Pasricha

We also couldn't leave you without a bit of (musical) cheese:

[Don't You \(Forget About Me\)](#) - Simple Minds

Our key message is: Don't you forget about us! Because we won't forget about you. <3

To prove that, here are a few pieces of "six-word advice" from each member of our team:

- Karen: Be grateful and enjoy the journey.
- Amy: Be bold! Be true to yourself!
- Sheila: Your destiny is in your hands. We are here for you always.
- Marianne: Be brilliant and stay in touch! Follow your true north every day. To start exploring, first look inward.
- Allen: Throughout your life, explore, reflect, test.
- Peter: Always lend the world your light. Show integrity in all you do. Stop to smell the flowers often.
- James: Never go grocery shopping while hungry.
- Rachel: Intentionally infuse joy into your life.
- Hoi Ning: Highlight all of your various strengths. Reframe weaknesses as opportunities for growth. Consider Purposeful Work as lifelong support.

- Beverly: Identify your values; explore your purpose. Be sure to control your controllables. Focus on growth mindset -- cultivate you.
- Kathleen: Breathe. Dream. Reach. Love. Appreciate. Forgive.

And to honor Rebecca Fraser-Thill's contributions to Purposeful Work, we wanted to share one of her favorite quotes: *"How we spend our days is how we spend our lives."* - Annie Dillard

As you're wrapping up loose ends, crossing your Ts, and dotting your Is, make sure to go through the following alumni checklist:

- ❑ **POST GRADUATION OUTCOMES SURVEY:** Provide us with your current status (whether still job hunting, working full-time, in grad school, etc.) by completing this [quick survey](#). Rest assured that none of your individual details will be shared without your express permission.
- ❑ **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT:** As a graduate of Bates, know that you're a Bobcat for life. Make sure to stay connected to the [Alumni Engagement](#) office -- update your contact information, share your news/updates, join alumni communities, and volunteer your time in various ways.
- ❑ **STAY IN TOUCH:** We're always here for you, so think of us often and drop us a line. Whether you need advice or you simply want to say hello, send us a quick email or message us on LinkedIn. Don't ever hesitate to reach out with questions -- or to schedule an appointment -- by emailing [purposefulwork@bates.edu](mailto:purposefulwork@bates.edu) or calling our office at 207-786-6232. It's always exciting to hear from our alumni, especially as you find your path to purposeful work.

As always, we're here for you.  
Don't [you] forget [about] us!

The Team at the Center for Purposeful Work