Good afternoon everyone. It is truly a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 2013 Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon.

This luncheon is always one of my favorite events each year, and I know that many others in this room feel the same way. We all enjoy the great food, the terrific company, the thoughtful remarks and wonderful entertainment, for sure. But the reason that this day is so special is not just that we get a Bowdoin log, it’s that we are reminded of what Bowdoin College really is about: educating and providing opportunity for some of the finest young people in the country and, in fact, the world. It never gets old to see students, alumni and other supporters sitting together and sharing stories about how important this great College is in their lives.

We’ll begin with a student performance by Bowdoin’s Jazz Trio, which consists of Sam Eley, Simon Moushabeck, and Ben Pallant. Sam and Ben began playing together last September as members of one of Bowdoin’s two jazz ensembles, under the guidance of Frank Mauceri. Ben is a first-year from East Greenwich, Rhode Island and is planning on being a biochemistry major. He’s been playing jazz saxophone for nine years. Simon is a first-year from Amherst, Massachusetts. He’s been playing piano for 13 years, as well as bass and percussion on the side, and is currently considering a major in computer science. Sam is a sophomore from Blue Hill, Maine studying biochemistry. He’s been
playing jazz drums for 10 years and has also studied West African drumming. They’ll perform two jazz classics, featuring solos from all three. Enjoy.

Introduction of speakers

We’re always trying to find ways to be as efficient as possible here at Bowdoin, so today we’ve got a two-for-one deal: instead of remarks from a single alumnus or alumna, you’ll be hearing from a Bowdoin couple, Sue and Dennis Sgroi. Both are extremely accomplished and impressive, both are loyal and dedicated to the College, and together they have been tremendously supportive of our financial aid program. In 2001, Sue and Dennis established the Sgroi Family Scholarship Fund here at Bowdoin, which supports financial aid for students, with a preference to students from Lynn, Massachusetts.

Sue Sgroi is Executive Vice President of Asset Management Human Resources for Fidelity Investments, where she oversees leadership and organizational development, hiring, training, employee retention, compensation, communications and other areas. Sue graduated from Bowdoin in 1986 with a degree in psychology and then went on to receive a master’s in organizational development from American University. She began her successful human resources career at the May Department Stores Company, then worked at BankBoston from 1990 to 1999, where she ultimately served as Director of International Human Resources. After a stint as chief people officer for Color Kinetics in Boston, Sue oversaw and coordinated human resources merger and acquisition activities for Citizens Bank Financial Group, where she served first as senior vice president and
group director of New England Human Resources, and later as executive vice president and group director of MidStates Human Resources. She joined Fidelity in 2006.

Dennis Sgroi is a Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, the Director of Breast Pathology and a Member and Principal Investigator in the Division of Molecular Pathology Research and Center for Cancer Research at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dennis graduated from Bowdoin in 1983 with a degree in biology, and received his M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Next he completed both a residency in anatomic pathology and a postdoctoral research fellowship in molecular pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Currently, Dennis directs a laboratory that investigates the molecular genetic basis of human breast cancer, and explores gene expression and proteomic technologies both to better understand breast cancer progression and advance therapeutic treatment. He is a leader in the field of breast cancer gene expression biomarkers with over 110 peer-reviewed publications, and he serves on the editorial board of multiple cancer research journals and on the scientific advisory board for both the Barnett Institute and the Ontario Institute of Cancer Research.

Our student speaker this afternoon is Adrian Rodriguez of the Class of 2014. Adrian, who is a recipient of the Sgroi Family Scholarship Fund, graduated from Lynn English High School in Lynn, Massachusetts, but is originally from the Dominican Republic. He’s majoring in government & legal studies, and spent last fall studying in Barcelona. Adrian is a member of the Student Judicial Board and is involved in leadership capacities in a number of campus organizations, and he works as an intern for the Office of
Multicultural Affairs. He spent last summer working for the Year Up program in Boston as an admissions department intern, and he will be spending the coming summer in California working for Google through the company’s prestigious internship program.