

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

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To Whom It May Concern,

In 2014, Bowdoin College and SolarCity installed a 1.2MW solar energy system that spans four rooftops and three acres of ground-mounted panels on College-owned property at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. The 1.2 megawatt complex includes approximately 4,420 solar panels at the four major installations: the rooftop systems on Farley Field House, Sidney J. Watson Arena and Greason Pool, a 12-kW system on the new residence hall at 52 Harpswell Road, and a 654-kW ground-mount installation on the three acres owned by the college at the former Navy base. SolarCity owns the installations which they designed, constructed, and maintain; and Bowdoin purchases all the power produced by the system at a fixed rate. More than six times the size of the next largest existing solar installation in Maine at the time of construction, this system provides approximately 8 percent of the College's electricity.

The installation is one of several efforts to support renewable energy production on campus. It also provides meaningful educational opportunities for students and faculty focused on alternative energy. In addition to providing faculty members access to raw production and usage data for their coursework, the College has provided numerous educational tours of the solar systems and placed live electricity production meters on Bowdoin's [sustainability website](#) for public use.

Sincerely,



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