“You step on campus and all of a sudden, you’re in another world.”

HALEY VARNUM, Class of 2019
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEFY EXPECTATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

BRYN MAWR WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS DEFIED EXPECTATION. Subtle thinkers and bold visionaries, they are mavericks, originals, and firsts. SO IS BRYN MAWR COLLEGE. What a woman’s life and mind could be were forever redefined the day it opened its doors. In the last century, the College itself has defied the expectations of the wider world by embracing excellence and rigor, building a tight-knit and worldwide community, and remaining committed to the power of a women’s college. Bryn Mawr is an institution determined to surpass — even as it celebrates — its storied achievements.
This is our moment. Demand for a Bryn Mawr education has reached historic levels, and our students remain among the most intellectually ambitious in the world. Our faculty are consistently recognized as leading scholars and teachers, in the company of peers from the nation’s top universities. Innovative curricular and co-curricular initiatives build on our historic strengths as a premier liberal arts college, and prepare our students to address complex challenges across professional fields. Our academic excellence is manifest, and our influence is palpable. The thousands of remarkable women who have walked through Pembroke Arch are bound together by their intrepid spirits and curious minds. This is who we are, and who we have always been. As Bryn Mawr continues to have an unexpected global impact for an institution of its size, we must seize this moment, our moment, to garner the resources that will propel us forward. With your help, Bryn Mawr women will continue to transform lives, societies, and the world.

— KIM CASSIDY, President
"I'm the first in my family to graduate from high school, and the only granddaughter. For my family, the idea of me leaving home is hard. People even judged my mom for letting me go. But my mom told me that she would be there for me, and pushed me to do what makes me happy. Being here has really solidified what I had in mind, but could never find the words to say: I want to be a voice for people like my mom."

“I was the first one in my extended family to go to college and great expectations were pinned on me. I was nervous. The only way I could attend was the full scholarship that Bryn Mawr gave me. I can’t tell you the worlds it opened up for me. It was a place with a sense of history, and I became part of it. That’s why I am so committed to this place. It is a place that nurtures bright students from all walks of life and makes them part of an inspiring legacy.”
This place is magic.
“Bryn Mawr students come hungry to be challenged. They enjoy dealing with concepts and problems that are multifaceted and difficult to resolve, and are eager to test their knowledge and ideas both in and out of the classroom. Learning to engage with the world in all its complexity and diversity prepares them to thrive beyond Bryn Mawr, no matter where their professional and personal goals may lead them.”

ALICIA WALKER, CLASS OF 1994, Assistant Professor of Medieval Art and Architecture, Director of the Center for Visual Culture

“We have a long history of taking women seriously in science and producing strong scientists. Our students thrive in a variety of post-graduate fields, including medicine and basic research. One of the things that’s really different about Bryn Mawr is the opportunity students have to work on research projects with faculty, and this is really the reason that so many of our students are able to be so successful in their post-graduate lives. We really emphasize project-based learning, both in the classroom and in our research labs. Our students learn to take ownership of their research projects, and they build close relationships with their faculty mentors.”

TAMARA DAVIS, Professor of Biology
“We not only undergo events, we in part cause them or at least influence their course. We have not only to study them but to act.”

EMILY GREENE BALCH, Class of 1889
Bryn Mawr has a long history of transforming students’ lives. Expanding our financial aid resources, sustaining our academic excellence, and launching our students into a limitless future are key to Bryn Mawr remaining a beacon for the best and brightest.

Help us recruit and retain phenomenal scholars and teachers who nurture and invigorate the Bryn Mawr community. Invest in great teaching and support the scholarship of outstanding faculty. Fund the curricular innovation that puts Bryn Mawr students ahead of the curve.

Bryn Mawr is more than just a shining example of American academic architecture, it’s a living, breathing site of discovery that requires cutting-edge infrastructure. Help us create the modern facilities that match the ambitions of today’s students and faculty, and help preserve the iconic and historic campus that is Bryn Mawr.

Building an even stronger Bryn Mawr Fund ensures that a Bryn Mawr College education remains second to none. Gifts to the Bryn Mawr Fund aggregate to provide extraordinary experiences for today’s students and enable us to seize new opportunities as they arise. Bryn Mawr’s ability to dream big dreams responsibly depends on the annual generosity of its community of highly engaged alumnae/i, parents, and friends.
Another important goal of our campaign is sharing our pride in Bryn Mawr’s enduring excellence. Our graduates illuminate every corner of the globe. Our programs prepare students to change it.
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