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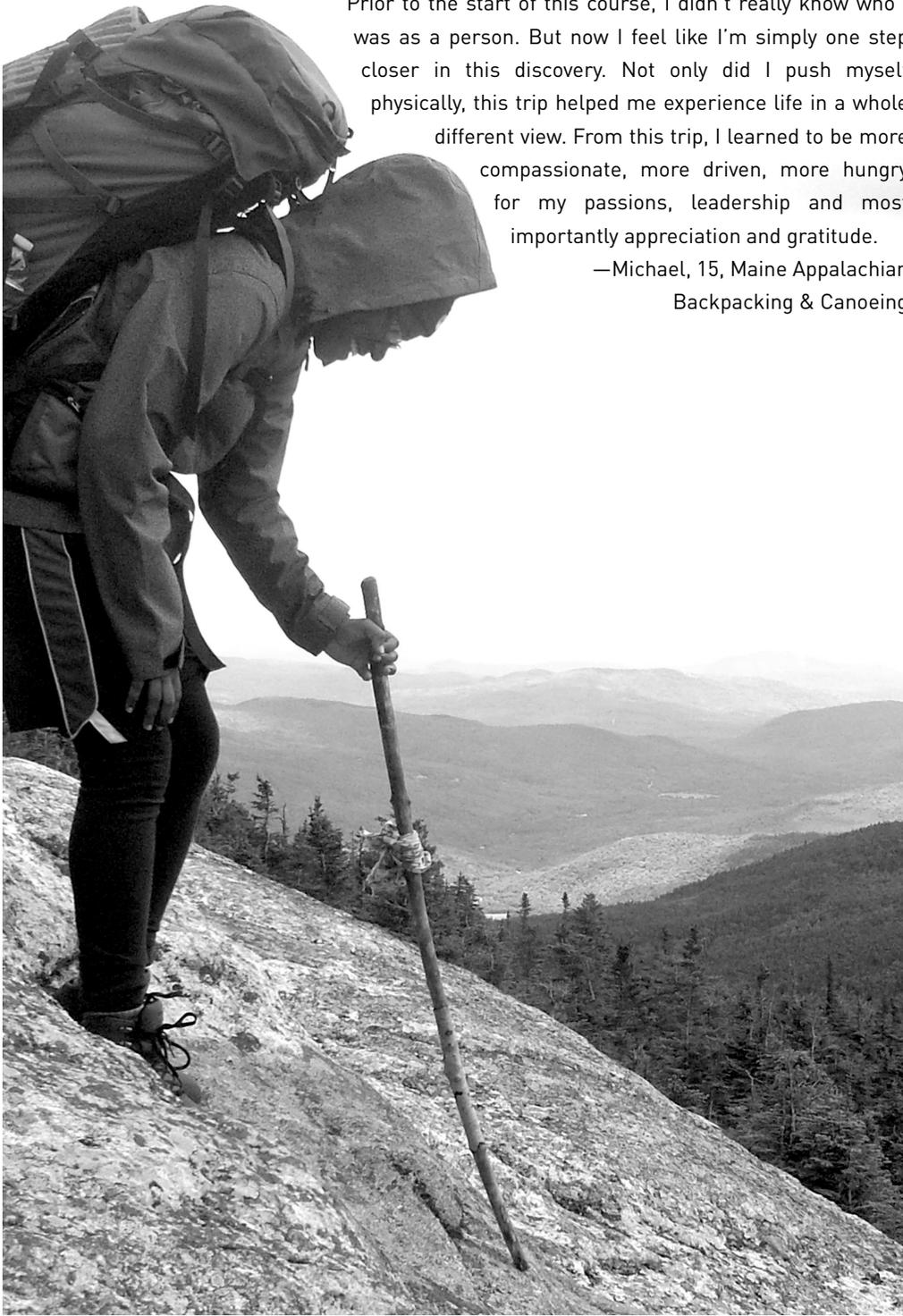
HURRICANE ISLAND OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



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Prior to the start of this course, I didn't really know who I was as a person. But now I feel like I'm simply one step closer in this discovery. Not only did I push myself physically, this trip helped me experience life in a whole different view. From this trip, I learned to be more compassionate, more driven, more hungry for my passions, leadership and most importantly appreciation and gratitude.

—Michael, 15, Maine Appalachian Backpacking & Canoeing



# Thank You

**WOW!** Each year, a significant number of our students complete a course at Hurricane Island Outward Bound School only because a generous donor like you provided the funding needed to cover the cost of their tuition in the form of a scholarship award. 2015 has been no different and I am thrilled to show you this Impact Report that highlights all the great work you are doing with us.

**This year, 300 of our graduates began their Outward Bound journey only because of you.** Scholarship students come from many places—some receive an award through their high school or after-school club, some apply directly when they sign up for a course, some qualify based on their experience in the U.S. military. More than half of our open enrollment students this past year received scholarship support

Our scholarship program helps us keep our programs open to students from all backgrounds. **Your generosity changed lives.** Overall, our open enrollment students received more than \$700,000 in tuition support this year. More than \$390,000 of that financial aid came directly from the support of foundations, parents, instructors, alumni, businesses and individual community members.

**Thank you** for being part of the HIOBS family and for all you do for our students.

To those in the field,



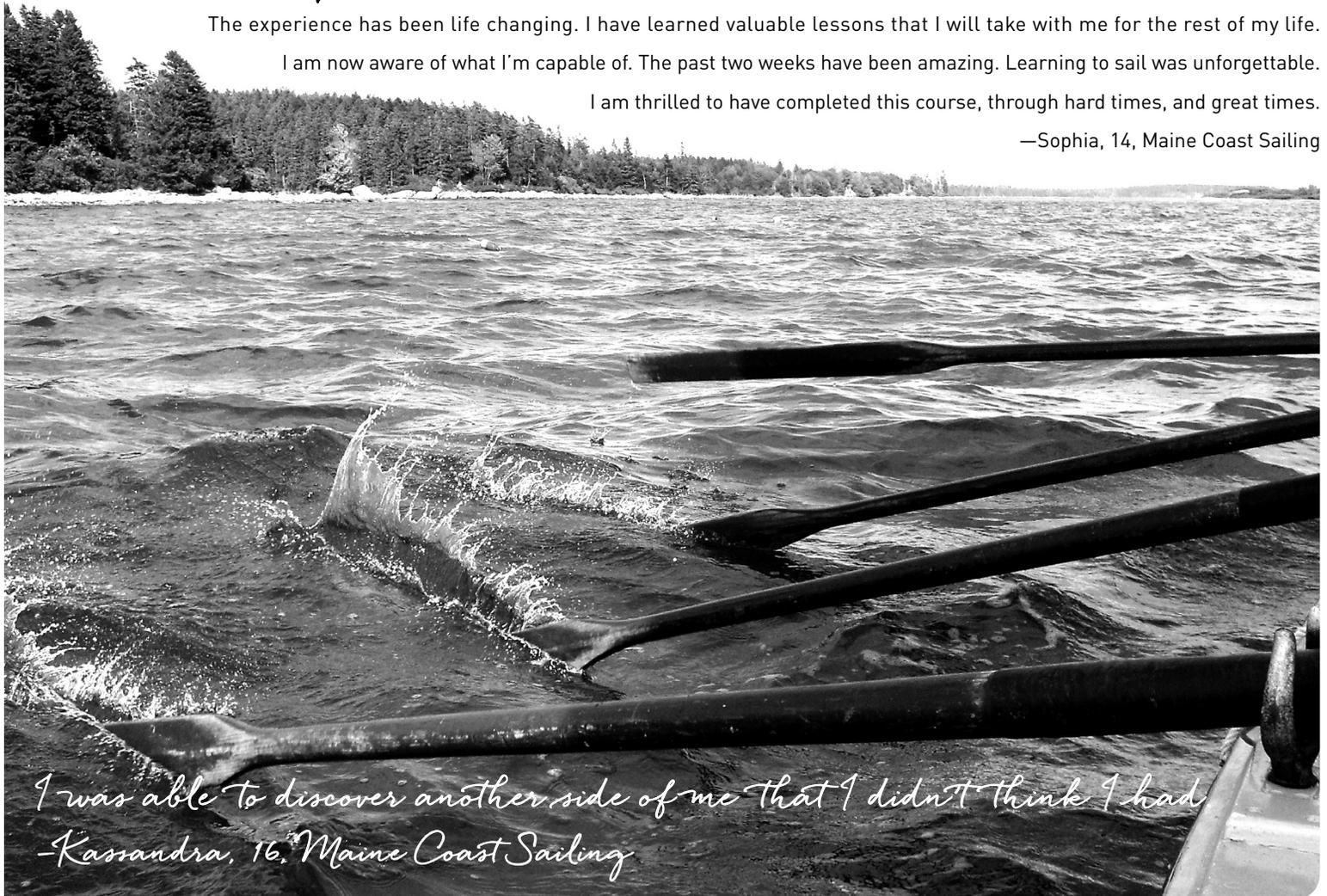
Eric Denny, *Executive Director*

The experience has been life changing. I have learned valuable lessons that I will take with me for the rest of my life.

I am now aware of what I'm capable of. The past two weeks have been amazing. Learning to sail was unforgettable.

I am thrilled to have completed this course, through hard times, and great times.

—Sophia, 14, Maine Coast Sailing



*I was able to discover another side of me that I didn't think I had*  
—Kassandra, 16, Maine Coast Sailing

## At the end of their course



of our 2015 scholarship students felt more prepared to take on challenges in the future.



reported a greater understanding of what they are good at and areas they want to improve.



felt they had a greater understanding and appreciation for the natural world.



said they will be more motivated to accomplish their goals.



feel better prepared for when something unexpected happens.

The other veterans on the trip shared emotions deeper and more moving than anything I could have expected. And in doing so, pushed me to open myself up more than I have in a very long time. Even though my body is tired, my mind and spirit are rejuvenated.

—Chris, 28, *Outward Bound for Veterans* course

The Hurricane Island Outward Bound School Scholarship Program is guided by a single principle: **every person, regardless of means, should have the opportunity to discover more about themselves, through the adventure and challenge of an Outward Bound course.**

*The Scholarship Program consists of six major award categories:*

### **LEADERSHIP AWARDS | 24 STUDENTS**

The Leadership Award program consists of merit-based scholarships at select schools and youth-serving organizations. These awards were created to provide young men and women with demonstrated leadership potential the opportunity to attend a 14- or 22-day course in the summer after their sophomore or junior year of high school. Each participating organization determines the criteria by which they select their Award recipient.

### **EMERGING LEADER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS | 12 STUDENTS**

Emerging Leader Memorial Scholarships are annual awards with a variety of criteria from which students are selected. Memorial scholarships are created in memory of a loved one who had a life-changing experience with Outward Bound.

### **DISCOVERY AWARDS PROGRAM | 31 STUDENTS**

Discovery Awards are merit- and need-based awards that provide partial-tuition scholarships for students on our Classic and Intercept courses. Discovery Awards are based on financial need, student motivation and the individual's potential to excel on a wilderness expedition.

### **PINNACLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM | 64 STUDENTS**

The Pinnacle Scholars program provides the opportunity for high-achieving students, many from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to attend an Outward Bound course free of charge to the student. This program represents a partnership between HIOBS and youth-serving and college-prep organizations across the country.

### **OUTWARD BOUND FOR VETERANS | 108 STUDENTS**

The Outward Bound for Veterans program provides fully-funded, week-long courses for returning service members and veterans of the U.S. military. These courses have been made possible by generous contributions from a network of private donors and charitable foundations that contribute either directly to HIOBS or through Outward Bound, Inc.

### **CUSTOM GROUP PROGRAMS | 46 STUDENTS**

In addition to the scholarships awarded to students attending our classic expedition courses, scholarship donations to HIOBS in 2015 were also used to support our North Country School program, the Collier County Spring Break Leadership course, and the Martin County Boys & Girls Club program.



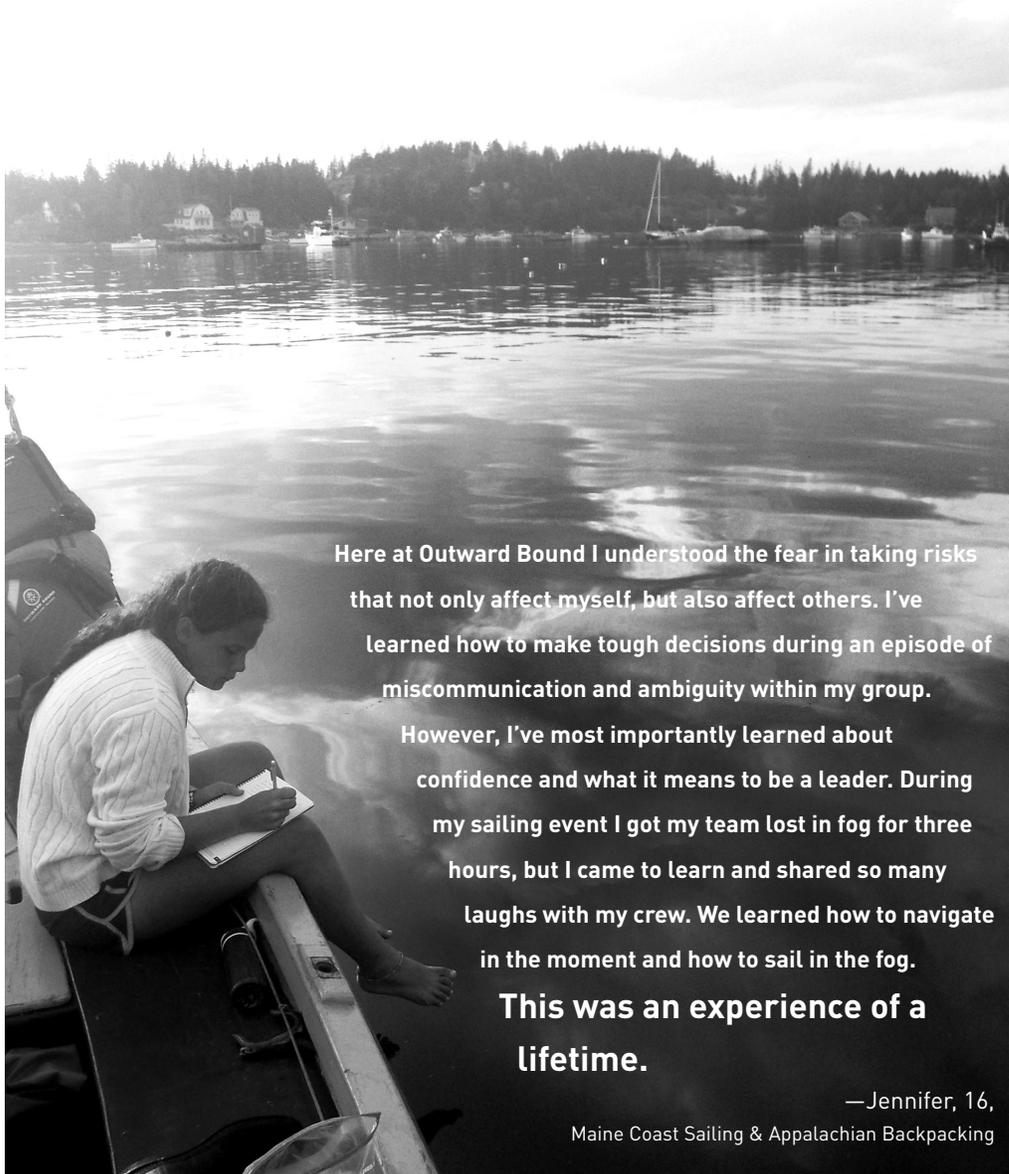


Before I came to Outward Bound, I had a very weak idea of what I wanted from the course. But as soon as I showed up, I knew that I wanted to succeed and push myself physically and mentally. I've seen a change in myself throughout the course, and I'm excited to use the skills I learned here. Had I not come to Outward Bound, I wouldn't have learned so many important skills, made great friends, and learned a lifelong lesson.

—Lydia, 15, 14-Day Maine Coast Sailing

*These last two weeks have pushed my mental and physical boundaries. **I am so proud of everything I was able to accomplish.** What I got most out of it was **courage and perseverance.** I feel those two qualities are things I will certainly use in my everyday life. Whether it is pushing myself to do schoolwork, finish college applications, or even challenge myself physically, I know I can accomplish any task, no matter how challenging or unattainable it might seem.*

—Alexandra, 17, Maine Appalachian Backpacking & Canoeing



Here at Outward Bound I understood the fear in taking risks that not only affect myself, but also affect others. I've learned how to make tough decisions during an episode of miscommunication and ambiguity within my group. However, I've most importantly learned about confidence and what it means to be a leader. During my sailing event I got my team lost in fog for three hours, but I came to learn and shared so many laughs with my crew. We learned how to navigate in the moment and how to sail in the fog.

**This was an experience of a lifetime.**

—Jennifer, 16,

Maine Coast Sailing & Appalachian Backpacking

When I got the scholarship, I was nervous and not sure if I wanted to do Outward Bound. But it was undoubtedly worth taking a new step and doing the course. **It is one of the most difficult things I have ever done, mentally and physically.** My course taught me how to push through difficult experiences and be open to trying new things outside of my comfort zone. I learned how to work well with a group. As we laughed, cried, ate and slept together, I realized that pushing through hardships is worth the accomplishments at the end. When we bushwhacked and thought we were lost going up a mountain, the amazing view at the top was worth all the pain. I understand how to live simply and enjoy life much more now. The pictures I have taken and the memories I have will forever be with me and I might even do another Outward Bound course because I had so much fun and learned so much.

—Marcy, 15, Maine Appalachian Backpacking & Canoeing

*It is one of the most difficult things I have ever done...*



# 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## LEADERSHIP AWARDS

### Berkshire School

Brooks Hamilton

Josiah Tolvo

### Bolles School

Mason Spence

### Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine

Dorcas Ngaliema

### Casco Bay High School

Rachael Stewart

### Chaminade High School

Clark Newby

Alex Oruci

### Choate Rosemary Hall

Jennifer Crandall

### Deering High School

Kevin Segal

### Foxcroft Academy

Avery Carroll

### Freeport High School

Lily Johnston

### Hill School

Marcy Bardman

### Kennebunk High School

Christopher Hannon

### Kent School

Olivia Paxton

### Martin County Public Schools

Alexandra De Laski

### Medomak Valley High School

Margaret Cox

### Noble and Greenough School

Julia Shanno

### Phillips Academy Andover

Haley Tomaszewski

### Portland High School

Bryant Peterson

### St. Luke's School

Claire Wilson

### Tabor Academy

Eleanor Russell

### Wellesley High School

Joshua Wolkoff

## MARTIN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Victor Becerra

Cameron Christie

Felix Macedonio

Jason Mayes

Noah Rape

Alex Soares

## PINNACLE SCHOLARS

### Christodora

Kathryn Destin

### Detroit Youth Scholarship

Sema'J McPherson

### Helen I. Graham Leadership Scholars

Alysia Anderson

Carisma Collins

Guadalupe Arroyo

Jay Deloatch

Kim Chamorrow

Lanayah McGue

### Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars

Justin Garrard

John Grogan

Debora Mulokozi

### Minds Matter Pinnacle Scholars

Justin Collado

Geneva Keith

Khine Phyu

### Morehead Cain Scholars

Mary Browne

Nicholas McKenzie

Carly Cannoy

Oliver Mitchell-Boyack

Melanie Langness

Anamay Viswanathan

Yunfei Ma

### NYCOBS Pinnacle Scholars

Ohemah Atwereboanda

Eddy Zheng

### Summer Search Pinnacle Scholars

Rashid Ahmed

William Nguyen

Lirette Alcantara

Keanu Nicasio

David Arreaga

Clemsford Noble

Raphael Castro

Marlie Norbrun

Rightly Desir

Yerlin Nuesi

Kassandra Flores

Jamile Ocampo

Iakovos Gogos

Giselle Padilla

LenaMarie Gomez

Tracy Peguero

Arriana Hall-Gregory

Donald Pepple

Tala Harris

Vedesandina Pierre-Rene

Juliemarie Hernandez

Naomi Presume

Jiamin Huang

Maradia Rene

Micah Huntley

Sinnia Romero

Guyachelin Kenol

Yassine Sabri

Lawrence Keys

Isaiah Samuel

Da Chao Kuang

Elijah Scurry

James Le

Yham Sosa

Jerryk Leal

Thomas Thermidor

Lisander Lopez

Jarisel Vazquez

Shara Lopez

Alexcia Walker

### TEAK Fellowship Pinnacle Scholar

Michael Bamah

## DISCOVERY AWARDS

Lydia Aguilar

Hunter Albee

Jacob Beal

Sophia Bergere

Jonathan Blisko

Trevon Brown

Jonathan Buchanan

Isabella Burke

Mollie Carey

Jolie Elins

Chazaray Evans

Finn Furth

Tess Gallagher

Mya Gardenier

Sam Gaway

Thomas Guthrie

Alexis Heitman

Laini Kellar

Kayla Kelsey

Graham Larson

Nicholas Mariani

Jed Mason

Geovanni Meneses

Ryan Passas

David Pitts

Robin Rihl

Brandon Thomes

Gabriel Ullman

Noah Williford

Cameron Wilson

Halsey Yattaw

## NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOL

Maeve Brammer

Morgan Broderick

Joseph DePaola

Perline Feng

Sunny Finchman

Adaline Friedlander

River Friedman

Chongyu He

Reece Jacobsen

Jack Kong

Tobias Nadell

Maddie Nicholson

Sung Yeon Park

Gabriel Smith

Tolgat John Weber

Sierra Grennan

Shannon Portal

Theodore Sonneborn

Halsey Yattaw

## EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

### Michael J. Culver Memorial Scholarship

Isis Chapman

Deven Hardikar

### Geoffrey Isaac Memorial Scholarship

Israel Beaulieu

### John Robert Jones IV Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Rivera

Aidan Rivet-Blaisdell

Zachary Seymour

Kio Yoshinaga

### Golden McDonald Scholarship

Lucy Hayward

### Ethan Thurston Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Stevens

### Connor Uniacke Memorial Scholarship

Larison Bluto

John Phillips

### Todd Williams Memorial Scholarship

Angela McClay

Tyana Moore

## COLLIER COUNTY SPRING BREAK LEADERSHIP COURSE

Anastasia Barnett

Diana Becceril

Greg Betancourt

Christian Boyd

Alexis Buhelos

Andrew Buhelos

Vendredi Carter

Lounda Charelus

Chloee Collins

Camella Gallagher

Aaron Grassi

Sebastian Hoyt

Priscilla Mendez

Nicholas Mullins

Leslie Nunez

Kenda Prueter

Kayla Puente

Nyla Reyna

Annisa Setiawan

Josiah Sirok

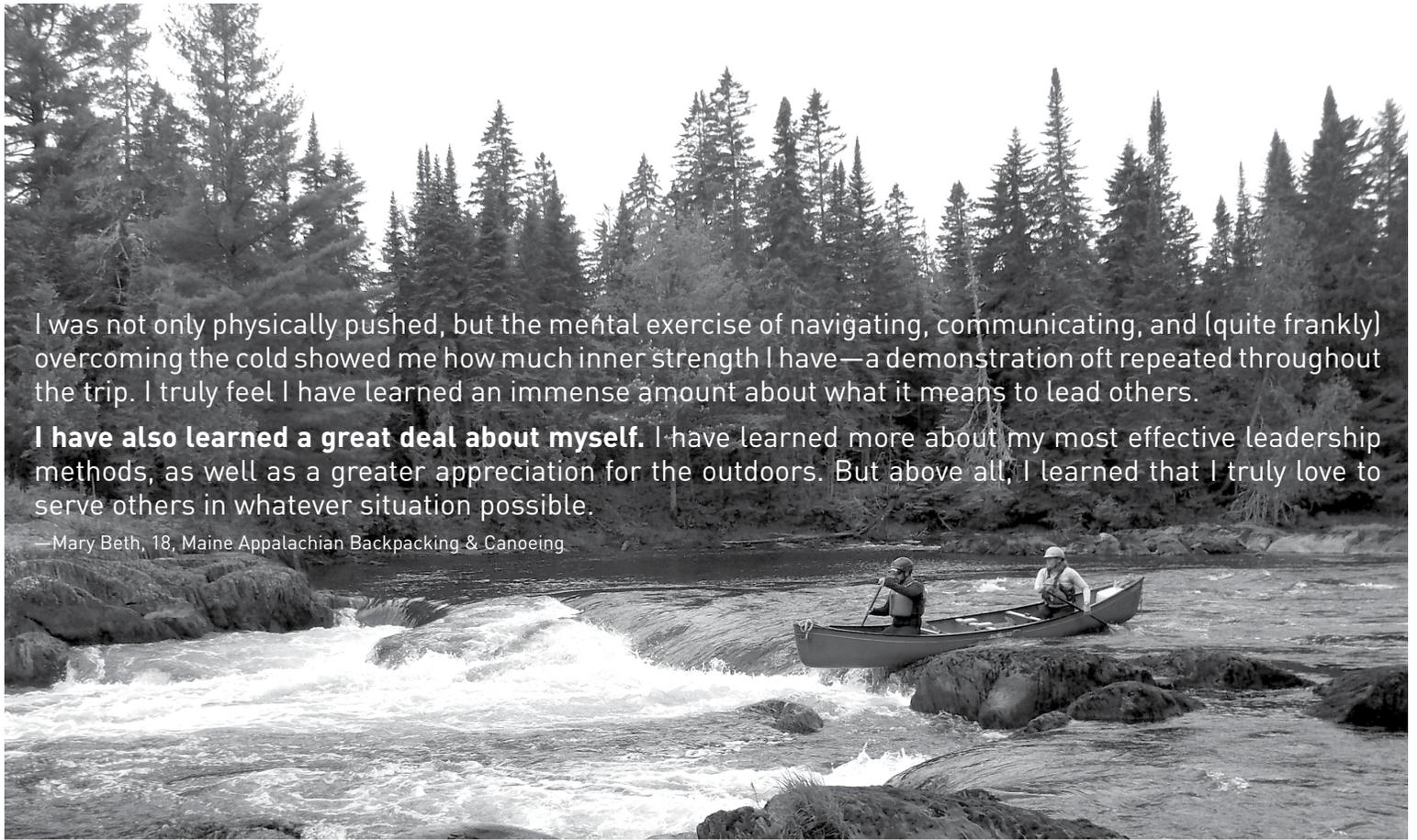
Kennedy Vertin

Hannah Vogt



Backpacking helped me find myself.

—Jay, 17, Maine Coast Sailing & Appalachian Backpacking



I was not only physically pushed, but the mental exercise of navigating, communicating, and (quite frankly) overcoming the cold showed me how much inner strength I have—a demonstration oft repeated throughout the trip. I truly feel I have learned an immense amount about what it means to lead others.

**I have also learned a great deal about myself.** I have learned more about my most effective leadership methods, as well as a greater appreciation for the outdoors. But above all, I learned that I truly love to serve others in whatever situation possible.

—Mary Beth, 18, Maine Appalachian Backpacking & Canoeing

For more than 50 years, the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School has provided individuals from all walks of life with the tools they need to face life's challenges, large and small. You will find Outward Bound alumni in all corners of the world. They are teachers, doctors, engineers, artists, business and civic leaders, fellow outdoor educators and more. Many credit their Outward Bound course as the pivotal experience that put them on their path to success, instilling in them the traits and skills that have served them well over the years. **But the work isn't over.**

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and we are going to need your support if we are going to offer life-changing educational experiences for another 50 years. Outward Bound is as relevant to preparing leaders of today and tomorrow with the tools to face the world's most pressing challenges—strength of character, resilience, tenacity, and compassion—as it was when Peter Willauer set up the first Outward Bound sea school in the U.S. in 1964.



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"I regard it as the foremost task of education to ensure the survival of these qualities:  
an enterprising curiosity, an indefatigable spirit, tenacity in pursuit, readiness for  
sensible self-denial, and above all, compassion."

*Kurt Hahn, Founder*

we are not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are  
One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

*Lord Alfred Tennyson, Ulysses*



*there's no place on earth like*  
**OUTWARD BOUND**