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Dear Ariel Abonizio:

I am thrilled to share the news that you have been named to the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2016. This distinction is earned by students whose cumulative grade point average is 3.75 or higher. Approximately 25 percent of our students are named to the Dean's List each semester.

At Bates, we value intellectual rigor and hard work. We are particularly proud of those students whose performance in the classroom, field and lab is exceptionally strong. Excellence in academics reflects your high level of competence in critical thinking, clear reasoning, strong study and research skills, and effective and articulate writing and speaking – proficiencies at the heart of a Bates education.

I urge you to apply your talents to the many opportunities Bates offers, including summer research and internships, community-engaged work, tutoring and peer mentoring other students, and pursuing graduate fellowships and graduate admissions advice, to name but a few. If you are interested in these types of programs, please contact assistant dean of the faculty Kerry O'Brien ([kobrien@bates.edu](mailto:kobrien@bates.edu)) or graduate fellowships advisor Robert Strong ([rstrong@bates.edu](mailto:rstrong@bates.edu)).

On behalf of the Bates faculty, please accept my sincere congratulations, and I wish you much luck inside and outside the classroom in the weeks and months ahead.

Cordially,



Matthew R. Auer  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Dean of the Faculty