

Dear Skidmore Graduate:

The American Heritage Dictionary defines a passport as “an official government document that certifies the identity and citizenship of an individual.” By virtue of having attended Skidmore College, you now join more than 28,000 men and women throughout the world who are members of the Skidmore College Alumni Association. We welcome you as one of the newest citizens!

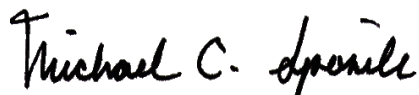
Membership in the Alumni Association entitles you to attend alumni club events, class events, young alumni programs, college reunions and much more. These events are social, educational, professional and community service in orientation, and they will connect you with classmates, contemporaries, and alumni who came before you and those who followed. You are connected by your common citizenship in the Skidmore College Alumni Association.

Perhaps you or some of your classmates were involved in community service while at Skidmore and as you juggle the demands of your professional and personal lives do not ignore volunteerism now. Helping the homeless, the ill, campaigning for political reforms, all change the world in which we live. I would like to add to this list volunteering for Skidmore College. As an alumni admissions contact, you can help attract bright young adults to Skidmore, as a career advisor, you can mentor and be mentored by professionals in every possible career. Volunteering for your class or local alumni club reconnects alumni to the College so that they, in turn, can support Skidmore.

In addition to your time, I ask you to contribute your dollars to Skidmore College. I realize that between student loans, food, and housing there may be little discretionary income left over at the end of the month. Whatever your capabilities, a gift to Skidmore College provides financial aid to students, helps to attract and retain the high quality faculty present at the College, and makes possible the building of state-of-the-art teaching facilities.

Good luck to you as you leave Saratoga Springs and never hesitate to come back to Skidmore!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Sposili". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'S'.

Michael C. Sposili
Director of Alumni Affairs & College Events

Class Activities and Organization

After graduation, class affairs are managed by the officers you elected in the spring of your senior year. The officers work on yearly newsletters and get reunion planning up and running. New officers will be elected at your fifth-year reunion. You can look forward to receiving information from the 2009 alumni class officers over the coming year. Please feel free to contact your officers with any news, or if you would like to volunteer for a class activity.

Skidmore Regional Clubs

The network of Skidmore Regional Clubs stretches across the country and around the world. More than 20 regional clubs serve to bring alumni, parents, and friends of Skidmore College together for educational, social, and cultural opportunities which highlight the best of Skidmore's founding principles and current strategic initiatives.

Regional clubs are an excellent way to build and grow social and professional networks, remain informed about campus news, and display pride in your alma mater. From sporting events to faculty lectures, cocktail parties to museum tours, Skidmore's regional club program strives to offer a little something for everyone. Online registration is offered for most events through SkidNet, Skidmore's online web community.

For the current events calendar and regional club volunteer contact information, please visit the Regional Clubs page on Skidmore's Web site at:

<http://cms.skidmore.edu/alumni/clubs/index.cfm>

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Colton Alumni Welcome Center

Named in honor of Trustee Emeritus, George F. Colton, Colton Alumni Welcome Center is located on North Broadway across from the main entrance to campus. The center serves as a "home away from home" for alumni visiting the campus and offers maps and directions, computer and telephone access, a library of alumni-authored works, and perhaps most importantly, a friendly face.

SCOPE Quarterly

SCOPE Quarterly is Skidmore's magazine that is sent at regular intervals to all alumni, parents and friends of the College. *SCOPE* includes class notes (news items submitted by alumni in each class) as well as a wide range of campus news, sports coverage of alumni activities, fundraising reports, and profiles of Skidmore alumni, faculty and students. To submit a class note, write or call your class secretary (TBA), contact the Alumni Affairs Office, or send e-mail to scopenotes@skidmore.edu. You may also send class notes, comments, or letters to the editor by writing to *SCOPE*, c/o College Relations Office; by calling the 24 hour comment line at (518) 580-5747; by e-mailing rosenbe@skidmore.edu; or by sending a fax to *SCOPE*'s attention at (518) 580-5748.

Career Services

The Office of Career Services, is busier than ever, offering counseling, uncovering new recruiting possibilities and job listings, and, in cooperation with the Alumni Association, introducing new programs for alumni. The Career Services Staff is eager to address the career concerns of alumni. We understand that alumni frequently need support as they negotiate career transitions. In fact, after seniors, alumni are the group most frequently served by our office.

Career Services Staff:

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The Annual Fund

Great teachers, academic excellence, student scholarships, and opportunities you never thought possible: this is what the Annual Fund supports. Did you know that a Skidmore education actually costs more than the comprehensive fee? In fact, only 80% of a student's education is covered by tuition and fees. For more than fifty years, alumni have helped to bridge the gap between tuition and actual expenses. Each year, these gifts are put directly to use to benefit students. As a result, every student receives a "silent scholarship" of financial support from alumni, parents, and friends.

Alumni participation in the Annual Fund helps to determine our rankings in college guidebooks and publications such as *US News and World Report*. These rankings directly affect the value of your Skidmore diploma in the workplace and enable the College to receive grant support from foundations and corporations. Over time, you can change many things about yourself, but your degree will always say “Skidmore College” - alumni gifts to the College are an investment not only in Skidmore but in your future.

The Annual Fund Office offers several volunteer opportunities. Alumni volunteers are crucial to the success of the Annual Fund and volunteering is a great way to maintain a connection with the College and your classmates and to affect change and growth at your alma mater. If you are interested in volunteering for the Annual Fund, please contact the office at 800-584-0115 and we will be happy to share information with you regarding the various opportunities available.

Annual Fund Staff:

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Alumni Admissions Program

Recent graduates are strongly encouraged to volunteer for the Alumni Admission Contact Program. Young graduates – with their up-to-date knowledge of the academic programs offered and campus life – are clearly a most valuable resource.

AAC's serve as liaisons between the Admissions Office and prospective students and their families. Activities are varied but share the common goal of encouraging talented young men and women to consider Skidmore by describing the benefits of a liberal arts education and the uniqueness of Skidmore and Saratoga Springs. Typically, AAC's represent Skidmore at local college fairs and college-night programs, interview prospective students, and contact those who have been admitted to the College. The number of AAC's working on admissions projects in any one area varies according to the size of the community and the number of alumni living there. Those interested in volunteering as an AAC may contact:

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Class Reunions

Returning to Saratoga Springs and Skidmore for class reunions gives you and opportunity to renew friendships and acquaint yourself with today's Skidmore. Formal reunions will take place for your class every five years, starting five years after your graduation and will include class specific events, mini-college classes with your favorite members of the Skidmore faculty, and the annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The reunion program is coordinated by the Office of Alumni Affairs and your class officers, and there are plenty of activities that require volunteers. Please call your class president or the Office of Alumni Affairs if you would like to volunteer. The office may be reached by calling (518) 580-5610.

Local Resources

Make the most of your next trip back to Skidmore!

Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau
www.discover-saratoga.org
(518) 584-1531

Saratoga Racetrack
www.nyra.com/Saratoga/

Saratoga Performing Arts Center
www.spac.org/index2.html
518-584-9330

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce
www.saratoga.org
518-584-3255

So That We May Better Serve You

... by updating our database to insure that you receive your *SCOPE* magazine and other publications, please email your information to Pat Poirier in Advancement Services at ppoirier@skidmore.edu

SkidNet

You may also update your information using our online community for alumni.

With SkidNet, you are able to network, search for alumni, make use of a permanent e-mail address (forwarding account), update information associated with your own listing, review your giving history, and more!

To log into SkidNet, simply visit the following URL: <http://skidnet.skidmore.edu> and then enter your student user name and password. This user name and password are now yours for life.

Once you've logged into SkidNet, you'll be able to view your own information as well as that of other Skidmore alumni. For privacy purposes, we initially limited the information that all alumni can view to name, class year, major, degree, current e-mail address, school and Skidmore activities (including athletics); however you can change your individual settings so that more or less information on your profile can be displayed to other alumni.

If you have any questions, requests, or concerns about the Alumni Association, please call or write:

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Quick Reference

Skidmore College

Information: (518) 580-5000

Operator: (518) 580-7400

cms.skidmore.edu

Office of Alumni Affairs

(800) 584-0115

www.skidmore.edu/alumni/alumni-affairs/index.htm

Career Services

(518) 580-5790

www.skidmore.edu/administration/career/

Office of Admissions

(518) 580-5570

www.skidmore.edu/welcome/admissions.html

Skidmore Shop

(518) 580-5490

<http://store.yahoo.com/skidmore/>

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery

(518) 580-8080

www.skidmore.edu/tang/main.html

Department of Athletics

(518) 580-5360

www.skidmore.edu/athletics/athletics.htm

Office of the Registrar

518-580-5710

for transcripts:

518-580-5716

www.skidmore.edu/registrar/index.htm