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## From the editor

**This issue marks a milestone for Scope.** After many years at the helm, longtime editor Sue Rosenberg is enjoying a well-deserved retirement. Sue's editorial talents are greatly missed, but there is also much to be excited about. Scope will now be published twice a year, and each issue features Class Notes. We are also happy to note that Scope is now printed by Quad/Graphics in Saratoga Springs, just minutes from campus.

In this issue, we briefly examine a topic important to all of us: food. Food forms the backdrop for the experiences

of many students and alumni, from memorable outings at favorite restaurants in Saratoga Springs to late-night study sessions and campus jobs in the dining hall. Increasingly, Skidmore is also advancing its creative mission through innovative approaches to food, with its award-winning dining hall, sustainability initiatives, innovative alumni careers and the cross-disciplinary research that is at the heart of the Center for Integrated Sciences. We welcome your feedback at [scope@skidmore.edu](mailto:scope@skidmore.edu). Keep in touch. — *James Helicke*

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#### On the cover:

Jessica Ndrianasy '20, winner of this year's Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition for her Madagascar agribusiness proposal, stands in the Skidmore Community Garden. Skidmore is advancing its creative mission through innovative approaches to food. See page 19. Photo by Christopher Massa.

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MATTERS

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In 2003, at the beginning of my first academic year at Skidmore, I spoke of my “profound respect for the achievements of so many who have created the Skidmore we know” and my “unfailing optimism for the Skidmore of the future.” It is with this same spirit of appreciation and confidence in our future that I announced in February my retirement as president after the 2019-2020 academic year.

All of us at Skidmore are part of an enterprise far grander than any one of us, and, as educators, we are tasked with the humbling responsibility of inspiring the next generation. Together, we are already pursuing our next bold step: the Center for Integrated Sciences. CIS is more than just a building; it is Skidmore’s vision for the future. As I noted at the CIS groundbreaking ceremony in October, today scientific literacy is a requirement for everyone. The world’s most pressing issues — from climate change and infectious disease to access to food and water — demand that we grasp how science works and also think past traditional academic boundaries. It is this creative vision for the future that guides the CIS.

Never have I been as impressed by our accomplishments and so hopeful about our future. The first phase of CIS construction, the North Wing, is scheduled for completion next year, and the Board of Trustees recently approved an accelerated plan to complete the entire project by 2024 — all at significant savings. CIS is at the heart of our *Creating Our Future: The Campaign for Skidmore*, for which we have already raised \$180 million toward our goal of \$200 million by 2020.

Our Skidmore community owes outgoing Board of Trustees Chair W. Scott McGraw a debt of gratitude for his exceptional leadership during this busy and important period. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we also look to a bright future. We are very fortunate that Nancy Wells Hamilton ’77, who has co-chaired our campaign so successfully, will serve as our next board chair. Skidmore will continue to prosper under her leadership.

The search for Skidmore’s eighth President is underway, in the hands of a search committee that is a vibrant cross-section of our community, including trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and students. Skidmore’s financial stability and reputation as a premier liberal arts college will no doubt attract a deep pool of talented applicants from near and far.

The transition when Marie and I step down on June 30, 2020 will be an occasion to celebrate and reaffirm Skidmore as a place where Creative Thought Matters, today and in the years ahead. Skidmore is in good hands and will remain so for years to come.

— Philip A. Glotzbach



FORGING AHEAD,  
FLASHING SMILES

Members of the Class of 2022 enter the Williamson Sports Center for Convocation on Sept. 2, 2018.

Christopher Massa



## RECONNECTING WITH BERNSTEIN

"It's an emotional return to one of the most important events in my life," Skidmore clarinetist Paul Green says of a special Skidmore performance revisiting his televised, childhood concert with classical music icon Leonard Bernstein. Green reminisced with the late composer's son, Alexander, and legendary double bassist Gary Karr at the Arthur Zankel Music Center about the 1962 "Young People's Concert" that helped propel both men's musical careers. "It was a shocking reality that I wasn't dreaming and that I was actually performing as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic while being guided by the man whom I considered the most inspiring and greatest musician in the world," recalls Karr. The Skidmore Orchestra restaged the concert as part of celebrations of the late composer's 100th birthday.



Alexander Bernstein, left, joins bassist Gary Karr, second from right, and Skidmore clarinetist Paul Green, far right, for a panel discussion moderated by Jeremy Day-O'Connell, chair and associate professor of music, foreground, at "Leonard Bernstein at 100 — The Educator and Intellectual" Nov. 10, 2018, in Arthur Zankel Music Center.



### Agreeing to disagree

How do colleges grapple with contentious issues at a time when public discourse is so polarized and vitriolic? "Find ways to see the humanity in someone you deeply disagree with," says Zachary Wood, author of "Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America." Veteran journalist Sanford J. Ungar, "Free Speech on Campus" author Sigal Ben-Porath and Nadine Strossen, the first woman ever to lead the ACLU, spoke as part of the series "Skidmore Speaks: Conversations About the First Amendment and the Meaning of Free Speech." "Free speech isn't shouting for the sake of shouting," says Scott Jaschik, editor and founder of Inside Higher Ed. "It's inviting people into a conversation to understand, agree or disagree."

## RECORD APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2023

The number of applicants to Skidmore continues to climb.

Skidmore received 11,050 applications for the Class of 2023, the largest number of applicants in College history and the fourth year in a row that a new record has been set. The College has also witnessed a 31 percent increase in applications over five years.

This year, Skidmore received applications from all 50 states, five U.S. territories and 141 foreign countries.

“It is gratifying that so many students from across the country and around the world are interested in coming to Skidmore,” said Mary Lou Bates, vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid. Applications from domestic students of color also continue to grow, increasing from 20 percent to 34 percent of Skidmore’s applications over the past decade.

Skidmore is consistently named as one of the nation’s best liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report, and the College has recently been featured on the Forbes lists of America’s Top Colleges, America’s Best Value Colleges and America’s Most Entrepreneurial Colleges.



## OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA

Beatlemore Skidmania went on (brah!) for its 18th year. This year, the beloved Skidmore tradition celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ “White Album.” “When this thing started off as a little class project that Gordon Thompson and his Beatles class in 2001 decided to do, there were maybe 100 people in the audience,” said Joel Brown, distinguished artist-in-residence. “It grew and grew.

After three years, we had to have security outside to keep people out, and some students missed their lessons.” Nobody had to miss class, but nearly 2,000 concertgoers attended three sold-out shows featuring new interpretations of Beatles classics that ranged from jazz to acapella. “The performances would have even gotten John, Paul, George and Ringo up and dancing,” says Harry Mooney ’21.

### Womxn Of Color Conference >>

Students Cinthia Duran Larrea, Etije Mehdori Walker, Desiree Sim and Lydia Bernard-Jones organized the inaugural Womxn Of Color Conference (WOCOCON) in the spring semester to empower women of color.





## SKIDMORE RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

**The Environment America Research and Policy Center has recognized Skidmore as a top campus for renewable energy.**

In an April report, Skidmore was ranked in the Top Five Schools for Renewable Electricity Generated on Campus per Student (No. 4) and in the Top Five Schools for Renewable Electricity Purchased from Off-Campus Sources per Student (No. 5).

Skidmore is also partnering with the broader community on sustainability initiatives. In April, the College hosted the inaugural Saratoga Sustainability Fair, co-sponsored by Sustainable Saratoga, a local organization. Former Sierra Club Board of Directors President Aaron Mair spoke about “Democracy, Intersectionality and Building a Strong Climate Movement” and received a standing ovation from a full audience in Gannett Auditorium.

The fair brought together more than 30 exhibitors — providing resources on topics such as renewable energy, plastic alternatives, non-toxic products, sustainable gardening, green building design and alternative transportation — in Case Center. There were workshops, an electric-vehicle show with test drives, and a campus tour that included a look at one of the geothermal energy nodes that heat and cool about 35 percent of Skidmore’s campus.

“We’re pleased to showcase the important work that the Skidmore community is doing to make the world more sustainable,” Sustainable Saratoga Vice Chair Bill Boehmke said.



**Lewis Taub, 93, has completed his 50th elective course at Skidmore, Theater and Culture I. The retired optometrist began auditing courses in 1994 when he was 68 years old. At a classroom party, Taub received a gift from the Skidmore Shop, which has phased out plastic bags.**

# COMING TOGETHER

“For me, it keeps coming back to that it’s really simple to make a difference — that we can all make a difference,” Associate Athletic Director Megan Buchanan says of *Skidmore Cares*, the community service program initiated by Skidmore President Philip A. Glotzbach and Marie Glotzbach. Since 2006, the program has brought together staff and families during the holiday season while collecting food, school supplies and other items needed in the greater Saratoga Springs area. This year, Skidmore student-athletes and employees delivered more than \$13,000 and 5,000 items to local nonprofits. “I think what we can do collectively as Skidmore with the thousands of items we collect is just really inspiring,” Buchanan adds.



Megan Buchanan, associate athletic director, left, and Ron Plourde, men’s baseball coach, deliver items collected as part of Skidmore Cares to the Franklin Community Center.

## 2019 Commencement

Professor of Sociology Kristie A. Ford, “Einstein’s Dreams” author Alan Lightman and baseball great Joe Torre have been selected to address the Class of 2019 at Commencement. Lightman’s book was the Class of 2019’s First-Year Experience reading assignment, and Skidmore is recognizing his efforts to bridge the sciences and humanities. In addition to an extraordinary career as an MLB player, manager and executive, Torre has been lauded for his outreach to children affected by domestic violence — service that was inspired by his own childhood trauma. Ford is director of Skidmore’s Center for Leadership, Teaching and Learning and founded Skidmore’s Intergroup Relations Program — the first such minor in the United States.

### A healthier campus

All Skidmore properties, including outdoor areas, are now smoke- and tobacco-free. The new policy, which went into effect Jan. 1, aims to reinforce Skidmore’s “culture of wellness,” says Cerri Banks, dean of students and vice president for student affairs. The new policy, which also covers e-cigarettes and vaping devices, comes as U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams warns about nicotine addiction and e-cigarette use among youth. Skidmore’s policy follows years of study with extensive community feedback. “We will only be successful if we each take responsibility for acknowledging, sharing and enforcing this community standard,” Banks says. Skidmore is partnering with Glens Falls Hospital to implement the policy and is also offering cessation resources.





## Leadership

As of May, **Nancy Wells Hamilton '77** is chair of the Skidmore College Board of Trustees.



Hamilton has served as co-chair of *Creating Our Future: The Campaign for Skidmore*, as a member of the President's Advisory Council, as an alumna trustee and as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. A partner with Jackson Walker LLP, in Houston, Texas, Hamilton has a national legal practice focused on First Amendment law, intellectual property and complex commercial litigation. She has represented major media outlets, including CNN, Fox News and CBS, Oprah Winfrey and Dr. Phil, among others. She succeeds **W. Scott McGraw P'12**, who oversaw the launch of the public phase of Skidmore's campaign; the hiring of four members of the President's Cabinet; groundbreaking for the Center for Integrated Sciences; and board approval for a plan to accelerate the project for completion in 2024. Hamilton said she's honored to serve as chair and looks "forward to building on the momentum that Scott has created."

**Donna Ng** is Skidmore's vice president for finance and administration and treasurer. Ng joined the College on



Oct. 1 from Simmons College in Boston, where she served as senior vice president for finance and administration. Ng formerly held positions at Scripps College, Wellesley College and Babson College. Ng earned a master's degree in business administration from Babson College and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Boston College. She succeeds Mike West, who retired after 14 years.



Jessica Ndrianasy '20 presents her winning business plan at the Freirich Business Plan Competition.

## Big Ideas Wanted

The Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition again offered Skidmore students a unique opportunity to hone their business skills with alumni mentors as they competed in presenting business plans.

"I am extremely proud of all the students, and I know that this experience will change many of their lives," said Ken Freirich '90, who founded the competition in 2010.

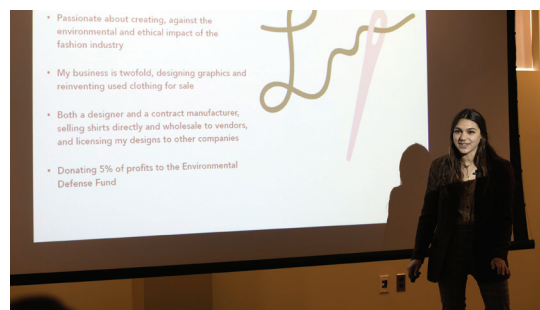
Many alumni and friends of the College contributed their time and expertise, including Raymond Bryan '94, Graeme Campbell '98, David Cynamon P'22, Dana Naberzny '95, Dexter Senft, and Rich Wartel '91, who served as judges in the final round.

Jessica Ndrianasy '20 picked up first prize — \$20,000 cash plus \$5,000 in business services — for her business Ndriana Agro, a Madagascar agribusiness providing top-quality, organic import and export produce and prioritizing the hiring of unemployed women. Ndrianasy's alumni mentors for the competition were Molly Dyson-Schwery '04 and Nancy Wekselbaum '73. Her peer mentor was Will Potter '19.

The "Shark Tank"-like business competition is one of the best-funded contests among liberal arts colleges nationally, with cash prizes and business service awards valued at more than \$50,000.



Kenneth A. Freirich, founder of the Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition, sits on the judges' panel April 5 during the ninth annual contest.



Lucy Beizer '19 presents during the Freirich Business Plan Competition.

# ADVANCING SCIENCE



It's full speed ahead with the single largest academic project in College history. In October, Skidmore broke ground for the 200,000-square-foot Center for Integrated Sciences, which will put 10 science departments under a single roof and encourage dialogue among scientific disciplines, the humanities, arts and social sciences. "Science is and always has been an integral component to liberal education," President Glotzbach affirmed at a ceremony with acclaimed paleontologist Neil Shubin. The North Wing, currently under construction, is already talking shape and is scheduled for completion next year. Thanks to a new, streamlined construction plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees in February, the entire project is set for completion in 2024. But one exciting piece is nearly complete: The state-of-the-art CIS greenhouse opens its doors in May 2019.



Clockwise from top: Kurt Smemo, assistant professor of environmental studies and sciences, tours the Center for Integrated Sciences greenhouse, which is slated to open this spring; Construction of the new CIS building is progressing, as seen in this April photo; Paleontologist Neil Shubin gave the keynote address at the dedication ceremony for the new CIS building in October, and a beam signed by Skidmore community members will be a permanent piece of the CIS structure.

# CREATING OUR FUTURE: THE CAMPAIGN FOR SKIDMORE

## PRIORITIES

The Center for Integrated Sciences | Skidmore Fund | Scholarships and Financial Aid | The Tang Teaching Museum | Career Development and Transformative Experiences | Athletics, Health and Wellness

## HIGHLIGHTS



\$200 million goal

**825** donors made gifts to celebrate Giving Tuesday and Skidmore's Annual Giving Day.

**350+** alumni, parents and friends gathered at regional events across the country.

**972** donors responded to "All in to Win" to support Skidmore athletic teams.

**24,238** donors to date

Philip and Marie Glotzbach will donate **\$50,000**, if **1,700 graduates** of the classes of 2004-2019 make a gift by **May 31**.

## MOMENTS

- 10.18.18** Campus Campaign Celebration
- 10.19.18** Valentine Boathouse opening
- 10.20.18** Center for Integrated Sciences groundbreaking
- 11.14.18** Presidents Society Dinner in New York City

**For more information, please visit [skidmore.edu/cof](http://skidmore.edu/cof).**



Aarathi Prasad, assistant professor of computer science, and Stuti Bagri '21 perform as part of the Campus Campaign Celebration of *Creating Our Future: The Campaign for Skidmore* on Oct. 18, 2018, at the Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery.

## Lamson Clarke '53 Chair

**Mimi Hellman**, chair and associate professor of art history, has been named the inaugural Charlotte Lamson Clarke '53 Chair in Art History. Skidmore's newest endowed chair was established by Tom Clarke in 2018 in memory of his late wife, a Skidmore English major who was passionate about art and history, especially British history. The \$2 million "gift recognizes Skidmore's longstanding tradition of excellence in the field of art history," says Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Orr. Hellman specializes in European art between the 17th and 19th centuries.



# CREATIVE CAREERS



## CTM in hyper focus

Creative Thought Matters for mastering engineer Emily Lazar '93, who picked up a Grammy for Best Engineered Album, Non-Classical, for her work on Beck's "Colors" album — the first woman ever to win in that category. "The Skidmore College motto is an idea that remains in hyper focus both in the studio and out, and in everything that I do," the English major and music minor tells the Saratoga Living magazine. As president and chief mastering engineer of The Lodge, Lazar has worked with David Bowie, Lou Reed, Destiny's Child, Madonna, Missy Elliot, and The Shins, among others.

## What's in a brand?

Branding expert Deb Kelly '68 delivered the 35th annual F. William Harder Lecture, sharing her career insights with Skidmore students and providing a real-world example of how a brand is built. Kelly, a partner at Denver-based strategic-creative consultancy Genesis Inc., also spoke about the importance of a liberal arts education and the evolution of marketing strategies.



## From Skidmore to the OSS

A Skidmore alumna's clandestine activities shortly after graduation are now making national news. Just months after graduation, Virginia Rathbun Stuart '43 joined the Office of Strategic Services or OSS, a predecessor to the CIA, the New York Times reports. "In November 1943, armed with a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College, I joined a group of women sworn to secrecy," the English major told the Times, sharing her story publicly for the first time.



Virginia Rathbun Stuart '43, center, embarks on an overseas journey for the Office of Strategic Services or OSS in this National Archives image.



## A kismet moment

Emma Newcombe '10 was so inspired by one of her American studies professors at Skidmore that she chose to pursue that field as a career. The professor, Mary C. Lynn, became her mentor. So when Newcombe came to possess Lynn's academic regalia through a chance encounter, it seemed like nothing short of destiny.

A visit to Kru Coffee in Saratoga Springs was a rarity for both Newcombe, visiting assistant professor of American studies at Skidmore, and Pat Fehling, associate dean of the faculty and a professor of health and human physiological sciences. But one day last fall, they both found themselves in the shop and grabbing for the same coffee tray.

"I thought the coffee tray was mine," said Newcombe, who was picking up coffee for some of her students. Fehling was treating office staff.

The two began chatting and discovered they were both professors at Skidmore. Newcombe mentioned that she taught American studies.

"Do you know Mary Lynn?" asked Fehling.

"It was one of Mary Lynn's classes that made me want to study American studies," Newcombe replied.

Fehling told Newcombe that Lynn's husband, Dave Clark, had recently donated her regalia, and her gown was hanging on the back of her door.

"All of a sudden it just hit me," Fehling recalled.

"Would you like Mary's regalia?" she asked Newcombe.

"We both got the chills," Fehling said.

Newcombe was thrilled. "It was a kismet moment for sure," she said.

The regalia is now hanging in the office of its original owner, currently occupied by Newcombe. And Newcombe will be wearing it at Commencement this May.

"Mary Lynn's ability to get students discussing scholarly texts and her enthusiasm in those texts made each class engaging," she said. "I try to get students excited about the class, just like she had taught me." — *Christopher Massa*



### Business philosophy

Joel Quadracci '91, CEO of media services giant Quad/Graphics, joined trustee Dan Allen '90, president and senior portfolio manager at AnchorAge Capital Group, at a Feb. 28 event at the Harvard Club in New York.

The two trustees engaged in a broad discussion that ranged from the future of print to their enduring service to Skidmore.

When he applied to college, Allen said he was looking for a liberal arts environment where he could also get solid business exposure and play a sport.

"And it worked out, it was like a storybook. So fast forward: Being part of the board, being part of Skidmore has allowed me to find ways to give back and have a voice in the community and the future of the school, even in a very small way. So that's super gratifying," Allen said.

Quadracci said his liberal arts background at Skidmore continues to influence his approach to business.

"It's informed me how I hire, actually. I had a great experience. I was a philosophy major ... I took my father's (advice): 'Go learn how to think, you can specialize later,'" Quadracci said. "Today, I look for people who can think. Liberal arts people tend to show better. They're a little faster on their feet."

Quadracci's biggest regret at Skidmore?

"The biggest mistake I made was waiting to do my art requirement until senior year. I loved doing ceramics with (professor Regis) Brodie."

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

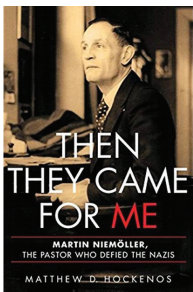


### INSPIRED COMPOSER

**Evan Mack**, teaching professor of music, has been named a Top 30 Professional of the Year by Musical America. The magazine noted that Mack was “considered one of the most gifted composers of his generation by industry insiders.” Mack’s opera “The Ghosts of Gatsby” won the National Opera Association’s Argento Competition in Salt Lake City and will be staged at the association’s national conference in Cleveland in January. His opera “Yeltsin in Texas” will premiere at the Opera in the Heights New Works Festival the following month. The comedic chamber opera, with libretto by Josh Maguire, presents the story of Russian President Boris Yeltsin’s visit to a Houston supermarket that challenges his view of communism.

### GRADY-WILLIS TO LAUNCH BLACK STUDIES PROGRAM

Winston Grady-Willis is returning to Skidmore as the inaugural director of the College’s Black Studies Program. Grady-Willis, who taught American studies at Skidmore from 2008 to 2011 and also served as the College’s director of intercultural studies, returns to campus from Portland State University, where he directed the School of Gender, Race and Nations. He has also taught at Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado, and at Syracuse University. He holds a B.A. in history from Columbia University, an MPS in Africana studies from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Emory University.



**A COMPLICATED LEGACY** Associate Professor of History **Matthew Hockenos’** “Then They Came for Me: Martin Niemöller, the Pastor Who Defied the Nazis,” presents a new biography of Martin Niemöller, a German pastor heroized in postwar Germany for standing up to the Nationalist Socialist regime, but whose life was much complicated in Hockenos’ telling. A review in The Wall Street Journal called the book “gripping”: “In Mr. Hockenos’s telling, Niemöller is neither a hero nor an idol; he is a person to be admired because he expressed genuine contrition and proved able to change.” The New Yorker, similarly, notes that “Hockenos’s portrait sheds valuable light on a man and a society willing to overlook the sins of a leader whose interests initially seemed to dovetail with their own.” Hockenos, the inaugural Harriet Johnson Toadvine ’56 Chair in 20th Century History, also penned an op-ed on Niemöller for Time magazine.



### ALDARONDO NAMED GUGGENHEIM FELLOW

Cecilia Aldarondo, a filmmaker and assistant professor of English, has been named a 2019 Guggenheim Fellow by The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. “I am thrilled to have the support I need to continue two documentaries I am currently directing, one on the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, and the other exploring the keen anguish of adolescence,” Aldarondo says. Aldarondo’s “Memories of a Penitent Heart” premiered at the 2016 Tribeca Film Festival and was broadcast on the “POV” documentary series in 2017. In 2015, she was named one of Filmmaker Magazine’s “25 New Faces of Independent Film.”

**WONDER-STRUCK** Wonder, points out Professor of English Barbara Black, “in its verb form, means to be curious and, as a noun, captures a state of amazement or awe.” The “astonishing, playful malleability” of the concept also represented the theme of Skidmore’s second annual Humanistic Inquiry Symposium (March 29-30), which Black organized with Michael Arnush, chair of the Classics Department. Nineteen Skidmore faculty members offered poetry readings, museum tours, theatrical presentations, musical performances and vibrant discussions on topics ranging from Buddhism and European philosophy to the sustainable food movement and digital photography. Arnush said the event served to “celebrate the creative talents of Skidmore’s faculty.”



**AN OPEN BOOK** Salmagundi magazine hosted the three-day conference “Sharing The Wealth: Five Leading Black Intellectuals Talk About Their Work And the Culture,” Feb. 1-3. Speakers included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Margo Jefferson, novelist, essayist and scholar Darryl Pinckney, National Book Award-winner Orlando Patterson, author John McWhorter, and author and essayist Thomas Chatterton Williams.



## Faculty in the news

Skidmore faculty continue to share their work at scholarly gatherings and in prestigious publications. Here is a sampling of faculty who have recently made the news:

**Lara Ayad**, assistant professor of art history, has received the Rhonda A. Saad Prize from the Association for Modern and Contemporary Art of the Arab World, Iran and Turkey.

**Jason Breves**, assistant professor of biology, has won the New Investigator Award from the Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology Section of the American Physiological Society, and the Gorbman-Bern New Investigator Award from the North American Society of Comparative Endocrinology.

**Kristofer Covey**, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies and sciences, was quoted in the National Geographic article, “Trees Release Flammable Methane — Here’s What That Means for Climate.”

**Mary Kate Donovan**, assistant professor of Spanish, was interviewed by China 24 (channel CGTN America) about relations between China and Spain.

**Amy Frappier**, associate professor and chair of geosciences, was interviewed by The Washington Post, Al Jazeera and other media outlets as part of global coverage of a youth soccer team trapped in a flooded cave in Thailand.

**Corey Freeman-Gallant**, professor of biology, has been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for his research.

**Siobhan M. Hart**, associate professor of anthropology, has published “Colonialism, Community and Heritage in Native New England” (University Press of Florida, 2019).

**Heather Hurst**, associate professor of anthropology, appeared in the National Geographic channel series “Lost Treasures of the Maya.”

**Hédi Jaouad**, professor of French, has published “Browning Upon Arabia-A Moveable East” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). Jaouad spent the 2018-2019 academic year as a Fulbright scholar in Tunisia.

**Jill Linz**, senior instructor of physics, has published “Composing Atom Music,” an article about teaching physics by using music, in *Physics Today*.

**Christopher Mann**, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, was quoted in articles about electoral politics by The Associated Press, the New York Times, the Miami Herald and other media outlets.

**Tillman Nechtman**, associate professor of history, has published “The Pretender of Pitcairn Island” (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

**June Paul**, assistant professor of social work, has been awarded the Society for Social Work and Research’s 2019 Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award.

**Minita Sanghvi**, assistant professor in the management and business department, published “Gender and Political Marketing in the United States and the 2016 Presidential Election: An Analysis of Why She Lost” (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2018).

**Masami Tamagawa**, senior teaching professor in the Department of World Languages and Literature, was quoted in news articles about the Japanese reality show “Terrace House” in *Newsweek Japan* and *Slate*.

## TRAVELING SCIENTISTS

Juan Navea, assistant professor of chemistry, traveled with Yao Xiao ’19, Angelina Leonardi ’20, and Renee Karchere-Sun ’20 to Takamatsu, Japan, where they presented research at a conference of International Global Atmospheric Chemistry. The trip was supported by a \$20 million National Science Foundation grant on the impact of aerosols on the ocean and atmosphere, in which Navea is the only researcher from a liberal arts college. Navea’s research with five recent graduates — Christopher Ostaszewski ’18, Natalie Stuart ’18, Daniel Lesko ’17, Deborah Kim ’18 and Matthew Lueckheide ’17 — was also published as the cover article of the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, a leading journal.

“After all we’ve gone through together, the part we are most proud of is that the energy and promise of Skidmore remains true to our core: Creative Thought Matters.”

— PRESIDENT PHILIP A. GLOTZBACH



Philip and Marie Glotzbach at the CIS groundbreaking ceremony in October 2018.

In 2003, 660 new faces arrived on campus to the dings of SMS messages on new Nokia cellphones and chatter about the final season of “Friends.” Joining them were two visionary leaders, who had just moved across the country to champion an era of profound growth at Skidmore — Philip and Marie Glotzbach. Skidmore’s seventh president has announced that he will step down at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year, but the impact of his leadership will remain. To celebrate, we’re looking at where Skidmore has traveled under President Glotzbach’s leadership and where we’re heading next. —*Julia Marco*

## 2003

### President Philip A. Glotzbach joins Skidmore

A philosopher, academic administrator and spokesperson on issues of higher education, Glotzbach is inaugurated as the College’s seventh president.

“I formally accept the responsibilities of this office with unflinching optimism for the Skidmore of the future,” said President Glotzbach in his inaugural address.

### Skidmore’s financial aid budget is \$15.1 million

## 2004

## 2005

### First-year student curriculum upgraded

The new First-Year Experience (FYE) helps first-year students adjust to college life. The program features the occasionally eccentric, always engaging Scribner Seminars.

## 2006

### Creative Thought, Bold Promise

Launched in 2006, the *Creative Thought, Bold Promise* campaign ends in 2010 with \$216 million raised for infrastructure, financial aid, endowment, sustainability and academics.

### Northwoods Village opens



### Skidmore Cares begins.

The holiday giveback program brings faculty, staff and families together to donate thousands of items each year for local pantries and causes.

## 2007

### Moody’s outlook: Positive

Moody’s, the credit rating agency, upgrades Skidmore’s rating from A2 to A1, a sign of Skidmore’s financial stability.



## 2008

### Leading sustainability

Skidmore hires a campus sustainability coordinator to grow its new Sustainability Office and advance earth-friendly programs.



## 2009

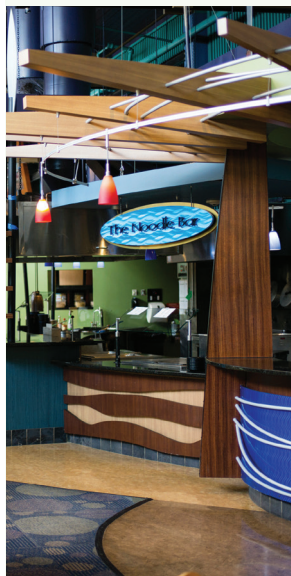
## 2010

**Arthur Zankel Music Center opens**



**Skidmore's financial aid budget doubles from 2003 level to \$30.6 million**

**The National College Comedy festival celebrates its 20th anniversary**



**Murray-Aikins Dining Hall is renovated**

## 2011

**Skidmore is the first college to offer a minor in intergroup relations**



**Athletics tops the charts**

Of more than 440 colleges with D3 athletics, Skidmore is ranked in the top 40 by the Learfield Directors' Cup, a program that honors institu-



tions for achieving success across all its sports, both men's and women's.

## 2012

## 2013

**Sussman Village opens**

The highly sought-after three- and four-bedroom furnished apartments support more than 90 percent of students choosing to live on campus.

## 2014

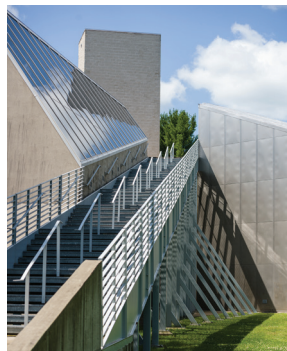
**Ensuring access**

President Glotzbach visits the White House to discuss pathways for ensuring everyone has the opportunity for a quality college education



**Skidmore goes solar**

Skidmore unveils its photovoltaic solar array, one of the largest solar arrays in New York state at the time.



## 2015

**The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum celebrates its 15th anniversary**

## 2016

## 2017



**10,000 apply**

Applications for the Class of 2021 top 10,000 — the largest and most diverse group the College had yet seen, making Skidmore more pluralistic and welcoming than ever before.

**Creating Our Future**

President Glotzbach leads the public launch of *Creating Our Future: The Campaign for Skidmore*, calling it "an extraordinary moment in Skidmore's history."



**Oprah Winfrey speaks at Commencement**

## 2018

**Skidmore's financial aid budget triples from 2003 to \$47.2 million**

**The Center for Integrated Sciences takes shape**

After a groundbreaking ceremony in October, construction moves full speed ahead on the single largest academic initiative in Skidmore's history.

## 2019

**Applications for the Class of 2023 top 11,000**



## SUGAR-COATED

“Like Sugar” continues the Tang Teaching Museum’s tradition of faculty-curated exhibitions that cross disciplines to tackle urgent issues from multiple points of view. Combining contemporary art, historical objects, material culture and data visualizations, the exhibition explores the problematic and the joyful aspects of sugar.

Each exhibition organizer contributed unique ideas. Here they are in their own words:



**Sarah Goodwin,**  
professor of English

My scholarly work is in late 18th- and early 19th-century British poetry, and I hadn’t noticed that sugar was everywhere in those texts until this project. I suddenly saw the sugar trade — and slave labor — as a cornerstone of Great Britain’s empire and wealth. With the exhibition, watching the works go up was unforgettable. Everything looked like a commentary on everything else. The show is rich in ironies, tragedies, playfulness and contradictions. It has taught me how carefully chosen and arranged objects can change our thinking and transform us.



**Trish Lyell,** teaching professor of art

This project provided a chance to work with people across campus, and once we got to some core ideas — fun, nostalgia, gender, power, health and the body — then we understood how we all fit together. I view my experience as practice in taking a really big entity and pulling it into something concrete without thinking it has to be singular and particular. My co-organizers and their scholarship helped define what needed to be understood and what could be left as a series of questions. I learned so much from everyone!



**Monica Raveret Richter,** associate professor of biology

As a behavioral ecologist, I research food choice and its consequences, for both eaters and their environments. In the language of plants, sweetness attracts pollinators and frugivores in a mutually beneficial process of gamete exchange and dispersal of progeny. My co-curators expanded my perspective on the relationship between sugar and my own species. We humans are also shaped by those advertising sweet rewards. Recently, extended family visited, and I made a cake. I measured out 1/3 cup of cane sugar and froze, contemplating its path to my kitchen and the consequences of eating it.



**Rachel Seligman,** Malloy Curator at the Tang

Working with these outstanding Skidmore professors has been tremendously rewarding. Collaborating with them to translate all larger themes and our ideas about sugar into a lively, engaging and thought-provoking exhibition was deeply satisfying. They taught me about their scholarship and approaches to teaching, and we explored together the ways that sugar was a connective thread among them. I saw how the process of experimenting with new forms of object-based learning created new energy and excitement in their practices of research, art-making and teaching.



## The Second Buddha: Master of Time

“The Second Buddha: Master of Time” at the Tang Teaching Museum brought to campus the story of the legendary eighth-century Indian Buddhist master Padmasambhava, who is credited with bringing Buddhism to Tibet.

The exhibition also brought artists, scholars, activists and musicians who, in public events, explored new ways of seeing and thinking about the Second Buddha and the ancient sculpture, Tibetan scroll paintings, textiles and manuscripts on view in the museum.

The events were organized in partnership with the Tang Teaching Museum by Benjamin Bogin, a scholar of Himalayan Buddhism, associate professor, director of Asian studies and Skidmore’s 2019 faculty scholar in residence, a program that is co-sponsored by the Center for Leadership, Teaching and Learning and by the Office of the Dean of Special Programs.

“This residency has been invaluable,” Bogin said. “The extraordinary visitors I was able to bring to campus helped bring the exhibition to life in diverse ways for students, faculty and community members. Beyond the direct benefit to my own research and teaching, these new connections and the enthusiasm for the exhibition have been deeply gratifying.”

“The Second Buddha: Master of Time” was presented by the Rubin Museum of Art and the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College. The exhibition was curated by Rubin Museum Curator of Himalayan Art Elena Pakhoutova and organized for the Tang Museum by Assistant Director for Curatorial Affairs and Malloy Curator Rachel Seligman.

— *Michael Janairo*



**Considering Culture**  
Artist Renee Cox speaks with students in an Accelerator Series panel discussion on cultural appropriation.



### In Tune With America

Brittany Watts-Hendrixs '20 and Destiny Donelson '21 read poetry as part of the event “I, Too, Sing America” on race in Leonard Bernstein’s “Songfest” (1977).



### Animated Talk

Acclaimed cartoonist Chris Ware in conversation with E.B. Sciales '19, who held the 2018-19 Eleanor Linder Winter '43 Endowed Internship at the Tang and helped select Ware to speak on Feb. 28.



### Being Good Citizens

Hundreds of Skidmore students, faculty and staff took part in a lawn-sign exhibition outside the Tang. The exhibition was part of a national effort called For Freedoms that seeks to use art to deepen public discussions of civic issues and core values, and to clarify that citizenship in American society is defined by participation, not by ideology.



## SHOOT, STUDY, SCORE

**Edvinas Rupkus is a standout on the court, in the classroom**

Skidmore men's basketball's Edvinas Rupkus '19 has enough accolades from the court and the classroom to awe any athlete. But it's his roles as student, leader and friend that will leave many marks on Skidmore hearts.

"He will graduate with two league titles, three NCAA appearances, two conference player of the year awards, and first team All-American and Academic All-American honors," said head coach Joe Burke. "He turned away three Division I scholarships because Skidmore was a better fit. I think he made a pretty good decision."

Colleen Burke, executive in residence, said, "Edvinas never stops performing and contributing at the highest possible level." And his "maturity, character, perseverance, judgement and scholarship" were all factors in him earning a prestigious business management internship with Bill McKendree '74, chief executive officer of Clarion Group.

The 6-foot-4 guard from Lithuania wrapped up his Thoroughbred career as Skidmore's all-time leading scorer with 2,128 points and as a finalist for NCAA Division III Player of the Year. The double major in business and economics also had a near-perfect GPA.

Jeffrey Segrave, professor of health and human physiological sciences, said, "Ed is the very best expression of what it means to be a student-athlete. He brings the same determination and motivation to both academic and athletic endeavors, exemplifying how they mutually reinforce each other."

Charlie Williams '19, a teammate and friend, said, "Ed is the kind of guy who is always there for us, even making breakfast. As a teammate, he never kept track of his own points because the team was more important. He is a leader that's hard not to follow."

And, as testament to his love of Skidmore, Rupkus is already doing his part to give back. As co-chair of the Senior Gift Committee, he is encouraging his Class of 2019 peers to give a gift of any size to support future scholarship, diversity, sustainability and athletics initiatives.

— Angela Valden

### ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS



- Playing in a packed Williamson Center, the men's basketball team beat Hobart 82-66 to win its fifth Liberty League championship and earn a sixth trip to the NCAA Division III championship tournament.
- Three Skidmore teams earned national rankings. The women's tennis team was ranked as high as 11th, men's tennis 19th and women's lacrosse 24th.
- Riding cruised through an unbeaten regular season. The defending national champions were pursuing their quest for a ninth national championship at press time.
- New head coaches Jessica Turner (women's basketball) and Joe Martin (men's lacrosse) enjoyed successful first seasons. Women's basketball returned to the Liberty League tournament, while men's lacrosse was fighting for a playoff spot at press time.



**Valentine Boathouse** Over Celebration Weekend, the Skidmore community cheered the dedication of the new Valentine Boathouse, named for Trustee Peg Valentine and Mike Valentine, parents of Martha, a 2009 Skidmore graduate.



# Food in focus

Skidmore is advancing its creative mission through innovative approaches to food, with its award-winning dining hall, sustainability initiatives, careers and the cross-disciplinary research that is at the heart of the Center for Integrated Sciences.

**J**essica Ndrianasy '20 recently earned first prize in the Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition for a Madagascar agribusiness providing top-quality, organic produce that prioritizes the hiring of unemployed women.

The company will sell crops such as rice, legumes and vegetables to upscale restaurants and hotels in Madagascar and export vanilla, essential oils and spices. The goal of the venture is to provide workers with modern farming training and education for their children. Some of the crops will be for workers' own consumption.

Ndrianasy's proposal for her business, Ndriana Agro, stood out, but her focus on food reflects a broader interest on campus — and across the globe — in food, and recognition of its centrality to the human experience, its relationship to well-being and sustainability, and its overlap with broader social and economic issues.

In recent years, multiple entries in the contest have centered on food, from a proposal to expand the shipping of non-GMO seeds to people in need around the world to a winning kombucha business proposed by Graham Gilmore '18 in last year's competition.

Skidmore alumni have long pursued a range of innovative approaches to food, from offering local, sustainable products to tackling questions related to food insecurity. (See "Recipes for Success" for five alumni profiles.) That's no surprise, since Skidmore's curriculum fosters entrepreneurial thinking. Now, Skidmore's dining hall might be inspiring future food leaders, too.

Skidmore's Murray-Aikins Dining Hall embodies the spirit of Creative

Thought Matters. Renovated in 2008, the dining hall has stepped up its offerings of fresh, local and sustainable products. It even gets some of its produce from Skidmore's campus garden, which is student-run.

At the same time, it is continually updating its menu to reflect the needs and interests of its diners. This semester, it went tree-nut free in response to increasing challenges associated with food allergies. It continues to expand its offerings — from vegan fare to comfort food for international students — to respond to Skidmore's increasingly diverse community.

And, of course, there are the beloved theme nights. The annual Harvest Dinner showcases local ingredients, including some from the campus garden. Students helped develop the Chinese New Year Dinner menu. Harry Potter, Dr. Seuss and Game of Thrones dinners are popular among students, faculty, staff, students and even the broader Saratoga Springs community.

Sustainability is an essential part of the dining hall's mission. Student workers — supported by the Sustainability Office and Environmental Studies and Sciences Program — are collaborating on green food initiatives. The dining hall is equipped with solar panels and also diverts more than 10,000 pounds of food waste each month from landfills by composting. (Food is also the center of several student-run advocacy groups. Feedmore collects surplus food and donates it to a local food pantry; Challah for Hunger and FeelGood sell bread and grilled-cheese sandwiches, respectively, to raise money to fight world hunger.)

But the dining hall isn't just doing good things, it's serving great food. In January, Skidmore's Dining Services picked up its sixth consecutive gold medal for culinary excellence in an American Culinary Federation-



Previous page: Cathy Silber makes dumplings with Chinese-language students. Clockwise from top left: Jennifer Cholnoky teaches Mapping Food in Skidmore's Geographic Information System (GIS) Center; students prepare food in the test kitchen the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall as part of Shirley Smith's Green Italy course; Kibibi Kwakye Davis '22 tastes a cricket (shown in final image) as part of the course From Plot to Plate.

**“Academics, sustainability, student life and dining are all sort of melded together.”**

— MARK MILLER, DIRECTOR OF DINING SERVICES

sanctioned competition against 10 other colleges and universities.

Increasingly, the dining hall finds itself part of Skidmore's educational mission. Growing interest in the study of food means that its test kitchen regularly hosts courses. In the spring semester, Shirley Smith's Green Italy course prepared polenta and bruschetta, while Mao Chen and Cathy Silber made dumplings and a spicy-tofu dish with their Chinese-language students — just two of many similar events.

“Academics, sustainability, student life and dining are all sort of melded together. Food and the dining hall become an integral component of academic life. It all becomes one and the same experience,” noted Mark Miller, director of Dining Services.

Highlighting the overlap between dining and academics, Skidmore has hosted chefs-in-residence for the past two years. Culinary historian and author of “The Cooking Gene” Michael Twitty showed Dining Services staff a collard greens recipe and also explored questions of race, culture, food, faith and history in several campus talks, including a lunch at the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery.

The Tang also hosted a faculty-led exhibition on sugar, a foodstuff with a complex legacy for human history and health. (See “Sugar-coated” for more.) The Tang also hosted a lively panel with an artist, a sociologist and a farmer that ranged from discussions of race and agricultural subsidies to sustainability and well-being.

“Food has wound its way through empires and cultures. Food is also a way to teach about our history,” Twitty said. “Food isn't the end of the story; it's what the food tells us about us.”

Twitty's visit was also part of a flurry of activities on campus in the spring semester related to food. “The Food Project” was the theme of Skidmore's Science Literacy Program this semester. The program, established by historian Erica Bastress-Dukehart and mathematician Mark Hofmann, aims to boost understanding of and appreciation for the importance of science through

team-taught courses on themes ranging from the apocalypse to monsters.

“I learn so much from the students and my colleagues. It gives us all opportunities to find intersections and connections among a variety of disciplines and experiences that is like no other,” Jennifer Cholnoky of Skidmore's GIS Center said of the section she co-taught, called Mapping Food.

“We've crossed oceans, plotted positions, tracked the movement of food and people and explored questions inspired by history, math, mapping and art exhibition. It's a luxury and pleasure to learn with and from colleagues and students from across the disciplines,” added collaborator Jordana Dym, a historian.

That cross-disciplinary spirit is also at the heart of Skidmore's Center for Integrated Sciences, the largest academic project in Skidmore's history. The project will put 10 Skidmore science departments and programs under a single roof to foster dialogue between and among scientific disciplines, the humanities, arts and social sciences.

With four courses co-taught by 17 faculty members from disciplines ranging from English to theoretical physics, The Food Project exemplifies that creative spirit.

The What's for Dinner section — with professors Viviana Rangil, Anne Ernst, Joan Swanson, Caitlin Jorgensen and Ryan Overbey — considered the nutritional needs of developing children, environmental consequences of food production, the influence of religions like Buddhism on food choices, questions of cultural appreciation versus appropriation in our food choices, and lessons from indigenous women of the Americas.

Studying food “has driven me to think critically about an aspect of my life that is so habituated that it has been invisible for a long time,” said Harry Mooney '21. “I owe this class (Mapping Food) my thanks, for it has opened my eyes to all of the invisible hands that ladle the soup into my bowl.”

— James Helicke

# “I’ll never forget...”

Alums share their favorite Skidmore and Saratoga Springs food memories.



## Roma's

Last year I landed in Saratoga Springs to work on a new writing project, and it took me three days to step out of my lodgings. It had taken twenty years to return to this town, and a dread of being hit with unpredictable memories or painful nostalgia had been brewing. Finally, I put on sneakers and walked into the pale sun of a November morning.

The little city was the same and different, like a dream remembered hours after waking up. Wandering through streets, I must have looked lost because I kept stopping to gape at places like Sperry's and Wheatfields, (where we pretended to be adults), floored not just by their longevity but by how swiftly the sight of them unlocked the past — the smell of upstate snow and the feel of a long-lost vintage coat. Same with the Parting Glass, where I tried my first beers from Africa and India and Scotland. And Compton's! Instantly I could taste that 4 a.m. grilled cheese, and I felt all the other stuff too — the friendships, the puppy love, the rebellion, the excitement, of being 20, of being there, of talking and laughing with the beautiful, crazy people who sat around that table.

There was the sacred house in town where professor Barry Goldensohn served us homemade soup and Mrs. London's bread and June Jordan poems during workshop, feeding us wanna-be writers in a way that sustained me for decades.

I strolled past the ghostly horse track and remembered Siro's from the summer I stuck around — caviar and champagne on someone else's dime.

But it was Roma's — dear lovely Roma's — and its simple bologna-and-mayonnaise sandwich that got me. Because I had forgotten. And then I remembered. *I was just so happy here.*

— Jardine Libaire '95

*Libaire has published six novels, including “Here Kitty Kitty” and “White Fur.”*

### Butterfly buns

“When we took a break in the middle of morning long studio art classes in Clark Street Studios we would dash two blocks across campus to the snack bar in the basement of Fathers Hall salivating for a butterfly bun: a sweet Danish with gooey icing — sliced, buttered and butterflied open face down on the grill. The more butter the better.

—Izzy Maccracken Winn '67

### Doughboys

(now Oboys)

“A Sheldon Solomon creation ... nuff said.”

—Ian Selig '86



### Chicken Finger Friday

“I was having a really hard time at the beginning of my sophomore year and was somewhat considering leaving Skidmore. I was sitting in my window seat, crying and contemplating my life when a friendly lady from across the hall, who I didn't know that well, popped her head in and asked if I was OK. She managed to get my tears dried and brought me to the D-hall for Chicken Finger Friday. It was at that lunch that I met the ladies who are now my closest best friends to this day, 11 years later — all because of a really lovely caring person, and a Chicken Finger Friday lunch.”

—Sarah Holland '08

### Pope's pizza

“A mandatory late-night stop.”

—Matt Kavet '94



### Moore Hall dining hall

“Sunday mornings were a highlight as many of us would come down to breakfast in our PJs with the Sunday New York Times!”

—Nancy (Cohen) Kotz '84



### Subway on Broadway

“My senior year I lived in the apartment above it. I don't remember ever eating there, but our stairwell always smelled vaguely of cold cuts.”

—Sara Adelman Ring '97



# F O O D F U T U R E S

From the arts and the humanities to the natural and social sciences, Skidmore faculty are pursuing cutting-edge scholarship on the future of food. Four Skidmore faculty members — a philosopher, a sociologist, an environmental studies specialist and a physiological scientist — raise challenging questions and offer unique perspectives based on their own research.

## Is there hope for America's food system?

By John Brueggemann

**America's food system** is failing in various ways. Degradation of natural resources, unsound production practices of Big Agriculture and Big Food corporations, misleading marketing, corruption of scientific research, exploitation of labor, mistreatment of animals, food insecurity and unhealthy consumption patterns are all a part of the problem. Against this ugly backdrop, though, a formidable counterforce is gaining momentum.

The sustainable food movement includes people devoted to regenerative agriculture, sound production practices, food security and healthy consumption patterns. For five years, I have been interviewing and observing advocates for food justice, business owners, chefs, clergy, conservationists, consumers, educators, farmers, government officials, medical professionals, nonprofit managers and seed collectors. I have tried to learn as much as I could through conferences, government reports and secondary sources as well. And I have studied research from agricultural studies, economics, environmental studies, history, psychology and sociology.

As I began exploring this movement, I started with these questions: How did it all begin? To what extent do people think they are part of a movement? If so, why did they join it? What has it achieved? What are its future prospects? What risks or tradeoffs are in play?

During the process, along with some of the answers, I found vitality, inspiration and wonder. I came to understand the work of engaged sustainers as applied hope. They have an expansive commitment to neighborliness, a distinctive combination of respect for ancient traditions and pragmatic innovation, and a sense of reverence for the link between nature and humanity.

Together, they help repair the health of soil, grow nutrient-dense crops, distribute vital food, foster food sovereignty and protect natural resources on a large scale. Amidst all the anxiety, frustration and polarization of our culture, this is a story of clear-headed wisdom, ambition and persistence.

*John Brueggemann is a sociology professor and chair of the Sociology Department.*



## What does it mean to make responsible food choices?

By Erinn Gilson

**As a philosopher**, my orientation is to question what we think we know, interrogating our common assumptions and the implications they have for our everyday practices and habits.

People tend to make many assumptions about food and agriculture, including that certain foods are “good” or “healthy” and that consumers have the ability to choose the foods they eat and are individually responsible for these choices and their consequences. But are these assumptions well-founded? What implications do they have?

When we recognize that food and agriculture are complex ecological, social-cultural, economic and political systems, then our ways of thinking about concepts like choice and responsibility need to become more complex as well. When we recognize that food and agricultural systems are sites of many injustices — for farmers and workers, the environment, animals and eaters in general — and have a significant impact on pressing problems like global climate change, we have to move beyond notions of individual choice and responsibility.

My research argues that focusing on individual choice and responsibility actually inhibits efforts to effect change and prevents us from addressing these injustices. If we each simply make our own choices and bear the consequences of them alone, then no one is responsible for the circumstances, the complex systems that are the backdrop for those choices. The injustices that pervade those systems, constraining people's choices, go unaddressed. As participants in the systems through which food is produced, distributed, prepared and consumed, however, we have a responsibility to work together to transform them.

So, we need better ways to think about taking responsibility for the problems we face. One alternative is to think about taking responsibility not merely for individual choices but for the relationships with others that one has in virtue of being an eater: How can we live so as to improve the quality of these relationships with workers, farmers, animals and the natural world?

*Erinn Gilson is an associate professor of philosophy.*







## Can Muslims eat genetically modified foods?

By Nurcan Atalan-Helicke

**Genetically modified crops** have been commercially available since 1996, but discussions about genetically engineered food in the Muslim world are comparatively new. Because of the lack of or novelty of biosafety laws, few members of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation are engaged in genetically modified agriculture.

Only two countries allow cultivation of genetically modified crops — Pakistan and Sudan. Two — Egypt and Indonesia — stopped cultivating such crops. Two — Turkey and Malaysia — are importing genetically modified crops as animal feed, and two countries — Egypt and Malaysia — have or are in the process of producing their own genetically modified crops. Yet, almost every Muslim majority country in the world allows genetically modified food ingredients with or without the need for labeling.

Around 1.8 billion Muslim consumers worldwide are becoming more conscious of what they eat and consume, and they look for food and services that are halal, an Arabic word meaning “lawful” or “permitted” according to Islamic principles. Diverse halal practices among Muslim consumers, fragmented halal markets and the complexity of the food system render interpretation of certain issues and practices, such as genetically modified food, difficult.

Through qualitative fieldwork in Turkey, I examine the genetically modified food debates from multiple angles. Although various bodies of Islamic scholars declared that basic genetic modification in food is halal, and there is no legal objection to the use of gene modification in agriculture, there is a diversity of opinion among Muslim countries and among halal certification agencies within countries about the halal status of genetically modified food. Economic interests of different countries and their integration into both genetic modification markets and halal markets raises questions about whose voice should be authoritative in declaring the halal status of genetically modified crops.

My current project discusses the tensions from the perspective of consumers. I work with secular and devout Muslim mothers who are asked by the state, religious and secular organizations and businesses to feed their children clean and healthy food. Like consumers in North America and Europe, Muslim consumers are burdened by bearing the responsibility to choose the right kind of food while there is no labeling requirement or standards imposed on the industry. Similarly, consumers have difficulty negotiating their religious and ethical values when markets provide them with halal or organic certified products at higher premiums that challenge their household budgets. These tensions are more evident for consumers who define clean and healthy food in an eco-friendly framework and demand both halal and organic practices in the production and processing of their food. The concerns of consumers reflect a broader issue of trust in the agri-food system and how we envision our food futures.

*Nurcan Atalan-Helicke is an associate professor of environmental studies and sciences.*



## Can the food you eat promote chronic diseases?

By T.H. Reynolds

**My laboratory studies** the negative health effects of eating a “Western” diet that contains high levels of saturated fats and refined sugars. Using a pre-clinical mouse model, we induce obesity and type 2 diabetes by feeding mice a diet high in fat and sugar. With approximately eight weeks of a high-fat and high-sugar diet, mice gain significant amounts of body weight, their fat tissue expands and enters into a pro-inflammatory state and they become insulin resistant, sort of a pre-diabetes condition. These physiological changes closely mirror the slow but persistent weight gain that occurs in humans as they age and become less active and eat foods loaded with calories from fat and simple sugars.

A few years ago, a student working in my lab, Jon Brestoff-Parker '08, a current Board of Trustees member, designed a study to determine whether an experimental antioxidant treatment could stave off the insulin resistance that occurs when mice are fed a diet high in fat and sugar. As typically occurs in even the best-designed scientific experiments, the results are seldom what you expect and are many times difficult to explain. Much to our surprise, the mice on the high-fat, high-sucrose diet that received the antioxidant supplement not only showed improvement in how their insulin worked but also gained less weight than their peers that did not receive the treatment. Further, the treated mice had less inflammation in their fat tissue than the untreated mice. We were hopeful the antioxidant would lower damaging reactive oxygen molecules and improve insulin action, but we never envisioned the mice losing dramatic levels of body fat.

One must be careful when generalizing results from studies in mice to humans, but our findings, nonetheless, suggest that increasing the consumption of foods that contain high levels of antioxidants might promote weight loss and improve insulin sensitivity.

Current research is examining how the ketogenic diet might facilitate weight loss. The ketogenic diet is low in carbohydrates, forcing the body to metabolize fat for energy and producing ketones as a byproduct. Ally Dalton, a senior human physiological sciences major, is testing whether ketones turn on the expression of antioxidant genes by activating the body’s ketone receptor, called HCAR2 (hydroxycarboxylic acid receptor 2). In other words, rather than consuming more foods rich in antioxidants or taking an antioxidant supplement, she is trying to determine whether our cells turn on HCAR2 to make more antioxidants when a ketogenic diet is consumed and whether this response plays a role in weight loss. Hopefully, Ally will know the answer to these questions before she graduates in May.

*T.H. Reynolds is a professor and chair of the Health and Human Physiological Sciences Department.*



# RECIPES FOR SUCCESS

Skidmore alumni are bringing creative thought to careers that center on food, from crafting artisanal ice cream to devising solutions to food insecurity. Here are five alumni who are using a liberal arts education to serve up innovative approaches to dairy, dining and data.

## Farm fresh

**How Seth McEachron '04 joined the local food movement and started producing top-rated milk in New York state**

**Growing up on a dairy farm** in Salem, New York, Seth McEachron '04 could have felt a lot of pressure to take over the family business someday. His family had been dairy farmers in the area for nearly a century, after all.

But he and his father made a plan for McEachron's future: Go to college to study something other than agriculture, then take four years to try something different before deciding whether he was interested in the farm.

McEachron chose Skidmore College because he could get a broad liberal arts education and study business. Also, his sister, Sarah McEachron '01, was already an education student at Skidmore. The business and economics courses he took at the College inspired him.

"My business classes led me to want to be an entrepreneur and got me excited about seeing what we could do to improve our farm, make it more sustainable and bring a great product to local people," McEachron says.

He was so eager to get started, he didn't finish the four-years-off-the-farm plan post-college. After a stint working for agricultural financial services company Farm Credit East, he partnered with his father, Don, in 2006 to start planning and implementing some fresh ideas on the farm.

First up: Bottling their own milk so they could offer a single-source, 100 percent traceable and local product. It's an idea they had started discussing while McEachron was still at Skidmore, but the timing wasn't right. By 2006, with the local food movement picking up, they were ready to take the leap and wanted to be the first dairy farmers in the area to do it.

"We were lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time, when people wanted to support local farms and get a high-quality product they enjoyed," McEachron says.

In 2008, Battenkill Valley Creamery was up and running, with milk going from cow to bottle and on a truck for delivery within eight hours, resulting in a fresher product. Because the milk is separated cold rather than hot — and the whole milk is 4 percent instead of the standard 3.25 percent milk fat — it's especially flavorful and creamy, too. Battenkill's milk has twice been rated No. 1 Highest Quality Milk in the state by Cornell University's Department of Food. And more than 1,000 high-end coffee shops and restaurants, such as Michelin-star restaurants like Per Se and Jean-Georges in New York City, use Battenkill's milk, cream and half-and-half.

Battenkill does its own distribution, too, keeping it mostly local. Other than business deliveries to New York City and some home deliveries in

Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, New Jersey and Long Island, they don't stray far from the Northway, mostly delivering to stores and restaurants from the Albany area to north of Lake George. They also offer home delivery in Saratoga Springs.

In 2009, the company started producing ice cream and opened an ice cream parlor at their Creamery Store in Salem as a way to draw the public to the farm. And they've continued to innovate, collaborating recently with Kru Coffee on a popular cold brew latte. Battenkill provides the milk and bottles the drink.

The Creamery has grown to meet demand — it produced 600 gallons of milk a week when it opened in 2008 and now produces 52,000 gallons a week — but hasn't faced the same pressure most smaller dairy farms do.

"We're lucky because we bottle our own milk," McEachron says. "We set our own milk prices and we're cutting out the middle man." While McEachron says he can't predict the future of farming, he anticipates more consolidation.

"Business in general is survival of the fittest," he says.

And he continues to draw upon the lessons he learned at Skidmore.

"You've got to be creative — come up with different ways of doing something, or a new product, or try to figure out how to make your product differentiated," he says. "All of that is important with Creative Thought Matters." — *Lisa Haney*



Kyle R. M. Johnson

# Hungry for change

How Ginger Zielinskie '00 tackles food insecurity and poverty through critical thinking and creative solutions

**Food. It fuels us,** brings us together with friends and family and keeps us healthy.

But without food, “we struggle,” says Ginger Zielinskie '00, president and CEO of Benefits Data Trust (BDT), a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that uses private-sector strategies to help tens of thousands of individuals access public benefits.

That innovative approach is what caught Zielinskie's attention over 13 years ago. The Skidmore business major and sociology minor had always been drawn to service but was also in love with efficiency. Enter BDT. The organization uses data and technology to design proactive solutions that connect people in need to essential benefits and services such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In addition to developing solutions, they also provide direct service, conduct research and partner with others to enact policy and process change.

For Zielinskie, “preventing hunger is a moral imperative.” But she's quick to point out that there's also a strong economic case for helping vulnerable Americans, and it all comes down to the data.

BDT found that access to SNAP significantly improves low-income seniors' chance of living independently and avoiding hospitalizations while reducing Medicare and Medicaid costs. Ultimately, targeted SNAP outreach and enrollment assistance reduces annual health-care costs by more than \$2,100 per senior. It's just one example of how investing in anti-hunger programs is an “upstream investment” for seniors, children and families, Zielinskie says.

## “Preventing hunger is a moral imperative.”

“It's important that we continue to ask, ‘How do we make the right fundamental investments so that people can reach their full potential?’ ” she says.

Zielinskie credits her Skidmore education for helping her think critically. “From freshman year, Skidmore taught me to build connections and to really

think about the interconnectedness of it all.”

That holistic approach informs her perspective today.

“Hunger does not operate in a vacuum — and it can't be solved in one. In order to truly alleviate hunger in this country, individuals and families need to be served comprehensively and the systems that serve them must become integrated,” she says.

And lest you think data, systems and policy are unlikely companions of creative thought, Zielinskie disagrees.

“They absolutely mix,” she says. “At BDT, we spend a lot of time talking about how we can foster curiosity. Data provides this amazing resource to ask the right questions. The willingness to make and explore connections can open a whole new way of thinking about a stubborn problem like hunger. We need new ways to tackle it because it's something we're still faced with.”

Thanks to Zielinskie's leadership and ability to see the big picture, The Rockefeller Foundation and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative recently announced that BDT was selected to receive a \$1 million grant via the Communities Thrive Challenge, a \$10 million effort to expand economic opportunity for low-income and financially insecure people and communities across the country. BDT was one of only 10 grantees selected because of its



demonstrated success and potential for future impact.

Tackling poverty and food insecurity on a daily basis comes with major successes, like the grant, as well as ongoing challenges, but at the end of the day, it inspires Zielinskie.

“This is a dynamic time to celebrate the value of food. We're seeing a shift to a 'food is health' paradigm and that's exciting. But we also need to challenge our collective conscientiousness. We can't just think about what the next farm-to-table restaurant is going to be, we have to consider how we can invite everyone to that table. When the harvest is open to everyone, it's all the more plentiful.” — Sara Miga



## Scoop dreams

**How Ben Van Leeuwen '07 launched an artisanal ice cream company on creative thought and exceptional ingredients**

**It was April of his senior year** and Ben Van Leeuwen '07 was in Manhattan interviewing for a job he wasn't sure he wanted. Then, he spotted a Mister Softee ice cream truck.

"I'm finishing college and I need to do something with my life," he recalls thinking. "Why don't I do an ice cream truck in New York City, but serve ice cream made with amazing ingredients?"

"I was obsessed with the idea from that moment on," Van Leeuwen says.

After earning his bachelor's degree in management and business, he recruited Laura O'Neill, his girlfriend at the time, and his brother Pete to move to Greenpoint, Brooklyn, with him and start working on a business plan.

Van Leeuwen knew a lot about ice cream trucks — he had driven a Good Humor truck for two summers during college — but nothing about making ice cream. He picked up a cookbook, "Bouchon" by celebrated chef Thomas Keller, and churned out a batch of vanilla ice cream from scratch for the first time.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, this is incredible — homemade ice cream is so good,'" Van Leeuwen says. "It has a lot more egg yolks, whole vanilla beans rather than just extract, and no stabilizers. Some brands are doing some of those things, but we said, 'Let's do all of those things.'"

With \$60,000 from family and friends, the trio launched Van Leeuwen Artisanal Ice Cream in spring 2008 out of a buttery yellow truck on the streets of New York City.

Initially they were ice cream purists, making only elegant,

simple flavors like Honeycomb and Earl Grey Tea. The ingredients they used included cinnamon grown on a bio-dynamic farm in Costa Rica and wild licorice from the Himalayas, "which wasn't a good flavor, actually," Van Leeuwen says.

A few years in, they realized customers were clamoring for chunks of cakes and cookies. "So we thought, 'Let's do that in the Van Leeuwen way ... in-house with the best possible ingredients,'" Van Leeuwen says. They built a bakery, using half of their total production space, where they make the add-ins with extraordinary care.

With the same focus on quality, the team also developed vegan ice cream, experimenting with luscious plant-based fats like coconut and cocoa butter until they found the perfect taste and texture. The product now constitutes 35 percent of their sales, with the Cookie Crumble Strawberry Jam flavor being the fan favorite.

"The way we do anything — whether it's operationally or marketing or product or finance — is always trying to be better," Van Leeuwen says.

The company received their first round of venture-capital financing last year and used the cash infusion to expand wholesale distribution to nearly every state, add to their management team and open new scoop shops. Their pints can be found at Whole Foods and other grocery chains, and they'll have 22 scoop shops by this summer in New York, New Jersey and Los Angeles.

Van Leeuwen says an entrepreneurship course he loved at Skidmore helped prepare him for launching his business — and growing it. In just 11 years, he's gone from making ice cream in his kitchen to opening one of his latest shops in Manhattan's trendy new Hudson Yards luxury retail complex — also home to a Bouchon Bakery. He even met chef Keller at a launch event.

"I was really excited," Van Leeuwen says. "I told him, 'The first ice cream I ever made was out of your book!'" — *Lisa Haney*

# All on the table

**How Kenneth Zankel '82 built a successful restaurant brand by letting his personality shine through**

**A pastry dome half the size** of the chef's toque floats across the room and is delivered to a hungry diner with a theatrical flourish. Those who didn't order it turn to ask, "What is that?"

It's a chicken pot pie and it embodies the "American comfort food, elevated" ethos of The Grove, a set of four San Francisco-based restaurants run and co-owned by Kenneth Zankel '82 and his wife, Anna Veyna Zankel.

The first Grove opened in 1999 and Zankel admits, "There was never supposed to be more than one." Instead of building a prototype and then replicating it, the restaurants evolved to complement the neighborhoods they inhabited.

Zankel likens the expansion to a growing family.

"It became, 'Let's have a family where they're all siblings. One is the downtown type, one is the more artsy type; they have similarities, and you can recognize them as a member of the family, but ideally, you'd want to meet each one.'"

And while many restaurants set out to cater to the latest trends in dining, the Zankels have taken a different, more considerate approach. With each location, the couple asked themselves, "What do we love to eat? What kind of music do we like to listen to? What environment do we like to be in? What kind of hospitality would we like to be treated to?"

They describe the end product as "a mosaic of the things we love." For Zankel, "it's so important for the restaurant to embody the personality of its owners ... to represent the things that you want to celebrate."

Zankel's personality particularly shines through in The Grove's extensive and deeply personal soundtrack, which runs the gamut from an unreleased Bono acoustic to a Billie Holiday performance. A self-described "music nut," he's curated about 8,000 songs for specialized playlists. In fact, if someone wanted to dine at The Grove from open to close for 31 days in a row, they'd never hear the same song twice.

It's no surprise then that The Examiner San Francisco once wrote of The Grove, "Not just a restaurant, but something much more personal." So how did a fourth-generation New Yorker and business major from Skidmore end up on the West Coast as a restaurateur? "I certainly never imagined restaurants, but what I got at Skidmore was a really broad exposure to lots of subjects and I knew I wanted to do something on my own," explains Zankel.

"Right after graduation I played guitar gigs out on Martha's Vineyard,"



he recalls fondly. He then went to work at Harvard Management Company. There, he was exposed to entrepreneurs and "got the bug." He continued on to Columbia University for his Master of Business Administration and eventually followed a job with Visa to California. "They wanted to create a restaurant marketing program for the U.S. I met all these restaurateurs and at a certain point I realized, 'This is me, waiting to be.'"

Looking back, Zankel acknowledges, "Skidmore shaped everything for me. The smaller class sizes, the amazing professors that really cared. It really was the foundation for anything good that came after."

He recalls being tasked with Harvard Business School cases in one of his courses as a particularly invaluable experience for his career. "Those were amazing. You had to make choices, you didn't have enough time and resources, but you had to make the best-informed decision. That's what I do today, every day."

Zankel will be the first to admit that the restaurant industry isn't glamorous. He's clear: "If you want to survive, you better know business." The Grove was "fast casual" before the term existed, but Zankel is acutely aware that the dining landscape is ever-changing.

So how does Zankel keep The Grove one step ahead in an evolving environment? Put simply, by pairing the right people with the right work.

"As someone who now makes hiring decisions, I'm far more impressed with a liberal arts degree," he says. "The rest of it can be taught, but to know how to analyze and ask good and telling questions is really valuable."

— Sara Miga



# Family style

**How Susan Law Dake '71 and the Stewart's Foundation help nourish upstate communities**

**“You’re a true Saratogian** after you’ve made your first Stewart’s run.” That’s what one current Skidmore student wrote in a recent review of the top coffee shops in town.

In addition to the 55 Stewart’s Shops in Saratoga County, there are nearly 300 throughout the other small villages and towns of upstate New York. The store serves as a diner, a pizza place, an ice cream parlor and a café for local communities.

The particularly welcoming atmosphere is no doubt a result of it being a family-run business. And perhaps no one is more directly tied to the sense of community that Stewart’s is committed to cultivating than Susan Law Dake '71, president of the Stewart’s Foundation.

A drama (theater) major, Dake earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Skidmore. She recalls, “The B.S. majors at Skidmore were hands-on. Lucy Scribner was interested in a practical education for women and the B.S. majors were a reflection of her vision.”

She says acting and directing as a student shaped her career and the work she does every day. “They provided me with the skills to communicate effectively, to put together projects and provide leadership.”

This year, Stewart’s Shops and related family foundations will donate an impressive \$7.5 million to local charities. Dake oversees the allocation of these funds to hundreds of nonprofit organizations in the communities in which Stewart’s Shops are located. She also founded the Holiday Match Program in which Stewart’s matches all customer donations made in shops between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In 2018, the program set a new record: \$2 million for children’s organizations.

Stewart’s is clear about how and why the foundation operates as it does. “Communities support us, so we support them,” Dake says. “We truly believe in giving back.”

The Foundation and the Dake family have also supported Skidmore. Thanks to a generous grant, Skidmore will once again host the Stewart’s Signature Series this summer — premier events that bring top names in jazz, dance, radio and theater to Skidmore stages. For Dake, the series reinforces Skidmore as a cultural resource for the entire community.

The most rewarding part of Dake’s job is, not surprisingly, “helping nonprofits achieve their goals with financial support.” But she also goes above and beyond that, sitting on several boards and “offering advice on how to raise money, increase their

**“Communities support us, so we support them.”**



visibility and fine-tune their vision.”

Stewart’s makes and distributes 75 percent of the products they sell. Sure, you can pop in to grab a gallon of milk produced by one of 30 local, family-run farms, but you can also sit down in a booth to eat. For those in the mood for a meal, there’s macaroni and cheese or jambalaya, among other dishes, straight from the Stewart’s Kitchen.

Named 2019’s “Best Coffee Shop” by Capital Region Living Magazine and “Best of the Best” in the “Place to get a Frozen Treat” category by the Times Union, it’s likely you’ll find families enjoying an ice cream sundae on a weekend or co-workers sharing a cup of joe after work.

When she’s not out and about making the community a better place for upstate residents and families, you might catch Dake enjoying one of Stewart’s famous, award-winning ice cream cones. “It’s my favorite product, of course,” she says. “I love chocolate peanut butter cup, but also mint cookie crumble!”

On that note ... anyone want to make a Stewart’s run? — Sara Miga

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**'43** I received such a lovely surprise from Skids Scribner. I love my little Skidmore horse and the Skidmore mug he arrived in (along with a packet of cocoa). I had a great time at reunion last spring. Although I wished I could have shared it with a few '43ers, the '48ers and staff made for cozy company.

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**'44** Our 75th reunion is right around the corner. I hope you can join us on campus May 30 to June 2. Remember, you don't have to worry about getting around campus: Students in golf carts will be at your service. Folks with mobility issues can also make special housing and other arrangements. Just call the Alumni Office at 518-580-5610. Of course, you can always call me to get more information about activities and classmates who plan to attend.

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**'47** I had a nice call from Sis Eastburn Wells from South Carolina. She just celebrated her 93rd birthday. Other than a few aches and pains, all is well. Happily, the most recent hurricane did not do major damage to her community. Sis' four kids have given her 11 grands and 19 great-grands! Virginia Miller Lyon has 18!

I chatted with Ginny Herzog Hein, who has moved to a new apartment in the same building.

My second good call was to "Moo" Halsey Small in Maine. She is also well and often sees sister-in-law Mari

Mahler Halsey, who lives nearby. "Moo" loves her ocean view location.

I enjoyed phone chats with several classmates. Judy Geller Berkley sounded great and lives next door to her daughter.

Phyl Hoffman Clark was busy planning for a number of events, including her granddaughter's October wedding in Skaneateles, N.Y. The couple are living in Germany.

Phyl stays in touch with Jan Bassett Gretzler, who lives in the Village of Florida, but says she's never played golf. Golf champion Nancy Lopez started that community a few years back. Jan will celebrate her 94th birthday in April. Is anyone older? It was so hot last summer that I didn't want to try golf until well into fall.

Polly Deppen Whedon just celebrated her 92nd birthday! She and Bill are fine, enjoying life in their retirement community.

I had my 92nd birthday and called Jan Lauer, who at 92 is the "baby" among us. Skidmore's Joe Porter told me there are 58 of us, so let's figure out who is our most senior member! My big news is that I moved; I sold the condo in Encinitas and am renting in Calabasas until I can make another decision. It's nice here, but I miss my bridge clubs, golf groups and volunteering. I got together with Bev Beatson Grossman '58, a fellow Skidmore volunteer, last spring. Bev had just returned from reunion. In April, we visit with Virginia Miller Lyon in Green Valley, Ariz. Virginia is doing nicely despite having bad eyesight. She gets help from a caregiver. Please note my new phone number, 760-815-7975. I hope you girls will call me!

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**'48** How great it was to get together at our 70th reunion.

Sue Strauss Kraus is well and active.

A bridge player, she lives alone in her home in a gated golf community, whose residents "keep getting younger every day." Sue's husband Steve is "playing gin with the angels"; it's been seven years since he died. Two of Sue's sons are finance professionals. Her daughter lives in New Hampshire. Sue has four grands and a great-grandson, Silas. She did not attend reunion due to poor hearing.

Get your computers out and write a lengthy letter! MJ Baker Macartney texted me just to say what fun the reunion was. In another text, she was going to upstate New York. MJ is looking forward now to our next reunion! Although all her high school friends are gone, MJ says her Skidmore gals are still corresponding and "reuning." It must have been all that good food!

Phyllis Magill Levy broke her leg last year. Happily, she has recovered nicely. She's grateful for the two families living nearby who "wine, dine and check up on me."

Ann Crooks Seitzer and Dick finally decided assisted living was just the thing last year. They are still living near their old home in Melbourne, Fla.

As for me, life in Dallas is great. My daughter and younger son live here,

as do my three granddaughters. One granddaughter accompanied me to reunion and had a blast.

In the fall, I received Skidmore pencils, pens and a bumper sticker from Class Notes editor Mary Monigan. Then, right before the holidays, I received a gift from "Skids Scribner," a four-legged munchkin sitting in a Skidmore mug with a bag of cocoa mix. Is that cute or what? Let's stay in touch.

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**'49** We hope you will join us on campus for our 70th reunion May 31 to June 3. Remember, students in golf carts are at the ready to take you anywhere you want to go. See you in Saratoga!

In October 2018, 85 family members and friends gathered to celebrate my 90th birthday. My son, Dean, filmed the whole amazing affair; you can even watch it on YouTube!

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**'51** I would like to thank Pat Grummon Clegg for her service as class correspondent. She passed



From left, Bernice Warr Williams '48, Elouise Kenworthy Spelbrink '48, Mary Jane Baker Macartney '48 and Patricia Malmar Almond '48 reminisce. At Skidmore, they were nicknamed the Libbey House Gang.

the baton on to me, **Pat Bryant Koedding**. We wish her the best.

A year has passed since **Barbara Freedman Wolfson's** shoulder replacement surgery. She recommends it for others suffering with arthritis. Bobbi was recognized by her community dispute resolution center for her 35 years of service as a volunteer mediator. She is going strong.

**Anne Schaaff Wadhams** and husband Charlie celebrated 65 years of marriage in September 2018. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The Wadhams stay busy in their retirement community and spending time with family.

**Margaret "Lin" Coughlin Powell** had a long chat with **Anne "Hardy" Hardman Allen**. They reminisced about the good times at college and the trip they took to Europe after graduation. Lin reports that all is well with Hardy and herself!

**Ina Spelke Schnell** lives at Plymouth Harbor in Sarasota, Fla. She says it is an active community of seniors. "It's a great place to retire, as there is an excellent arts program here," Ina reports.

**Sally Harrison Dickinson** has written a book, "The Missing Links to the Igor Sikorsky Story." The project began when she and her husband discovered that his uncle played a big part in Sikorsky getting started in America in the 1920s. For more information, visit [missinglinkssikorsky.com](http://missinglinkssikorsky.com).

**Caroline "Carrie" Boyce Southworth** passed along the sad news that husband Burnett died in July 2018 after a stroke. The couple's son Paul died in 2011, so Carrie has no children or grandchildren. She keeps busy with her church and volunteers at a hospital.

Pat and **Ann Hammel Kahl** are fast "pen pals." Ann enjoys doing wedding invitations in calligraphy. A talented cartoonist, she has a new

art exhibit at a local gallery, One Senior Place. Ann continues to work out daily. Although her road racing career is over, she continues coaching older women runners.

**Richard Hills** and wife Rose have been married for 66 years and are in good health. They spend six months in sunny Florida and the rest at their cottage in Jordan, N.Y. The couple have six children, 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren (with three on the way). A granddaughter runs an orphanage in Haiti with her husband. Their four children are missionaries there, too. Richard and Rose are retired teachers.

Barbara DeSantis, wife of the late **Carl R. DeSantis Sr.**, died April 9, 2018. Barbara and Carl were married for 65 years. We send our sympathy to their family.

We lost three classmates last year: **Mary Greene Sabey**, **Betty Hانشew Schenck** and **Mary Burroughs Small**. The class sends condolences to their families.

As for me, my grandson, Bryant Koedding, earned a master's in sports business from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla. A third great-granddaughter is expected in March.

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**'52 Lenny Perskie Holland** travels the country visiting her family. Daughter, **Judy '80**, a grandson and his wife live in California, and a granddaughter and her family are in Colorado. Lenny and her husband reside on Long Island.

**Dawn Rylander Spitz** and Eric sold their home on Cape Cod and moved to Somers, N.Y., to be nearer to family. The couple winter in Florida and engage their many musical talents. As class president, Dawn looks forward to our 70th reunion in 2022!

**Marcia Hilfrank Forrest** and George are still living in North Hampton, N.H.

Marcia is an avid knitter and belongs to the same knitting group as my sister.

**Sallie Walstrum Bailey** finds it hard to believe that her children are retiring from their jobs. Sallie has many "stills" in her life; a beautiful home in Leisure World, Mesa, Ariz.; playing bridge, Mah Jong and golf; morning laps in the pool; and church activities.

**Beatrice Kee** traveled to the Chinese American Historical Museum in San Jose, Calif., for a history lesson involving her father, WWII hero Sing Kee. There she saw the three medals awarded to him. Sing Kee was the first Asian American to earn the Distinguished Service Cross. She also attended a panel discussion on him. This was the highlight of Bea's year.

I spoke with **Margaret McConnell Hinrichs**. Peggy is enjoying her winter in Vero Beach, Fla., but loves being closer to her family in Glenwynn, Pa., the rest of the year. She has many friends who are also widows and provide support. Peggy is looking forward to a vacation in Mexico with her family. Painting with acrylics is a favorite pastime, and she enjoys her classes at the Vero Beach Museum of Art.

Our extended family gathered to celebrate Christmas Eve in the Swedish tradition last year. We enjoyed a Christmas Day at another daughter's home. Bill and I feel so blessed that we all have a wonderful time together.

**Barbara Bower** wrote to pass along the sad news that our dear friend **Andrea Griffin Kepler** recently died. We also mourn the loss of other classmates. **Madeline Scheuer Selden** died Feb. 27; **Ann Morrissey Harrison** on March 2; **Nancy Dalton Rogal** on April 20; **JoAnne Brown Hahn** on July 3; and **Barbara Brigham Posey** on Aug. 5. We send our sympathies. They will be missed.

Please call, write or email me your news. We all want to keep in touch!

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**'53 Grace Ackerknecht Harrigan** last year attended the weddings of three grandchildren, one close to home in Dataw Island, S.C., another in Nantucket and a third in Fredericksburg, Va. This year, she will attend the college graduations of three other grandchildren. Grace has one great-grandchild and another is on the way. She also made a pilgrimage to Israel.

**Abigail McKay** and Charlie are in Florida again for six months. Abigail's cousin **Anne Schaaff Wadhams '51** lives in California; her sister, **Jean Meenan '54** died July 19, 2016. The family is well, reports Abigail, adding she and Charlie are "living the dream." She still paints and exhibits in Florida and Saranac Lake, N.Y.

**Carol Morgan Knapp's** work is included in The Gallery in the Woods at Riverwoods CCRC in Exeter, N.H., where she resides.

At 86, **Sally Wineck Hollman** suffered a fractured hip last October, but extensive therapy has helped her recover. Sally is proud of her six grandchildren: Ali works at a children's hospital. Joe and KC are pursuing doctorates. Sam is studying for an MBA, and Max works for HBO. Recent university grad Joshua works for Teach America.

Floridian **Barbara Fournier Gary-Campus** moved from Clearwater to her new home in Largo.

**Norma "Billie" Fisher** is still playing golf and walking each morning, but admits to collapsing in the afternoon. Billie had a great time at reunion with 15 of us. She plans a voyage to Norway in June. She hopes all you '53ers are well.

**Pat Fry Lee** and Pete spent Christmas in Pittsburgh, where great-grandson Michael, who was born premature, was thriving after months in the hospital. The couple's active life is slowing; Pat now uses a scooter. Pete is mobile, but is having short-term memory issues. "We'll just have to help each other through



these golden years,” quips Pat.

**Bobbie Fee Dickason** is happy at Wake Robin, the CCRC in Shelburne, Vt., where she is near family.

After a year of broken bones, **Barbara Mindel** sold her home and moved to an apartment near Vassar College. Barbara loves the change and reads to seniors, teaches a memoir class and writes. She plays bridge and enjoys cooking, baking and reading. She welcomes email at [barbaramindel@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaramindel@hotmail.com).

**Betsy Singer Gluck** and Gene are looking forward to returning to campus this spring for the graduation of grandson **Joshua Gluck '19**.

I am saddened that we lost several classmates. **Millicent “Miki” Rade-maker Buie** died Dec. 4, 2018, following a stroke. Her son observed, “Mom spoke of her memories and friendships from Skidmore with such fondness and was very proud of her nursing education.”

**Carolyn Roberts Breckenridge's** daughter, Karen, informed us of her mother's passing on Dec. 1, 2018, after a bout with liver cancer.

We lost WWII veteran **Arthur Benway**, who returned from combat in Europe to join us, on June 21, 2018, at the age of 94. He had suffered with Parkinson's and dementia. Arthur enjoyed his two years at Skidmore, where his love for literature flourished. Our thoughts are with his son Arthur, daughter Melissa Monahan and a granddaughter. Arthur is interred at Saratoga National Veterans Cemetery.

Our spirited class “cheerleader,” **Norma Morse Edelman**, died Sept. 28, 2018. We will all smile when we think of her enthusiastic nature and bigger-than-life persona. We extend condolences to her son David, daughter Rebecca Edelman and sister Linda Morse.

**Joan Morace Tennille** died Feb. 8, and **Sally Shirk Kelley** left us Aug.

9, 2015. We send our sympathies to their families.

As for your class correspondent, our family (five from London, four from Vermont and three from New Jersey) shared a wonderful post-Christmas vacation this year. We spent a week in the Sian Ka'an Reserve, just south of Tulum in Mexico's Yucatan. We had great fun on an adventure we will always remember!

Reunion was truly heartwarming for the 15 of us (and three husbands) who attended. Some traveled long distances, others with considerable physical effort, and we warmly remembered those who could not be there. The wonderful, joyful spirit of the Class of 1953 is very alive!

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It won't be long before we celebrate our 65th Skidmore reunion, May 30 to June 2. We would love a big turnout. Join us for all the fun!

**Elizabeth Clark Schramel** had a hard winter in the Sierra Nevada. The devastating “Camp Fire” spread up the Feather River canyon to within 50 miles of her Indian Valley home.

**Anne Rayner Korjef's** Cape Cod contingent was joined by family from California and Maine for a delightful holiday this winter. She and her husband are the grandparents of **Parker Mumford '23**, a Skidmore freshman.

**Lilli Brunner Kalmenson** and her family consider themselves fortunate they were not directly impacted by last year's California floods.

**Emily Whitlock Moore** is still on the farm and, happily, did not experience flooding or much snow last year. She had a good summer and mild winter. She still walks a mile a day and enjoyed a trip with her kids to Disney World. She stays in touch with a classmate who is still working at Mass General.

**Marcia Weeks Clayton** enjoys her life in Brunswick, Maine, where she plays bridge, serves on a library committee and belongs to a book club and writers group. Lectures at nearby Bowdoin College and the local symphony round out her pastimes. Marcia has two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter (who married last summer). She often visits her daughter in Bath and fellow Brunswick resident **Joan Hall Hardy '54**.

**Joanne Ewig McCallum** had an unusual year in Southern California, which was ravaged by big fires and then rainstorms. She feels lucky that her children live nearby and she can watch her grandchildren grow. She and Bruce have many friends in their lovely retirement community.

**Marti Parkes Kimmich** enjoys her wonderful senior living facility overlooking Oakland's Lake Merritt in California. She is delighted with the great residents and staff. Although no longer driving, Marty is OK with slowing down.

**Nancy Cooke Luce** and her husband have been residents at the Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, N.C., for almost two years. Daughter Becky lives nearby. The couple truly enjoys their small villa with patio.

**Ann “Balli” Ballinger Wilcox** and Bruce moved to a new retirement community in February that is close to family in West Chester, Pa. She is excited about our 65th reunion.

**Addie Warner Minott** and husband Addison still enjoy one another's company after 65 years. They love their 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. They had a family gathering of 24 at Thanksgiving. Addie is looking forward to our 65th this year at Skidmore.

**Sandy Strouse Gaylord** and Tom enjoy Edwards, Colo. She fell and fractured her hip the previous year and was leery about getting back on the slopes. However, Sandy managed to ski the mountains this past year. She insists on skiing until she is 90!

**Sue Lindemann Staropoli** has had a busy year. A granddaughter was married in April in Maui. Another granddaughter is starting college. A grandson Mathew will start med school, while the couple's son, Michael, sold his law office and moved his practice to his home. The whole family gathered for the holidays. Sue does lots of volunteering.

**Roslyn Newman Wolin** and her neighbors were evacuated during the Woolsey Fire, which spread to her town of Westlake Village, Calif. She is the proud grandmother of C.J., 3, and Reilly, 6 months, who live in Sandwich, Mass.

**Connie Kellert Goldstein's** husband, Don, sent in some sad news; Connie is living in a skilled nursing and memory care facility in Needham, Mass.

It is with great sorrow that I report the death of **Patricia Strauss Pope** on March 10, 2018, after a long illness. I also received word from **Mary Hamilton McLaughlin** that **Olga Resta** died Dec. 7, 2017. Olga's son, Kyle, had contacted Mary with the news. **Tanoula “Tanya” Nasla Hadjiparaskevas'** son emailed me that Tanya had recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

**Diane Webb Hunter Prescott** died Feb. 13 after a battle with breast cancer. She and **Pat Kennedy Snyderman** were close friends during college. Pat recalls, “She was so full of grace, charm and talent. Diane was a talented painter and jewelry maker — and a joy to know.” We extend condolences to her daughter, Alison Hunter Potter, son Henry “Trip” Hamilton Hunter Jr. and her five grandchildren.

I still volunteer but no longer travel to Vermont every weekend. David died peacefully on Jan. 4 in Windsor, Vt., at the age of 102. A nursing home resident for almost three years, he was not a happy camper. I know he is in a better place, but I miss him. My daughter is in her first full year of retirement and welcomed her fourth grandson (my fourth great). I am

fortunate to have my son, daughter, granddaughter and three great-grandsons living here in Madison. I manage to see my daughter Leslie in Arlington, Va., often. She surprised us with tickets to Hamilton in NYC!

I hope you will return to Saratoga from May 30 to June 2 for our 65th Skidmore reunion. It will be a grand time!

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**Kay Moore Hickey**, of Amagansett, N.Y., lost her husband, Joe, in 2011. She keeps busy maintaining her home but gets help with house cleaning and gardening. An enduring passion is reading. A board member of Amagansett Village Improvement Society, Kay also volunteers at her church. Daughter Liz runs an interior design business, granddaughter Bridget is a junior at University of Miami and grandson Thomas is touring colleges. Kit will be college hunting next year, while Mary, 14, is close behind. Kay's son, Steve, is a partner in Ferrio's Pizza. She continues to stay in touch with **Ruth Miller Kwartin**, **Jill Thomson Tracey** and **Sue Warren Campbell**.

**Ethel Binner Caravias'** daughter, Dorothy, wrote to tell us that Ethel died Dec. 1, 2018. A nursing major who worked in Spanish Harlem, Ethel and husband Diomedes Caravias lived in London and Greece before settling in the Seattle area. After her husband's death, Ethel's health began to fail. Ethel spoke often about how she "loved her time at Skidmore," Dorothy tells us.

**Ellie Boughner Axford** urges classmates to give to the Skidmore Fund. Ellie has been in Charlotte, N.C., for nine years; her children and grandchildren visit her frequently. A docent at Charlotte's Historical Museum, she uses her nursing skills twice a week as a volunteer in a hospital surgery unit.

**Joyce Fleming Astrup** is enjoying

her retirement in Oregon. She travels to visit family and leads an active life.

I enjoyed hearing from **Sue Warren Campbell**, who lives in a Brookdale community. After her husband's death and a hip replacement, she didn't want to take care of a house any longer. She loves her new home, where she can "play bridge and poker without leaving the building." Sue stays in touch with **Kay Moore Hickey** and **Jill Thomson Tracey**.

Rougemont, N.C., resident **Sue Pynn Beamish** shared some great news: the colon cancer she was diagnosed with in 2018 "has been dealt with and all is well now." Even bigger news was the weddings of her two grandchildren in Portugal. (The newlyweds are the children of Sue's daughter, **Lisa Beamish Carvalho Silva '80**.) Still watching over her horse farm, Sue dreams about moving to her daughter's farm in Maryland.

**Barbara Wallace Morrison** and her husband have adapted to their family's diaspora by buying another house. Since children Nan and Liz and their families live in the Boston area, the couple bought a condo in Arlington, Mass. They enjoy walking to markets and biking. Steph and Kent are in Sierra Vista, Ariz. Jay and family are in Denver, where Barbara and John live half of the year. Now, their lives are delightfully intertwined with their children's.

**Nancy Lee Farrell** works for detainees at the immigration prison in Tacoma, Wash., and is a substitute teacher in local elementary schools. She always tells students to "pick something fun as a career."

**Diane Davis Nelson** and Jim have a family that continues to grow. On Jan. 13, they welcomed an eighth great-grandchild, a girl. Jim ended up in a nursing facility last year, but came back home after treatment for A-fib, gall bladder problems and an abscess on his liver. Diane says he is doing much better now.

**Ora DeAmicis MacFarlane** lost her

husband and best friend of 63 years, Neil, on July 3, 2018. He died at home on Lido Isle, Newport Beach, Calif. We are sorry for your loss, Ora.

I smiled at **Patti Sherman Jones'** note: "No computer – no time for one." She is in full retirement mode, living the life of a "home economist" and "gentle Southern lady" in Vero Beach, Fla. With her family living nearby, Patti has "no complaints."

Unlike Patti, I've spent the past month complaining. I sold my art studio on the Gulf Coast and moved to a retirement community in St. Petersburg in January. But now I look out the window at palm trees, blue skies and sailboats. It reminds me of where I grew up in Hawaii. I encourage anyone visiting St. Pete to look me up.

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**Susan Leach Ryan** and husband Kevin enjoy Santa Barbara, Calif. They love their Valle Verde retirement community and stay busy there. She adds, "We are still playing pickleball — not bad for 84!"

**Catherine Larrabee Carpenter's** husband, Victor, died June 1, 2018. Son Tyler and two grandchildren brought Victor's ashes to Africa to join those of their daughter Gracie in a memorial garden in front of V School Residence (for children with autism). The building was named in Gracie's honor in 1985. Catherine plans to move later in 2019, but until then is living in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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South Yarmouth, Mass., resident **Chick Glassey Ehbrecht** is VP and program chair for the Garden Club of Yarmouth. Chick also loves taking pastel lessons.

**JoAnne Klennen Loughran** is settled into retirement in Oakland, Calif., and

her adult children and grandchildren are nearby. She takes advantage of good health to travel. She has plenty of fond memories of Skidmore.

**Rachel Peckham Elder** lives in Tiverton, R.I., and has five grandchildren she'd love to see more often. Robert is getting a master's in industrial engineering in Beijing. Jackson will enter Dartmouth and Allie Gray will be a senior at William and Mary. Axel graduates from high school in June, while Ramsey will be a junior at Phillips Academy.

**Louise Libby Clearfield's** daughter Andrea is a composer, whose opera "Mila, Great Sorcerer" premiered in NYC in January! Louise stays in touch with **Barbara Frankel Brown**. At home in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., husband Harris is retired. Louise is still represented by a gallery in Greenville.

**Ingrid Kolseth Zola** and Skip moved into Meadow Ridge, an independent living community in Redding, Conn. Happily, they are now closer to their children. The grandkids now number 13, after grandson Brad remarried.

**Vivien Weisenfeld Gans** took her family on a Caribbean cruise over the holidays, with a stop in Cienfuegos, Cuba. **Ed Kaplan** (Carolyn's husband) visited Vivien in her new condo in McLean, Va. **Steffie Merber Lench** and Mike also stopped by to see her new digs. After losing husband Kenny, Vivien sold their home and moved into an apartment.

**Toby Rowe Hohenstein** and George celebrated their 60th anniversary aboard the Coast Guard tall ship Eagle. In October, they sold their home in Connecticut and moved into their Stuart, Fla., condo. As they passed through Dallas in December, they saw **Ginny Carter Lombardi** and Dick. Toby remembered **Hope Thompson Kerr** reminding us to keep moving. She plays tennis three times a week, paints two times and is on the condo board.

**Alice Bemis Wiggan** enjoys living at Newbury Court in Concord, Mass.,

where she has been joined by **Joy Hamann Shaw** and her husband, Gordon. Son Andy loves his job preparing the 2020 issue of New American Standard Bible. Daughter Joanne and her husband are selling their house in Tucson, Ariz., then moving to Uruguay. Alice loves visits from her twin granddaughters, who both live in Cambridge.

**Joy Hamann Shaw** and Gordon enjoy their new residence but miss their home and neighborhood. Fortunately, the couple keep a house in Sandwich, N.H. Their children live nearby, giving the Shaws ample time with their seven grandchildren.

**Cynthia Donner Brodsky** has been dealing with M.S. for the last 11 years. She scoots all over her NYC “hood” visiting museums, restaurants and friends and family. Cynthia still loves going to the theater.

Bradenton, Fla., resident **Julie Gaines Phalen** is still traveling. She spent five weeks in the British Isles last summer. Two river cruises are slated for this summer: in Spain and in France. Julie and Clifton sold their Vermont chalet last summer.

I received sad news from **Chick Glassey Ehbrecht**, who told me **Diana Brookfield Vollmer** lost her husband, Hank, Nov. 1, 2018. Chick recalls Hank dating Diana during senior year, when he would drive up from Long Island in his convertible. “Brookie” would toss her tennis racket down from our top-floor dorm. She then climbed down the fire escape. We had so many laughs together.

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**Phyllis Bruce** is in Hawaii. She is still in negotiations with her insurance company after building a new home after fire destroyed hers. Phyllis lost many possessions and recommends inventorying all items in your home.

**Anne David Carrier**, in cool Minneapolis,

had a wonderful Christmas with the family. She looks forward to warming up on a cruise with her husband.

**Monica Reis de Janosi** had a great trip visiting many of the national parks in the Southwest, with Bryce being a favorite. Monica enjoys a book club and the gym.

I am saddened to report the death of **Shirle Jankowich** on Dec. 4, 2018. She and I labored under the tutelage of well-known jewelry designer **Arlene Fisch '52**. After graduation, we both obtained teaching jobs in the Glens Falls area, sharing an apartment. Shirle will be remembered and loved for the full, giving and positive life she lived.

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Our 60th reunion is just around the corner, May 30 to June 2!

**Carolyn Brown Straker** and husband Norman visit their daughter, her spouse and their 10-year-old grandson Zach in California. Her son lives in West Chester, N.Y., happily just 15 minutes from **Maryann McCrea**, allowing Brownie to see her often. The Strakers enjoyed spending Thanksgiving in Arizona. Norman experienced serious health problems before finding the doctor who “cured him,” says Brownie. Daughter Wendy, a script writer for “The Handmaids Tale” and “The Bold Type,” has been promoted to showrunner. Son David is a psychiatrist, following in the footsteps of his dad and grandfather. He and his wife have two girls, 9 and 11. She stays active doing Pilates and physical therapy for her arthritis. Our longtime class scribe adds, “I enjoyed my role as class secretary and thank classmates for sharing with me for 20 years!”

**Jean Travis Davies** is grateful to be well and “with all parts still working.” She feels blessed to have her three children, their spouses and the grandchildren nearby. Jean’s oldest son is to be married this summer.

Jean spent two days with **Lynne Morrison Dallesandro** this past fall.

Medina, Wash., resident **Anne HH Pyle** continues teaching an English through the Bible class and exhibiting her Watanabe Sadao print collection. Husband Ken is in his 54th year teaching at the University of Washington and has a new book. Daughter Annie has over 50 clients who attend her dog agility lessons. Son Will holds a chair at Middlebury College. He and his wife, Silvia, have delighted in their children’s successes: Matias landed a job with United Technologies, while Lucas, a sophomore at Tufts, made the dean’s list. The family Thanksgiving at Annie’s house in Hadley, Mass., was a high point of her year.

**Joanna Haufler Rosenthal** learned that **Ginger Clark Keare** lost her husband, Douglas, on Jan. 22. They had been planning to go overseas. We are so sorry for your loss, Joey.

**Martha Hubbard Harrigan** and Phil enjoyed a fantastic cruise down the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basil, Switzerland. They were among 160 passengers on the Scenic Jewel. Back home in Roswell, the couple “are ready to do it again.”

**Nancy L. Marsh** loves finally being close to family in Kentucky. After retiring from a career in occupational therapy, she returned to weaving for shows. She teaches a beginners’ course locally and conducts national workshops. For more, visit [nancy-marshweaver.com](http://nancy-marshweaver.com).

**Mary Lou McLean Shaw** looks forward to all news from Skidmore. Now retired from a varied nursing career, she has many wonderful memories to share. Mary Lou would like to be in touch with nursing classmates. (I suggest contacting **Carol Briller Fergusson**, class nursing chair, at [GCLislip@aol.com](mailto:GCLislip@aol.com).) Mary Lou recalls that **Connie Masciale Carino '58** briefly lived across the hall from her in NYC. Mary Lou welcomes hearing from classmates at [marylouclean@myfairpoint.net](mailto:marylouclean@myfairpoint.net).

**Sue Fanning** and Dan are enjoying “family, friends, sunny days and happy memories.” At 81, with 57 years of marriage under their belts, they count themselves lucky. The couple stay in touch with Skidmore friends **Joey Haufler Rosenthal**, **Pam Bartholomew Armstrong** and **Nancy Rae Scully**.

**Emily Cross Farnsworth** laments, “There are just too many things going on for seniors these days!” She and Jerry will be attending the annual Civil War Trust meeting in Kentucky and miss our reunion.

**Barbara Foote Tallman’s** son Rich Broadbent tells us his mother is healthy but has been suffering from Alzheimer’s for quite a few years. Rich adds, “Although her memories are fleeting, several fond memories of Skidmore remain.”

We remember **Sally “Sas” Andrews Serenius**, who befriended many people in Charlotte, N.C., through her charitable work. Sas loved traveling the world with her husband and family. Two special adventures were among her favorites: a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon for her 70th birthday, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands for her 75th.

**Sally Gray Perry** enjoyed the birthday video she received from Skidmore. “Now we know how important our birthdays are to the College! Next, I bet they’ll be calling us to sing happy birthday.”

**Pam Bartholomew Armstrong** plans to attend reunion and hopes many of our classmates will too!

**Bev Sanders Payne** enjoyed another winter of alpine skiing and snowshoeing with her therapy dog, who also joins her on visits to an assisted living facility. Bev also recommends Skidmore’s Junior Admissions Workshop, which she enjoyed with her granddaughter in January. Bev is hoping for a great turnout for our 60th reunion.

I am saddened to report **Jane Had-dad Evans** died Aug. 20, 2017. An

exceptional educator, her warmth enlivened countless alumni events and celebrations. We extend condolences to her daughter Beth, son Bart and grandchildren William, Benjamin and Grace.

**Alice Lawrence Roehrig** died Jan. 11, 2018. Alice's son, Paul, wrote this lovely tribute: "Mother found her true calling in life at Skidmore College. A natural caregiver in all aspects of her life, she helped countless families through the joys — and occasional heartbreak of childbirth — as a labor and delivery nurse ... Her friends and family will always cherish the stories and pictures of her time at Skidmore."

**Barbara Engster Sullivan** died Aug. 12, 2018. A career coaching professional and avid gardener, she treasured spending time with her children and grandchildren.

We lost **Anne Dougherty Wilson** Sept. 17, 2018. We recall her lifelong passion for the design and creation of clothing.

Although **Dael Gilroy Piro** died in 2008, the College was not notified until October 2018. A speech pathologist and teacher, we remember Dael as inspirational, non-judgmental and compassionate to anyone in need.

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**'60** "I believe we all have passed the 80-year mark by now, which encourages philosophizing," says **Mary Jane Adriance Hall**. "The challenges of life, golden-years style, keep us perpetual students. We are always dealing with change and losses but joy as well."

**Pat Timothy-Riffle** has moved into independent living at Center Communities in Brookline, Mass. There, she was asked to paint portraits of three centenarians. Pat enjoys all the opportunities for art and music. **Donna Case Peck** resides at Senior Independent Living in Denver. She loves living among active, intel-

ligent and involved people. **Betsy Dunnet Lindfors** and her husband of 59 years, Ken, live at Rivermead in Peterborough, N.H. They attended the 50th anniversary of the International High School Scholarship, an exchange program. **Mary Winters Cooper** and Jim made a move in Naples, Fla., to nearby Aston Gardens in Pelican Marsh. Mary is especially happy to be freed from cooking. **Hadley Sillick Robertson** and Dick moved to Foulkeways in Gwynedd, Pa. Sadly, Dick succumbed in October after seven years with Lewy Body Dementia. He received excellent care, and Hadley appreciated the many good friends and worthwhile activities. I had lunch with **Kathy Adair Coombs** and Fred. They moved to an apartment at Lantern Hill in New Providence.

A fabulous reunion luncheon for NYC-area '60 alumnae was held at Sardi's on Nov. 15, 2018. Planned by **Nelle Nugent**, guests included **Sue Elsaesser, Rosemary Bourne, Elaine Pearlman Cohen, Avis Pomeranz Kniffin, Toni Levin Smith, Joan Simon Goldfarb, Peggy Silverman Steffans, Kelly Shack Lustig, Astrid Kradjian Dadourian, Liz Atterbury Harrington, Mary Kelchner Lindner** and **Kathy Adair Coombs**. An "out-of-the-blue snowstorm" hit that afternoon, and the New Jersey contingent spent six to 10 hours getting home!

At the age of 80, **Cynthia Goss Triplett** retired from nursing and sold her house to her granddaughter. Cynthia is now trying to figure out "what's next."

**Elizabeth Perles Gillman** was inducted into the Senior Hall of Volunteer Fame in December. She plays the piano at the White Plains Hospital and lectures on health care advocacy.

**Ellen VanDusen Guthrie**, who lost her husband in 2016, continues volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Louisville, K.Y.

**Judy White** is still involved in good old-fashioned get-out-the-vote work. In November, Judy and her fellow

volunteers helped win a hard-fought battle to elect a diverse, all-Democratic government in Colorado.

**Cherry Talbott** speaks of her many enduring friendships that began in college. She enjoyed reconnecting at a lunch with **Booty Jaeger** and **Elaine Cohen Periman**.

**Mary Jane Adriance Hall** keeps in touch with **Mary Jane Springer Auch** and is "looking forward to another reunion with the fifth-floor gang."

**Judy Harmon Miller** and Roland drive to Don Pedro Island on the Gulf in Florida each winter. On the way, they stop to visit **Pam Crossley Faulkner** in Rhode Island and **Barbara Block Zwick** in Connecticut.

**Becky Martin Watson** is busy making a wedding dress for her first grandchild's June wedding, using sewing skills she learned at Skidmore.

**Sue Smith Wilkes** sends her best wishes to all our octogenarians and expresses sadness that some of our dear friends are no longer with us.

May these classmates who died in 2018 rest in peace: **Gail Bendix Jaffe, Linda Kittinger Wadsworth, Judith Krysto Williams, Julia Smith Pringle** and **Meredith Jenkins Judge**.

A New England mini-reunion is being planned for May 2 by **Pam Crossley Faulkner, Linda Stevens Lucas** and **Lura Swift Provost**. Contact Pam by email at [rpfaulk@yahoo.com](mailto:rpfaulk@yahoo.com) for details.

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**'61** Most of us turn 80 this year. Can you believe it? I'm one of the "young ones" who will wait until December for that event!

**Judy Mutti Grinnell** is doing marvelous work in her home city of North Adams, Mass. Impressed by revitalized cities such as Providence, R.I., and San Antonio, Texas, Judy saw

an opportunity to help the former mill town achieve a similar rebirth. After 10 years of study and endorsement by local state and federal agencies, the Hoosic River Revival is now underway! Thank you, **Marilyn Schutrum Coughlin**, for sharing Judy's story. Find out more at [HoosicRiverRevival.org](http://HoosicRiverRevival.org).

**Linda Collier Kenerson** suggested sharing the accomplishments of **Fran Malino**. Linda attended an April lecture at Wellesley College commemorating the 30th anniversary of Fran's appointment as chair of the Jewish studies program. Fran spoke on "Jewish Voices: Muslim Lands." Fran was also celebrated at a December conference of the Association for Jewish Studies.

**Linda Collier Kenerson** took her entire family, including five grandchildren, to Tulum, Mexico, for Christmas. Linda's three grandsons attend Taft School in Connecticut; her three granddaughters live in Newport Beach, Calif. In January, Linda signed up for North Hill in Needham, Mass., a life-care community. Having lost her husband Ted 14 years ago, she thought it was the right move. Linda's roommate, **Kay Davis Flynn**, and husband Charlie are residents, as are **Pat Moorhead MacKinnon** and husband Dick!

**Carole Sussman Heller** is still sailing. She enjoyed two trips to Bermuda last year. Carole has had fun reconnecting with **Debbie Goldfarb Isenstein**, who lives nearby. Carole and her husband sold their house and now reside in a condo in Fairfield, Conn. The couple recently returned from a safari in Southern Africa. Antarctica is next.

North Carolinian **Margaret "Skeet" Howe-Soper** enjoys the warm climate, volunteer work and her grandkids. A trip to Massachusetts last year included a stop in Saratoga. She also traveled to Colorado to visit a friend and her other alma mater, the University of Colorado. Skeet spends time with two granddaughters, 5 and 7; singing in a church

choir; and volunteering in schools. She's active in the League of Women Voters and reads voraciously.

**Carol Geffner Fontani** finds Miami a lovely place to spend the winter. She participates in a musical group three days a week, walks four dogs, reads as much as she can and occasionally paints. Her four children and five grands are all doing well. Her oldest is applying to colleges: "Weren't we all just doing that?"

**Sandra Weisman Sheppard** stays busy keeping up with her six grandchildren. Mikayla, 26, recently married a med student at Ohio State, and Elijah graduated from Indiana University, where Lexy is a student. The twins attend Purdue. Three grandkids traveled to Europe last year. Lexy will spend a semester in Seville. Sandra enjoyed a three-week trip to China.

In June, **Joan Horowitz Behr** and her husband left their townhouse in Philly and moved into a retirement community 30 minutes away. They enjoy the new residence. She encourages classmates to visit her at Cornerstone at Simpson House.

**Cookie Rapoport Thier** recalls receiving a journal from her son when her first grandchild, Dalton, was born. It resurfaced recently — just as Dalton is approaching her 19th birthday. What struck Cookie most is how much she traveled for work and how fortunate her life has been. Cookie commends Skidmore for giving her confidence to manage her life and stretch professionally and personally.

**Peyton Bibb Evans** is well and happy in Key West, Fla., where she is surrounded by good friends. She sees **Thea Kharasch Flaum** regularly at the annual Key West Literary Seminar in January. Peyton has been on the KWLS Board since 2001.

After 52 years as a nurse, **Anabel Karp Gray** decided to retire, prompted by her dislike of the digitalization of patient care. So Anabel sold her

house and secured an apartment in a complex in York Harbor, Maine. Delighted to forego mowing grass and snow shoveling, she is now happily settled in with "three great companions": two cats and a dog.

**Linda Brafman Berke's** recent hip replacement surgery was a good opportunity for her to catch up on reading. She is glad to be back in the warm Arizona climate. Linda stays in touch with **Joan Horowitz Behr** and **Sandy Weisman Sheppard**.

**Priscilla Richie Keene** died peacefully Sept. 24, 2018. An accomplished nutrition educator, she also was a talented painter and quilter. We extend condolences to her husband Jim, daughter Julie and son Ian.

We recently learned that **Joanne Connor Jasaitis** died Dec. 29, 2015. She launched her nursing career aboard the American Export Cruise Line. We send sympathies to him and their four children.

I had a nice Christmas visit with **Nancy Stevenson** and husband Neil. We gathered at the home of a high school friend in Southport, Conn. It was fun being in Grand Central Station again! Keep writing!

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**'62** I hope everyone is healthy and busily traveling or enjoying their kids and grandkids.

After selling her Connecticut home, **Jackie Buxbaum Cross** spends winters in Port St. Lucie, Fla., but she'll continue to summer on Chebeague Island in Maine.

When **Linda Andrews Sennott-Miller's** husband, Jerry, died two years ago, she began contemplating moving closer to her daughter. A new grandchild arrived in October 2018, tipping the scales toward leaving Tucson, Ariz., for Northampton, Mass. She is welcoming a new chapter that includes extended family.

**Jacqueline Merriam Paskow** sold her house near St. Mary's College in Maryland and will move into the Riderwood retirement community in Silver Springs on May 1.

I would appreciate knowing your contact information so we can stay in touch. I'll pass along these updates to Skidmore.

My college roommate **Pat Duckwall Selwood** emailed news of her life in Colorado. An active Democrat, she is a library system trustee, local library friend and Pat had a wonderful Christmas with family in Colorado. She is hoping for a grandson and some friends to join her in Watkins Glen.

**Diana Fong Chan** joined friends on a Cal Discovery Tour of India in February. She then enjoyed a Viking Homeland Cruise to Scandinavian capitals before heading to attend a centennial celebration for her husband Steve's brother in Costa Rica. Diana and Steve are featured on the cover of the February issue of the Los Altos Hills magazine. Her latest book, "Animal Kingdom: Vertebrates, Animals with Backbones" aims to help children understand the importance of protecting wildlife habitat.



Sarasota, Fla., resident **Nancy Smith Bushnell** recently discovered that she and **Laura Stanley** have been singing together in a local choral group for several years. They were not acquainted at Skidmore. While attending a Skidmore "Dinner with 12 Strangers," Nancy met a new neighbor, **Donna Kehne '71**. Nancy

enjoyed lunch with **Sue Donner Wells** and her friend, Woody.

**Roberta Brandes Gratz** is proud to report that her "fabulous" granddaughter, **Stella Piasecki '23**, will be entering Skidmore this fall!

**Twila Fleckten Wolfe** underwent surgery for a fractured wrist in mid-September, which slowed her down for a bit. Soon she felt well enough to head to Chamonix, France, for skiing.

**Mollie Klee Heron** enjoyed a nice January lunch with **Sandy Katz Neiman** and **Susan Miller Loebis**. Sandy was on her way to Sanibel Island, Fla., with husband Richard. The alumnae plan to meet up with a few more Skiddies later this spring. Mollie visited her sister in the California Bay Area in February before heading to Austin, Texas, to see son Will and his family. She journeyed on to connect with a friend in Midland. Mollie and a friend also spent time in Florence, Italy, hosted by a niece and her husband.

**Lollie Engel Triebold's** husband Dave experienced a series of health problems. Happily, Dave is one tough guy, as Lollie can attest. "By corn harvesting season, he was back up on the combine like a king on his throne," she quips. The couple enjoyed their annual trip to Spain in February.

**Linda Lange** lives in NYC for six months and the rest on her farm in Hawley, Mass. Sol Lerner, her partner of 47 years, died Nov. 2, 2017. Linda's daughter, Anna, has two beautiful children, Emma, 4, and Nicolas Solomon, 1. Anna and husband Ben live in NYC. Linda gets lots of grandma time when the family comes to Hawley and during Linda's stay in NYC.

**Sue Donner Wells** spent the first few months of this year by her wood stove in Greenwood Lake, N.Y. Sue recently warmed up during a trip to Florida, where she enjoyed lunch with **Nancy Smith Bushnell**. She is a longtime AARP/IRS tax preparation volunteer.

I was saddened to learn that we lost **Carole Moore Wiley** May 8, 2017, from multiple myeloma. We send our sympathies to daughters Tamara and Daureen, sons Scott and Cameron, sister **Barbara Moore Prager '69** and niece **Melissa Geiger '79**.

**Joellen Maloney Toussaint** died Nov. 2 after a brief illness. We extend condolences to her son, Joseph, daughters Shawna and Erin, and a sister, Virginia.

I have had a quiet year. Christmas with the kids and six grands (five boys and one girl) ranging from 8 to 14 was busy. I'm still active in my PEO chapter and serve on several committees at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hanover. I've been working through several health issues. A number of potential causes mentioned were spasticity, myopathy and ataxia. Classmates who are not nursing majors will probably have to Google conditions, just as I did.

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**Janet Allen** spent a week visiting eight artist studios in Nice, Providence and nearby

towns. Part of a Road Scholar excursion, the trip was led by a Baltimore, Maryland, art history professor.

**Bonnie Allen Shertenlieb** and her husband live on the banks of the Choptank River in Maryland. Having their children nearby is "a source of great joy." The couple, who founded the Richardson Maritime Museum in Cambridge, Mass., remain involved with its work and other maritime interests.

**Tina Spiro Matkovic's** daughter Jasmin, who attended Skidmore and graduated from Pratt Institute, garnered praise for work exhibited at the Chicago Artists Coalition and National Gallery of Jamaica last fall. Son **Ben '94** flourishes in Miami. Husband Eran, an architect, is working on a large seaside in Jamaica. Tina presented a lecture, "Art and

Sea Level Rise" at the Perez Art Museum Miami in November 2018. She serves on the board of management of the National Gallery of Jamaica, and as executive director of the MiART Foundation in Miami. This spring, Tina, a professor at Florida International University, will be guiding an art tour of Havana, Cuba.

**Lynne Knobel** is happily living on the Connecticut shore, where she creates artwork and is writing a memoir for her grandchildren.

A psychoanalyst at Weill Cornell Medical College, **Linda Greenberg** was recently appointed visiting professor at China's Wuhan Mental Health Center, a clinical affiliate of Tongji Medical College. She presented two papers to participants in the college's Chinese American Training Program for Senior Psychotherapists.

**Nancy Gardiner Milstein** and husband David downsized to a co-op apartment in Scarsdale, N.Y. David recently retired as chief of nuclear medicine at Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center and Nancy concluded her computer training and consulting business. With three sons and four grandchildren, the couple travels between Chappaqua, N.Y., and Minnesota to visit their grandchildren and families.

**Stephanie Rose** has a painting on exhibition at the Hudson Opera House, curated by Richard Roth, from March 12 through May 23.

**Jacquelyn Savoie** works in Hamilton College's art history department, where her husband teaches Hispanic studies part-time. Their three daughters and eight grandchildren keep them busy; two of whom attend Duke and Hamilton. The couple enjoy river cruises.

**Louise Zeichner Golub** and husband Stephen have retired to Saratoga Springs. Auditing classes at Skidmore, says Louise, "is particularly interesting." Over the winter, the couple visited son Seth in San Francisco before journeying to New Zealand.

**Ellen Winnick Sinel** and Norman live in D.C., where Ellen continues to paint. She exhibits her work there and in Provincetown, Mass. The couple's son Josh and his wife live in Greenwich, Conn.; their digital firm, Storybooth, animates stories written by children. Daughter Natasha, an author in Bedford, N.Y., has published two award-winning novels.

Writer **Tracy Dow Beveridge's** "Moonlight of Morgan Hill" series features characters that appeal to middle school readers and up. Her most recent book is "Max of Morgan Hill." Themes include important life lessons that are best discussed with adults, encouraging young readers to engage in conversation with their parents and teachers.

**Ginny Rasmussen Leone** told me the sad news that **Linda Hellmich-Brink** died on Jan. 21. Our condolences to her husband, Clark, daughter Christine and son John.

We were recently informed that **Jane Carlson Williams** died April 10, 2017, and **Courtney Cunningham Teegen** on Aug. 16, 2018. We send our sympathies to Jane's husband David and sons Andrew and Jordan and to Courtney's husband Donald and their three children.

So many of you are talking about our 55th reunion, May 30 to June 2. Don't miss the opportunity to renew friendship and have fun!

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**Susan T. Gibbs**, aka "Gibbsie," visited friends in Sweden for several days. While it was snowing like mad in Oslo, she was able to enjoy temperatures in the 40s after driving 370 miles south. She took lots of nice walks on a nearby beach. Gibbsie went through a rough patch in terms of health last year; issues with dizziness have kept her off skis and bikes for now.

**Pamela Ghents Ness** happily

reported husband Hal's health has improved and there are several engagements in her family.

**Carole Walter Maedor** and Zack Murphy's 2018 excursions included trips to Panama, Rio and Jefferson's historic Monticello. Carole took Mason to Peru and Galapagos.

Poet, playwright and songwriter **Sandra Kassouf Lee** claims the election of Donald Trump inspired her to write her first book. In "Letters from a Loving Deplorable," she expresses her observations, fears and hopes to the president.

**Toby Weisberg Rubenstein** traveled to San Diego, Calif., to see son Steve and his family, who had flown in from Scotland. The clan went to the San Diego Zoo, especially appealing as Toby has belatedly developed a passion for studying orangutans and bonobos. In control of some health issues, Toby has reinvigorated her consulting business and is eagerly anticipating reunion planning. She has been saving 1965 quarters for distribution at our 2020 reunion.

The class will be saddened to learn **Pamela Porter Gee** died Sept. 1, 2018, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. We extend condolences to her husband, William Gee, daughter Lucy and son Robert.

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**Frances Srulowitz** enjoyed a two-week trip to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The experience was a longtime dream.

**Christine Tee Neville** says life is good in her corner of Maine. Semi-retired, she works with gifted students in two K-8 schools. She stays active by walking, kayaking and skiing. Watercolor painting is a favorite pastime. She recently attended a conference in Auckland, New Zealand. Christine's book, "Off the Charts: Asynchrony and the Gifted Child," was published in 2013.

**Robin Gue Willink** and husband John cruised through the Panama Canal in November 2018 before spending the winter in Big Sky, Mont., where their youngest daughter resides and their son has a second home. The couple's oldest daughter traveled from NYC to join them for Christmas.

**Jean Eichorn Youngquist** says her first love is still husband Bob. Community volunteerism is second. A court-appointed special advocate in Los Angeles, she serves on the executive board of the local CASA chapter. Jean is chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee at her Methodist church and is a board member of California State Poppy Reserve.

I continue to work part-time as a family law mediator after 40 years as a divorce litigator. I find that mediation is a gentler way for people to resolve legal issues that arise from relationships. Having downsized like so many others, in 2013 we moved to downtown Boston. My husband and I enjoyed a trip to Cuba in February that was sponsored by the Plymouth County Bar Association.

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**'67** **Christine Filbin Hoffman** loves her life in a condo in Brownsville, Vt. Now fully recovered from a spinal fusion surgery in January, Chris has returned to working out and hiking. She is happily involved with Cantabile, a choral group. She celebrated Frank's 70th with a trip to France in October. Son, Nick, 30, lives in Fort Collins, Colo.

**Sudee Sanders** continues to yearn for more wall space to hang the artwork in her closet. Her condo in a Hilton Head, S.C., retirement community was already crowded when her mother's death last July brought more boxes, along with grief. Chemo treatments drain her energy while her medical appointments dominate her calendar. We appreciate your openness and candor, Sudee, and

hope you reach out for support. Our thoughts are with you.

As for me, I continue to live in San Francisco, where I am involved in the lives of my two grandsons, who live nearby. The 5-year-old attends a Spanish immersion school, so I am taking Spanish to keep up with him. I continue renting my downstairs room on Airbnb; the guests and the added income are appreciated.

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**'68** **Deborah Forbes Lindell** was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in November. An associate professor at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western, she is also a visiting faculty member at China's Wuhan University. She and husband Craig enjoyed her 50th Skidmore reunion in June. A month later, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on the Outer Banks with family.

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**REUNION '19**  
**'69** **Liz McKinley Loomis'** daughter, Molly, enrolled in an environmental management master's program at Yale last year after doing search and rescue for six years in Grand Teton National Park. Molly lost her husband in a small plane crash three years ago. Liz is healthy and spends time volunteering. Liz and **Chris Steffens Roe** visited Liz's daughter in Honolulu. After Liz attended her late husband's 50th reunion at Yale in June, Chris stayed with Liz while attending her late husband's 50th reunion at Williams. The two husbands had both attended Officer Candidate School in 1968. Liz moved to Manchester, Mass.; she gardens and walks a lot. She encourages classmates to visit and looks forward to our 50th reunion.

**Alex Schilling Friedman** was invited to exhibit her tapestries in the show

"The Woven Line" at the Founder's Gallery at Art Works Downtown in San Rafael, Calif., in January and February. To see work, visit [alexfriedmantapestry.com](http://alexfriedmantapestry.com).

**Christine Neill** and her husband bought a house in the Berkshires, where they spend summer and fall. Their Baltimore home is close to their kids, grandkids, friends and social activities. Still on sabbatical, Christine is set to retire from the Maryland Institute College of Art this spring. She is finishing paintings for fall exhibits at the Katzen Museum at American University and at Goya Contemporary in Baltimore.

**Lois "Trowby" Trowbridge Hunt Brockman** died Nov. 19 in Barrington, Ill., where she and husband Don Brockman had lived for 45 years. Trowby studied with our class at Skidmore and graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago. Our condolences to her family and friends.

I attended the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in February with **Barbie Herbert von der Groeben**. Immediately following the festival, Barbie and I met up with **Stephanie Brewster Wagoner** and **Nancy Marx Ellsworth** in the Bay Area.

Please make arrangements to attend our 50th class reunion, May 30 to June 2. Register at [skidmore.edu/reunion](http://skidmore.edu/reunion). This is the milestone of milestones, so join us to celebrate our remarkable class.

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**'71** I spent part of winter in southwest Florida, where I marked a year in recovery from a fall on ice that resulted in three broken bones in my wrist. We escaped for a few weeks to a place where I was able to do OT and walk 5 to 7 miles daily; it was wonderful to look for shells rather than for nasty patches of ice! Remember those long winters in Saratoga bundled up in raccoon coats over a turtleneck and bell-

bottom jeans? I am grateful for spring!

**Sally Stoddard Collier** enjoys condo living in Wellesley, Mass. She resides in a converted 1910 brick elementary school within 10 minutes of her oldest grandson, 7-year-old Henry. Sally's other grandchildren, 3 and 5, live just outside of NYC.

Over the past year, I've gotten together with **Susan Baxter** and **Lise Bang-Jensen** and have spent Tuesdays with **Jeri Feinberg Cooper**, a fellow volunteer librarian at the Bridge Boston Charter School. I enjoyed many weekends and summers in Dublin in southwestern New Hampshire, a place I've been visiting for over 40 years. I joined a new chorus in the winter, visit the gym and take daily walks. The Massachusetts Museum of Fine Art became a favorite destination during my four-year stint as a guide. I enjoy golf and bridge. I look forward to seeing **Joan Barrett Horn** in June at the New York State P.E.O. convention. I hope to convince her and all of you to share your news with classmates. Let's stay connected!

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**'72** **Mary Crombie Geer** and husband Chip relayed that, as their horses aged and died, they saw the remaining horses mourn. Thus the Geers rescued two horses as companions. Bucked by one of the rescues, Chip sustained broken neck vertebrae. Mary convinced the rescue barn to take them back, but soon missed them. When they returned to the Geers' roomy pasture in December, the horses "pranced about gleefully." Although Mary and Chip want to provide their charges with "the forever home they deserve," they wonder if they are being realistic. Mary would love to hear from others. Chip has fully recovered.

**Sue Reinhardt Groesbeck** and husband Mark have enjoyed living in different parts of the world through Sue's work as an interim head of

independent schools. Sue attended our 45th reunion while running Emma Willard School in Troy. The 2017-18 school year found them in Vancouver, B.C., at Stratford Hall, an international baccalaureate school. They are now in Fayetteville, Ark., at The New School, a day school. Next year, the couple will go to Muscat, Oman, where Sue will run the American British. Sue and Mark were thrilled to visit with **Judy Costello Brinckerhoff** at the Darien High School 50th reunion in September. The couple's home base is still Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Carolyn Bliss Corcoran's** grandson, **David Burg '23**, was accepted early decision to Skidmore. "That makes three generations of Skiddies: me, our daughter, **Michele '01**, and now David. I couldn't be happier!"

**Pamela Scott Morris** and her daughter, Kristin Reilly, co-authored a children's holiday book about the power of human connection. Written 27 years ago, "A Gift of Love" never went any further. Pamela woke up Christmas morning to find their story beautifully presented in a promotional copy. Unbeknownst to Pamela, Kristin had found an illustrator and a publisher. The book was released by Halo Publishing on Jan. 25, but they will focus their marketing efforts on this year's holiday season.

**Ellen Gingras Barkhuff** is retired after leaving her position as high school science chair and full-time chemistry teacher. She and her husband moved to Falmouth, Mass., but do a lot of traveling. Their three children are all married. Among the kids and their spouses, two work for the government, two are doctors, one is an electrician and another is a marketing research director. The Barkhuffs have three granddaughters and a grandson. They encourage classmates to look them up in Cape Cod at barkhuffe@gmail.com.

**Pat Lawrence Bucher's** husband, Rich Bucher, was one of the first Colgate exchange students; he lived in Wilmarth in spring 1970. A retired

writer, he decided to focus on autism and the impact it has had on the family since the birth of their son in 1976. "A Mommy, a Daddy, Two Sisters, and a Jimmy: Autism and the Difference It Makes" was published this year. For more information, visit [ajimmy.com](http://ajimmy.com).

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**'73** **Cathy Offinger** decided that April 1 would be an appropriate date to retire! She is now officially designated as oceanographer emerita! We wish Cathy good luck as she starts her next chapter.

Since graduating with a B.S. in dance and theater, **Joan Halpert** has worked as a dance instructor and costume designer for the stage. In July 2018, she retired as assistant professor of theater arts after a career at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass. Joan started the dance program there in 1988. She and husband Peter Hanson will celebrate their 44th anniversary this summer. The couple's eldest, **Eric '03**, was recently hired as director of revenue products at PubOcean, a digital marketing enterprise. Middle child Simcha works on an organic farm in Northampton. Youngest child, Olivia, completed the Appalachian Trail on Oct. 17. Olivia raised over \$5,250 for cancer research, surpassing her \$2,190 goal. Joan talks with **Raejean Richardson Fellows** several times a year; they hope to see each other in San Diego this summer. Since two of the Halpert children live in Brooklyn, Peter and Joan have had several opportunities to spend time with Manhattan resident **Jan Mitchell** and her husband, Mitch. Joan also spends time with **Abbey Steere Koutnik '74** and her husband, Gary.

**Cheryl Bonini Ellis** is currently visiting Cuba. She loves the experience and will share some "wonderful stories" upon her return.

Happily retired, **Deborah Barton** enjoys staying up late reading or

watching something special on DVD. There is also the opportunity to spend leisurely mornings with a cup of coffee and a print newspaper. With more time and energy, she spends time with family and friends, fosters Labs and travels.

After retiring from a career in nursing, **Martha Blankinship Ide** went back to part-time employment before saying goodbye to work again. Martha and husband Rob enjoy family activities with son Jacob and his wife, Amy, and daughter **Betsy '00**, her husband Matt and four grandchildren.

"I love retirement," exclaims **Barbara Prince Stone**. After living in the same house for 37 years, she and husband Howard have moved twice in 12 months. Barbara is fine with having two new cities to explore. She spends time babysitting three granddaughters in Philly and Washington, D.C. Barbara and Howard spend winters playing tennis and golf in Florida.

**Anne Blodget Holberton** hosted singer-songwriter **Kyle Carey '08** at a Skidmore event in Lake Wentworth, N.H., last fall. Kyle performed for an audience that included **Patricia Walton Osmond '55**, **Joan Moore Cowen '56**, **Charlotte Megill Hix '57**, **Martha A. Brown '69**, **Donna Hembling Fogle '69** and **Anika Brand Hastings '87**.

**Joanne Packer**, who retired as a certified school nurse in a Philly school district, now spends more time at her family house in Rhode Island reconnecting with childhood friends. Her little white dog, Buddha, "continues to bring much joy and laughter to the whole family."

Retired attorney **Marcia White** and husband John are both enjoying life in Santa Fe, N.M. Marcia is spending more time with daughter Kate, planning to tour Civil War sites.

**Kathy Chwals Milligan** is a part-time art teacher and oil painter. Daughter Sarah lives in Laguna Beach, Calif., with her daughters, Cecilia, 2, and

Nora, 13 weeks. Matthew lives in Cincinnati with his sons, Tyler, 3, and Zac, 1. Kathy's husband is still working full time.

**Marcy Davenport** sent in this "overdue thank-you" to fellow nursing majors **Trish Kaiser Niemitz** and **Karen Sroka**. Confined to a wheelchair after surgery four decades ago, Trish and Karen cared for Marcy for four weeks, "helped me with showers, and pushed my wheelchair (along with **Stacey Schneider**, **Eloise Trissler Armstrong** and **Jane Sherwood**, among others), to meals and classes — even to Stewart's for ice cream," she recalls. Now a hospice nurse, Marcy observes, "During that difficult, awkward time in my life, Trish and Karen offered me an unexpected gift of the highest quality, for which I remain deeply grateful."

**Judy Beal** was appointed inaugural dean of the College of Natural, Behavioral and Health Sciences at Simmons College in Boston. Her new role began in conjunction with the institution's transition to university status on Sept. 1. A former professor and dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Simmons, Judy spearheaded the expansion of its family nurse practitioner master's program and added an online curriculum. She also helped forge academic practice partnerships with facilities around the world.

**Penny Knight** plays violin in a community orchestra and sings with a women's a capella group. "I'm taking care of grand-dogs while I wait for grandchildren!" she quips.

We were saddened by a call from Linda Gregory, wife of **Jeffrey J. Grey**, informing us that he died July 29, 2018. We extend condolences to Linda and the family.

My Rosie has won the "Most Lovable Award" at her doggie day care. Rosie saves her mischievous side for me. We are working on a dance routine for a charitable event. Rosie is mostly just interested in performing to get her treats.



Totally food-driven, she really is my daughter.

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**Amy-Hannah Kraus Broersma** will soon retire after practicing law for 35 years. She

looks forward to being free from worry about court deadlines and to teaching and volunteer work. Amy-Hannah is focused on exercising. A first-year law student, son Jack is following in his parents' legal footsteps. A few years back, she was thrilled to reconnect with **Dr. Anita Grover**, who attended Skidmore in 1970 before transferring to Colgate. Amy would love to hear from another transfer, **Carmith Fin-kelkraut**. (Carmith, you may also contact me at the email below.)

**Janice Greenberg Ellinwood** retired last August after 38 years on the faculty at Marymount University and 40 in higher education. Now professor emerita of fashion design and merchandising, Janice has happily transitioned to horseback riding, writing books related to her field and gathering with family and friends. She spends time with **Jana Dabrowski Fay**, **Margy McKelway Clark** and **Lynn Faught '73**, among others. Janice frequently visits children Amy, Lindsey and Samantha; and grandchildren Bennett, Rosemary and Zeke. She hopes to make it to reunion.

**Ellen Brickman**, our class co-president (with **Kate Ferris**), met up with fellow planning committee members **Denise Marcil**, **Kate Ferris**, **Steffenie Kirkpatrick**, **Kathy D'Appolonia Corsale**, **Emily Pavlovic Chiles** and **Vicki Green Aldrich** on campus last summer to plan the 20th anniversary of our 25th reunion. The group had such fun mapping out activities; Ellen, Kate and Megan "tested" the class's Friday evening gathering at Saratoga Winery by having lunch there! Closer to home, Ellen's 6-year-old granddaughter again donated her hair to Wigs for Kids. Her 4-year-old sister earned a striped belt in karate! Ellen

is looking forward to a month-long adventure in Spain with a friend; they will rent an apartment in Alicante.

**Liz Ullman** continues her social justice work with National Guard soldiers and veterans. She was recently presented with the Patriotism Award from the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. She looks forward to reunion!

Class fund chair **Nancy Hass Geyer** and husband Peter enjoy retirement in Dunedin, Fla. Nancy chairs a local mission committee that does a lot of community outreach. Nancy's son is working for Corning Inc. in Corning, N.Y., with his wife and three little boys. Sister **Barbara Haas Kiskan '78** and family often visit Nancy in Florida; they always look forward to company! In her spare time, Nancy plays a folk harp and recently joined a band. She works for the Phillies during spring training every winter and volunteers for Skidmore. She'll be at reunion!

**Denise Marcil** winters in Sarasota, Fla., an hour away from **Nancy Geyer**. In January, they visited the St. Petersburg Fine Arts Museum together. "We haven't lived so close to each other since Howe and Tower senior year!" quips Denise. The pair attempted a duet last year, with Denise playing piano to accompany Nancy's Celtic harp. Denise, who took up piano, is keen to reprise the collaboration this year. Denise would love to connect with classmates in the Sarasota area. Contact her at [DeniseMMarcil@gmail.com](mailto:DeniseMMarcil@gmail.com).

**Emily Pavlovic Chiles** is settling into her new apartment on the 33rd floor. She's had a lot of change in her life since losing her husband, Jerry. Emily was thrilled to see the Iditarod dog race while visiting relatives in Alaska this winter. Her nephew has a cabin on the route, so she was able take in all the action. As a veteran of the Saratoga snowbelt, she was well prepared!

Connecticut escapees **Debbie Silberstein** and husband Fred Cantor enjoyed the winter in southern California.

The locals they met there complained about the below-normal "cold" temps in the upper 50s. Debbie and Fred recently met **Cheryl Kempinsky** and her husband for a brunch.

**Susan Siegfried** won't be able to attend reunion this year. She'll be at a wedding in Boston about two weeks prior and isn't able to be far from home that long. She is already planning to make it to our 50th!

**Belinda Bowling Bewkes Metzger** is sorry she'll miss reunion. Vice chair of the board of trustees at Kentucky's Midway University, Belinda is co-chairing its capital campaign. Belinda is working on "The Story of Midway University," a book authored by President Emeritus Robert Botkin slated for publication next year. Belinda's children have blessed her with three grandchildren; another granddaughter will arrive this spring. Belinda and husband Jim plan to travel a lot this year, including a month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand with two other family members.

**Nancy Watkins Lanzoni** works in a New York office of BankUnited, and she isn't planning to retire any time soon! Nancy had twin boys at 41 (with second hubby Craig) and still has bills to pay! Both sons graduated from UConn; Ben is an accountant with PwC in Boston and Will is a freelance photo editor with CNN. Ben will marry his college sweetheart in June, initiating Nancy into the "land of in-laws!" Nancy's brother, **John Watkins '77**, commutes between Virginia and Connecticut for his job at Freddie Mac. His son, Tom, was married in September, allowing Nancy to obtain some helpful mother-of-the-groom hints from her sister-in-law. She plans to make reunion.

**Kathleen Biggie Peters** retired from her job managing grants for the Division of Gastroenterology and Hematology in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has been traveling with her husband and mother to Phoenix to visit the couple's son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

They have also toured Lancaster, Pa. Kathleen's husband, Robert, continues as a professor of environmental engineering at UAB.

Happily retired since July, **Ellen Brickman's** first order of business was downsizing and moving into a maintenance-free condo. Tossing possessions was a big job, but cathartic. She visited **Liz Ullman** for a few days in October. She plans on "coming to reunion early and staying late!"

**E. Argulewicz Berilla** is thoroughly enjoying her two grandchildren Karina and Hudson, both toddlers.

Biomedical science pioneer **Winnie Wan** joined Chameleon Biosciences Inc. as board director and executive adviser. Chameleon patented a new approach to gene therapy designed to "overcome existing treatment barriers" for patients with life-threatening genetic diseases, including Huntington's, hemophilia and cystic fibrosis.

**Suzanne Shailer Logue** won't be able to attend reunion, but will be "thinking of you all."

We look forward to seeing you all at our "20th anniversary of our 25th," May 30 to June 2!

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**Sarah Melling Guterman** is buying a house in Delaware to share with her brother and sister-in-law. Sarah plans to use the house intermittently and looks forward to relaxing and looking at the shore birds.

**Frann Addison** was runner-up for Handmade Business magazine's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. An article on her Judaica creations was published in the magazine's November issue. A metalsmith and designer, Frann handcrafts menorahs, Torah pointers and other Jewish ceremonial objects. She creates commissioned pieces for private collections and institutions, including the

Museum of American Jewish History. She lectures on their historical and cultural context and exhibits widely. In 2016, Frann received the NICHE Award, the highest honor given in the craft field. Her work can be viewed on Instagram (@frannaddisonjudaica).

**Marianne Boswell** launched Boston Lighthouse Innovations, a startup that offers “next-generation” genomic software to diagnose and treat disease in a more personalized way. Marianne also operates a non-profit in Lexington, Mass., that helps refugees acclimate to life in the U.S.

**Jean Bidlack**, professor of pharmacology and physiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center, was awarded a National Institutes of Health grant to determine if the hormone fibroblast growth factor 21 will reduce the preference for opioids in mice. Jean’s research opens a potential approach to treating opioid use disorder by reducing the craving for opioids.

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**'76** **Signe M. Kastberg** published “Feeling the Call: Therapeutic Uses of Traditional West-African Drumming.” A licensed mental health counselor, she draws on years of experience using drumming as a therapeutic modality. Signe practices in the Merritt Island, Fla., area and also counsels clients remotely.

I was honored to be elected chair of the board of directors at BSC Companies, an engineering firm. My career in environmental science has focused on wetland ecology. I am the first woman to serve in that role in BSC’s 53-year history. I head up the BSC Group, an affiliated services practice that manages transportation, energy and land development projects. I also serve the town of Stow as a member of its conservation commission and board of selectmen.

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**'77** **Peter Weisman** and his family live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where Peter works in the commercial real estate investment business. He is an avid scuba diver, tennis player and ocean swimmer. Over the last five years, Peter has completed 14 triathlons.

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**'78** **Mimi Willey Madden** is development director for the American Mural Project, a nonprofit in Winsted, Conn., that honors American workers. Over 10,000 artists have painted pieces of a massive mural housed in a refurbished mill. The exhibit will be the largest indoor collaborative mural in the world.

**Janice Cipos-Pangrazzi** lives in Paradise Valley, Ariz. Relocation from the East Coast yielded an unexpected bonus: reconnecting with classmate and long-lost friend **Louise Stark**. “What a joyful surprise it was to see each other at a Skidmore gathering last year in Phoenix/Scottsdale.” Janice continues to teach French language and culture. “I will never stop teaching or learning.” Janice is studying German, Italian and Sanskrit!

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**'79** Our 40th reunion is right around the corner, May 30 to June 2! If you’ve never returned for reunion, you owe it to yourself to join us for this milestone event. You’ll marvel at the beautiful “new” campus and the hip city of Saratoga Springs. (You can still stop for a beer at the T&L.)

**Maura Connelly** is working at the Pat Conroy Literary Center in Beaufort, S.C., a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring young writers and readers. Maura’s children also find inspiration in nonprofit endeavors: Thor works for Toadfish, and Maren is at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Cal-

lie attends the College of Charleston.

In September, **Jessica Crocker** and husband Paul Hayes visited son Mike, a junior at Middlebury, during his semester in Copenhagen. His brother, Ryan, is a junior at Northeastern University. In February, Jessica, Paul and Mike traveled to the Alps for a ski trip. Jessica is looking forward to reunion.

**Sadie Iazard Pariseau** is sorry she cannot make our 40th; she’ll be on a cruise in Croatia. Her two married sons live nearby in Tampa, Fla., and Sadie adores her 16-month-old granddaughter. The Pariseau’s third son is a consultant in Los Angeles. Daughter Emily works for a luxury travel company in NYC. Sadie sends her best to everyone, adding, “I can’t wait to see pictures!”

**Holly Roberts Adams** and husband Michael welcomed their first grandchild, Katherine Marie Conley, on May 22, 2018. Holly is taking her youngest daughter to Greece in late May to celebrate her graduation from college. Sadly for us, the trip conflicts with reunion.

Excited about reunion, **Ann Kuhn Levitan** is beating the drum for a great turnout. Ann’s eldest daughter, Sarah, married Matthew Perry on Nov. 10 at the Mansion at Natirar in Far Hills, N.J. Skiddies in attendance included **Mary Bates**, **Jean Scholz Kegel '81** and husband Carter (who spent J-term '78 at Skidmore) and **Leslie Bergman Savage**.

**Carol VanBuren** wed her significant other of 10 years, Kurt Munnich, on May 19, 2018 at his home in Pittsford, N.Y. Kurt, who was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer in August 2017, died four days after the ceremony. He was scheduled to receive a bone marrow transplant in June. Both Francophiles, the couple also shared a passion for architecture, landscape design and gardening. They had planned to retire in the south of France, where in 2013 they had helped restore historic gardens in Bormes les Mimosas. Carol contin-

ues to pursue her dream of moving to France and will travel to Corsica and the Luberon in May.

I was saddened to learn that **Janice Rizzo DeLaney** died Sept. 21 in South Bedford, N.Y. We send our sympathy to her husband, Gerald DeLaney, and their daughters, Jennifer, Joanna and Juliette.

**Leslie Vanden-Handel DiCarlo** can’t believe our 40th reunion is around the corner. Leslie marked her 30th year welcoming guests to the Springwater Bed & Breakfast on Union Avenue in Saratoga. Classmates may remember the property as The Lantern Lodge. Leslie recently completed a two-year restoration of the exterior and renovation of guest rooms and bathrooms. She runs the inn with her mother, Lyn, and son Matthew.

**Martha Van Gelder** joined the U.S. Center for SafeSport as chief marketing and business development officer. Based in Denver, the center is an independent nonprofit committed to ending all forms of abuse in sport.

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**'80** **Ella Flight Davidson** celebrated the 20th reunion of the Songadeewin on Lake Dunmore, a summer camp in Vermont. As camp director (and a former camper) she was asked to create a set of three paintings to hang in the dining hall. They were unveiled before the festivities began.

**Peri Snyderman**  
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**'81** **Alison Apicella** moved from NYC to Stamford, Conn., to help her elderly mother. She has been a horticulturist at Blondie’s Treehouse for the past 12 years.

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**'83**

**Laura Taylor** earned a Master of Science in law from the University of Maryland and was inducted into the Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society.

**Susan Heegaard** was appointed president of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, an agency that helps colleges and universities leverage regional resources to benefit their students. Senior consultant to HCM Strategists and the Lumina Foundation Strategy Labs, she has worked extensively with government and private-sector partners in the Midwest.

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**'84**

I am excited for our 35th class reunion, May 30 to June 2! As a member of the planning committee, I promise you it's going to be a great time.

**Flavia Polensky-Geist** has been living in Morgan Hill, Calif., with her husband of 32 years, Donald. They finished up a kitchen remodel this year. Flavia reports that her culinary expertise has advanced since the days of cooking for Scribner Village suitmates. Flavia also credits the odd earthquake that rattled campus in 1984 with preparing her for life in California. She's in her 29th year at Lockheed Martin Space, where she is division manager for print and record services. Still active in the arts, Flavia is the artistic director of Arte Flamenco de San Jose, a nonprofit dance company and academy.

After two years in NYC post-graduation, **Luisa Pujol** returned to Barcelona, Spain. She is running a family business and enjoying life. Her 23-year-old son, Mario, lives and works in the Big Apple. Luisa welcomes classmates to Barcelona. She hopes to be in NYC in late May. Her mother, **Mary Herrick Waterman '51**, originally from Albany, also lives in Barcelona.

**Cyndy Comeau Risku** moved back

to Massachusetts after 30 years out of state. She and husband Daniel live on the South Shore in Hanover. They love going to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox and especially enjoy the post-game reception Skidmore hosts on the Rooftop Deck every summer. Their youngest daughter will graduate from college in May, making Cyndy a full-time empty nester. A landscape designer, Cyndy welcomes hearing from classmates to catch up and discuss garden projects. Contact her at [comeau-2biz@gmail.com](mailto:comeau-2biz@gmail.com). She can't make it to reunion, but she hopes everyone has a great time.

**Sara Taylor Bramah** is "gutted" that she won't be able to attend reunion. She and her family reside in Surrey, England, and Sara's son is graduating from high school that weekend. "However, I'm sure **Diane Hutchinson Reilly, Melissa Thodos Johnson, Cathy Heine Kellstrom, Tammy Langalis** and **Kim Murphy** will carry on without me," she quips. Sara also expects everyone to stalk **Ginny Healy, Dede Wood** and **Maureen Nipar** on social media until they agree to show up. "My heart will be with everyone at Skidmore. Think of me when you are on your fourth pitcher at T&L's and be sure to FaceTime me from Caroline Street." When Sara drops off her son at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania in August, she hopes to connect with East Coast Skidmore friends. She plans to spend a lot of time in the U.S. over the next four years to check on her son.

Since our last reunion, **Barbara Sucoff** married Jim Ninivaggi in 2017 and moved to Sarasota, Fla. That year, Barbara was also diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy. She was unable to use her arms for eight weeks, and walking 10 steps was a challenge. But Barbara is one determined lady. In December, she and her twin daughters summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. Barbara looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion!

**Christopher Gleason** and his family

live in the Chicago suburbs. His daughter, Danielle, and son, Hunter, attend Kelley Business School at Indiana University. Christopher is a comptroller for an electronics firm. Now that he is an empty nester, Chris plans to spend more time "traveling and chasing the sunshine."

In late March, **Marty Feierstein** cheered as The Zombies were inducted into the 2019 Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame. Marty was executive producer of The Zombies' last album, "Still Got That Hunger," their first album to make Billboard charts since the release of the epic "Odyssey and Oracle" LP back in 1968.

**Tammy Langalis** has reliable information that the following individuals will join her at the reunion: **Cathy Heine Kellstrom, Diane Hutchinson Reilly, Kim Murphy Wilson, Melissa Thodos Johnson, Carrie Akenson Benabou** and **Karen Gonyea McInnis**.

Environmental scientist **Mary Ann Boyer** is co-founder of Boyer Sudduth ([boyersudduth.com](http://boyersudduth.com)), a consulting firm that helps schools and businesses become environmentally sustainable. A former science teacher, Mary Ann and her business partner are celebrating the firm's fourth year. She lives in Philly with husband Chris Hall. Now empty nesters, two of their kids are with Teach for America and the third is a senior at Kenyon. Mary Ann looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion!

I started a new job this year, transitioning from event planning to recruiting for a boutique staffing firm ([CanUWorkTomorrow.com](http://CanUWorkTomorrow.com)). It was founded in 2009 by two New Jersey-based women who were frustrated with the traditional "head-hunter" business model. I continue to be an active volunteer for Skidmore as well as a variety of other nonprofit organizations in New Jersey. See you in May!

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**'85**

**Norwood Creech** had a show opening Feb. 15 at the Eclectic Eye in Memphis.

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**'86**

**Judith Zettle** is a full-stack web developer at Ringgold Inc. in Beavertown, Ore. Since the previous update, Judith has moved and changed her employer/career.

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**'87**

Attorney **Jennifer Weisberg Millner** was chosen as one of NBJIZ magazine's Leaders in Law. A partner at the Princeton office of Fox Rothschild LLP, the family law specialist was lauded for her innovative approach to serving clients. Many cases involved issues impacting the LGBTQ community, such as stepparents' rights in child custody cases and the right of transgender teens to initiate medical procedures and name changes.

**Tracy Eastwood Sturtevant** lives outside Brisbane, Australia, with husband Mike and their cat, Oz. She feels lucky to have her "dream job" of equine coach coordinator and head coach for the largest therapeutic riding program in the country. She became the first Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International certified riding coach and mentor in Australia. She looks forward to assisting other coaches and riding centers in becoming certified/accredited members. Tracy is in touch with **Lisa Willey Porter, Mike Porter, Jeanne Cooney Dunn '86** and **Jennifer Hill Thorne '88** and recently caught up with **Stephen Legan** in NYC. Tracy visits her folks in Saratoga often. She encourages anyone interested in visiting Australia to contact her at [sturtetee@gmail.com](mailto:sturtetee@gmail.com).

I got married in September to Laurence Taoman, a man I met four years ago at a "write-in" for National

Novel Writing Month (aka NaNoWriMo). The ceremony was an interesting mix of pagan and Jewish traditions and was held in my mother's backyard in Newton, Mass. We were not able to plan a fancy honeymoon, as both of us came down with bronchitis. Luckily, we had taken a pre-honeymoon trip to NYC the week before. A highlight was seeing "Springsteen" on Broadway. We look forward to returning for Elton John's farewell tour this fall.

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'88

**David M. Boon** has been promoted to senior director of investments for Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. He lives and works in Chicago.

In March, Rabbi **Elizabeth Hersh** received an honorary doctorate of Divinity from Hebrew Union College at the Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was "thrilled" to be there with husband Robert and son Noah, as well as members of the Temple Emmanuel community.

**Ritsuka Watanabe Mastroianni** and husband David became grandparents to baby Theo Jachinma Pius-Nwagwu last summer. Ritsuka was present at the magical event! They stayed in Seattle to support her daughter Sasha while she finishes her Naturopathic Medical Degree. Ritsuka's other daughter, Kailina, graduated from the Seattle Institute of East Asian Medicine last August. To celebrate, the family took a trip to Victoria, Canada, and enjoyed seaside yoga, Thai massage and some memorable days. Kailina now practices in Fremont, Calif. For more information on acupuncture, visit [artemisacupunctureandherbs.com](http://artemisacupunctureandherbs.com).

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REUNION '19  
'89

Our 30th reunion is right around the corner, May 30 to June 2! There's still time to

register; go to [skidmore.edu/reunion](http://skidmore.edu/reunion). It's going to be epic!

In January, I accompanied my son, a high school junior, to Skidmore's Junior Admissions Workshop. My cousin, **George Anderson '90**, attended with his son five years ago and said it was "wonderful." It was great to be on campus again and see Skidmore through my son's eyes. Campus looks beautiful and has so much to offer. Scribner Village is gone, replaced by the amazing new Sussman Village. Some of the older buildings have been repurposed; others seem unchanged. Downtown is so impressive! The small-town feel is still there, as are old haunts like Gaffney's and T&L. Others, like Mabou and Barclays, have been replaced with interesting new shops and restaurants. Come to reunion and see for yourself!

Last summer, our family spent time with **Vinca Jarrett** and husband Richard Hassman watching whales off the coast of Gloucester, Mass. We caught up with them again in winter in Cambridge for dinner and a play. Vinca produced her first feature film this year, "Swing Away." She and Rich are doing well in Massachusetts and travel the world for work and pleasure.

Saratoga-area pianist and teacher **Maura Hennessy Hall** earned a fourth-degree black belt in Taekwondo last year. Maura was tested by her son, Patrick Hall, a fifth-degree who opened P.R.I.D.E Taekwondo School. A 2018 Collegiate Taekwondo bronze medalist, Patrick is a collegiate and USAT all-American athlete and National Team quarterfinalist on the Cortland University team. Maura was well prepared by son Brian, a fourth-degree and seasoned coach.

**Judy Fisher-Sadoff** has lived in St. Louis, Mo., for the past 16 years. Son Max is a junior at Lindenwood University and **Hana '23** is a freshman at Skidmore. Sadly, Judy lost her beloved mother and big brother last year — another unexpected journey. She has since returned to the family weekend home in Woodstock, N.Y.

Her late father named the 18-acre estate on Overlook Mountain "Arcady" (Greek for paradise). Judy has plans to get lost in its woods to "unplug, rejuvenate, maybe create," a project she calls "Arcady 5."

Let's stay connected. See you in Saratoga!

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'90

Planning for Reunion 2020 is soon to begin! We're looking for new volunteers to help create a theme and a schedule of great activities to mark our 30th. Our goal is to get as many classmates as possible back on campus. If you're interested, please email me. We'll be meeting in Saratoga in July for official reunion planning sessions. Even if you can't be there, we'd love to hear from you.

**Ken Freirich** has served as CEO of Health Monitor Network, a national leader in patient engagement, for the past 14 years. Previously, Ken was CEO of TransLocal Health Corp and president of IntelliHealth. For fun, Ken plays drums in a rock-and-roll band called MedROCK ([medrockband.com](http://medrockband.com)). He is inspired by the students who participate in the business plan competition he started at Skidmore. (Read more in this issue.)

I was saddened to learn we lost two classmates last year; **Amanda Yelen** died Sept. 15 and **Andrew Flamm** died Nov. 23. Andrew's good friend **Reet Das '88** directed me to an online tribute at [reetdas.com/Flamm.html](http://reetdas.com/Flamm.html). Our condolences go out to Amanda's and Andrew's friends and families.

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'91

After almost two decades in education administration, most recently as director of admissions at SUNY Purchase, **Stephanie Jones McCaine '91** is now guiding young people toward

higher education as director of middle school admissions at the Harvey School, a private college preparatory academy in Katonah, N.Y. An advocate for fostering student success, she is a founding board member of the Amani Public Charter School, a board member of The Center for College & Careers and chair of Bedford Community Theatre.

**Brewster Jennings** is a hovercraft pilot who offers tours of Ketchikan, Alaska, every summer. To catch a video of him in action, search for "hovercraft tour" on vimeo.com. You can also contact him at [Brew@Frontier.net](mailto:Brew@Frontier.net).

**Timitra Rose** is assistant principal of Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School in the City of Albany School District. Rose started out teaching primary grades at Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology and the Montessori Magnet School. In the late '90s, she launched a consulting career at Houghton Mifflin Co., developing teacher training curricula in academic content areas and classroom management. Timitra spent four years as a project coordinator in the Office of Curriculum, Assessment and Educational Technology at the New York State Education Department. In 2015, she returned to her roots, working directly with students, teachers and parents as a public school administrator.

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'92

**Amy O'Leary** joined the National Association for the Education of Young Children as president of its governing board. She previously served as director of Early Education for All. Amy is also an adjunct professor at Boston University and Wheelock College of Education and Human Development. She is a member of the Massachusetts Early Literacy Expert Panel and the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Advisory Committee.

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**'93** Jonathan Burkan was appointed to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council by President Trump. A senior vice president at Morgan Stanley in NYC, Jonathan lives outside Manhattan with his wife, Kimberly, and their daughters, Grace and Laura.

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**'94** Our 25th reunion is right around the corner! Get ready to celebrate the big weekend, May 30 to June 2. Check out the "Skidmore '94" Facebook group to help build the buzz and keep up with the latest reunion plans.

**Katie Killough Houghtaling** will attend reunion accompanied by her husband, Alex, and 2-year-old twins, Arden and Keaton. They are planning the trip with **Vikki Quinlan Clair** and can't wait to spend a fun weekend in Saratoga!

After 16 years as project director at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, **John Beckman** started his own consulting firm with partner Faith Griggs. The Sage Creative Group LLC offers creative management of exhibitions, events and experiences across all media platforms. John and Faith scored the national touring production of "Hamilton" as their first client. Sage Creative will oversee production of a museum-quality exhibit delving deep into the history of the groundbreaking musical. The tour started in April in Chicago.

**Matt Kavet** enjoys the role of mentor. A frequent adviser and panelist for BU107 classes, he coached student **Izaak Cohen '20** in this year's Freirich Business Plan Competition. Matt is founder and president of Boston America, a company that develops, licenses and sells "pop-culture" novelty items. The Skidmore business-government major

is frequently on the road, selling to retailers and brokering deals with manufacturers, mostly in Asia.

**Alex Levin** is now at the helm of his family business, the Cape Cod Institute, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this summer. The institute will feature professor Sheldon Solomon as a guest speaker Aug. 12-16 in Cape Cod. For more information, visit [cape.org](http://cape.org).

After working as a chef in NYC, **Matthew Aulicino** moved to Los Angeles. Now a licensed architect, he works for a firm in downtown Los Angeles. Matt encourages Skidmore alumni interested in his field to look him up.

**Heidi Ritz Cohen** lives in South Orange, N.J., with husband Rob, daughter Shayna and son Sam. Heidi owns her educational consulting business, Core Complements, working with students and parents as well as training and coaching teachers. She and Rob enjoy their annual July weekend in Saratoga; they stay at Skidmore, explore the city and take in the Dave Matthews Band at SPAC. A Skidmore Admissions volunteer, Heidi enjoys interviewing prospective Skiddies in her area. Daughter **Shayna** was recently accepted early decision to the Skidmore Class of 2023!

After five years in Napa Valley, Calif., **Sarah Hoffman Pearson** and her family moved to Willamette Valley, Ore. Husband Brant, daughters Lexi and Amelia, and two dogs are happily settled in their new home. Ready to take on new challenges in the wine industry, Sarah heads up sales and marketing at Dobbs Family Estates in the heart of Dundee.

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**'96** **Neela Vaswani** has authored a fourth book, "This is My Eye: A New York Story," published by Candlewick Press. "It is a playful, poetic ode to the city through the eyes of a young girl with a camera,"

says Neela, who snapped several of the images herself. Others were provided by friends, including **Jennifer Livingston '95**. Neela penned the book to encourage children to "honor their own point of view."

Attorney **Michael Rosnick** is a partner in the law firm of Miller, Rosnick, D'Amico, August & Butler, P.C., in Bridgeport, Conn. Designated as a "Super Lawyer" since 2008, he has also been included on the National Trial Lawyers Association's list of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers. Michael's primary focus is on civil trial work and personal injury litigation. Active in local civic and philanthropic organizations, he also volunteers as a Skidmore alumni career adviser for students and other alumni interested in the legal profession. Michael earned a JD from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 2000. For more information, visit [millerandrosnick.com](http://millerandrosnick.com).

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**'97** **Maggie Bertisch** is a physician at NYU Langone's Urgent Care Clinic in Manhattan. She lives with partner **Derek Gregor '00**, who composes for theater and film, as well as country and pop music. Maggie returns to Saratoga as often as she can to see "my Rotheim family," Roy, **Amy '90** and **Jena '93**.

**'99** **Luis Alicea** completed a master's in organic chemistry from Seton Hall University last spring. Luis looks forward to seeing all of his classmates and friends at reunion!

**Bill Caleo** is also excited about returning to campus for reunion and notes that a Skidmore Theater Reunion will take place concurrently. Professor of Theater **Caroline Anderson** is retiring this year; Bill hopes theater majors will gather to honor her during this celebratory weekend. Bill and **Tom Wilmot** are currently serving on the Skidmore Board of Trustees.

After 35 years working at Skidmore, **Joyce Casertino** will retire at the end of spring semester. A Scribner Library employee for her first five years, Joyce has spent the last 30 as senior programmer/analyst in IT-Enterprise Systems. She plans to volunteer for the nonprofit organization After the Fire ([afterthefire.org](http://afterthefire.org)) and several local elementary schools.

**Melanie Zalman McDonald** and husband Chris welcomed a new addition to their family on July 6, 2018. Daughter Josephine Brianna joins big brother Henry, 7. Melanie is executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

**Jeremy Sigel** resides in New Rochelle, N.Y., with his wife and daughters Vivien, 4, and Greta, 1. In January, Jeremy started a new job as vice president at CBS Interactive, where he is running a newly created department within Integrated Marketing.

**Stefan Whitney** and his family moved to Washington, D.C. After five years in China, Stefan will continue to work for the State Department. He thanks professor Murray Levith for encouraging him to take his first trip to China after graduation. Stefan's wife, Devon, and their two daughters enjoy being back in the U.S., and Stefan welcomes hearing from alumni residing in or visiting the capital.

**Matthew Wind** looks forward to bringing his family to Saratoga for reunion. That also goes for his wife, Michelle, son Edmund and the newest edition, 3-month-old Rose. Her big brother and parents are doing great. Matt had a lot of fun planning reunion last summer with **Thalia Anderen**, **Jessica Kuszaj** and **Luis Alicea**. He adds, "We are all excited to see the faces of classmates and their families, whether returning or first-time reunion guests, May 30 to June 2 in Saratoga!"

**Allison Prouty** had an awesome year; this past June, she and her partner were married in Iceland. They are the proud parents of two beautiful toddler twins, Rebel and Ronin!

Allison's theater company, Second Bolt, celebrated its ninth year.

In fall 2018, **Chris McGrath** joined the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as head of the strategic communications and outreach division in the Washington regional office. He is responsible for overseeing agency communications in the U.S. and for launching an outreach campaign to raise awareness of global refugee issues.

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**'00** **Ginger Zielinskie** is president and CEO of Benefits Data Trust, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that helps low-income residents obtain essential benefits like food, health care and housing. (Read her profile in this issue.) Ginger lives outside Philadelphia with husband **Jonathan Woodring**.

Composer and pianist **Joachim Horsley's** new album, "Via Havana," dropped in February. The first song, "Amadeus Guanguanco," sets the first movement of Mozart's "40th Symphony" to a Cuban Rumba beat. Horsley, who has been infusing classical music with Afro-Caribbean styles for years, also arranges for vocalists including John Legend and Michael Bublé. Last year, the Los Angeles-based Horsley performed with the National Symphony Orchestra at Kennedy Center. He and his band are currently touring in Paris.

**Eve Brown** joined the Barton Gilman law firm as an "of counsel" member of its intellectual property practice. The veteran IP attorney built a career and her own firm, Bricolage Law LLC, to serve business clients in the arts, craft food and beverage and product innovation industries. She is an assistant professor in the School of Justice Studies at Roger Williams University, where, in addition to her specialty area, she teaches courses in legal ethics and "Shakespeare & Law."

Artist **Sarah Meyers Brent** has two

spring exhibitions this year. "Into the Fold" is a mixed-media installation displayed April 4-28 at the Coastal Contemporary Gallery in Newport, R.I. In May, Sarah's work will be included in the Chase Young Gallery's "New Member Show" in Boston. Sarah is the 2016 winner of The Improper Bostonian's Natural Talent category. For more information, visit sarahartist.com.

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**'01** **Christine Bouyea** married Sanjiv Gajiwala on June 23, 2018. The ceremony and celebration were held at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, Ill. Classmates **Hilary Redman**, **Amanda Hemley Paulino** and **Amy Durning** were on hand to cheer on the newlyweds. Chrissy and Sanjiv reside in the West Loop neighborhood of Chicago with their beloved dog, Chicken.

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**'03** **Tal Chitayat** is the co-founder and CEO of Full Circle Brands, parent company of Full Circle Home (fullcirclehome.com) and Soma (drinksoma.com). Tal previously worked in consumer product development, supply chain management and manufacturing. In 2009, he and his partners created Full Circle Home to bring environmental responsibility to the creative process for the consumer products market.

**Manuella de Barros** married Fernando Lamas in Sintra, Portugal, on June 9, 2018. Skidmore friends in attendance were **Mara Mornaghi** and **Kendra Pariseault '04**. Missing were **Risa Whipple '04**, **Amanda Kennedy-Stults**, **Adriana Picariello** and **Bridgette Barres Cahill**. The newlyweds honeymooned in Tanzania and the Seychelles. They reside in NYC but plan to relocate to San Francisco.

**Scott Calka** and three partners



**Manuella de Barros '03** married **Fernando Lamas** in Sintra, Portugal, on June 9, 2018. Pictured, from left, are **Mara Mornaghi '03**, **Kendra Pariseault '04**, the bride and another friend.

launched a company that provides advertising sales across multiple platforms for media personalities and content providers. Crossover Media Group Sales enables clients, including Sirius XM program hosts, to generate revenue on television, video, podcasts and terrestrial and satellite radio channels. An industry veteran, Scott has managed sales for Comcast Spotlight, DirecTV and Madison Square Garden.

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**'04** **Emily Tisch Sussman** has a lot to say about the political chops of contenders for the

2020 presidential race. Senior adviser at progressive group Swing Left, she appeared as a panelist on "Up with David Gura" on MSNBC.

**Molly Dyson-Schwery** is a licensed social worker, esthetician, life coach and entrepreneur. An executive and board member for private investment firm Dyson Kissner-Moran, she serves as director of the Dyson Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports education and health care in New York's mid-Hudson Valley region. A Spanish and psychology major, Molly enjoys international travel.

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**'05**

**Emily Ajax Axe-Phillips** traveled the globe as a freelance photojournalist before returning to a passion she pursued at Skidmore: creating large-scale sculptures that pack a narrative punch. The self-described “artist” explores ideas concerned with philosophy, physics and futurism.

Twelve years after their first dance at Morbid Ball, **Dan Sharkey** and **Jennifer Lau** were married in St. Helena, Calif., earlier this year. Their freshman-year roommates, **John Schott** and **Erica Meade**, were joined by **Leigh Feldman** and **Kristina Ho**. The newlyweds are spending a year sailing their yacht around the world.

**Miriam Popper** is executive director for Diversion Initiatives in NYC’s Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, where she spearheads initiatives that help individuals with behavioral health issues and other challenges navigate the criminal justice system. Miriam developed and implemented NYC’s Supervised Release Program, which has reduced the city’s rate of incarceration, especially among youth. The initiative was a finalist for the Harvard Kennedy School Innovations in American Government Award.

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**'06**

**Adam Wallace** has launched Spherical, a digital services firm. A pioneer in the use of social media to promote travel and tourism, Adam is former director of digital marketing at NYC’s Roger Smith Hotel. Spherical’s clientele includes boutique hotel chains Rosewood, Edition, Palisociety and Proper.

**Gillian Carter Feld** was named division director of long-term support services at Northeast Arc, a Massachusetts nonprofit that helps children and adults with disabilities enjoy healthy and active independent lifestyles. Her responsibilities include management of the agency’s

Adult Family Care program and its partnership with the Greater Lynn Senior Services.

**Bill Haydon** was named to Forbes list of “2019 Best in State Wealth Advisors.” Senior advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in Madison, Conn., and formerly account VP and portfolio manager at UBS Financial Services Inc., Bill has served on the College’s Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2014.

**Jessyca Dudley** has been selected to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leaders, a program designed to equip leaders to collaborate, break down silos and use their influence to make communities healthier and more equitable. She will spend the next three years working to build healthy and safe communities in Chicago. Dudley, a former Peace Corps public-health worker and teacher in Africa, is fighting gun violence for the Joyce Foundation. She was recognized by Skidmore with the Palamountain Award for Young Alumni Achievement in 2016.

**Brynn Powell** is a trust officer in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where she also owns a wine brokerage. In her spare time, Brynn enjoys hiking, skiing and biking. Last year, she traveled to Mexico City, Cap-Haïtien in Haiti and Iceland for the first time. Brynn invites classmates traveling through Wyoming to contact her.

As political director of the House Majority PAC, **Sacha Haworth** helped Democrats reclaim the House of Representatives last year. She and husband Will reside in Washington, D.C., with their fluffy cat, Winston.

**Danielle Rosen** and **Alexander Shapiro '07** were wed in Mystic, Conn., in June 2018. On hand to celebrate the nuptials were **Will** and **Jenna Walsh Bastian**, **Lance Meyeroff**, **Kyle Williams**, **Sasha Taylor**, **Andrew Scopp**, **Sarah Mitchell '07**, **Joey Anderson '07**, **Josh Keefe '07**, **Jeff** and **Liz Rose**, **Petar Drobnjak '05**, **Laney Arbelaez**, **Alex Grossman**

**Jaffe '07** and **Max Jaffe '07**, **Gillian Lynch**, **Megan Noyes Fournie** and **Kevin Fournie**, **Jeff Goldberg** and **Alex Bilowitz**. While the newlyweds were acquainted at Skidmore, they lost touch. Fate intervened to bring Danielle and Alex together again five years ago at the wedding of Skidmore friends.

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**'07**

**Molly Lemire Lange** and husband Preston welcomed their first child, Theodore, in September 2018. They recently purchased their first home, in Metuchen, N.J. Molly is a special education supervisor for programs serving individuals with behavioral disabilities in Piscataway, including life-skills training for young adults.

**Brezhnev Sanchez** is a social worker at KIPP NYC, a nonprofit network of public schools that prepares students for success in college and life. Based in the South Bronx, KIPP serves children from low-income neighborhoods across the city. Former dean of the Hyde Leadership Charter School, Brezhnev also served as campus director for Groundwork Inc. and as program coordinator for the YMCA Explorer Program.

**Tunazzina Ahmed Rahman** and **Anando Rahman '05** had a baby girl, Aurna Serena Rahman, in May 2018. She has been a joyous addition to the family. Since her arrival, their lives has been “a crazy, sleepless adventure.”

**Ruth Hanford Morhard** wrote a biography of one of baseball’s least-known figures, her mother-in-law. “Mrs. Morhard and the Boys” tells the story of Josephine Morhard, a single mother struggling to keep her family together at the height of the Great Depression. The Cleveland homemaker organized a gaggle of neighborhood boys to play baseball. Her vision evolved into the first boy’s baseball league in America.

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**'08**

**Katie Caulfield Slater** is associate director of the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers, a nonprofit that supports underrepresented students pursuing graduate degrees in teaching, counseling and administration in K-12 schools and higher education. Katie has discovered a constellation of Skidmore connections among participants in the IRT program. They include **Viviana Gahuancela Cordero '09**, who earned a master’s in higher education from the University of Maryland and is a teacher at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, Mass., and **DyAnna Washington '18**, a master’s candidate in higher education at Boston College. Former Skidmore faculty member Amber Wiley is also an IRT alumna.

**Jacob Navarrete** is associate head of Upper School at Alcuin School in Dallas, Texas, a private international baccalaureate institution where he is also lead college counselor. Jacob previously served as the school’s director of student life. Jacob spent several years in China prior to completing a master’s at Stanford University Graduate School of Education.

Attorney **Danielle Starr** was appointed vice president of the Greater Boston Family Law Inn of Court, an association of legal professionals who serve the community through pro bono work. Danielle is an associate in family law at Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster.

**Ryan Emmons** hit the road as resident director of the U.S. touring production of the Broadway hit “Miss Saigon” last year. He also directed a production of “Company” at the University of Utah earlier this year. Ryan continues to run No. 11 Productions, the nonprofit theater company he co-founded with **Julie Congress** and **Jen Needs**. A voice coach at Manhattan’s Public Theater, Julie is also a faculty member at Stella Alder Acting

Studio. No. 11 Productions, which celebrates its 11th year in June, includes ensemble members **Danny Tieger** and **Haley Greenstein '07**.

**Courtney Mattison** has created her largest work yet. "Confluence" is the fifth installment of her "Our Changing Seas" series and is a tribute to Indonesia's coral reefs. The 28-by-18-foot installation will become part of the permanent collection of the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. Courtney's goal is to spur public awareness of the need for conservation.

In October 2018, "Celtic Americana" singer-songwriter **Kyle Carey** performed in Lake Wentworth, N.H., for an audience that included several Skidmore alums. (See Class of 1973 for details.)

I was saddened to learn **Ian Pollock** passed away. He was a beloved science teacher and alumnus of Burr and Burton Academy in Vermont. In a memorial ceremony held there, Ian was hailed for his irrepressible spirit, willingness to give and belief that students "be the change they want to see in the world."

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There's still time to register for our 10th reunion, May 30 to June 2 in Saratoga! Visit

[skidmore.edu/reunion](http://skidmore.edu/reunion) for everything you need to know to enjoy the big weekend.

**Lizamarie Mohammed** and her partner, Keith, welcomed their first child in August 2018. Liza is a reproductive health policy analyst at the Guttmacher Institute. The family resides in Washington, D.C., with their two cats.

**Michael Thomas** is community relations coordinator at Success Academy Charter Schools in NYC, where he is chief digital strategist for engagement, marketing and fundraising. A veteran of successful

capital campaigns for Covenant House International, a nonprofit serving houseless and exploited youth, Michael earned the Care2 Impact Prize in 2016.

**Maria Littlefield** is co-founder and president of Owl's Brew, a company which, according to Forbes magazine, "is transforming the world of bar mixers." Maria crafts artisan tea-based mixers infused with organic spices, herbs and fruit essences made to complement spirits. She landed on Forbes' "30 Under 30" list last year. For details, visit [theowlsbrew.com](http://theowlsbrew.com).

**Sara DeBrule** was named one of Boston's "Top 20 Women in Tech" by Women of Rev Boston, an organization of executives that recognizes women who have achieved high-level positions in the technology sector. Sara leads the international marketing recruitment team at HubSpot and served as senior recruiter for a number of startups, including video-hosting and marketing platform Wistia.

We wish to thank **Shannon Hassett**

for her service as class correspondent; she did a wonderful job keeping classmates connected. Shannon would like to pass the baton on to a new volunteer. If you would like more information about this fun and staff-supported position, please contact Mary Monigan at [mmonigan@skidmore.edu](mailto:mmonigan@skidmore.edu).

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'10

**Alex Bates** and **Emily Owens '11** were married June 2, 2018 in

Millstone, N.J. Many Skidmore alumni attended the ceremony, officiated by the couple's good friend, **Nick Brown**. Alex and Emily met in fall 2008 in Scribner Village; their first date was at Wheatfields. The newlyweds live in Manhattan, where Alex is a college counselor at Horace Mann School and Emily works in consumer insights at Unilever.

**Elizabeth Kigin** is the director of partner management at NextCapital, an enterprise financial advice plat-

form based in Chicago ([nextcapital.com](http://nextcapital.com)). She previously served as vice president and business development officer at Pershing Advisor Solutions, a BNY Mellon company. Chicago co-chair of BNY Mellon's Women's Initiatives Network, Liz is a co-founder and board member of Chicago Financial Women's Alliance. CFWA helps area Fortune 500 financial firms develop a strong pipeline for female leaders.

After successfully competing at USA Nationals for Triathlon, **David Martin** qualified for Team USA. He'll head to World Championships in Switzerland this year. A certified personal trainer and senior endurance coach at NYC-based Full Throttle Endurance, David is also a USA Triathlon Level 1 Certified Coach and a USA Cycling Coach.

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'11

**Nicole Sartor** has been performing in a production of the musical "Hairspray" on Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the



Alex Bates '10 and Emily Owens '11 were married on June 2, 2018 in Millstone, N.J. Many Skidmore alumni attended the ceremony, officiated by the couple's good friend, Nick Brown '10, as well as the reception.



Seas cruise lines since September. A member of the ensemble, Nicole understudies the lead role and is happily singing, dancing and acting her way through the tropics until this September.

**Caitlin Mahony** is an art conservator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Objects Conservation department. She is responsible for the care and study of art from Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. Caitlin enjoys seeing so many Skidmore alumni in NYC, and hopes to see even more at reunion this spring!

**Gaëlle Murre** is a London-based producer, writer and director who creates branded content for Mandarin Oriental hotels as well as high-speed rail company Eurostar. Her short film, “The Feast,” starring Katie Leung (“Harry Potter,” “Strangers”) was screened at the London Short Film Festival and won Best Production Design at Underwire Film Festival last fall. Gaëlle co-wrote and directed her first virtual reality film, “Mechanical Souls,” a Sundance and SXSW selection.

**Austin Siegert** and **Karim Othman** '14 opened two businesses in Brooklyn Heights this year. As of Now Gallery focuses on emerging NYC artists and curators. A second venture, Brooklyn Only Foods, is a farm-to-bodega grocery and deli that carries artisanal products produced in the borough. Austin, an artist himself, believes the businesses make sense together “because people who want local, sustainable food are probably more likely to value local artists.”

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**'12** **Jay Brett** earned a Ph.D. in oceanography last May from the MIT-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Joint Program. He spent six months at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., before starting a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

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**'13** **David Solomon** is pursuing a master's in environmental management at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in New Haven, Conn.

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**'14** **Eva Hagan** is director of artistic operations at the Portland Symphony Orchestra in Maine. She also fills in playing the “almglocken,” specialty tuned cowbells used for the orchestra's Alpine Symphony concerts. A newlywed, Eva married Michael Tartaglia on Sept. 29 in Biddeford Pool.



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**'15** **Masum Rumi**, an independent data analyst and consultant, specializes in data visualization and machine learning. Previously a data science fellow at tech training academy General Assembly, he focuses on predictive modeling and Python/SQL programming languages. He also shares his expertise as an instructor for online tech academy BAiNYC. Masum is familiar to users of Kaggle, a cloud-based public “workbench” for data scientists, where participants compete to solve statistical and machine-learning challenges.

**Jeannie Prounis** launched her own line of jewelry. Prounis Jewelry is

“a luxury brand, reminiscent of the Etruscan and Greek era.” Creating designs based on classical art, Jeannie's jewelry was featured in fashion magazines WWD and Martha Stewart Weddings. Jeannie became fascinated with jewelry making in studio art and art history courses and grew into a realization of her “true passion.” View her work at [prounisjewelry.com](http://prounisjewelry.com).

**Melvin Alvarez** is an environmental policy consultant at U.N. Environment in Washington, D.C. Melvin coordinated outreach to institutions represented at Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly in March. He is a key contributor to the UN's new policy document on food loss and waste in North America. Melvin's senior thesis at Skidmore also focused on those issues.

**Angela Botiba** is a data analyst for the Faculty Group Practice at NYU's Langone Health Center. Her work helps the center monitor and evaluate the quality and safety of clinical care.

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**'16** **Wai Ting “Winston” Cheung** is a treasury analyst at Payoneer, a global online payment solutions company. Despite living several time zones away from most of his classmates, Winston continues to maintain strong Skidmore connections and develop new ones. Instrumental in launching the Skidmore-Hong Kong alumni group, he hosted a dynamic a reception for Philip and Marie Glotzbach during their 2016 Asian tour.

**Alex Hagney** and two friends launched She's Not Sorry, an online forum for women to share experiences of gender-based inequality. Alex and her colleagues want to inspire women to “defend our place and space in the workforce.” For more information, visit [shes-not-sorry.com](http://shes-not-sorry.com).

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**'17** **Rashan Smith** is a software engineer at the NYC office of Merge IT Solutions, a global firm that offers custom digital and business systems. Although Rashan's work is focused on cloud technologies, she also conducts research on international development. A mentor for young women interested in tech careers, she is active in the Black Girls Code program and ProjectCSGIRLS.

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**'18** Interested in staying connected with classmates? You may be just the person to serve as office class scribe. For more information on this fun and staff-supported volunteer position, contact class notes editor Mary Monigan at 518-580-5617.

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**MALS**  
Poet and teacher **Cara Benson** lost her partner, John, last year. After putting the home they shared on the market, Cara is acquiring a former church property in Grafton, N.Y. She welcomes hearing from other Skiddies at [caralynnbenson@gmail.com](mailto:caralynnbenson@gmail.com). We are so sorry for your loss, Cara, and send our deepest condolences.

**Lisa Chalidze** spent three weeks in the impoverished rural town of Memel, South Africa, with NGO Memel Global (<https://memel.global>). The organization's mission is to eliminate the pervasive legacy of apartheid through education and employment opportunities, public infrastructure projects, sustainable agriculture and health care. Lisa arrived in Memel carrying 30 pounds of books she donated to a new school library. Before leaving, she spent three days on a camera safari.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Kiep Morrison '40** of Coatesville, Pa., died Jan. 27. A business major, she became a CPA after raising a family. She is survived by two daughters, including **Sarah Morrison Simmons '73**, two sons and seven grandchildren.

**Eleanor Dillaway Nobile '41** of Queensbury, N.Y., died Feb. 4. An art education major, she taught high school art in Glens Falls. In retirement, she and her husband founded Artworks, an art school and gallery. She is survived by her husband, Jim Nobile, a daughter, a sister, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Libby Cone Gardner '44** of Norwich, Vt., died June 13, 2018. An art major, she established her own ceramics studio in 1946 and later started a handicraft import business, Shopping International, with husband Clint. She served as a class correspondent, reunion volunteer and class agent. She is survived by a daughter, Catherine Morrison, two sons, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Patricia O'Connell Reach '45** of Longmeadow, Mass., died Oct. 12, 2018. A business major, she built a successful manufacturing company and was a ubiquitous civic volunteer. She is survived by a daughter, **Melinda Reach '69**, a son and two grandsons.

**Faith Hope Bernard '46** of Wilmette, Illinois, died Dec. 17, 2018. A business major, she oversaw billing for her husband's auto repair shop. She is survived by her husband, David Bernard, two sons and a daughter, and four step-children.

**Constance Abbott Koeniger '46** of Narragansett, R.I., died Feb. 8, 2018. An English major, she returned to campus in 2010 and complimented President Glotzbach on "all the beautiful changes at Skidmore." She is survived by a son, Charles Koeniger,

and a grandson, **Paul Koeniger '09**.

**Rae Eno Werner '46** of Arlington, Va., died March 29, 2017. She was a business major. She is survived by two daughters, including **Christine Werner '71** and a son.

**Dorothy Smith Taggett '47** of Lake Wales, Fla., died Nov. 29, 2018. A textile design major, she was a skilled seamstress, quilter and needlework artist and served as costume designer for the Baldwinville Theater Guild productions. She is survived by her husband, Paul Taggett, a daughter and a grandson.

**Jane Drisko Shaw '47** of Chambersburg, Pa., died on August 1, 2016. A physical education major, she taught in her field for many years. She served as a reunion and class agent volunteer. She is survived by her husband, Armin Shaw, two daughters and three sons.

**Hannah Bernstein Casden '48** of Longboat Key, Fla., died Jan. 21. A biology major, she worked for the Jewish Federation of New York. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Casden, two sons, a sister, **Dorothy Bernstein Casden '52**, eight grandchildren, including **Alyssa Casden '99**, and three great-grandchildren.

**Katherine Morse Pincus '49** of Fort Pierce, Fla., died Jan. 1. A sociology major, she was a social worker and taught in Minneapolis Public Schools. She served as a campaign volunteer, class president and class agent. She is survived by her husband, Mitchell Pincus, a son and daughter, a brother, and a grandchild.

**Shirley Lavine '50** of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died Oct. 24, 2018. A business major, she worked in television production. She is survived by her cousin, **Elinor Lavine Dangler '50**.

**Sylvia Bickford Webster '51** of Laconia, N.H., died Jan. 27. She was a biology major. She is survived by her husband, Bill Webster, two daughters, a son, and three grandsons.

**Anne Hankinson Kern '52** of Merrimac, Mass., died Jan. 29. A theater major, she taught at The Wilson School in Maine. In 1978, she developed the low-impact exercise program Dancercise. She is survived by two sons, including David Kern, and nine grandchildren. Her husband, William, predeceased her.

**Isabel Singer Marriott '52** of Haverford, Pa., died Feb. 7. A sociology major, she earned a master's in social services from Fordham University. She enjoyed a career at Catholic Social Services. She is survived by three sons and two daughters and 21 grandchildren, including **Sarah Marriott '11**.

**Nancy Dalton Rogal '52** of Austin, Texas, died April 25, 2018. An art major, she was an accomplished artist. She served as a reunion volunteer. She is survived by two daughters and a son.

**Madeline Scheuer Selden '52** of Westport, Conn., died Feb. 22, 2018. She was a sociology major. She is survived by her husband, William Selden, and two sons.

**Ann Morrissey Harrison '52** of Keswick, Va., died March 2, 2018. A business major, she was a top-secret clearance expediter at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company during the construction of the nuclear-powered USS Enterprise. She is survived by her son, John Harrison, a daughter, a sister and four grandchildren.

**Millicent Rademaker Buie '53** of Willow Valley, Pa., died Dec. 4, 2018. She was a nursing major. She is survived by five sons and two daughters, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert, predeceased her.

**Carolyn Roberts Breakenridge '53** of Bolton Landing, N.Y., died Dec. 1, 2018. A nursing major, she worked at Montclair Community Hospital. She served as a class agent volunteer. She is survived by a son and two daughters.

**Sally Shirk Kelley '53** of Tulsa, Okla., died Aug. 9, 2015. A nursing major, she was a pediatric nurse. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Richard, predeceased her.

**Normal Morse Edelman '53** of Warner, N.H., died Sept. 28, 2018. A business major, she started a wedding planning and production company in El Cajon, Calif. She was active in local politics and an avid swimmer. She served as a campaign and reunion volunteer. She is survived by a daughter, a sister and three grandchildren.

**Diane Webb Mackey Prescott '54** of Darien, Conn., died Feb. 13. An art major, she was a jewelry designer in NYC and a talented watercolor artist. She is survived by her husband, Amos Prescott, a daughter and a son.

**Joan Morace Tennille '54** of Beaverdam, Va., died Feb. 8. A biology major, she taught at Bradford College and later founded a dance studio. She is survived by her husband, Carl Tennille, and two sons.

**Eleanor Gross Koppel '56** of Issaquah, Wash., died May 4, 2018. A business major, she worked in market research and real estate. She is survived by her husband, Mort Koppel, three sons, and seven grandchildren.

**Shirle Jankowich '58** of Stratford, Conn., died Dec. 4, 2018. An art major, she taught at Greenwich High School and received the Distinguished Teacher Award. She served as a class correspondent, reunion volunteer and class agent. She is survived by two brothers, nieces and nephews.

**Dael Gilroy Piro '59** of Winnetka, Ill., died March 28, 2008. She was a speech pathologist and a well-known storyteller. She is survived by a daughter, a son, a brother and two grandchildren.

**Anne Dougherty Wilson '59** of

Wake Forest, N.C., died Oct. 12, 2018. A textile and clothing major, she taught at schools around the country. She is survived by her husband, Richard Wilson, and a daughter.

**Barbara Engster Sullivan '59** of Westford, Mass., died Aug. 12, 2018. An English major, she was a teacher, career counselor and employment advisor. She is survived by four daughters, a son, and nine grandchildren.

**Sally Andrews Serenius '59** of Naples, Fla., died Dec. 3, 2018. She was a political science major. She is survived by her husband, William Serenius, a son and daughter, three step-sons and seven grandchildren.

**Meredith Jenkins Judge '60** of Queensbury, N.Y., died Oct. 24, 2018. A nursing major, she was a public health nurse. She served as a reunion and campaign volunteer and a class agent. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Judge, a daughter, **Pamela Judge Wilson '88**, a son and seven grandchildren.

**Gail Bendix Jaffe '60** of Oro Valley, Ariz., died Aug. 18, 2018. A psychology major, she had a psychotherapy practice for many years. She was a reunion volunteer, class agent and class correspondent. She also served as a hospitality chair and regional club volunteer. She is survived by her husband, Alan Jaffe.

**Judith Krysto Williams '60** of Vero Beach, Fla., died Oct. 25, 2018. A government major, she worked as an executive recruiter. She is survived by her husband, Larry Williams, three sons, a sister and brother and 12 grandchildren.

**Julia Smith Pringle '60** of Temple, Ariz., died Oct. 17, 2018. A physical education major, she was a longtime educator, a talented artist and printmaker. She was a reunion and class agent volunteer. She is survived by a son.

**Mary Campbell Paddon '61** of Middlebury, Vt., died Sept. 23, 2018. A mathematics major, she

taught at Columbia Middle School and Gov. Livingston High School in New Jersey. She is survived by two daughters, including **Katherine Werthmann '94**, two step-children, and two grandchildren.

**Joellen Maloney Toussaint '62** of Wellesley, Mass., died Nov. 11, 2018. A history major, she was a president of the League of Women Voters, a board member of the Wellesley Council on Aging and an anchor for a cable channel program. She is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and a sister.

**Courtney Cunningham Teegen '64** of Bull Valley, Ill., died Aug. 18, 2018. She was a history major. She is survived by her husband, Donald Teegen, two daughters and a son, two grandchildren and two sisters.

**Jane Carlson Williams '64** of Seattle, Wash., died April 20, 2017. She was a nonprofit development professional. She is survived by her husband, David Williams, two sons and a brother.

**Linda Hellmich Brink '64** of Sarasota, Fla., died Jan. 21. An art major, she established her own interior design firm, Lindell Designs, in 1972. She is survived by her husband, Clark Brink, a daughter, three step-children, a sister and eight grandchildren.

**Marian Curtis Kunz '65** of Ballston Spa, N.Y., died Nov. 18, 2018. A home economics major, she enjoyed a long career in area public schools. She is survived by three daughters, a son, a sister, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Edward, predeceased her.

**Janet Cary Mevs '69** of Middletown, Conn., died Dec. 22, 2018. A social work major, she counseled patients at Connecticut Valley Hospital before coordinating a medical practice. She is survived by her husband, Cliff Mevs, and a daughter, sister and granddaughter.

**Lois Trowbridge Brockman '69** of

Barrington, Ill., died Nov. 19, 2018. An insurance executive, she was active in arts and civic organizations. She is survived by her husband, Dan Brockman, a son and daughter, a step-son and four grandchildren.

**Marilyn Mercer Hamel '70** of North Hero, Vt., died Aug. 14, 2018. An education major, she was a middle school teacher. She is survived by her husband, Paul Hamel, a son, a brother, two grandchildren and her mother.

**Robin Steier Goldberg '72** of New York, N.Y., died Aug. 9, 2018. She was a psychology major. She is survived by her husband Harvey Goldberg, a son and a daughter.

**Jeffrey Grey '73** of San Rafael, Calif., died July 29, 2018. An art major, he earned a bachelor's after serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an arborist for the National Park Service in Bar Harbor, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Linda Grey, a daughter, three sons and three grandchildren.

**Candace Herron Borreson '75** of Clemmons, N.C., died Oct. 31, 2018. A government-sociology major, she worked for Sara Lee and RJR Nabisco before serving as senior vice president for Keystone Marketing. She later founded her own agency, Insights, Inc. She is survived by a brother, two sisters and her loving dog, Zoe.

**Janice Rizzo DeLaney '79** of South Bedford, N.Y., died Sept. 29, 2018. A business major, she was a human resources administrator for a family business. She is survived by her husband, Gerald DeLaney and three daughters.

**Lisa Symons Burke '83** of Flint Hill, Va., died Feb. 1. A nursing major, she practiced nursing for many years. She is survived by four daughters and six grandchildren.

**Sui Lam Sung '85** of Avenel, N.J., died May 11, 2018. A business major, he enjoyed a successful career in

finance with JP Morgan, HypoVer-einsbank and ICBC Standard Bank. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Sung, a daughter, two brothers and two sisters, and his mother.

**Amanda Yelen '90** of Bridgeport, Conn., died Sept. 15, 2018. She was an English-Spanish major. She is survived by a sister, **Kate Yelen Compton '93**, and a brother-in-law, **Randall Compton '93**.

**Andrew Flamm '90** of Rockland, Maine, died Nov. 23, 2018. An art major, he had a successful career as a folk art dealer. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Hauser, his parents, a brother and a sister.

**Crystal Brooks '96** of North Adams, Mass., died Nov. 29, 2018. She earned a bachelor's in psychology and served as director of prospect management and research at Williams College. She is survived by a brother and two sisters.

**Leah Guerreiro-Ramos '97** of Los Angeles, Calif., died Nov. 8, 2018. A classics-English major, she established a career in marketing in Ohio and California. She is survived by her parents, Alberto and Laura Guerreiro-Ramos.

**Ian Pollock '08** of Sunderland, Vt., died in November 2018. A neuroscience major, he was a science teacher at Burr & Burton Academy. Ian was the co-founder and director of the Block Island Fishing Academy. In honor of Ian, it will continue as a nonprofit dedicated to providing fishing experiences and outdoor education to disadvantaged children. He is survived by his parents, Lani Lovisa and David Pollock, two brothers and a sister.

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