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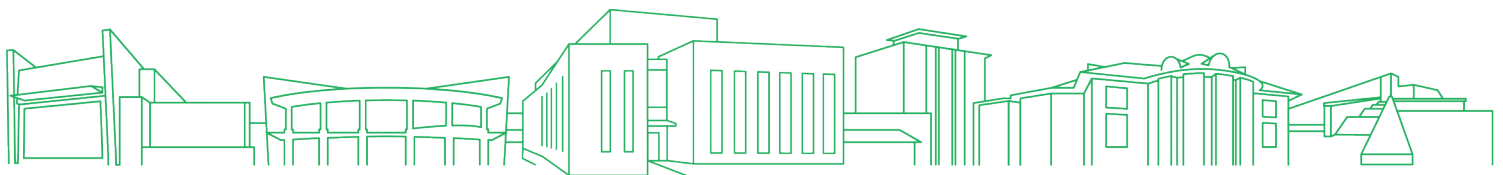
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This spring, as the COVID-19 pandemic sparked historic global health and economic crises, drastic measures to combat the spread of the disease disrupted everyday routines and schedules, and put major events and annual traditions on hold. Plans for this magazine shifted as we pivoted to document some of the dramatic transformations at Skidmore College.

It has been a semester like no other. Many students returned to campus after an extended spring break and hurriedly packed their belongings and left to participate in remote learning at home; those who remained on a mostly empty campus practiced social distancing.

It is certainly not the way that President Philip A. Glotzbach, who has led Skidmore College with distinction for the past 17 years, envisioned his final semester when he announced his decision to retire more than a year ago. We wish him and Marie Glotzbach all the best in their next chapter in Saratoga Springs.

In this issue, we present some of the many ways our Skidmore community quickly mobilized to support innovative online learning. We also tell the stories of three Skidmore alumni on the front lines of the battle against the devastating pandemic.

At the same time, we look forward to brighter days ahead, and so we are pleased to present an interview with Skidmore's next president, Marc C. Conner. We are excited to welcome the president-elect and Barbara Reyes-Conner to campus this summer.

We are also excited to introduce augmented reality in this issue. Augmented reality allows our readers to explore additional digital content by interacting with select images in the magazine with their cellphones or tablets. See Page 3 for details.

On behalf of the entire Scope editorial team, we wish you and yours great health and peace of mind always.

— James Helicke

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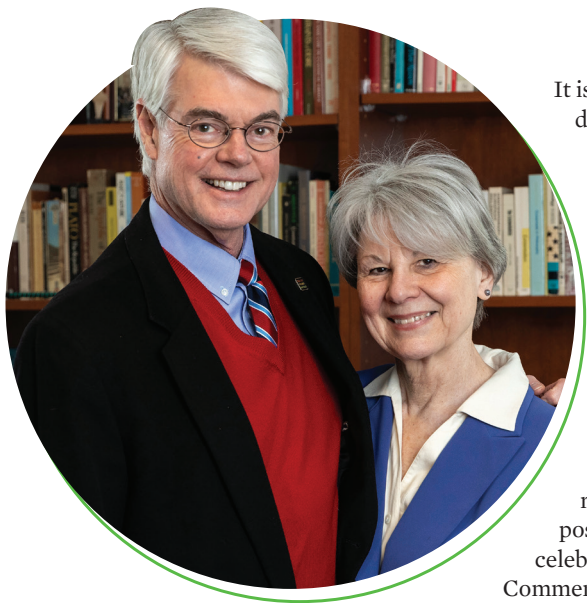
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Skidmore President-elect
Marc C. Conner and
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CREATIVE
THOUGHT
MATTERS



It is not an easy time to put down words for my final Scope column. The experience of the past few months and the uncertainty wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic have been unlike any other time of my presidency at Skidmore. We have had to make difficult decisions, from the sudden transition to remote learning to the postponement of cherished celebrations, including Commencement and Reunion.

While the pandemic has brought uncertainty, I have also marveled at the amazing efforts that members of our Skidmore community have displayed. The Skidmore community's enduring spirit of creativity and service, which so impressed me 17 years ago, has never made a deeper impact on me than it has this spring. Members of our College community — faculty, staff, students and alumni — have rallied to support our students as we pulled off all the logistical, pedagogical and financial aspects of the College's rapid transition to remote learning and doing our part to ensure the health and safety of both our campus and broader communities.

Although the circumstances of these trying months have in many ways been unprecedented, our community's ability to face and overcome incredible obstacles is not unique. Throughout the past 17 years, I have been extraordinarily fortunate to have worked with exemplary leadership teams — trustees and cabinet officers — who played crucial roles in forging a bright future for our College and have steered us through difficult times, including the current crisis. We have received wonderful support from faculty, staff, the student body, alumni, parents and friends of the College.

Everyone should be justifiably proud of what we all have accomplished — and will continue to accomplish — working together. As our dedicated professors have expanded opportunities for our students, they also have continued to enhance Skidmore's reputation for excellence. Our campus buildings better reflect and reinforce the excellence of the endeavors they facilitate.

Our financial aid budget has more than tripled and, before the recent COVID-19-related market “correction,” our total endowment was approaching \$450 million. Our community is increasingly diverse and inclusive, and we have made strides toward ensuring that everyone at Skidmore feels they fully belong.

Skidmore's motto, Creative Thought Matters, serves as a powerful expression of who we are. It affirms that creativity represents the very essence of a liberal arts education and, in fact, reflects our aspirations for our College, students and alumni. Creative thought also reflects the spirit of optimism and ingenuity that will lead our community into the future and through this moment.

There remains important work ahead on all these fronts. Our efforts to ensure that all our students enjoy full access to everything we offer will never end. We need to address the significant financial and other challenges facing not just Skidmore but all liberal arts colleges today and that have become even starker as a result of turmoil associated with the pandemic. Most of all, we also will need to recover from the disruptions to so many lives — especially our students' — occasioned by the coronavirus.

Although we are unable to hold Commencement as we traditionally have, Marie and I are committed to celebrating the graduates of the Class of 2020. We know their satisfaction in having earned a Skidmore degree, share their pride in being members of this amazing academic community and look forward to the meaningful lives they will create. We also look forward to reconnecting with our alumni, who bring so much to Skidmore.

Despite the current circumstances, I remain resolutely optimistic about the College's future. We are fortunate to welcome Marc C. Conner and his wife, Barbara Reyes-Conner, as our next presidential couple. Marc and Barb share Marie's and my commitment to liberal education, and they will continue to build on the College's long history of achievement.

To conclude, let me offer a most heartfelt “THANK YOU!” to everyone who has been part of the Skidmore team for these past 17 years and offered support through the current crisis. Marie and I will continue to be there for you in these challenging times and look forward to cheering for all the accomplishments yet to come.

— Philip A. Glotzbach

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FREDDIE KLAUS



How to access augmented reality features in Scope

This issue of Scope is enhanced with additional content made possible through augmented reality. This technology integrates digital experiences with print, making the magazine more interactive and informative to readers.

To watch a video featuring the Amazon journey of Freddie Klaus '20 and to explore additional augmented reality features throughout this magazine, visit www.skidmore.edu/AR.

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JOIN FREDDIE KLAUS '20 on an **AMAZON ADVENTURE**

Environmental sciences major Freddie Klaus' capstone research took her on an unforgettable senior-year journey to the Amazon rainforest and the United Kingdom to study methane in trees and its impact on the global climate.

After conducting collaborative

fieldwork with a team of environmental studies and sciences students in Skidmore's North Woods in the fall, biogeochemist Sunitha Rao Pangala of Lancaster University in the U.K. invited Klaus to join her, Brazilian scientists and Ph.D. and postdoctoral researchers on a 10-day field campaign in the Amazon basin.

As Klaus collected samples in the challenging and awe-inspiring environment, she was able to make a meaningful contribution to a scientific endeavor she truly cares about.

"As a senior, having taken the classes I've taken — to be able to see that system and work in that system

and try to contribute to a better understanding of that system was really, really powerful," says Klaus.

Her adventure continued earlier this year when she was invited to help process the Amazon samples in a lab at Lancaster University in the U.K.



SHOW YOUR SKIDMORE PRIDE ON YOUR RIDE

Drivers of cars registered in New York state will soon be able to order Skidmore custom license plates. Transactions were paused during New York's stay-home order but are expected to resume in May. Each person can choose a plate with numbers and letters assigned by the DMV or select their own custom combination. For custom plates, we suggest using a custom combination beginning with "CTM" — for Creative Thought Matters.

For details, visit dmv.ny.gov/plates/skidmore-college

“History gives us perspective that I think is helpful in times like this. Panic. Fear. Worry. We’re not the first to face these things, and the questions we are asking have been asked before. I think history offers clarity, and I think clarity is what students are hoping to find in the world right now. I know I am.”

— Tillman Nechtman



LABORATORY EXPERIENCES

Jennifer Cholnoky, an instructor of geosciences, takes flow velocity measurements as she is filmed by Associate Professor Kyle Nichols. Skidmore scientists found creative ways to offer laboratory-based courses while social distancing.

LEARNING AND WORKING WHILE APART

How the Skidmore community responded to the COVID-19 pandemic

Like many Skidmore professors, Professor of History Tillman Nechtman suddenly found his teaching interwoven with the history unfolding around him in the spring semester.

Nechtman and other faculty pivoted to redesign courses after the College transitioned to remote learning in March as part of global efforts to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.

For many at Skidmore, the move to online teaching became more than just an unexpected transition to a new platform: It became an opportunity to explore innovative approaches to learning and new connections with one another.

From the Theater and Health and Human Physiological Sciences departments to Student Affairs and Campus Safety, the entire Skidmore community found itself grappling with the unprecedented challenges of the moment. As it hustled to adapt, it also demonstrated extraordinary creativity and kindness in the face of uncertainty.

A HISTORICAL SHIFT

The spring semester was supposed to be a time to come together and celebrate.

Creating Our Future: The Campaign for Skidmore topped \$200 million. The first phase of the Center for Integrated Sciences was nearing its scheduled completion, and Skidmore was embarking on new projects for the College’s future.

After 17 years of exemplary leadership, President Philip A. Glotzbach had announced a year ago his plans to retire in June, and the campus community hosted an event in early February to welcome its next president, Marc C. Conner, provost and accomplished English professor at Washington and Lee University.

The Class of 2020 was busy preparing for on-campus recitals and exhibitions and making plans in anticipation of class celebrations and Commencement in May.

In the background, though, once faint concerns about a coronavirus in distant Wuhan, China, grew increasingly pronounced.

Beginning in January, Skidmore was providing updates to the community about the virus. In February, the Office of Off-Campus Study and Exchanges was carefully monitoring how new travel restrictions would affect around 200 Skidmore students



ACTS OF KINDNESS

Skidmore has responded with many acts of kindness. Elizabeth M. Huntley, who gives private harp lessons, arranged for three students to take 5-foot-tall harps home to practice. “They deserve a little music in their lives right now. It’s the least that I can do,” she says.



ZOOMING IN

Learning Experience Design and Digital Scholarship Support team members Beth DuPont, Ben Harwood and Aaron Kendall and other IT staff mobilized to move Skidmore online. Here, Harwood and Help Desk Support Specialists John Sanders and Cathy Coffinger provide online training for employees.

studying abroad. A COVID-19 campus working group was formed to share information about the rapidly evolving situation, and a website with resources and information for the campus community was launched.

Alarm bells grew louder in March. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization were encouraging organizations with academic programs abroad to bring students home, and Skidmore asked students in South Korea and Italy to return.

Spring break, which began March 7, marked a turning point. Members of the Skidmore community were asked to be vigilant, while College leadership, supported by medical experts including Diana Perry '89 and Jonathan Brestoff Parker '08, recognized the growing risk the virus posed.

“We realized it was not if, but when, a case would emerge on campus. With students away on spring break, the risk was even greater, and it was clear we didn’t have the resources or capacity to manage an outbreak on campus with all of our students back,” says Glotzbach. “After extensive deliberations, we decided to extend spring break by another week. The extension gave

us time to explore alternatives to in-person classroom instruction.”

On March 12, Skidmore announced the decision to begin remote learning after the extended spring break. The shift was an especially dramatic one for a residential college that has long prided itself on close interaction between faculty and students.

The logistical challenges were enormous. Most Skidmore students would need to move out of residence halls and campus apartments within a week. Safe arrangements to meet ever-shifting health guidelines would also need to be made — and adjusted again and again — for more than 150 others remaining on campus. Hundreds of laptops were distributed. Internet bandwidth was increased. Faculty and staff — most of whom were now working remotely — received training to conduct their jobs online. Courses were redesigned, and College finances reexamined.

RIISING TO THE OCCASION

The Skidmore community rose to the occasion while also finding new ways to connect with one another.

Health Services, for instance, which has remained open throughout the crisis, adjusted to make additional services, including counseling, available online. It also liaised with health officials to get the latest information and ensure compliance with mandates that changed frequently.

“The landscape was shifting so rapidly. We would work really hard to problem-solve and then, an hour later, all of that would have to be rearranged because the landscape shifted again,” says Julia Routbort, associate dean of student affairs for health and wellness. “Everybody on campus has been moving mountains, and our folks definitely did.”

At the heart of Skidmore’s dramatic shift online has been the College’s Information Technology team, which increased the

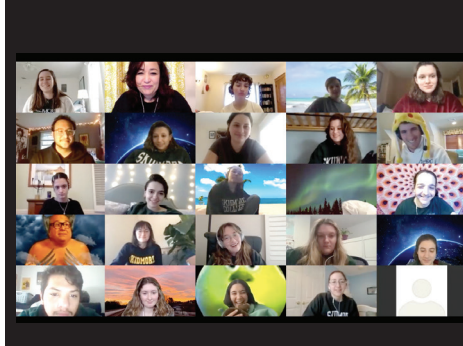
COMMENCEMENT AND REUNION

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has announced that 2020 Commencement and Reunion could no longer be held in their traditional way this May. A working group of students and Skidmore community members are helping to plan a reimagined Commencement to celebrate this important milestone. The College also looks forward to welcoming alumni back to campus for a rescheduled Reunion when the time is right.



SERVING GOOD FOOD

Mark Miller and Dining Services staff have continued to provide meals for essential personnel and students on campus. “Our team has really risen to the challenge during these unprecedented times,” Miller says. Here, Bryanna Mackey ’21 carries out breakfast from Murray-Aikins Dining Hall.



LAUGHING TOGETHER

Eunice Ferreira, assistant professor of theater, said a few lighter moments in her Theater and Culture I courses helped to ease the transition to online learning. “I think laughter lifted all our spirits,” she says.



GIVING BACK

Members of the Skidmore community also gave back to the broader community by donating protective gear and lending a biosafety cabinet to Saratoga Hospital to support COVID-19 preparations.

College’s storage capacity and network bandwidth to allow 122 classes to operate simultaneously. IT’s Learning Experience Design and Digital Scholarship Support team provided webinars, learning opportunities and one-on-one support.

“We collected hundreds of laptops from all over campus, updated them and prepared them for distribution to faculty, staff and students who may not have had reliable computers they could use at home,” says Chief Technology Officer Dwane Sterling.

Skidmore has provided other key services remotely, from the Office of Academic Advising and Peer Academic Coaching to the Philip Boshoff Writing Center and the Career Development Center.

At the same time, the College discovered new ways to engage students and the broader community. Zankel Music Center has been streaming past performances, such as the ever-popular Beatlemania. Strength and Conditioning Coach Matt Chatham has been sharing a daily workout program on Instagram.

Skidmore’s Office of Admissions partnered with the Office of Communications and Marketing to develop new virtual admissions tools to welcome the Class of 2024.

There have been many tough moments. At the end of March, administrators announced that Commencement and Reunion would be postponed, citing the drastic actions required to protect community health.

“We understand this is a significant change and feels like a loss to many,” President Glotzbach said. He also noted that a working group of students and Skidmore community members would help plan a reimagined Commencement to celebrate seniors’ accomplishments.

During an online faculty meeting on April 3, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Orr commended the faculty’s response to the unique situation.

“Exceptional demands have been placed on everyone. Nobody knows in a given moment who has a family member, a dear friend, who is suffering from the virus and has a serious health concern, or family members who are out of work,” Orr told faculty. “I know many of you have heard harrowing tales from students about how the virus is impacting their lives ... Flexibility and empathy need to be among our governing principles.”

Those principles have prevailed — both in courses and in a spirit of generosity that Skidmore community members have demonstrated to others.

A COVID-19 student working group spearheaded a fundraising effort through the Student Emergency Fund, which received contributions from parents, alumni, community members and others, to support students needing assistance. “We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who has shown their support,” says David Robakidze ’20, Student Government Association president.

Skidmore also rallied to give back to the broader community. Employees scoured laboratories, art studios and offices for tens of thousands of protective gloves, dozens of N95 masks, disinfectants and other protective gear for donation to Saratoga Hospital.

Uncertainty remains. Shrinking revenues, a reduced endowment and heightened demand for financial aid are prompting difficult decisions, including the temporary furlough of some employees, a hiring freeze, the postponement of new construction projects and other measures.

“We will continue to face significant challenges,” Glotzbach said. “I am very grateful for the countless ways members of our community have pulled together, making significant adjustments during the transition to remote learning and working, supporting one another, and showing remarkable strength and creativity in the face of these unprecedented times.”

LEARNING FROM UNCERTAINTY

Courses have also provided a way for students and faculty to grapple with uncertainty surrounding the epidemic.

Michael Ennis-McMillan, associate professor of anthropology, even taught a Scribner Seminar for first-year students this fall called Emerging Diseases. “All my students are talking about how the class was useful to think about this moment,” says Ennis-McMillan.



SIGNS OF SPRING

As Skidmore participated in social distancing measures, campus was quieter than usual after spring break. But budding trees and chirping birds also offered the optimism of better days to come.

In the Dance Department, Lecturer Erika Pujić and Musical Director Carl Landa adapted dance performances to reflect the current reality of social distancing.

“I want to give students creative and meaningful experiences during these crazy times,” Pujić says. “In 1955, Anna Sokolow choreographed ‘Rooms,’ exploring the idea of isolation, and I thought it would be fitting for the times that we are living in today. We performed our version as an ensemble on Zoom, and Carl created an original score.”

Uncertainty was already the theme of this spring’s Science Literacy Program courses taught by faculty members across disciplines from Asian studies to physics.

“The section that I’m co-teaching, called ‘Mind the Gap,’ has pivoted to consider gaps in light of our current moment in time: social distancing, gaps in information, gaps in care,” says Visiting Instructor of Geosciences Jennifer Chohnoky.

Denise Smith, Tisch Family Distinguished Professor in the Department of Health and Physiological Sciences, found her Clinical Cardiovascular Disease course shifting to address COVID-19 and issues students were experiencing.

“They were eager to share what they were thinking and feeling,” Smith says. “They wanted to talk about basic science, the mechanisms by which the coronavirus was able to infect human cells, and to discuss public health policies and approaches.”

CREATIVE RESEARCH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Skidmore faculty members have found creative ways to conduct innovative research with others, including students, during the pandemic.

Aarathi Prasad, assistant professor of computer science, who has published research on contact tracing while taking into consideration privacy concerns, is now contributing to a project to develop a contact tracing app to track the spread of COVID-19. The initiative, called Private Kit: Safe Paths, includes collaborators from MIT, Harvard University and many other institutions.

Associate Professor of Anthropology Michael Ennis-McMillan published an article, “Pandemic Perspectives: Responding to COVID-19,” with collaborator Kristin Hedges in the American Anthropological Association’s journal *Open Anthropology*.

Assistant Professor of Management and Business Mike Dunn is also involving Skidmore student Gabrielle Vaccaro ’22 in a research project collecting qualitative data on freelance workers — those with nonstandard work arrangements in the burgeoning gig economy. The research team, which also includes Syracuse University colleague Steve Sawyer and several graduate students, has been using online interviews and surveys to understand the nature and conditions of freelance work.

The plan was to track the freelance workers over two years, but when the COVID-19 pandemic gained traction, Dunn says the research team realized it had a rare opportunity to study this subset of nontraditional workers during a health crisis and major economic downturn.

“Sixty percent of those interviewed have no health insurance, and almost half don’t have a savings nest egg,” Dunn says.

This spring, Vaccaro, an international affairs and management and business double major from Andover, Massachusetts, joined Dunn’s research team and has conducted 30 interviews so far.

“In many ways, it’s the quintessential Skidmore experience. There is a culture here where a faculty member can take a deep dive on a research project with a student,” he says.

Her work has been deemed so important that she also landed a summer position as a Syracuse research fellow.

“Originally, I thought of this project as market research,” says Vaccaro, who also plays on Skidmore’s varsity field hockey team. “Now, it’s turned into witnessing history.”

— Peter MacDonald

“Not only did I feel like they were rising to the challenge of remote learning, I found myself confident that the young people are going to be a driving force in helping us navigate the difficult times ahead.”

In the History Department, Department Chair Nechtman and colleagues have also drawn inspiration from their discipline. Students in Associate Professor Jenny Huangfu Day’s International Relations in East Asian History seminar have been researching the roles played by the Chinese foreign office and diplomats in shaping the discourse surrounding COVID-19.

Murat Yildiz, assistant professor of history, redesigned his courses on the Middle East. “Students have been reflecting on how they develop an historical approach to thinking about disease and public health,” Yildiz says.

Nechtman, too, has been contemplating both past and present.

“I’ve insisted that my revisions to my syllabi will not be to work against the pandemic but rather to teach with it,” he says. “History gives us perspective that is helpful in times like this.”

— James Helicke

STAYING STRONG with the TANG

This spring, the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery has thrived as an online town square for the Skidmore community despite social distancing measures associated with the coronavirus.

Weekly news from the Tang has been featuring muscly images from the faculty-curated exhibition “FLEX” with the message “Stay Strong!” The exhibition closed to the public two weeks after its packed opening and now lives online. Co-curated by Dan Curley in the Classics Department and Gregory Spinner in Religious Studies, the show explores changing notions of bravery, beauty and health.

“The heroic bodies on display in ‘FLEX’ and in the Tang’s ‘Stay Strong’ campaign give new resonance to the notions of heroism and strength during an anxious time of pandemic illness,” Curley said. “The strength we exhibit every day — whether in trying to stay active, caring for loved ones, supporting students, helping neighbors or striving to meet the innumerable challenges that have become all the more challenging — has made heroes of us all.”

Class visits to the teaching museum turned virtual this semester. Students in David Howson’s Foundations of Arts Administration class used Zoom for a tour of the “FLEX” exhibition. History Professor Jordana Dym’s Archival Storytelling class learned about how an exhibition comes together by talking over Zoom with Rachel Seligman, the Tang’s Malloy Curator, and Minita Sanghvi of the Department of Management and Business.

The Tang has been connecting with the Skidmore community in a variety of other ways.

During “Tang Live” every Thursday, Skidmore students take over the Tang’s Instagram account, with members of the Tang Student Advisory Council producing programs to stay connected and share



Gregory Spinner, teaching professor in religious studies, leads students in David Howson’s Foundations of Arts Administration class through a virtual tour of the “FLEX” exhibition.

DAVID HOWSON

quarantine experiences.

“‘Tang Live’ has allowed me to help reconnect online with the community that the Tang has provided for years,” said Nathan Bloom ’21, who spoke with Maya Ling ’20 about her Hyde Cabinet curatorial project.

Other “Tang Live” events have featured Sarah Greene ’20 and Eleanor James ’20 screening and discussing James’ new dance film “Isolation,” and Maria Staack ’22 and Fiona McLaughlin ’20 leading a workshop on how to make a face mask.

“Tang at Home,” a new webpage filled with art-making activities, provides children and families at home a way to experience the kinds of programs Tang Museum educators usually offers to thousands of K-12 students each spring.

“Tang Extra Credit” is a crowdsourced project in which Skidmore community members are invited to recreate works from the Tang collection at home and send in a picture. Find out how to take part by visiting the Tang website at tang.skidmore.edu.

— Michael Janairo



Maria Staack ’22 and Fiona McLaughlin ’20 lead a workshop on how to make a mask during a “Tang Live” event.

ON THE FRONT LINES

The heroism of the health professionals at the forefront of combatting the COVID-19 pandemic has been inspirational and vital to guiding the nation through this crisis. Three alumni say they draw upon the foundations in science, creative thought and humanities that they received at Skidmore as they navigate the uncharted territory of the pandemic. — *Angela Valden*

The battle in the epicenter

Mike Natter '08, a third-year medical resident with New York University Langone Health who tends to patients at NYU Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital and Manhattan Veterans Affairs Medical Center, is used to treating a wide variety of maladies, from heart attacks to COPD- and diabetes-related issues to standard infections.



As New York City became the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic in the U.S. toward late March, the nature of his work shifted dramatically.

“Ninety to ninety-five percent of the patient population I’ve been seeing has been just COVID-19 patients, and that’s very difficult,” he said in mid-April. “A, because obviously they’re so sick. B, because

they’re so infectious. But being that this is such a new virus and we don’t have many tools to fight it, it’s been a feeling of helplessness from a medical standpoint.”

He and his colleagues have provided supportive care, putting patients on ventilators if they can’t breathe or giving them pain medication if they are in pain. But without a proven treatment, options are limited.

Natter had been working demanding 12-hour shifts prior to COVID-19, but the emotional component of this pandemic is unlike anything he has ever experienced.

“COVID-19 is vicious. We’re seeing a lot of death. We’re seeing people who otherwise are young and healthy become extremely sick and ventilated. And you worry about things that you didn’t worry about before, such as the volume of critically ill patients potentially overwhelming the health system in such a densely populated city.”

As the crisis evolves, Natter equates it to being in a dark cave and trying to feel your way

forward. “We’re all learning as we go,” he said.

Creativity has been at an all-time high as hospital staff try to mitigate the situation while limiting their exposure to the virus.

“Trying to manage patients without going into their rooms is antithetical to the training we all have as physicians,” Natter said. “We’re told you should be at the bedside. You should be doing a physical exam. You should be talking to the patients directly. You should be walking into the room every time something changes with their vital signs.”

The team has been “MacGyvering” solutions, as Natter puts it, using extra-long tubing to set up IV poles outside of rooms so nurses can manage pumps and IVs from a distance.

“Being able to think critically, but also creatively, is something that Skidmore sewed into my cerebral, allowing me to make creative decisions in my work and my art,” said Natter, who was a psychology major and art minor at the College and still uses drawing to decompress and express himself. “Skidmore



Mike Natter '08

emphasizes creativity, and we’re finding more need for that now, especially in medicine and science, which are otherwise historically structured and very set in certain ways. You need to have that creative mindset but still have that science foundation, and Skidmore combines the two and recognizes that things like medicine are both an art and a science.”

Amid all the suffering at the epicenter of this pandemic, he still finds reason for hope.

“I think the response from the front line, from my colleagues, from the nurses, my co-residents — especially the respiratory therapists — has been really amazing and the morale has been steady only because of them. That’s been really beautiful to see.”

Fortitude against an invisible enemy

In mid-April, Diana Perry '89 described what it is like to deliver an infant in the age of COVID-19. If she and the other attending hospital staff have no way of knowing whether a mother is carrying the virus, they prepare for the worst, as the asymptomatic carrier rate is so high.

But there is also hope in the delivery room.

“Every time a precious infant is born crying, I hear a collective sigh in the room as I am reminded that humanity has a future despite this terrible virus,” said Perry, who works as a part-time instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, an associate attending in newborn medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital and an attending neonatologist at South Shore Hospital just outside of Boston. “I know we will get a hold of this virus eventually. We must stay strong and just keep moving forward.”

She begins every morning with a meditative prayer for all the patients in intensive care units fighting for their lives on ventilators, and she relies on her strong Catholic faith to keep her mind calm. In September, she plans to run her ninth Boston Marathon, this time to raise funds for substance abuse programs at South Shore Hospital that have been cut back due to the pandemic. Running also helps her to de-stress and stay focused.



Diana Perry '89

Her greatest fear is bringing the virus home to her two children, one of whom has asthma, so she is vigilant in every aspect of her daily routine and her cleaning habits have become obsessive.

“As a physician who has cared for other people’s critically ill infants for 26 years, I previously have never been afraid to enter the hospital. Never. What frightens me now is something so small and completely invisible to the naked eye yet so very powerful.”

Upon reporting to the hospital, she already has an N95 and surgical mask in place before lining up in the entryway, where 10 staff members at a time stand on strips of blue tape placed 6 feet apart. Friendly greetings and chit chat are sidelined as anxious physicians and nurses are screened for coronavirus symptoms before being permitted to enter.

“Pre-COVID-19, I used to float into the hospital each day, smiling and greeting multiple people,” Perry said. “Now, no one can see my smiles beneath my mask.”

This pandemic is unlike anything she or her parents, who have been physicians for 60 years, have ever seen. To deal with the immense psychological toll, Perry relies on her education as a sociology major at Skidmore.

“The big part of this COVID-19 nightmare is its effect on society and how our day-to-day lives have changed,” she said. “I have patients, parents of my patients, some of whom are sick with this virus, some of whom need to learn about different resources. My background in sociology has given me the wherewithal to help them.”

In serving on the College’s special coronavirus committee, Perry, who is also a Skidmore Board of Trustees member, was able to provide a realistic view of what the virus is like on the front lines.

“I think President Glotzbach and his cabinet have done a phenomenal job of making sure students are being well cared for in this crisis,” she said. “I remember stating to the president on our very first conference call that this will be a long journey and we must focus on ‘facts over fear.’ This is a very scary virus, but we will figure out how to beat it if we keep our fears in check.”

For now, she counts herself fortunate to be able to help others in their time of need.

“I do love taking care of others and I know I risk my life every day doing so during this pandemic,” Perry said. “I have no regrets. It is my calling.”

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— Diana Perry '89

An arsenal of innovative research

As Jonathan Brestoff Parker '08, medical director of one of the hospital laboratories at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, reflected on the magnitude of the COVID-19 crisis in early April, the physician-scientist trained in pathology was preparing to be called upon to care for patients directly, bracing for the disease to potentially hit St. Louis as hard as it had hit New York, Seattle and Boston.

“I have not experienced anything remotely comparable to this pandemic,” he said. “The scale and pace of the COVID-19 pandemic are frightening.”

Hospital labs like Parker's adapted quickly to support the COVID-19 response and to protect the health and safety of laboratory staff. His research laboratory, which typically focuses on understanding how the immune system affects metabolic diseases such as obesity and Type 2 diabetes, was forced to suspend that mission until normal university operations could resume.

Struck by data suggesting that patients with obesity and Type 2 diabetes may have much worse outcomes than metabolically healthy people, Parker shifted gears to perform clinical studies comparing immune cell responses and COVID-19 outcomes in patients with or without chronic metabolic disorders — research that could have an immediate impact on patient care.

“There is a real sense of urgency because any solutions will come from science, research and innovation,” said Parker, who studied biochemistry at Skidmore. “I am now having to find creative ways to contribute to our health care efforts and am leveraging my skillsets in research to make a difference where possible.”

Employing creative solutions to confront and adapt to challenging situations is one of the many skills Parker says he learned at Skidmore. So, when he was asked to serve



Jonathan Brestoff Parker '08

on the College's special committee on the coronavirus crisis, he was eager to help navigate the unprecedented situation. “I was honored to participate because Skidmore made such a difference to me in my own personal journey,” he said.

As a member of the COVID-19 committee, Parker summarized new research, as well as the relative impact of travel restrictions and reducing local transmission on viral spread. As he listened and provided feedback, he was impressed by how holistically the committee approached the situation, with the primary goal of protecting the health and well-being of the Skidmore community.

“Skidmore's leadership had to make some very difficult decisions to reduce community spread, and students, families, faculty and staff have made real sacrifices to contribute

to that effort,” Parker said. “In the end, those sacrifices quite literally prevented illness and saved lives.”

While Parker says it is more important than ever for citizens to increase their scientific literacy, he also emphasizes the value that liberal arts disciplines bring to our lives and our ability to navigate crises.

“We are all affected by an overwhelming health problem that is being tackled largely using medicine and science, and it's empowering to be able to understand the problems better,” he said. “But we need the arts, social sciences and humanities, too. I hope those who are able will blend these fields with science to help us all understand the enormity of what we are facing today and its impact on our lives and culture.”

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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Skidmore is nearing completion of the first phase of the Center for Integrated Sciences.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruption on campus and across the globe, Skidmore College is moving forward with major initiatives for the College's future: The Center for Integrated Sciences and a new center dedicated to equity, inclusion and justice.

CIS, A NEXT-GENERATION HUB FOR THE SCIENCES

The Center for Integrated Sciences embodies Skidmore's vision for the future of the liberal arts and the College, fostering interdisciplinary connections between and among the sciences, arts, humanities and social sciences.

As the number of science majors at Skidmore has doubled over the past decade, the project also reflects the conviction that scientific literacy is essential and will drive the careers of the future.

The 58,000-square-foot North Wing will fully house the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, as well as sections of the Biology and Chemistry departments. It features 58 laboratories and classrooms, 21 faculty and staff offices, an animal vivarium and other facilities, including field



A rendering depicts part of a center for equity, inclusion and justice in Case Center.

methods space used by the departments of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Biology and Geosciences.

The new facility will also bring together resources currently spread across campus, like the Skidmore Microscopy Imaging Center, whose collection of microscopes rivals those of larger research institutions.

"CIS is a game changer because all of the sciences will be housed under one roof, allowing our faculty, students and staff to collaborate in new ways," says Patricia Fehling, associate dean of the faculty and professor of health and human physiological sciences.

The building also reflects Skidmore's commitment to sustainability. Housed in the North Wing is a new underground geothermal system that will heat and cool all 200,000 square feet of the CIS. The building will be the first in Skidmore's history to be LEED-certified.

Before North Wing construction was interrupted this spring, the project had been proceeding ahead of schedule, and the College aims to have it ready for the fall semester. When the subsequent two phases are completed — a 2024 target still in place — the CIS will house all of Skidmore's 10 science departments and programs and more than 90 science faculty members as well as a large makerspace where students and faculty can explore creative solutions to important issues.

NEW CENTER FOR EQUITY, INCLUSION AND JUSTICE

Skidmore College is reaffirming its commitment to equity, inclusion and justice by building a new center in the heart of

campus that marks an evolution in cultural and community spaces.

The new space will provide a dedicated location to discuss, collaborate and think creatively about equity and inclusion. It will also serve as a social hub and community base for people from diverse cultures, identities, religions and other backgrounds.

"We see this center as a space where we can tackle issues that we're passionate about, learn about them, advocate for them, and go out and change the world in a meaningful way," says Joshua C. Woodfork, vice president for strategic planning and institutional diversity.

The combined 5,300-square-foot center will occupy a prominent location in Case Center and will offer an accessible space for programming, including a seminar classroom, study and small group work areas, a lounge space, a kitchenette, an all-gender bathroom and other amenities.

Construction commenced in January. A first component reimagines and expands the Class of 1972 InterCultural Center and the InterCultural Lounge. A second brings together the offices of Campus Life and Engagement, which are currently located on two separate floors.

"What's particularly exciting is the opportunity to reframe what our shared values of diversity, equity and inclusion mean for this community of students, faculty, staff and alumni," said Mariel Martin, associate dean of student affairs for campus life and engagement. "We can come together and conceptualize those values and create a space where we can also create change."



Building a community of trust

Introducing President-elect Marc C. Conner

Skidmore's next president, Marc C. Conner, is a teacher to his core.

"Marc has been teaching since we were in high school. Junior high school," says his wife of 29 years and childhood sweetheart, Barbara Reyes-Conner. "He got me through physics. Once, we were doing our physics homework and he was explaining it to me. He said, 'You got it? Teach it back to me then. If you can't teach it to me, you haven't learned it.' He's always been a great teacher."

"I can't believe you married me. That should have been the end right there," Conner responds with a laugh.

Joking aside, the Conners' relationship has endured through a long journey that has taken them from Tacoma, Washington, where the couple met more than four decades ago, to Princeton University, where Conner received his master's degree and doctorate in English literature, to Lexington, Virginia, where they have pursued careers since 1996 and raised three sons, Matthew, Noah and Isaac. In July, their path will wind its way to Saratoga Springs, where Conner will assume office as Skidmore's eighth president.

At Washington and Lee University, where he

serves as provost and also holds the post of Ballengee Professor of English, Conner has pursued an impressive career characterized by prolific scholarship and visionary leadership. Two enduring themes stood out about Conner during a recent, wide-ranging interview with the Scope editorial team: his passion for teaching and a vibrant vision of the liberal arts firmly rooted in the principles of diversity and inclusion.

As provost, a position he has held since 2016, Conner continued to teach courses regularly in the English department, "probably more teaching than an administrator should do," he says, "but I couldn't pull myself out of the classroom."

For Conner, teaching isn't merely something he pursues in addition to his college leadership: His leadership is an outgrowth of his experience in the classroom and his understanding of the liberal arts.

"For me, what makes Marc a great leader is, at his core, he is a teacher," says colleague Brant Hellwig, dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law. "In working with Marc as an administrator, you can tell that all his decisions are grounded in what will best serve our overall educational mission."

For Conner, equally fundamental to the liberal arts is the pursuit of diversity, which also has provided him with his "strongest sense of mission" throughout his career.

"We only learn from difference; it's what teaches us what we do not know," Conner adds.

At Washington and Lee, Conner has also advanced major efforts to broaden the curriculum, including co-founding its African American studies program, and diversify its faculty.

Now, he brings that strong commitment to teaching and inclusion to Skidmore, where he hopes to build "a community of trust ... where everyone feels at home, feels they can thrive, feels safe enough to challenge and be challenged."

Conner's vision for the liberal arts isn't confined to the campus experience. He is committed to the principle that a Skidmore education prepares one for a lifetime of learning and thriving in any field one chooses. He is eager to talk about the real-world benefits of a liberal arts education, as well as the deeply satisfying rewards of leading an examined life.

— James Helicke



WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT **MARC C. CONNER**



Marc C. Conner

Q. **What excites you most about Skidmore?**

CONNER: When I came across the motto, “Creative Thought Matters,” and started to see how creativity permeates every aspect of the institution — not just in the arts, but in all the different fields — it just seemed to me to be a place where really extraordinary things were happening. I also felt that there was a kind of happiness, a joy in learning that you could see on the students’ faces. That’s not true at every college or university.

There seems to be a real excitement at Skidmore. I am so eager to come to a place that has a rich tradition of the liberal arts and also preparing students for life after college and their professions. I think that’s essential. Skidmore seems to me to be a place where that 21st-century liberal arts education is happening in very exciting ways.

Q. **What do you see as the core mission of higher education today?**

CONNER: Liberal arts colleges have their own particular mission: to educate the whole student — mind, body and spirit — in every way so that they’re not just emerging ready to do one job, but any job. Graduates don’t just leave a liberal arts college in order to make a living, but to live what I call a life of consequence.

Higher education has taken a bit of a beating in the popular press, and liberal arts colleges have been a little bit on the defensive. I think those of us at liberal arts colleges need to be much more offensive about the education that we offer. I think the kind of civically engaged leaders who emerge from our liberal arts colleges are crucial to what the nation needs.

Q. **What would you say to those who question the value of a liberal arts education?**

CONNER: I am excited to speak unabashedly about the return on investment of a liberal arts education. Study after study is telling us that students who pursue a private liberal arts education actually earn more money over a 40-year career than students who pursue a different kind

of education. Simply put, it’s a really good investment.

One of the things that drives the cost is that the liberal arts provide an education of enormous value. Of course, that’s just the tip of the iceberg. A lifetime of learning, of critical-thinking skills, the opportunity to lead a reflective life, to contemplate beauty and art, civic engagement throughout one’s entire career — those are the deeper values of a liberal arts education.

The cost challenge really is a question of how to make a Skidmore education available to every student who is up to the challenge. Finding ways to make sure that cost is not an impediment, something that we can help every student achieve, is going to be very important.

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Marc Conner and Barbara Reyes-Conner participated in an interview with the Scope editorial team at Skidmore College.

Q. We hear a lot nowadays about the growing importance of STEM — science, technology, engineering and math. Should we focus on those disciplines more than others?

CONNER: STEM is central to 21st-century education and to the needs of the nation and the globe. The more a college is emphasizing STEM fields, the better. We need to understand that this is not a zero-sum game. Having a strong STEM focus at an institution doesn't diminish the humanities or the arts or the other professional fields. In fact, just the opposite is true.

My ideal student has always been that student who was majoring in neuroscience and sculpture or doing both dance and biochemistry. A student may be going on to medical school, but at the same time, she's got this rich life of writing poetry or studying classics. All of these things go together. In fact, the days when a single discipline seems to be what is driving students are really falling behind us.

When we talk about the education that is most needed for the 21st century, I think of blending the creative and the critical — preparing for professional life (whatever that may be) and preparing them with the great ideals of a liberal arts education. It seems to me that Skidmore has a kind of magic with the mind and the hand, the idea of bringing those elements together.

Q. Why is diversity important in higher education?

CONNER: Throughout my career, diversity and inclusion have probably held the strongest sense of mission that I have had. They've been important in the literary fields that I study and in my teaching. I was honored to be one of the founders of the African American studies program at Washington and Lee. I've also been particularly proud of my work in trying to diversify the faculty. If we want to bring in more underrepresented students to campus, they have to see themselves in the faculty, staff and leadership.

One of the most important things that drew me to Skidmore is the pronounced progress it has made on inclusivity and diversity over the decades. Diversity really comes down to making sure that everybody at Skidmore feels welcomed, feels like the campus belongs to them, feels like it's their community, feels safe, feels welcome, feels challenged and feels supported in those challenges. That's a very important point: Students today don't want to avoid challenges, but we have to make sure they feel supported in the risk of challenge. That's at the heart of building what I like to call a community of trust. We only learn from difference; it's what teaches us what we do not know. Diversity and the liberal arts always go hand in hand.

Dwane Sterling, Skidmore's chief technology officer, welcomes the Conners during a campus event in February.

Q. How can Skidmore alumni and friends stay engaged with the College and play a part in the student experience?

CONNER: That alumni connection is of enormous importance. It seems to me that there are three key ways that alumni are essential to the College. First and foremost, alumni are Skidmore's sense of history. I'm a big believer that if you want to understand what an institution is, you have to understand what it has been, then we can move together into the future.

Second, alumni have a kind of lifelong learning relationship with the College. If one believes as I do that learning is always a collaborative enterprise, then the institution is learning from the alumni as much as the alumni are learning from the institution.

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— Marc C. Conner

Third, alumni also have the opportunity to support Skidmore and to make that transformative education available for generations of students to come. And that, I think, is extraordinarily fulfilling, to know that you received something of great value that has shaped the way you interact with the world and can then make sure that same education is available for generations to come.



Nurcan Atalan-Helicke, associate professor of environmental studies and sciences, chats with Barbara Reyes-Conner and Marc Conner about civic engagement at a reception in the Arthur Zankel Music Center.

I think it's important for alumni to understand all the ways they can still be connected to Skidmore. They can help support groups and activities that meant a lot to them when they were at Skidmore by staying involved with a sport or with the music group. They can also help to create new opportunities.

It's very important to bring alumni back to give talks to the students about how they put a Skidmore education into play in the world and how it has helped them. Alumni have credibility for students. They're out there, making their way in the world. They are living proof of what an education can do for a rich, fulfilling lifetime of learning. When alumni come back to campus for reunions, homecoming, alumni weekend and so forth, those are also opportunities to continue to participate in learning opportunities at Skidmore.

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Q. How would you describe your leadership style?

CONNER: Being highly collaborative is deeply entrenched in me. I am very much a people person. I love to talk with people and hear their ideas, their goals and aspirations. I also like to be challenged by them. They make me smarter and help me come to better solutions.

I want to have as many perspectives at the table as I can find. I think a sign of a good leader is when she says, “Bring me somebody who believes the opposite so I can see what I'm missing and what they can teach me.” That's how liberal arts learning works. When you have a plurality of voices at the table and everybody is learning from each other, you've got that crucial community of trust, which means people can be challenged without getting defensive or feeling attacked.

The entire liberal arts education is an education in leadership. Students,

faculty, staff, alumni all have a role to play. I'm not a big advocate of the individual leader kind of model, the heroic leader out there saying, “Follow me. I've got a great idea.” To me, leadership is really about service. It's putting myself in the service of the larger mission.

Q. What role do you expect your background as a scholar to play in your work as president?

CONNER: I have always been a teacher, and I can't imagine not calling myself a teacher at any point in my career. I've continued to teach as provost at Washington and Lee — I couldn't pull myself out of the classroom. A student generation changes every four years, and it's crucial to keep up with technology, social media and the globalization of the classroom. I think it's difficult to lead an institution if I'm

not having some connection with those changes.

Of course, what a president does is also a teaching role, not in that old-fashioned sense of letting me teach you what we're going to do, but in that liberal arts college mode of we're all at the seminar table together, let's learn and teach each other and figure out what's the best thing for the institution. The writing and the research that I have done has informed not just my role as a teacher, but also my work as a college administrator. I am really studying about American complexity and how I approach the promise of a liberal arts college in the context of the complexity of America.

The liberal arts college ideal is "a matter of infinite hope," as novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald says. America is a place of infinite hope. Sometimes, it's a kind of absurd hope. But if America is to realize its hope, it's going to be through its commitment to education.

So that's my scholarly world. It's my teaching world. It's also the world that I bring to my work as an administrative leader at a great college.

Q. What are your aspirations for Skidmore?

CONNER: The thing I'm most looking forward to is learning about Skidmore. I have so much to learn and I'm so eager to listen and learn and build those relationships. My first aspiration is to do all I can to help Skidmore continue in its tradition and trajectory of excellence. This is a school that has achieved great things and is justly proud of its accomplishments, its alumni and its community.

I want to enter the stream and keep moving forward with Skidmore.

"I think it's important for alumni to understand all the ways they can still be connected to Skidmore."

— Marc C. Conner

I want to put myself in service of the institution and be part of the collaborative work of helping it become even greater. It certainly is a place that has accomplished great things and has the potential for even greater things — that was one of the great appeals of the job. My ambition is to be part of Skidmore's continued growth toward greatness.

FIVE BLACK BELTS

Barbara Reyes-Conner on family, fitness and community

Barbara Reyes-Conner is modest in speaking about her community leadership, her volunteer work and her many athletic talents.

Her husband, Skidmore President-elect Marc Conner, readily speaks glowingly of her many accomplishments, including her civic engagement, college softball career and her dedicated following of students who take her fitness class at the local YMCA in Lexington, Virginia.

The Connors certainly have a strong foundation as a team: They met in seventh grade in Tacoma, Washington, and have been married for 29 years. They have three sons, Matthew, Noah and Isaac.



The Connors — Noah, Marc, Barbara, Matthew and Isaac — have enjoyed participating in martial arts as a family.

“We’ve got 42-plus years of interesting stories,” she says.

Sports were a big part of Reyes-Conner’s upbringing and she and Conner have also imparted that passion to their sons.

“One thing that Marc will probably not share with you is that he is very much into martial arts,” Reyes-Conner says. “He has a fourth-degree black belt in American freestyle karate and a second-degree in Shotokan. It takes a lot of hard work and discipline.”

“Barb has a second-degree black belt in American freestyle karate also,” Marc Conner interjects.

“We have three sons, and we were all into it. We did it as a family,” she explains.

“Five black belts,” Skidmore’s president-elect adds.

As a big sports fan, attending athletic events at Skidmore is one of the many aspects of campus life that Reyes-Conner is looking forward to when she and the president-elect join the College in July. “I love seeing the support the athletes get from friends, family, the community and alumni,” she says.

She is also looking forward to becoming an active member of the Saratoga Springs community.

“I had an opportunity to walk downtown when we last visited and everyone was so friendly,” Reyes-Conner says. “I could tell there was a lot of pride in Saratoga Springs, so I’m very excited about getting to know the community and getting involved in community affairs.”

Working with the YMCA in Lexington is a very important part of her life in Virginia, she says, and it’s something she wishes to continue in Saratoga. “That has been a big part of my life, being part of a community that is active and doing things together. That friendship and

fun, whether it’s in group exercise or community service, is important to me.”

Reyes-Conner, who has a degree in sociology, also worked for several years with her local community service board in Lexington, managing group homes for adults with developmental disabilities. In Saratoga Springs, she is interested in exploring volunteer work, perhaps with the Special Olympics and with initiatives to help the homeless. She hopes to first build relationships through her local church and from there determine how she can best serve the community.

Aside from making connections on and off the Skidmore campus, Reyes-Conner is excited about the many outdoor recreational opportunities the area has to offer, including the nearby Adirondacks. She also looks forward to shopping local, attending farmer’s markets and learning more about horse racing.

The Connors describe it as a time of transition for the entire family, as the couple head to Skidmore and their sons are now grown up. Their youngest will be graduating from high school this spring. Their sons have been supportive of the move, the Connors say, while their 8-year-old dog Molly, a chocolate Labrador Retriever mix, has been more anxious.

“Molly follows Marc everywhere, and she is not happy when the suitcase comes rolling out,” Reyes-Conner says. “The boys just love Molly, and they are a bit sad that we’re taking Molly with us. She’s the reason we’ll get them here more often.”

Both Connors laugh.

“But I’m sure Molly will love running in the North Woods and will be just head over heels with all the students around,” Reyes-Conner says. “It will be fun walking her on campus and getting to know the students together.”

— Angela Valden

“I’m very excited about getting to know the community and getting involved in community affairs.”

— Barbara Reyes-Conner



Marc Conner and Barbara Reyes-Conner visited Saratoga Springs earlier this year.



President-elect Conner and the family’s Labrador Retriever mix, Molly, look forward to meeting members of the Skidmore community.



Ken Freirich '90 opens the first round of this year's Freirich Business Plan Competition on Feb. 21 in Murray-Aikins Dining Hall. He partnered with Economics Professor Roy Rotheim to start the annual competition in 2010.



Skidmore College student Cynthia Ismael '22 presents her plan for a nonprofit, *Ingles para todos*, on Feb. 21 during the first round of this year's competition.



Economics Professor Roy Rotheim, coordinator of the Freirich Business Plan Competition, kicked off the 10th anniversary year in September.

A DECADE of CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition fosters entrepreneurship, creativity and lasting connections

For some, it sparked their initial interest in becoming an entrepreneur, or gave them that extra boost of confidence or capital they needed to truly believe they could do it. For others, it opened their eyes to new professional possibilities — entrepreneurial or not.

For most, it is a labor of love and an opportunity to build something that is all their own, whether it's a business that can change the game or a nonprofit that can change lives.

Over the past decade, more than 350 students representing 225 businesses have entered the Kenneth A. Freirich Business Plan Competition, a program that President Philip A. Glotzbach says

"exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit at Skidmore."

The competition — founded in 2010 by Ken Freirich '90 with the help of Economics Professor Roy Rotheim — has evolved markedly in 10 years and has seemingly had just as meaningful of an impact on the over 125 alumni who have served as judges and mentors as it has on the students. The opportunities for mentorship have grown, the prizes have gotten bigger and the business ideas have become more diverse and far-reaching.

In this 10th anniversary year, however, a challenge no one could have anticipated — the global COVID-19 pandemic — turned life upside down in the middle of the spring semester, forcing the competition to adapt and move online.

"In this highly unusual circumstance, virtual engagement allowed us to continue to recognize the incredibly hard work the students have put into this project," says Rotheim.

Creative thought and community prevailed as this year's final round was held via videoconferencing, allowing the students and judges to finish out the competition from a safe distance.

In looking to the future of the competition, Freirich recently announced he will fund an endowment that will allow it to continue in perpetuity, pledging \$500,000 toward the College's goal of a \$1 million fund.

"The Business Plan Competition over the past 10 years has exceeded all of my expectations," he says. "I want every student who has ever dreamed about starting a business to have the opportunity at Skidmore."

As the competition moves forward, Rotheim is handing off the role of coordinator to Cathy Hill, teaching professor of management and business at Skidmore, to shepherd the program into its next chapter.

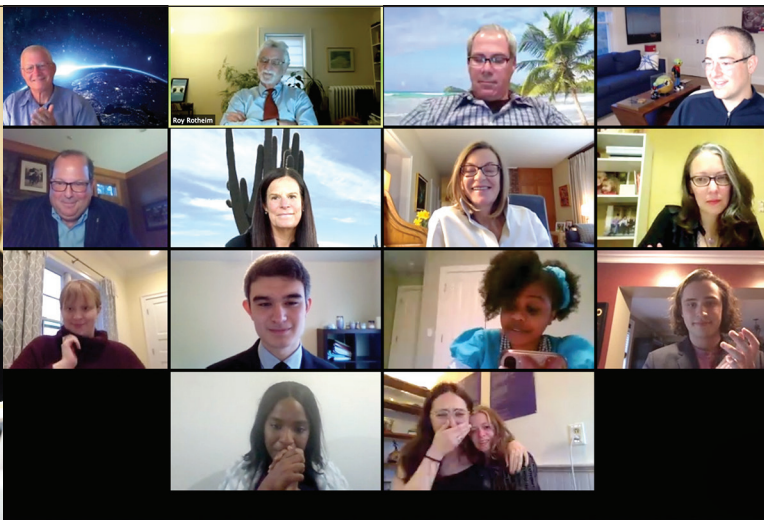
Freirich says he will be forever

grateful for Rotheim's support, encouragement and commitment to the students and to entrepreneurship. "This competition wouldn't even be in existence without Roy Rotheim. He has been a visionary, an unbelievable partner and the driving force behind the business plan competition on campus since the beginning."

Experiment becomes enduring experience

When Freirich, CEO of the patient-engagement company Health Monitor Network, held a small, impromptu business challenge for students while visiting Skidmore 10 years ago as its first entrepreneur in residence, he was moved by the amount of creativity, talent and enthusiasm he saw.

His own entrepreneurial journey had begun at Skidmore when, as a sophomore, he started a magazine for college students that was distributed on 35 campuses in three states. He had attended Skidmore as a recipient of financial aid, and he found a mentor in Nic Platt '74.



From left, judges and mentors Tal Chitayat '03, Gregg Smith '92 and Elizabeth Kigin '10 listen to a first-round presentation Feb. 21 in Murray-Aikins Dining Hall.

Maya Ling '20 and Emily Egan '20, bottom right, react to winning first prize in the 2020 Freirich Business Plan Competition for their business Coven, a bakery that infuses products for medicinal benefits. This year's final presentations were held online due to the coronavirus.

Judge and mentor Nancy Wekselbaum '73 hugs a student before the first round of the 2020 competition.

“Skidmore gave me an opportunity to succeed and provided the foundation for the success that I experience today,” he says. “I feel the least I can do is give back.”

Freirich brought his idea for a business plan competition to Professor Rotheim, who agreed to coordinate it. Students submit their initial business ideas in the fall and then begin attending workshops and mentoring sessions to shape those ideas into thoughtfully developed plans. In the first round of competition in February, participants present their pitches to a panel of alumni judges, who narrow the field to a group of finalists and select students to mentor. Winners are chosen by a new panel of judges during the final round in April.

Annual prizes now exceed \$50,000 in cash and in-kind business services, and the collaborative support from the Skidmore community continues to snowball.

Over 125 alumni have served as judges and mentors, a select group of management and business majors have been added as

peer mentors and, new this year, entrepreneurs from the Saratoga Springs area have signed on as coaches.

Alumni also volunteer to deliver guest lectures in finance and business, and Freirich visits campus to coach and mentor students as they get their business plans started. Faculty also pitch in to offer workshops, and Rotheim holds one-on-ones. It has become a January tradition for Freirich to invite the students to his Health Monitor Network office in New Jersey, where he and his management team — experts in sales, marketing, finance, operations and technology — host a “Shark Tank”-like practice session. And Freirich and Rotheim traditionally take the finalists out to a big dinner about two weeks before the final-round presentations to offer last-chance feedback.

“We continue to provide more and more support for the students,” says Freirich.

Rotheim expresses particular pride in the work of the Skidmore peer mentors, who create and run weekly business plan writing workshops in the fall and

take the participants through rigorous dry runs.

“This competition is one that differentiates Skidmore from other colleges and will continue to do so for years to come,” says peer mentor Ted Roach '20.

Big ideas and an even bigger impact

Over the past decade, the Freirich Business Plan Competition has changed students' lives in countless, often unexpected, ways.

Mark Morrison '13, who studied economics and philosophy at Skidmore, discovered a whole new career path as a result of the competition. He and friends Max Walker '13 and Riley Alzman '13 pitched the web platform Windrush in 2013, and while the business didn't place in the competition, it was successfully launched after graduation and sold to a tech startup.

“We had no idea how to run a company,” recalls Morrison, who now helps clients find technology solutions as a product manager for OEConnection. The

competition “definitely helped us launch our company, and I wouldn't be in my current career without my experience with Windrush and talking to potential clients.”

Seth Berger '14, a management and business major, founded East Coast Lacrosse before even arriving at Skidmore, but participating in the competition from 2012 to 2014 forced him to analyze his company from every angle. “It helped me to be more critical of my ideas, more exact on my projections and planning, and more aware of my competition in the market,” he says. “I still

use all of these skills today.”

Nigel Smith '19, a political science major who participated in 2017, 2018 and 2019, counts grit, perseverance and the ability to allow his authentic voice to shine through among his takeaways from the competition. “The idea of presenting to an executive board now isn't quite as daunting in my postgrad life in the banking sector because I had an opportunity to do that on several occasions in the competition,” he says.

Over 60% of students who enter the competition are

“Skidmore gave me an opportunity to succeed and provided the foundation for the success that I experience today. I feel the least I can do is give back.”

— Kenneth A. Freirich '90



Stella Langat '16 won the 2015 Freirich Business Plan Competition with Double Dee's, a business that provides reasonably priced undergarments to Kenyan women.



Seth Berger '14 improved the business model for his company East Coast Lacrosse throughout the three years he took part in the competition.

non-business majors. Entries span multiple industries and include both for-profit and not-for-profit enterprises.

Involvement from international students also stands out to judge and mentor Gregory Alan Rutchik '87, whose law practice focuses on startup and private emerging technology-based companies.

"I look forward to returning to see what Skidmore students think about in terms of the big problems they think they can solve. And because many students re-enter, we get to see how they refine and grow," he says.

Jessica Ndrianasy '20, who won the 2019 competition with Ndriana Agro, a Madagascar agribusiness that provides top-quality, organic produce and prioritizes

the hiring of unemployed women, says participating in the competition was one of the greatest learning opportunities she has had at Skidmore.

"She has had a tremendous impact on her country and has gone on to win other competitions," Freirich says. "I think that's the essence of entrepreneurship. It's dreaming big. It's thinking you can change the world, and it's actually being able to make a difference."

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Christina Fagan-Pardy '12, founder and CEO of the million-dollar company Sh*t That I Knit, came up with a creative way to help her customers weather the crisis, offering quarantine knitting kits and hosting online knitting classes to bring

people together.

An art history major at Skidmore, Fagan-Pardy won an iPad in Freirich's impromptu business plan contest in 2010 that started it all, for her idea to facilitate the rental of artwork from museums. She turned her college knitting blog into an online business in 2015, an enterprise that has since acquired a sizable fan base that includes celebrity clients and has been featured in publications like *Business Insider* and *Fast Company*.

Freirich fondly remembers the phone call he received a number of years ago from Fagan-Pardy, thanking him for inspiring her to pursue entrepreneurship. "About six months later, I was in my home in Vermont and I was watching the *New England* news, and there were Christina and her mom giving out hats to cancer patients in Dana-Farber Cancer Institute," he recalls. "And I just thought that was awesome."

A "defining experience" for alumni volunteers

The competition has been just as meaningful to many of its alumni volunteers.

When Nancy Wekselbaum '73 was asked in year two to serve as a judge and mentor, she says her love of business and her desire to participate at her alma mater were both compelling reasons to accept the invite. She has returned every year since.

"Many of the people I mentored have become valued friends over the years," says Wekselbaum, owner of The Gracious Gourmet, a line of award-winning condiments distributed to national chains, independent gourmet food retailers and restaurant franchises. "As much as

I hope I have imparted something to each of them, each of them has enhanced my life."

Samuel Schultz '13, who won in 2013 with *Summer Destinations*, a consulting business in China that connected Chinese children with summer camps in the U.S., will never forget the work Wekselbaum did, day in and day out, to help him get his business pitch ready for the competition.

"It really was inspiring to see her commitment as an alum, and I think that rubbed off on me to stay involved with Skidmore, not just donating but also as a class representative," says Schultz, who continues to work in the cross-cultural collaboration, experiential education and entrepreneurial realms.

Stella Langat '16, who won in 2015 with *Double Dee's*, a business that provides reasonably priced undergarments to Kenyan women, also stays in close contact with Wekselbaum and fellow student competitors.

"I am grateful for the patience, advice and tremendous connections that judges and professors provided throughout the process, from pitching to execution," says Langat, who sold her shares of the business to her co-founders last year and now works as an intellectual property specialist at Facebook. She makes it a point to pay it forward whenever current students

reach out to her for advice on their business ideas.

"Meeting alums I did not know has been the best new glue to reconnect me to Skidmore," says judge and mentor Rutchik. "I had always hoped that a reunion would be a mixing of classes and an opportunity to learn together, share skills and experience, and laugh. The Freirich competition is that for me."

Freirich has watched the competition become "a defining experience" for alumni. "For many of them, this is their first engagement with Skidmore after they graduate," he says. "For others, it's one of the more unique engagements that they become passionate about."

Built to last

As the business plan competition continues on in its mission of changing lives — its future secured by the endowment funded by Freirich — Rotheim's final reflection is that it certainly changed his.

"My fondest memory is watching the students' faces. Watching the faces of the alums who are judges. Watching the faces of the faculty members who show up at the presentation. Watching the face of Ken and saying, 'We've done something that is memorable, that is indelible, that is lasting.'"

— *Angela Valden*

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— *Gregory Alan Rutchik '87*

SKIDMORE and SPAC STRENGTHEN SYNERGY

Students get creative with artwork for Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival T-shirts, posters

A new collaboration between Skidmore College and Saratoga Performing Arts Center allowed students in Professor Deb Hall's spring semester Communication and Design III class to gain valuable experience and build their portfolios while providing the 2020 Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival with T-shirt and poster designs.

Absolutely Live Entertainment President Danny Melnick, artistic director and co-producer of the festival, asked the students to highlight what makes Saratoga Jazz Fest unique, from its location and venue to the wide variety of jazz musicians it attracts. He, SPAC General Manager Leslie Collman-Smith and Nat Crane, SPAC's director of graphic design and creative services, helped to choose the winning design, created by Isa Hage '20. She edged out fellow finalists Jennifer Monderer '20 and Nicky Zhong '21.

"I wanted to represent the festival through the way people, music and food come together at the event," says Hage. "I didn't want to think about jazz music too specifically but rather the experience of listening to it at this festival."

Crane attended Professor Hall's class in March to announce the winner alongside SPAC General Manager Collman-Smith. The Jazz Fest and SPAC teams said they were "blown away" by the submissions and overwhelmed at the thought of having to choose only one from the very robust selection.

**At press time, this event was on the schedule, but plans could be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

"It was really hard to decide because we had so many amazing submissions and each one of them spoke to us very differently," says Collman-Smith. "There are different aspects of each design that are so unique and impressive."

Nearly 1,000 T-shirts were sold at last year's Saratoga Jazz Festival. Hage says she is excited that her work could receive so much exposure.

After graduating, Hage hopes to become an art director at a design firm. "I really enjoy the collaborative process of creating and design as well as thinking about the big picture and smaller details within a project," she says.

This design project is just the latest collaboration to strengthen the synergy between Skidmore and SPAC, which has hosted Saratoga Jazz Festival for over 40 years. Last year, the Skidmore Shop helped to sell Jazz Fest merchandise at the festival's retail booth. Also, the start date of the festival purposely coincides with the beginning of Skidmore's Jazz Institute, a Skidmore summer program that brings young musicians to campus to perfect their skills.

The 2020 Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28. Headliners include Neil Rodgers & CHIC, Kool and the Gang and many other award-winning musicians.*

— Martha O'Leary



Isa Hage '20 shows her winning design for the 2020 Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival as part of Deb Hall's Communication and Design III course.



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— Isa Hage '20

A VOICE of CHANGE

The Center for Humanistic Inquiry's inaugural Generations program showcases the enduring value of student-faculty connections.

Eli McCormack '16, who majored in studio art and minored in business at Skidmore, had grown up in choir, taken voice lessons all the way through college and didn't want to let go of his dream of pursuing music. While at Skidmore, he realized he didn't have to.

"When I came out as transgender, I thought for a long time that a performing career was sort of off the table for me. It took a while to figure out that there was a niche, and it was actually thanks to you and the Skidmore Music Department that I discovered early opera," McCormack said to his mentor, voice artist-in-residence Sylvia Stoner-Hawkins, during the Center for Humanistic Inquiry's inaugural Generations: Creating by Hand and Mind program in November. The new event celebrated the accomplishments of alumni and the formative and lasting connections they forged with their faculty mentors at Skidmore.

McCormack went on to earn a master's degree in historical performance voice and is beginning a promising career as a male soprano and soloist.

"You are a voice of change, and thank you for changing the world," Stoner-Hawkins said to her former student, who sang three operatic

pieces for an audience of current Skidmore students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni. The program's format allowed its eight participating alumni to discuss, and sometimes show, what they have learned and achieved since graduating, then engage in a dialogue with their faculty mentor.

In addition to McCormack, the first Generations event featured Randy Abreu '11, senior legislative assistant for U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Whitney McCann '07, a public defender, Rachel Castellano '16, a political science doctoral student, Jesse Kovarsky '10, a dance and movement director, Evan Goldstein '03, editor of *The Chronicle Review*, Sarah Green '11, an independent translator of Spanish, Portuguese and English, and Beth DeBold '09, assistant curator for collections at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

"These are humanists out there changing the world," said English Professor Barbara Black, who co-organized the program with Associate Professor and Chair of Classics Michael Arnush. "And they're all carrying Skidmore with them still through their lives."

Generations received support from Trustees Barbara Kahn Moller '78 and Katherine Gross P'16 in addition



Sylvia Stoner-Hawkins, voice artist-in-residence at Skidmore, looks on as her former student, male soprano and soloist Eli McCormack '16, speaks about his blossoming operatic career during the inaugural Generations: Creating by Hand and Mind event.

to multiple sponsoring departments and programs at Skidmore.

Black and Arnush said they received lots of positive feedback about the inaugural event and hope to see it continue as a fall semester counterpart to the faculty-focused Symposium on Humanistic Inquiry that takes place in the spring.

"I have felt goosebumps, I have had a few tears in my eyes. I've been very moved and very inspired," Black said of Generations. "I think there are connections that have been made here that will continue to reverberate and continue to be generative."

— Angela Valden



Jordana Dym, professor of history, and her former student Randy Abreu '11, senior legislative assistant for U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, speak with Anissa Joseph '22 in between presentations at the inaugural Generations event in November.

SCREAMING for SKID MO' MINT

Stewart's Shops' popular Mint Chip ice cream was renamed for Skidmore at the annual Big Green Scream.

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	DEATH BY CHOCOLATE NUT	230-610
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Skidmore fans had an extra reason to make some noise at this year's annual Big Green Scream.

In addition to winter carnival activities, in-game contests and musical performances at the men's and women's basketball teams' doubleheader against Clarkson University, some 1,200 alumni, students, employees and community members voted by cheering on two Skidmore-inspired names for Stewart's Shops' popular Mint Chip ice cream flavor.

Skid Mo' Mint received the loudest scream on Feb. 15 to edge out Creative Mint Matters, another name that had been proposed by members of the Skidmore community. The newly rebranded flavor is available in shops throughout Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa this spring.

"We were excited when Stewart's Shops approached

us with this opportunity to name an ice cream flavor for Skidmore," said Martha O'Leary, associate director of brand communications and marketing at Skidmore. "It has been a fun and engaging way to bring the community together while generating school spirit."

Skid Mo' Mint resonates with many Thoroughbreds, including alumni.

Sharon Silversmith '69 recalled Mint Chip as a "favorite" that was served during her time at Skidmore.

It's also the top pick of Skidmore's next president, Marc C. Conner, who will assume office this summer.

"Stewart's Shops and Skidmore make a great team," added Susan Dake '71, president of the Stewart's Foundation. "And we hope this new ice cream will be a fan favorite campus-wide."

— Sara Miga '08





WMHT

BRINGING ACADEMIC EXPERTISE TO TV

Assistant Professor of Art History Lara Ayad is the new host of WMHT Public Media's arts program "AHA! A House for Arts."

The program highlights stories about the arts scene in New York's Capital Region and beyond.

"I think my teaching helps me to think about patterns and develop questions for the interviews I conduct," says Ayad, a specialist in African art whose classes also contribute to Skidmore programs in gender

studies, black studies and international affairs.

The new season, which got underway in February, has featured interviews with Albany Symphony Orchestra conductor David Alan Miller, Cuban-born American artist Lydia Rubio and many others; topics have ranged from the poetry of hip-hop to the blurred boundary between technology and art.

Ayad said her scholarship, which has examined the role of the peasant figure in modern Egyptian art,

explores the intersection of race, sex, gender and class through art and ultimately probes the broader meaning of "Africa" to artists on the continent.

"When people first think of Africa, they often have a very specific idea in mind of what that looks like," Ayad said. "I don't think it's right to define 'Africa' just by one part of the continent."

Episodes of "AHA!" are broadcast Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and are available online at wmht.org/aha.



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COLLABORATIVE MINDS

Sarita Lagalwar, associate professor of neuroscience, Denise McQuade, senior instructor of biology, Lucy Oremland, assistant professor of math and statistics, Bernie Possidente, professor of biology, and 18 students attended the Northeast Undergraduate Research on Neuroscience (N.E.U.R.O.N.) conference at Quinnipiac University Medical School on Feb. 23. They presented 10 research posters co-authored by 20 students.

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:

Paul Benzon, assistant professor of English, won the 2019 Schachterle Prize for his essay "Weather Permitting: Shelley Jackson's Snow and the Eco-poetics of the Digital," published in *College Literature*, Vol. 46.1, Winter 2019. The prize, awarded by the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, recognizes the best new essay on literature and science written in English by a nontenured scholar.

Barbara Black, professor of English, published a book, "Hotel London: How Victorian Commercial Hospitality Shaped a Nation and its Stories" (The Ohio State University Press, 2019), which examines Victorian London's grand hotels as both an institution and a culture intimately connected to the urban landscape.

Robert Boyers, professor of English and editor of *Salmagundi* magazine, discussed his recent book, "The Tyranny of Virtue: Identity, the Academy and the Hunt for Political Heresies" (Scribner, 2019), in interviews with outlets including *The New Yorker*, *First Things* magazine, NPR's "The Roundtable" and PBS's "The Open Mind."

Jenny Day, associate professor of history, won the 2019 Outstanding Academic Title honor awarded by Choice, a publishing unit of the Association of College and Research Librarians, for her book "Qing Travelers to the Far West: Diplomacy and the Information Order in Late Imperial China."

Charlotte D'Evelyn, assistant professor of music, participated in two musical performances to commemorate the 1871 Los Angeles Chinatown Massacre. Playing the two-string fiddle known as the Chinese *erhu*, D'Evelyn joined three other musicians and a narrator for a musical memorial event in downtown Los Angeles and at Scripps College in Claremont.

Sarah DiPasquale, assistant professor of dance, co-authored an article with Hannah Weighart '19, "Insights on Ten Weeks of Classical Ballet Training and Postural Stability in Older Adults," in the *International Journal of Exercise Science*.

Giuseppe Faustini, professor of Italian, published a book, "Un amore primaverile: Inediti di Luigi Pirandello e Jenny" ("Spring Love: A Study of Unpublished Works by Luigi Pirandello and Jenny"), which was reviewed in a number of academic journals and Italian newspapers.

Paul Green, music lecturer, released "A Bissel Rhythm," a jazz/klezmer CD named one of the top 10 jazz albums of 2019 by the *Chicago Tribune*.

Greg Hrbek, distinguished writer-in-residence in the English Department, published the short story "The Body" in *Story* magazine.

Michael Lopez, associate professor of statistics, discussed home-field advantage in a National Public Radio interview. Lopez is also director of data and analytics at the National Football League.

Bradley Onishi, associate professor of religion at Skidmore, was quoted in an Associated Press article, "Democrats' Challenge: Courting Evangelicals in the Trump Era," that appeared in nearly 200 publications nationwide.

Flip Phillips, professor of psychology, received an Innovator Award from Wolfram Research during the Wolfram Technology Conference 2019 "for his work on the visual and haptic perception of 2D and 3D shapes, psychological aesthetics and cortical plasticity related to blindness and visual restoration." He was also an emcee for the conference's 2019 Livecoding Championship, which was broadcast live over Twitch, Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

Pushkala Prasad, professor of management and Zankel Chair, presented a research talk, "Fractured Rainbows: Identity Conflicts in Liberal Organizational Enclaves," to the Stockholm School of Economics and the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dennis Schebetta, assistant professor of theater, wrote a chapter, "Money in Your Pocket: Meisner, Objectives and The First Six Lines," in the book "Objectives, Obstacles, and Tactics in Practice: Perspectives on Activating the Actor" (Routledge, 2019), which compiles practical approaches from leading acting teachers.

Masami Tamagawa, senior teaching professor of Japanese, published a book, "Japanese LGBT Diasporas: Gender, Immigration Policy and Diverse Experiences" (Palgrave Pivot, 2019), which analyzes the transnational experiences of Japanese LGBT diasporas in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

Marketa Wolfe, associate professor of economics, co-authored an analysis of trading patterns and market movements that was featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and *The Telegraph*.

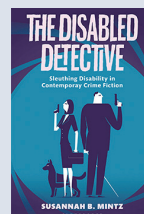
FACULTY BOOKS



Katherine Graney, Joseph C. Palamountain Professor of Political Science, provides a panoramic and historically rooted overview of the process of "Europeanization" in Russia and all 14 of the former Soviet republics since 1989 in her book "Russia, the Former Soviet Republics, and Europe Since 1989: Transformation and Tragedy" (Oxford University Press, 2019). Graney argues that deeply rooted ideas about Europe's cultural-civilizational primacy and concerns about both ideological and institutional alignment with Europe continue to influence both internal politics in contemporary Europe and the processes of Europeanization in the post-Soviet world. "The book provides relevant historical context and integrates the global, regional and national-level processes to make sense of Europe's contemporary crisis," wrote Gulnaz Sharafutdinova of King's College London in a review of the work.



"The Disabled Detective: Sleuthing Disability in Contemporary Crime Fiction" (Bloomsbury, 2019) by **Susannah Mintz**, professor of English, explores representations of disability in crime fiction, from the earliest days of the genre to contemporary television drama. Mintz examines detective heroes with such conditions as blindness, deafness, paralysis, Asperger's, obsessive compulsive disorder, addiction and war trauma from a wide range of texts, from Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories and the works of Agatha Christie to contemporary crime writers such as Jeffrey Deaver and Michael Collins, as well as television dramas such as "Monk." The book is the first of its kind to highlight how often characters with disabilities have been the heroes of crime fiction and how rarely this has been discussed in contemporary criticism.



Dan Curley, associate professor of classics, published his first book of poetry, "Conditional Future Perfect" (Wolfson Press, 2019). Described as "richly comic and subtly serious," the 48 poems invite readers to share the daily wonders and blunders of family life, the ephemeral feelings and lasting lessons of travel and a range of elegies and other life stories that take us outside of ourselves.



CREATING OUR FUTURE

The CAMPAIGN for SKIDMORE



Sebastian Bosch '20



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CENTER FOR INTEGRATED SCIENCES

The first phase of the project, the North Wing, is scheduled to open for the 2020-21 academic year.

“ Here, I can pursue research opportunities usually reserved for graduate students, and I'm able to interact closely with professors across various scientific disciplines, honing my research skills in advance of medical school. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity, which has helped provide this exceptional opportunity to grow intellectually and personally.”

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Fifty percent of Skidmore students receive financial aid, providing access to a world-class education that might otherwise not be attainable.

“ I have pursued many different and amazing things at Skidmore, including studying earth systems, performing Shakespeare, making a map for a political science paper, training tour guides, making videos for a research institute and singing in an cappella group. The more experiences I have and connections I make at Skidmore, the more grateful I am for the aid the College has given me and my family.”

SKIDMORE FUND

The Skidmore Fund touches every aspect of student life, including integrative-learning experiences outside the classroom, and funds our most critical priorities every day.

“ As a first-generation student, I wanted to take advantage of all the opportunities Skidmore provides. I've traveled to Guatemala, Uganda and Spain. I am also part of the Opportunity Program — which is why I chose Skidmore. I love seeing how these students bonded and how the staff make us feel at home. I am also honored to be a Glotzbach Scholar and part of the Skidmore community.”

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Caroline Coxe '20



Naira Abdula '20



Austin Rook '22

THE TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The Tang invites curiosity and collaborative learning through active engagement with ideas, artworks and exhibitions.

“*The Tang has been the most formative educational experience for me at Skidmore. I have had the opportunity to curate an exhibition and organize a lecture given by Wangechi Mutu, a world-renowned artist, all before I even graduate. My work at the museum is what I needed to round out my education here, and I am so grateful for the opportunities and learning tools that the Tang has provided me.*”

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES

Collaborative research, internships, career preparation programs and other experiential learning opportunities help students realize their passion and potential and set them on the path to successful, fulfilling careers.

“*Last summer, I worked on the investment banking team at Credit Suisse and will return there as a full-time employee after graduation. I am grateful for the support I have received from alumni, students and the Career Development Center. All of the opportunities I have, all the high-level academic research I am able to do, I owe to the support I have received.*”

ATHLETICS, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

With 19 varsity teams, dozens of club and intramural sports and many wellness activities on campus, athletics and related programs are an integral piece of the Skidmore experience.

“*I grew up with one label for myself — hockey player. But being here, I'm that plus so much more. Now, I'm a hockey player plus an economist, plus a business consultant, plus a volunteer, plus a mentor.*”

A **CRITICAL** and CREATIVE ADVANTAGE

Bitly CEO Mark Josephson '94 explains why scientific literacy is important for careers of the future

When tech entrepreneur and CEO Mark Josephson '94 takes time out of his busy schedule to mentor current Skidmore students, he sees it as simply returning the favor.

"I have benefited so much from my Skidmore experience," he says. "I met my wife here at Skidmore. I followed my brother to Skidmore. I got my first job from Skidmore. And I have the best friends in the world, lifelong friends that I made here at Skidmore."

Inspired by his parents, both entrepreneurial psychologists, and following in the footsteps of his older brother Braden '91, an accomplished psychology major at Skidmore, Josephson studied psychology at the College as well.

"I had always wanted to be an entrepreneur," Josephson says. "Skidmore's multidisciplinary approach really prepared me well for my career. I learned a

lot about a wide range of topics and learned how to synthesize different ideas and come up with an opinion about what I wanted to do and how I wanted to do it. I also learned the importance of being in the right place at the right time and taking advantage of opportunities as you see them."

When he moved to Boston after graduation, he mailed individual letters to all the alumni he knew of in the city and secured some interviews. He was hired by a public relations and marketing firm in Boston through the Skidmore alumni network — his first job out of college.

He soon found himself in New York City as the internet started to explode, and after holding leadership roles at AOL, Outside.in, Seevast Corp. and About.com, he became CEO of leading link management platform Bitly in 2013. Bitly has offices in New York, Denver and San Francisco.

Josephson now pays it forward by offering career advice and opportunities to current Skidmore students. Bitly signed on as the first recruiting employer and the signature supporter of Skidmore Recruitment Day 2020, a Skidmore-exclusive job interviewing event held in



Bitly CEO Mark Josephson '94 offers career planning advice to Junxi Gao '20 during a campus visit in January.

February in New York City.

Skidmore students are incredibly well positioned for the jobs and opportunities of the future, Josephson says. "I think it's a competitive advantage to have a pipeline of students coming out of Skidmore into my office. They're all high performers and they're all doing very well."

As technology continues to advance and accelerate, he believes the students who will be the most successful are those who are able to take disparate sources of information and form a thesis, a hypothesis and ask the right questions, and that's the skillset that Skidmore's

core curriculum in liberal arts studies fundamentally builds.

"Integrated education that combines science, technology and liberal arts is the future," Josephson says. "There will be no shortage of engineers and scientists. There will be a shortage of critical thinkers who can manage and discern opportunities, ethical debates, challenges and roads to travel."

As his own sons plan their college careers, he wants them to get a liberal arts education as well. They joined Josephson on campus in January for Skidmore's Junior Admissions Workshop (JAWS) to help them consider their next steps.

Now more than ever, Josephson understands the importance of guiding soon-to-be graduates as they embark on the next phase of their life.

"I think it is essential for Skidmore grads to look out for each other and to give back to each other," he says. "I view my interaction with the Skidmore community as a commitment that I made 29 years ago when I came to campus for the first time. Skidmore doesn't start on your first day and end at graduation. It is a lifelong relationship."

— Angela Valden

"Integrated education that combines science, technology and liberal arts is the future."

— Mark Josephson '94

'40 **Jeannette "Nette" Meads Hoyt** wrote in to share that she is "still doing well at 101!" We'd say that's an understatement. Last year, Nette marked her birthday at a Vero Beach, Fla., alumni gathering that included several members of the Class of 1962. The stylish centenarian continues to paint and exhibit her artwork.

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'47 Floridian **Claire Teunon Rich** is doing well. A nursing major, she enjoyed being part of Georgetown University's wellness programs during her Skidmore days. The doctors she worked with back then were "ahead of their time."

Virginia Herzog Hein lives in a retirement community in Atlanta, Ga., where she is doing "OK." She does admit to slowing down and being somewhat forgetful, like most of us. I hope to see her in May, when I'll be in Atlanta visiting my granddaughter's family.

When I phoned Vermonter **Judy Gellert Berkley**, I caught her rushing off to exercise class in Putney. Judy works at staying healthy and is feeling quite well. A daughter lives nearby.

To my surprise, **Claire Reese Burrill** answered her phone and was not off on some international travel adventure. Still active, Claire now has a full-time caregiver who ferries her about town. She looks forward to a monthly dinner party attended by 10 family members who live nearby.

It is with sadness that I report the death of **Polly Deppen Whedon** on Jan. 4. Several of us met at the Hartford Airport prior to our 70th Reunion, including Polly and her husband, Bill. Our group enjoyed a fun breakfast together.

I am happily winning a few dollars playing bingo and bridge these days and love being free of cooking and cleaning duties. But I want to hear from more of you!

Do Dunkel Jerman
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'48 Last December I received a text message from a "Mary Pat," who spotted a copy of Scope at a friend's house and, while leafing through it, saw my name. I soon found out I was replying to **Mary Pat Roggenburg '76**, who had just attended a 93rd birthday party for **Helen Wigand Bolton!**

Artist **Gloria D'Aiello Wehle** continues to work as a professional painter and printmaker. She and granddaughter Abigail Wilcox work together on prints at the Creative Art Workshop in New Haven, Conn., where Gloria recently exhibited her prints and knitted scarves in a juried show, "Celebration of American Crafts."

Gretchen Eisner Rachlin celebrated the 18th birthday of her youngest granddaughter, who will be heading to Ithaca College in September — very exciting! Gretchen's grandson, James, is a sophomore studying engineering at NYU.

Maryanne Meyer Kaemmerlen still enjoys Florida living, especially the proximity to daughter Louise and her husband. Maryanne paints watercolors and plays bridge twice a week, which "exercises the mind, but not the body!"

Sybil Goldberg Shapiro resides at North Shore Towers in Florida Park, N.Y., where she participates in wonderful activities and programs offered by the co-op community. After spending 42 years in Reno, Nev., Sybil is delighted to be living near her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

After a challenging year in a nursing home, **Ann Crooks Seitzer** and husband Dick feel blessed that she is back in their assisted living community. Ann is working hard in therapy. The couple receives frequent visits from their two daughters, five grandchildren and two sons-in-law.

Aileen Kwock Char stays busy with exercise and ukulele classes twice a week and performing in ukulele jam sessions. She also spends time with family and at her church. "This is how life looks at 95," she quips.

I am saddened to report the death of our own musical wonder girl, **Libby VanNess Reid**, on Aug. 26, 2019. She will be sorely missed. I send my love to you all. Remember, keep smiling!

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'49 **Martha Dunkel Chilcott** has recovered from a fractured knee cap. She still lives independently in her own home, but daughter Cynthia and her dog Rosie visited for two months. Dunk welcomes email at mjchilcot6t@cookcast.net.

Adelaide Hodgman Marx lives with a daughter in Cheshire, Conn. Addie is still "healthy, happy and busy." Although she can no longer drive, Addie does a lot of walking.

Cary Bruner Dean retired as head nurse at a facility in Athens, Ohio. She has four children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary with a safari in South Africa.

Nancy Hare Dunn is selling her condo in Naples, Fla. She finally became a great-grandma!

Helen Buch Thorpe spent January in Florida. Her family is all well-scattered in Virginia, Michigan and

Colorado. Helen keeps in touch by cellphone.

Edith Neimark is not particularly happy about giving up her car. She lives in a senior community and misses being able to go "off campus." Edith welcomes email at neimark@scarletmallrutgers.edu.

Mary "Mitch" Mitchell Durland enjoys life at Edgehill Retirement Home and is blessed with many wonderful friends. She spent January at daughter Susan's home in Palm Springs, Calif. Susan's 33-year-old daughter, Lacey, is battling a brain tumor. We send our wishes for her full recovery.

Joyce Watkins Bates is 93. She lives in an apartment in a lifetime retirement community, where she is pleased to reside among good friends and enjoys the wonderful care and surroundings.

Marjie Fee Neff has low vision in her good eye, but she is learning to use sight-enhancing equipment. Marge celebrated birthdays with her grands and great-grands after attending a really enjoyable Reunion.

Dorrine Shutter Armstrong enjoyed Reunion with Marge and me. She is happy that son Rick's book "The Don Con" has been published. She still goes to Baltimore to attend the theater and especially enjoys musicals.

Jane Robertson Kalisch lives at West Falls Center, an assisted living facility near Washington in Falcons Landing, Va. Her adopted son, a U.S. Naval Academy grad, is now retired and visits her often.

REUNION

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I've given up my unpaid job at the bakery. My hands do not work so well these days. But I continue to enjoy my daily walks around the block and still drive to appointments and the supermarket.

We extend condolences to the families of **Helen Davis Smith**, who died Oct. 18, 2019, and **Alexandra Ordway Bjorklund**, who died June 30, 2019.

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'50 After years of using her painting skills for illustrating, designing theater sets and creating costumes, **Jan Sutherland Fairservis** is painting for herself "with gratitude." When not in her studio, Jan is out with friends taking in plays and movies.

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'51 Although she no longer works, **Ann Longacre Hyser** still creates needlepoint gifts, but "not as fast." Youngest son Rick

underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor but is doing well.

Anne Schaaff Wadhams and husband Charlie celebrated the birth of their eighth great-grandchild. The couple have five children and 13 grands. Anne is primary caregiver to the increasingly frail Charlie. They are happy in their Fresno, Calif., retirement community.

Barbara Tyson Hartman plays the piano at an Alzheimer's facility and a senior center. Barbara's son Brian resides in Sacramento, Calif.; daughters Elizabeth and Pam live in NYC and Virginia Beach, respectively. Pam's son Logan teaches science at an inner-city school; daughter Kirsten, who lives in Richmond, will wed in June. Brian's son Chris lives in Los Angeles. Barbara misses lunches with **Camy Christian Malamud**, **Mary Kahle Monthie** and **Pat O'Meara Jevons**.

I must congratulate those of you who gave to the Skidmore Fund. The tally was pretty impressive. So, to you I say, job well done. **Ann Hammel Kahl** and I are still fast "pen pals." Ann thinks it's rather remarkable, since we have not seen one another since graduation 69 years ago!

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'52 **Sallie Walstrum Bailey** spends her summers in Pine Top, Ariz., and winters in Mesa. She still plays golf, lots of duplicate bridge and Mahjonn. Sally also volunteers at the Pine Top Nature Center. Her three children live nearby.

Dawn Rylander Spitz and Eric wintered in Venice, Fla., where they sang and performed in a program of orchestral music by Hungarian-born American composer Sigmund Romberg. We hope they sing for us at our next reunion in 2022!

Marcia Hilfrank Forrest and George summered at their home on Ossipee Lake in New Hampshire and spent the winter in North Hampton. Marcia says they are "spoiled" by their young housemate, who handles day-to-day chores. Though retired, Marcia teaches a fitness class once a week. She and George drove from Ossipee Lake last August to join us on Lake Winnepesaukee — such a fun visit.

I am saddened to share the news that we have lost several classmates. **Maryette Leibert Beers** died April 9, 2018, from complications associated with Alzheimer's. We all remember Bobo as being the "spark" in our class. **Katharine Salter Pinneo** died in March 2019 and we lost **Lucy Leach Crosby** on July 20, 2019. We send our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

In the last issue, a note was mistakenly attributed to **Edith Morein Zais** that was actually news about yours truly, class correspondent **Betty Boothe**. The corrected class note follows: My husband Bill and I welcomed our first great-grandchild, Jackson Thomas Stable, on May 30, 2019. His parents live nearby in Natick. In June, we took a wonderful seven-day cruise from Boston to Bermuda and a month later, celebrated Bill's 93rd birthday.

I'm happy to report that Bill's heart is very strong thanks to aortic valve replacement surgery in 2018. We celebrated our 66th wedding anniversary on July 11, 2019. Bill and I feel so fortunate that our three daughters and their husbands live within driving distance of Cape Cod. Our eight grandchildren are scattered around the country, but we see them frequently. Our biggest joy is our 9-month-old great-grandchild, Jackson Thomas. Please keep your news coming. Do you ever get out your Eromdiks and reminisce? Memories are so wonderful.

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'53 **Jacqueline Bailey Martin** and husband Don attended a glorious evening gathering celebrating President Philip and Marie Glotzbach at the Boston Harbor Hotel in November. The event was a tribute to their leadership of Skidmore over the past 17 years. Betsy Singer Gluck and her son Andrew, parent of Joshua '19, also attended.

Barbara Feder Mindel reached another double-digit birthday, the big 88, in January. She lives in an apartment just a block from Vassar College and takes classes for mature adults. Barbara also teaches memoir writing to seniors. A columnist for a local senior center newspaper, she plays bridge several times a week and enjoys two book clubs.

Alice Gundersen Schofield lost her husband John in November 2019 and has moved to a retirement community in Virginia. She lives close to two of her three children and six grandchildren.

Marilyn Cohen Handler realized it has been a while since she was reminded of "how wonderful it was to be a Skidmore girl." She wishes everyone health and happiness.



Anni Satinover Denzel '11 is associate director of development for the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University. She works remotely from her home in coastal North Carolina. Anni is also pursuing an MBA from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Recently wed, she was delighted that two Skiddies "beautifully sang me down the aisle" during the ceremony. Alumni in attendance were, left to right, Anne Kenealy '11, Victoria Vitale '10, Anni, Courtney Spiller '11, Alison Wiggins '09 and Rachel Downes '09.

Norma “Billie” Fisher applied for a place in a University of Florida retirement village. She enjoyed a fantastic voyage last summer, traveling from the North Cape of Norway to London via the Arctic Circle.

Sylvia Shaw Brandhorst celebrated her 90th birthday in March. She lives Newbury Court, a CCRC in Concord, Mass.; her brother Gordon and his wife are new residents there. She loves visiting her children and grandchildren.

Jan Tinsley Fiske and her family spent the holidays at their house in Vermont. A beautiful blanket of snow gave them the opportunity to cross-country ski and snowshoe on the property.

Patricia Thetford Pelham enjoyed a recent tour of the “new” Skidmore campus with her granddaughter Katie. Katie especially liked touring the “old” Skidmore!

I do have some sad news to share; we’ve lost several classmates. **Carol Claflin Kurtz** died peacefully Jan. 4, the day before her 88th birthday. Carol was noted for her “Ivy League femme fatale demeanor.”

Edith “Edie” Baldwin Wonnell died Dec. 21, 2019, in Saline, Mich., of complications from dementia and congestive heart failure. She was a pioneer in progressive women’s health care.

My family also loved our yearly Christmas trek to Charlotte, Vt., where my son Jim and his family reside. The absence of snow or ice on Lake Champlain was a first, but there was ample powder for good skiing at Sugar Bush. Being together becomes more meaningful each year.

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Catherine “Kit” Green is celebrating her sixth year living in a senior community. She plays bridge several nights a week and, with assistance, occasionally visits her home in Palm Desert, Calif.

Barbara Gettens Morrissey had lunch with **Marion “Dev” Woolsey Glaser**, who is quite well. They had fun going down memory lane. Bev also saw **Marcia Weeks Clayton**, who was in Hingham, Mass., over the holidays visiting her family. Bev and her husband moved to Hingham to be closer to family in the Boston area.

Sue Lindemann Staropoli and husband Nick celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with their entire clan. Nick still plays in golf tournaments. Last summer, Sue was recognized by the LPGA for 41 years of service; the news was announced on Golf Channel! In October, Sue’s family threw a surprise retirement party to mark her 36-year career at the VA Medical Center.

Barbara Ferguson Keller’s husband, Ed, died in April 2019 after several years of declining health. As requested, his ashes were spread in the garden he had created for his daughter, who lives nearby with her family.

Marcia Weeks Clayton enjoyed a lovely lunch with **Joan Hall Hardy** and **Delsa Walsh Wilson**, whose son had recently thrown Delsa a birthday party. Marcia has five great-grandsons and enjoys playing bridge, reading and volunteering.

Sylvia Lum Felix says running her antique bookstore in Keene, New Hampshire, keeps her mind active. She spent the holidays in Pennsylvania with family.

Joanne Ewig McCallum and her husband enjoy life in their retirement community, where they’ve made good friends and participate in fun

activities. Their daughter and her family, who live nearby, visit often. Joanne and **Marge Boyd** remain close friends.

Emily Whitlock Moore’s three children care for her and her farm. Her 13-year-old grandson attends middle school and is a terrific drummer. Two 20-something granddaughters are involved in scientific research and two other grandsons are heavy machinery pros. Emily enjoys walking half a mile to her mailbox each day; she drives 90 minutes to lunch with her 90-year-old brother on a regular basis.

Adelaide “Addie” Warner Minott celebrated Thanksgiving in Vermont with 28 of her 36-member clan. She enjoyed time with 10 little ones, all 8 and under.

I was saddened to learn that several classmates have died: **Dorothy Ruxton Mitchell** on June 2, 2019, **Constance Kellert Goldstein** on July 10, 2019, and **Olga Resta** on Jan. 7, 2017.

Jeanne Pitta Pacchiana shared the sad news that **Barbara Churchill Thompson** died Sept. 1, 2019. Jeanne recalls, “Dorm mates will remember Barbie at the nightly bridge table, where she would scorn the game’s ‘conventions’ in honor of her father, ‘Churchie,’ the author of several books on bridge. Barbie



Bascha Grubman Mon’s 2019 solo show, “New Land,” included 288 of her gouache paintings and was held at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, N.J. The exhibition portrays migrants seeking safety in a new country. Bascha ’53 will be featured in the contemporary art blog Art Spiel. For details, visit baschamon.com.

became a silver life master. She managed to start each day with The New York Times crossword. A former Sonneteer, Barbie sang with groups throughout her life and maintained lifelong friendships with me and her other Skidmore pals **Jean Stapledon Price** and the late **Judy Eastwood Dobrow**. She was a good friend and I miss her every day when I sit down with the crossword puzzle.”

I’m staying busy doing the things I enjoy. I work out at Curves with ladies in my age bracket and volunteer two days a week. I also help care for three great-grandsons living here in Madison. Another great-grandson and five grandsons reside

STAY IN TOUCH

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in Colorado. I travel there at least once a year, which is an opportunity to spend time with my Skidmore roommate Sandy and her husband, Tom. One grandson calls Boston home, while my granddaughter lives nearby.

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'55 **Diane Davis Nelson** is hoping to see many of us at Reunion! Diane lost her husband, Jim, and youngest son, Mark, last year. In September 2019, she toured the Grand Canyon and six other national parks with daughter Kathy. They "found solace in that beautiful and healing experience."

Ann Hewson Galloupe, who lives in Brunswick, Maine, also suffered a great loss when her youngest son, Jeffrey Trapp, died of cancer in November 2019. We send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Ann.

Skidmore informed me that two of our classmates had died. We lost **Janice Maselli Augeri** on July 3, 2019. Janice was small in stature but had "big ideas." **Suzanne Polakoff DePuyl** died March 4, 2019. Sue is fondly remembered by all those Furness House freshmen who played late-night bridge.

I want to personally thank **Jacqueline Loohn Stempfle** and **Nancy Lee Farrell** for encouraging me to serve as class correspondent and to every one of you whose newsy yellow cards landed in my mailbox. You make my day.

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'56 **Doris Kleissler Whitehead** moved from her lakeside farm of 30 years near the Canadian border in New York's North Country to Jenner's Pond, a retirement

community in West Grove, Pa. Doris and husband Richard are now just 17 miles from daughter **Pam Whitehead Cornforth '80** and her husband, Doug. Three of Doris' grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are often in the area.

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'57 **Mary "Chick" Glassey Ehbrecht** enjoys her garden club, church book club and art guild activities on Cape Cod. Great museums, musical events and restaurants keep her very busy. Attending church and walking in European pilgrimages help keep her "out of trouble!" She encourages classmates to visit!

Sue Flood Fricke hosted a Fricke family reunion in late 2019, attended by 28 family members, including Sue's first 13-month-old great-grandchild, Marie Pinello.

Class president **Hope Thompson Kerr** spent a week in Palm Springs, Fla., playing in the 2019 National Pickleball Tournament. Competing in women's doubles, she won a third-place medal in her age class. Her partner was 89! Recently relocated from New Jersey to live with her twin sister, Hope is still adjusting to the dryness in Bend, Ore.

Vivian Weisenfeld Gans welcomed a new great-grandson, Ari, who was born Dec. 16, 2019. He joins 2-year-old sister Zoe. Vivian now has two great-grandchildren and six grands. She traveled to Boynton Beach, Fla., for a grandson's wedding; Eddy Kaplan (husband of **Carolyn Geismar Kaplan**) and his girlfriend, Pam, joined the festivities. Vivian recently spoke with **Margot "Mugs" Cahn Zales** and had lunch with **Steffie Merber**.

Mary "Bang Bang" Gund Farr and Hap live in Naples, Fla., at the Mooring's Park Grey Oaks retirement

community. Mary is "still fussing" with creative pursuits, mostly jewelry. She and Hap travel often to visit family, who are scattered from coast to coast.

Doris Shilliday Grayson called me the other night; we hadn't spoken since we graduated from Skidmore! Doris and her husband, who is still working, split their time between the Bay Colony in Naples, Fla., and Knoxville, Tenn. It looks like we need to have a mini-reunion of people from southwest Florida!

I am saddened to report the loss of several classmates.

Florence Andresen, who died Dec. 27, 2019, was an award-winning educator, barrier-breaker and philanthropist. She is remembered for her keen intelligence and devotion to helping young people access higher education.

Alice Bemis Wiggin died Oct. 16, 2019. A master quilter and fun-loving companion, she is also remembered for countless acts of caring and kindness.

We lost **Joanne Green Millard** on March 14, 2019. Her daughter, Janice, wanted classmates to know how proud her mother was of her Skidmore experience and the friends she made at the College.

Diane Guzy Gup's daughter Jodi informed me that her mother died in December 2014. Diane transferred to Emory University, graduating in its second coed class. According to Jodi, "She cherished her time at Skidmore."

Jim and I had to cancel our trip to New York during the Christmas holidays because I came down with the flu, even though I had gotten a flu shot. Then I got shingles — even though I had received the first shingles shot. No fun!

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Josh Lauren '07 and daughter Lola show off their Skidmore pride. Josh and wife Taleri McKenzie welcomed Louise McKenzie Lauren "Lola" on July 10, 2019. They live in Northampton, Mass., and love seeing other Skidmore alumni in western Massachusetts.

'58 **Clare Russell Kingsbury** and husband Bob live in Williamstown, Mass., summer in Fire Island, N.Y., and winter in Vero Beach, Fla. Clare sings in a church choir and entertains nursing home residents every month. Bob is enjoying golf and music. The couple celebrated Christmas with their three children and spouses, along with five grandchildren. One grandchild is a Bates College graduate with Teach for America in Memphis, Tenn. Two others will soon graduate college and the last from high school.

Claire Steinmetz McCleery is still "hanging out" in sunny Palm Springs, Calif. Due to a cervical injury, she has limited mobility. But thanks to a loving family, kind neighbors and a caregiver who attends to her three days a week, Claire is able to stay in her home and enjoy a beautiful view of the San Jacinto Mountains.

Alice Rodwin Anderson of Sonoma, Calif., and husband John love living in wine country. Their beloved 18-year-old twin granddaughters will enter different colleges this fall. Alice is reminded of her own freshman-year adjustment to Skidmore.

Martha Walsh ventured from her home in Troy, N.Y., to take a pleasant 12-day cruise from Paris to Normandy with a friend. She also took an interesting trip to Pennsylvania to tour homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Martha attends theater performances and participates in two book clubs. She and a high school friend spent two weeks in sunny Fort Myers, Fla., over the winter.

Always active, **Jackie Bush Collopy** enjoys volunteering, researching genealogy and quilting. Her latest creation is a gift for her first great-grandchild! Jackie feels great and husband Bruce, who has two new knees, is feeling especially fit.

Beverly Beatson Grossman and husband Felix are involved in several renovation and maintenance projects on their Arrowhead Lake properties in Encino, Calif. Felix, who continues his involvement in programs for gifted youth, had successful cataract surgery. Bev volunteers for Skidmore and is a member of Women Painters West (womenpainterswest.org).

Mary Ann Groves Carley met a new friend online and enjoys sharing her love of art and good conversation with him.

Phyllis Atwood Walsh recently had a wonderful mini-reunion in Ashville, N.C., with her grad school roommate at Goucher College. In November, she hosted the family for Thanksgiving in Wilbraham, Mass. You will find Phyllis at the YMCA working the treadmill and bicycle three times a week. Phyllis says housekeeping and staying healthy can be “a full-time job.”

Margretta Beishline Lisick welcomed a second great-grandson. She had successful shoulder replacement surgery, allowing her to continue working in real estate. Sadly, Margretta recently lost her beloved husband, Frank. Our sincere condolences.

Elizabeth Norton Dolan also had a difficult year. She lost her “hero,” husband Robert, after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer’s. Shortly afterward, her sister died. Elizabeth considers this kind of loss “the most difficult part of getting older.” I think we can all agree with that.

Aurel “Andy” Brown Searls reports that the senior housing project she is involved in is progressing well. She enjoyed skiing on the great snow cover in Colorado over the winter.

“**Cris” Crisp Rowse** and partner Joe have permanently relocated from Arizona to Maryland to be closer to their children. Cris will head west to join the Arizona swim team for the senior Olympics. She enjoyed a trip to Ireland to attend her grandson’s wedding.

Lenore Blitz Lerner threw a big 95th birthday bash for her husband in Tempe, Ariz. Thirty-eight of their nearest and dearest attended. Lenore loves living in NYC and spends her time visiting museums, participating in book clubs and attending temple, where she sometimes sees **Esther-Ann Solotaroff Asch**.

Esther-Ann Solotaroff Asch’s grandson is a sophomore at University of Colorado, Boulder. Her granddaughter is a high school senior. Ester’s son owns eight bars in NYC, two in Chicago and one in Charlestown, S.C. Charity work, movies and theater keep Esther on the go. She stays in touch with **Monica Reis de Janosi**.

Marcia “Frankie” Bauer Cunningham, who lost her husband two years ago, lives in a senior community in Plymouth, Mass. Son Mark lives in the Commonwealth and daughter Jen resides in York, Maine. Frankie is founder and conductor of a popular glee club that meets weekly. Happily, she has fully recovered from a broken hip.

Schuylerville, N.Y., resident **Barbara Bongard’s** horse came in first at Aqueduct on Nov. 1, 2019, and finished third in his next two races.

Toni Monetti Hobbins lives in a riverside home located on marshland in Madison, Conn., with her cock-a-poo, Lucca. She has “a front-row seat to a daily parade of wildlife,” which sometimes includes bobcats, beavers and wild turkeys. Toni participates in a movie club, attends the opera and volunteers at A Better Chance thrift shop with **Lydia Pardo McMinn ’54**. The shop funds a nonprofit that houses and educates promising high school students from under-resourced areas. As a result of cooking healthy meals and eliminating sugar from her diet, Toni has lost a few inches from her frame. She and seven friends enjoyed a three-day birthday celebration in the Catskill Mountains.

Monica Reis de Janosi admits to an obsession with the online game Words with Friends. She recently discovered that one of the “friends” was **Elsa Daspin Suisman!**

Like other nursing majors, **Connie Hey Morton** did not have as many campus experiences as other classmates. But she has fond memories of the Happy Pappy Weekend when her dad taught her to drink scotch!

Audrey Malkary Uchill is participating in a five-year Alzheimer’s and healthy aging study at the Cleveland Clinic in Las Vegas. At 83, she is pleased to be counted among the healthy aging cohort due to her diet, exercise regime and pursuit of activities that build cognitive resilience.

Betty Gleason Holck also shared memories of Skidmore and her wonderful nursing classmates. “They all went out to work, staffing everything from operating rooms

to Doctors Without Borders.” She is saddened that Skidmore’s original nursing program now lives in the archives.

Anne Davis Carrier and her husband are doing well in Minneapolis, Minn. Anne often reflects on her great pals and dorm life at Skidmore. Some of her most cherished memories are singing with the Sonneteers.

Naomi Goldfarb Tamerin enjoyed a summer luncheon with **Monica Reis de Janosi** and **Esther-Ann Solotaroff Asch** last year. Naomi is a teacher in biomedical ethics at Weill Cornell medical school and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in NYC. Her two daughters, **Miriam Kaplan Goldstein ’89** and **Jessica Kaplan Seidel ’85**, are Skidmore grads; two sons attended college and graduate schools elsewhere on the East Coast.

Sumner, Wash., resident **Arne Moeller Munyan** sent back her yellow postcard, gently reminding us that her name is Arne, not Arlene. I hope she will forgive us after these 60 years!

Gretchen Koehring Strong still runs a bed-and-breakfast on Mount Desert Island, Maine. Her two sons and their families also live on the island. She enjoyed taking two granddaughters



Joshua Saunders ’15 and **Lauren Scauzzo ’15** recently got engaged in South Haven, Mich. Their wedding is planned for this summer in Chicago.

on Rhine and Danube cruises last year. Sadly, Gretchen's vacation home in the Bahamas suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Dorian. She stayed with a friend for a month while surveying the wreckage.

I caught up with **Maggie Holahan Bilek** and we reminisced about friends and adventures from Skidmore days. Maggie gave me a few suggestions from her book club. In a desperate attempt to catch up on classics I never read, I am reading "Vanity Fair." I'm hoping it doesn't take as long as the two months I spent reading 625-plus pages of "Moby Dick!"

I recently joined **Barbara Hawes Wood, Vallie Hill Beckwith** and **Barbara "Oz" Osborne Vulkoff** for lunch. We nearly choked on our salads laughing at stories of the fun and failures we experienced in college. Stan and I are looking to find a smaller place in Tucson. It has been wonderful to hear from so many '58ers. It is apparent to me that most of us are facing new and challenging issues, some positive and others not. Here's hoping for smooth roads, lots of green lights and no one-way streets or dead ends!

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'59 **Sue Gosch Martineau** and Bob took a wonderful trip to Morocco in October 2019. "We loved the country and the people; our stay in the desert was amazing!"

Marilyn Ramshaw Adair shares an interesting story. On Saturday night of Reunion Weekend (which she was unable to attend), Marilyn bought her annual \$10 raffle ticket at a local Lions Club fundraiser. A few days later, she learned she had won the grand prize: a new Mustang convertible! Though thrilled, Marilyn

traded it for a more practical SUV. "My husband loves it," she says.

Bev Sanders Payne has some very exciting news! Her granddaughter **Grace Babb** was admitted Early Decision to Skidmore's Class of 2024! Grace hopes to play field hockey and indulge her love of art, music and horses. She may ultimately study veterinary medicine. Her proud grandmother adds, "What a thrill for me!"

Priscilla Wilder Ambrose lives at The Highlands, a retirement community in Topsham, Maine. She truly feels fortunate to be close to friends, family and her summer place.

Jan Beinetti Thurling is a volunteer with Joy International, a nonprofit working to stop human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of women and children. On June 27, she will join the organization's fundraiser, Barefoot Mile Walk, in Evergreen, Colo. Visit joy.org or contact Jane at janeththurling@gmail.com for details.

We extend condolences to the family of **Ruth VanDuyn Pratt**, who died April 12, 2019.

I took an amazing 21-day trip to London, Cairo, Sydney, Fiji and Bali in September 2019. My daughter now wants to live in Bali!

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'60 **Joyce Jacobs Grand** and Bernie watched their eldest grandchild Rachel graduate magna cum laude from Tulane University last May. Rachel is pursuing a master's in international criminal justice in Amsterdam. Her sister Carly, a junior year at Tulane, spent a semester in Dakar, Senegal. While living with a family there, Carly practiced her French while learning the local Wolof language. Joyce and Bernie later spent a week meandering through

Switzerland before visiting their older son and his family in Amsterdam for a week.

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'61 **Marian "Cookie" Rapoport Thier** shared a pleasurable and "somewhat selfish" family tradition: Whenever a grandchild graduates from high school, Cookie takes the new grad on a trip. Her second grandchild will graduate this May; they have decided to explore Iceland. Cookie's new YouTube series, "Straightforward Leadership Tools," draws on her longtime coaching practice. Now transitioning into retirement, Cookie is happy to pass on her knowledge to the next generation.

Paula Rosen Janis continues to produce and perform in "Magic Garden" shows with her friend Carole Demas. They especially enjoyed two November gigs in Woodstock, N.Y. She gets together with **Ellen Rein Goldin** on a regular basis and looks forward to having **Judy Brown Tulchin** and **Joan Horowitz Behr** join them in the future.

Emily Wallace Bright and husband Bill enjoy keeping up with their seven grandchildren, several of whom are in college. Emily and Bill live in Virgil, a town outside Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario. A board member of The School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank, Emily also volunteers for a local university women's club. She encourages classmates visiting the Niagara Falls area to contact her.

Helen Illingworth Challenger and Dave spent January in Florida playing pickleball and reconnecting with snowbird friends. Last summer, they enjoyed an American Cruise Line trip down the Columbia River from Portland to Spokane, Wash. The couple have plans to tour China, Thailand and Korea this year. One

of their grandsons will attend the University of Georgia this fall, and another will enter the University of Alabama. The couple's only granddaughter is still weighing offers from several schools.

Alice Chase Kaufman and Frank traveled to Italy in September 2019. In January, they cruised through the Windward Islands in the Caribbean and are scheduled to board the Queen Mary II in NYC for a trip to Southampton, England, a decadeslong dream come true. Back home in California, Alice produces the Friends of the Larkspur Library newsletter and volunteers at the Marin Humane Thrift Shop in San Anselmo. She also writes for the Maine Antique Digest and the occasional PR client.

I'd like to thank **Zelda Jacobson Schwartz** for her very informative class letter of Dec. 13; I plan to read "Unexpectedly Eighty," which sounds appropriate for us all! Zelda and Paul enjoyed their annual five-week stay in Palm Desert, Calif. On route to and from the West Coast, they stopped to visit Paul's cousin. They "fell in love" with the weather and amazing activities in the charming Coachella Valley. Nicely recovered from a tough 2018, the couple are grateful to resume their participation in the Worcester Institute for Senior Education as students and volunteers. Zelda is already beginning to think of our 60th Reunion in 2021 and hopes many of us are, too.

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'62 **Susan Pyle Smith's** granddaughter, **Erin Smith Arnold '23**, is a Skidmore first-year student majoring in drama. She loves it!

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'63

Most of what I gathered from classmates reflects happy memories and optimistic (sometimes borderline giddy) plans for the days ahead.

Case in point, **Jacqueline “Jackie” Fernald Montgomery**, who exclaims, “What a great life I have had!” She is still a licensed Sotheby’s estate broker in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Jackie’s son and his wife reside in central California, while her stepson and his family moved to Maryland after 12 years at the Reagan Missile Defense Base in the Marshall Islands. Over the past three years, Jackie has traveled to southern France, Italy, Israel and Russia. Over the winter, she enjoyed a two-month stay at the home of her son and his wife in Morro Bay, Calif.

Also on the go is **Sabre Gilmartin** (aka Lynda Sable), a longtime resident of Surrey, England. She now lives in Manhattan for six months a year in the property she formerly leased and is happily renovating. Sabre’s spring and summer travel destinations include Uzbekistan. This fall, she will cruise from Dubai to Jordan and attend the Passion play at Oberammergau in October.

Former Manhattanite **Antonia “Toni” Geis Oliver** and husband Norwood lived in Mantoloking, N.J., for more than 27 years — until Hurricane Sandy blew their beautiful home out to sea in 2013. Hurricane Irma tried unsuccessfully to do the same to their Naples, Fla., home a few years ago. Toni and Norwood, who celebrated their 56th anniversary in May, are learning to “maximize the joy” of retirement.

On Florida’s other coast, **Bette Borger Nussbaum** spends her winters in Palm Beach Gardens. She returns to Manhasset, N.Y., each summer. Sadly, Bette lost her husband, Joel, in 2018. She stays busy keeping track of her

nine grandchildren, who all attend different colleges.

Linda Blanchard Chapman and husband Phil managed to sell their home of 20 years in Rupert, Vt., and move to a Middlebury retirement community in a single month. Their five-bedroom house sold quickly, just as a cottage in the new community became available. Both closings took place Nov. 12! Linda and Phil settled in and hosted their children most of Christmas week. The two-bedroom cottage could not accommodate everyone, but daughter Nica and son-in-law Zachary rented a house in East Middlebury. Linda offers classmates an open invitation.

Gilford, N.H., resident **Shirley Fleming Woodward** has never attended Reunion. But on a beautiful day last fall, she and her husband reconnected with Shirley’s college roommate, **Betsy Devine Ousey**, and her husband at their Valhalla, N.Y., home. On the drive home, the Woodwards made a spur-of-the-moment detour to Saratoga Springs. They were thrilled with the beautiful “new campus.” Shirley and Betsy are among six women whose enduring friendship started in their first-year dorm. The others are **Jeanette Chase Fagone**, **Carolyn Chun Wong** and **Brenda Norman**.

Old friends **Judith Pettingell**, **Ronnie Zolondek Bramesco** and **Jane Snowden Jones** got together for a long, lovely lunch in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., last summer. Saying goodbye proved so difficult that Judith and Ronnie suggested reconvening in January at Rosie’s Bistro in Bronxville. It is about halfway between Ronnie’s home and the Katonah residence of Judith’s son, where she planned to go to a grandson’s seventh birthday. Unfortunately, car trouble nixed that plan. But the undaunted trio is firming up details of their next rendezvous.

While covering New Hampshire’s preparations for the first presidential primary, **Judith Pettingell** met the Democratic candidates; she even got her picture taken with Elizabeth Warren’s dog. Judy is dedicated to the Hanover-based Neighborhood Action Groups for Sustainability. The city is aggressively pursuing policies for solar-powered municipal buildings and an electric city-vehicle fleet. Brava!

Class president **Sue Weston Marino** has confirmed that our mini-reunion is on for Sept. 8-10 in Mystic, Conn. Please contact Sue at susiem100@yahoo.com for information about accommodations (discounted rooms are available at a local Quality Inn until Aug. 8) and transportation options. We look forward to a wonderful event! Sue and husband Ralph sold their well-loved RV of 43 years and are seeking new adventures. Sue, who predicts many car trips and cruises in their future, quips, “Maybe our kids won’t describe us as homeless anymore.”

Elizabeth Cater Jones shared the sad news that her beloved husband of 35 years, Lawrence, died Dec. 15, 2019. Elizabeth still owns her essential oil business, Elizabeth Van Buren, and teaches classes at the College of Botanical Healing Arts

in Santa Cruz, Calif. She is proud of granddaughter Audrey, who is studying biology at the Sorbonne in Paris. Although Audrey initially struggled in physics, chemistry and geometry classes, all taught in French, she is now fluent, doing better academically and having fun with new friends.

Jane Finneman Hochman also lost her husband, Jack, late in 2019 after a long battle with cancer. She is finding her way, filling her time with her children and grandchildren, handling Jack’s estate and volunteering for charities and causes that are important to her.

Mary Eileen Cassidy died Feb. 26, 2019, following a brief but valiant battle with cancer, according to her niece, Amy Lechner. Known to us as Eileen, she was always pursuing a grand adventure with husband Dick, twin sister **Kathy Cassidy Martineau** and their extended family. I adored the Cassidy twins, with whom I shared a dorm freshman year.

We send our sympathy to the family of **Barrie Butler Batchelder**, who succumbed to cancer on Aug. 11, 2019. Barrie was one of the first classmates I met at Skidmore and has always remained special to me. I mourn her loss, like everyone



From left, Sara Lee Lubin Schupf '62, Sue Corbet Thomas '62, Nette Meads Hoyt '40, Inez Zagoreos Scribner '62, Terry Tiffany Sullivan '62 and Emily Jansen Kane '62 gathered to celebrate Nette Meads Hoyt's 100th birthday.

whose lives she touched.

I too was glad to see the dawning of 2020. The previous year was traumatic for our family in several respects. We lost my stepson, Mark, in April, a few days short of his 52nd birthday. Our sister-in-law, the wife of Gus' only brother, died suddenly last January. Finally, her devastated widower, Gus' brother, died in October. But we have high hopes for the future and the survival of our family, the nation and the world.

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'64

I considered downhill skiing again this past winter but opted for less risky cross-country. In

February, my husband, Bob, and I visited friends at their home in Boca Grande, Fla. We also had fun visiting grandchildren in Boston, Lenox and Brooklyn. One of our children bought a home in Edgartown, on Martha's Vineyard, where we vacation in the summer. Though retired, I am still active as a pastor and volunteer for the Junior League and North End Club of Greater New Haven. Our children are busy building their careers, but son Chris took a few days off to help the Bernie Sanders campaign in Iowa.

Elaine Daniluk enjoys living in Florida and travels to Maine for a change of environment. She is doing well.

Lynn Stevens Shafer now spends winter in Naples, Fla., where she runs into a number of Peabody Hall friends, including former roommates **Molly Brister Haley** and **Judy Pick Eissner**.

Chapel Hill, N.C., resident **Carol Spiegel Hadler** and her family are happy and healthy. She and husband Nortin have been busy helping their grandchildren navigate the college search process.

Linda Glasband Platt is very thankful for good health, her husband of 53 years, Michael, and their four grandchildren, who live nearby. In September, Linda hiked 200 miles of Spain's El Camino route, clocking 10 to 15 miles a day!

Lindsay Knowlton cares for her beloved life partner, who is in a nursing facility.

Over the years, **Louise Pellissier Grzybowski** has indulged in her love of art, especially watercolor painting. She held her first show in August 2019 at the Center in Kennebunk, Maine, where local resident **Val Burkhardt Marier** encouraged Louise to follow her passion.

Val Burkhardt Marier and her husband recently downsized; they moved from their home in Kennebunk to a new residence in Wells, Maine. Seeking respite from the rigors of the big move, the couple headed to Florida this winter.

Sue Wilkinson Hunter and David celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2018. They recently enjoyed a Viking cruise to Budapest and another to Scandinavia and Russia with Sue's sister, **Sandra Wilkinson Savian '61**. Sadly, Sue's daughter lost her husband in 2016 at the age of 48; their child is 9 years old.

Fran Menning Loftus is still foxhunting. Her granddaughter, Caroline, is interested in Skidmore.

Stephanie Rose launched a new website featuring images of her work from 1963 to the present (stephanierose-arts.com). She has happily relocated to a new apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Nancy Holt Wiggins' husband retired from his career in pediatric cardiology; Nancy is a retired nurse practitioner. They relocated from Montana to Santa Barbara, Calif., to



Class of 1965 members Charlotte Dusenberry Lesser, Sandy Brandt Van Mell, Bev Holmes Strodz and Jeannie Hitchcock Kithil gathered for their annual West Coast weekend at Bev's home outside Seattle this past fall. The crew loved being together and exploring the Northwest, which included hiking up snow-covered Mount Rainier.

join their daughters and their families, including six grandchildren. Nancy has stayed in touch with Skidmore roommates **Lucille Rhodes, Paige Cary Curtis** and **Maddy Shanley Kligora**. She was saddened by the recent passing of **Jean Barba Strickler**.

Lurline McLaughlin Lapolla recently lost her spouse; it has taken some time to heal and adapt to being single again. Lurline is very active at her community center and art-related activities, both of which she finds "very helpful."

Tina Matkovic Spiro's artwork, titled "The Deep," was exhibited at the National Gallery of Jamaica last year. The piece featured a sounding whale and small diver set within a Baroque driftwood frame, accompanied by a soundtrack created by Tina's granddaughter Bella. The work caught the eye of the president of Kenya's wife, who stopped by during a global tour. Bella celebrated her bat mitzvah and completed a residency in the performing arts sponsored by the Kohler Foundation.

Susan Lieberman Blaivas recovered quickly from a hip replacement last June. That summer, she was able to hike in the Hollywood Hills with her

daughter and granddaughter and later traveled to Scandinavia with a friend.

Jacquelyn Savoie Medina continues to work in the art history department at Hamilton College.

In March, she and her husband enjoyed their 10th river cruise, this time down the Nile to Egypt. The couple have three daughters and eight grandchildren.

We lost a number of classmates this past year: **Petrea Rieck Graham** died Sept. 28, 2019, **Elizabeth "Bonnie" Allen Shertenlieb** on Dec. 5, 2019, and **Jean Barba Strickler** on Aug. 11, 2019. Our deepest condolences to their families.

I was very pleased to learn that Marc Conner has been named president-elect of Skidmore. Thank you for all your contributions to Class Notes. Though our lives are busy and challenging, these small efforts to reconnect go a long way.

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'65

Judy Archer had her share of medical procedures over the past year: a knee

replacement, back surgery and unanticipated open heart surgery to replace a closed aortic valve. Her other knee is likely to be next. Nonetheless, she took a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., with a friend before driving through Virginia and Charlotte, N.C. A devoted NASCAR fan, Judy realized a lifelong dream when she was treated to a surprise visit to a premier race car company and introduced to some major drivers by her brother. Judy is proud of her niece, valedictorian of her class and a tennis champ, who earned a merit grant for college.

Donna Campbell Zuckerman and Don were delighted when their daughter Liz adopted two beautiful kids, 5-year-old Aya and 3-year-old Evan, in April 2019. They live near the Zuckermans in Northampton, Mass. Donna and Don also enjoy son Ethan's 10-year-old boy Drew, who lives in Williamstown. They are grateful to live in an interesting, progressive state.

Karen Norvig Berry moved to a retirement community in the aftermath of Bill's stroke in 2018. The dedicated support and many amenities make life easier there. The couple continue to be involved with the "Great Decisions" lecture series and the Lehigh Dialogue Center, a Muslim service and social organization.

It was great to hear from **Mary Kauffmann Johnson**, who is senior historian for the nonprofit Facing History and Ourselves and adjunct professor of Holocaust and genocide studies at Stockton University in New Jersey.

All is well with **Carol MacDougall Curtis** and her dear ones. She does a lot of back and forth between Atlanta, Ga., and Charleston, N.C. When she finds free time, Carol heads to the studio.

Maxine Silton Goldberg looks forward to our 55th Reunion. After 35 years, she left Berkshire Hathaway, Fox and Roach Realtors to become an independent broker. She is a board member of her township's Affordable Housing Program. She and Jay enjoy cruising and have three grandchildren.

Susan Steele Isbell and Bob had a lovely Thanksgiving with daughter Laurie's family in Portland, Maine, before heading to Nashville to celebrate Christmas with daughters Debbie and Lynn and their families. Their kids and grandkids are happily "on track."

Sarah Smith Munley and John attended three family reunions; two in New York state and another in Texas. Despite a number of health issues, Sarah recovered nicely from a total knee replacement in September 2019, but a recent fall resulted in a broken wrist.

Carole Walter Maeder and Zack Murphy enjoyed time with family and friends in both Florida and "up north" last year. The couple prepped their New Hampshire home for sale and took a river cruise through Eastern Europe along the Danube. Carole especially enjoyed seeing Constanta, which hosts a historic Romanian casino on the shores of the Black Sea.

Sandy Koch Prior looks forward to our 55th Reunion. She and husband Ron celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February.

I was saddened to learn of the death of **Cynthia Jones Myers** on Sept. 8, 2018, and **Sybil Scaife Hadjis** on Jan. 4, 2016. We extend condolences to their families.

Two-thirds of our six grandchildren are now teenagers. Son Steve and his family just moved to Sydney after several years in Edinburgh.

They live close to one of **Sandy Koch Prior's** and Ron's children, Carly Clarke.

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'66 Sherry Brush Geddes divides her time between homes in Belize and Florida. She and her husband installed a lovely garden and fountain in front of their Belize residence. They are planning to take an 8,300-mile road trip this summer.

Deanna Richmond Baldwin died July 3, 2019. She is remembered as an adventurous spirit who traveled and lived around the globe. A veteran breast cancer survivor, Deanna advocated for others impacted by the disease. We extend condolences to her family.

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'67 Elizabeth Corcoran DeMarco continues creating "large and bold" artwork full time. The recipient of a master artist residency at Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida, Corky had a solo show at Fairleigh Dickinson University this spring. She is delighted with

granddaughter Cate, who is "growing up fast in Dumbo." See Corky's work at ecdemarcostudio.com.

Mary Whitaker Taber did some major home improvements last year, installing new windows, repainting the house and repairing the porch. Mary is scheduled to travel to Uzbekistan with **Sandy Colony** and four others for a two-week adventure. Mary is director of Pastoral Counseling Centers of Massachusetts, which serves 80 towns in the central part of the state.

Barbara Banta VanVliet and partner David Claggett relocated from their homes in Weston, Vt., to Chocowinity, N.C., on Pamlico Sound. Barbara is delighted to be closer to her son and grandchildren in Richmond, Va., and they both love the long golf season. Now retired from her graphic design business, Barbara paints as often as possible.

Over the summer, **Vicki Ansbacher Hosford** and **Sara Schroeder Keaney** met for a fun working lunch. They agreed that Vicki would take Sara's role as class agent for nursing majors. They encourage classmates to come to Reunion. Vicki continues to teach nursing students one day a week at the University of Rhode



In November 2019, Judy Harris Soper '67 and Mary Whitaker Taber '67 joined Sally Huling Hilderbrand '67 for a fun weekend at Sally's Philadelphia-area home. The trio enjoyed day trips to the Museum of the American Revolution, Valley Forge and Longwood Gardens. They typically get together twice a year, rotating host duties.

Island. Vicki and her husband care for two granddaughters as needed.

Beth Alexander Baumert and husband Alan had a great Peruvian adventure last summer. Their daughter Jennifer was a member of the U.S. dressage team at the Pan-American Games held in Lima. The Baumert's sons Kevin and Karl attended, along with Jennifer's husband, David, and their son, Lucas. The U.S. won team silver, and Jennifer captured the individual bronze aboard team supporter Betsy Juliano's 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Handsome. The family also took the Belmond train through the Andes to Machu Picchu.

Artist **Barbara Cherry Marder** attended an "amazing" workshop at the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina.

Sara Schroeder Keaney was saddened to learn that **Cindy Sharpe Malkin** died Aug. 27, 2019. In October, a celebration of her life was held in Sarasota, Fla., where she had been a community leader for over 35 years. Of her friendship with Cindy, Sara recalls, "It began freshman year and continued to deepen, along with the bonds forged between all of us at Thomas House." We send our condolences to the family.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Patricia A. Lord**, who died June 10, 2019.

As for your class correspondent, I have been living in the same house in San Francisco since 1979. My daughter and two grandsons live nearby; my son and his wife live in Brooklyn. I am still involved in home sharing on Airbnb. I appreciate the news sent by classmates who have not previously contributed to this column. I'd love to hear from all of you.

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'68

In January, **Judy Schapiro Yogman** enjoyed a ukulele retreat in Vieques, Puerto Rico, with several ukulele-playing friends from southern Vermont.

Demetra "Nickie" Nickles Kates is delighted that granddaughter **Julia Forster '24** will enter Skidmore this fall, the third generation to attend! Nickie's daughter is **Meredith Kates Forster '95**. Nickie's five "almost grown-up" grandkids live nearby. She looks forward to seeing the "new" campus when visiting Julia.

Meryl Nadel Spigelman teaches social work part time at Iona College. She recently published the book "Not Just Play: Summer Camp and the Profession of Social Work." She and her husband enjoy time with their grandchildren, ages 5 and 2. Fortunately, family members all live nearby.

Our condolences to the family of **Patricia Wall Wynkoop**, who died Nov. 12, 2019, after a short battle with advanced acute leukemia.

Finally, I would like to thank **Dorothy Kanrich Sandford** for her many years of service as class correspondent. I have very big shoes to fill! Class Notes is always the first section I turn to when I receive Scope. Thanks, Dorothy, for keeping us up to date on our classmates!

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'69

As an alumni admissions contact for almost 20 years, I've interviewed many prospective students, mostly in the San Francisco Bay Area. Last fall, I met with quite a few high school seniors; I found them to be confident, thoughtful and engaging. I left each interview with great hope for the future.

After four decades in higher education, **Christine Neill** retired to become a full-time artist. In late 2019, she held two exhibitions: "Observations from the Valley Floor" at the American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center in Washington, D.C., and "Invasive, Endangered, Beneficial" at Goya Contemporary at Mill Center in Baltimore, Md. Her work speaks to the dangers of environmental change. **Nancy Marx Ellsworth** and husband Bill traveled from California to visit the exhibits and spend time with Christine.

Judy Allen Wilson organized the 11th annual Pasadena Festival of Women Authors, held March 22, 2019. Five days later, she co-chaired Art Matters, a juried show at Huntington Library. Afterward, Judy and husband Randy escaped to Porto and Lisbon, Portugal, for some much-needed rest and relaxation.

Last year was good for **Linda Dunkel Grahl** and her family. She reconnected with classmates at our 50th Reunion and traveled to northern Italy, Ireland and Japan with her husband. The couple have two married daughters and four grandchildren who keep them busy.

Barbie Herbert von der Groeben and I caught up with each other in Manhattan while attending Skidmore events. A week later, Barbie was in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she and I enjoyed breakfast with **Donna Allen Bell**, **Stephanie Brewster Wagoner**, **Annie Ershler Richert** and **Nancy Marx Ellsworth**. On her way back to Nantucket, Barbie stopped to see **Mary Ann Giddings Eldred**.

Martha Brown reports that last year was productive. Fully retired, she finally let her nursing license lapse after 44 years in the profession. Her son was married in Durango, Colo. After selling her "big, old" house in New Hampshire, Martha moved into a Connecticut condo with her 100-year-old mother.

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'70

Excitement is building for our 50th Reunion! For more information, visit skidmore.edu/reunion.

Anita Pedvis Leftick retired from her Rhode Island dermatology practice in May 2019. She recently moved to St. James Plantation in Southport, N.C.,



Chris Werner met up with fellow Class of 1971 members Judy Willsey, Barbara Tsairis and Debbie Bozbeckian Raptopoulos at Mimi Freund Tilton's Boca Grande, Fla., condo the week before Thanksgiving. It was an opportunity to celebrate their 70th birthdays, talk politics and enjoy good food and drink. Mimi has not lost her place at the top of the "strong swimmer" category, while "Wheels" found the most shark teeth. Deb and "Vod" were voted best tans. Chris notes, "We cherish our 50 years of friendship. Thanks, Skidmore!"

where **Cindi Nicklis Neumann** is her new neighbor!

Jane Haley loves year-round living on Martha's Vineyard, where she has an annual lunch get-together with **Cindy Richmond Packard**. When in California, Jane visits with **Stephanie Brewster Wagoner**.

Kathe Fox retired in February 2019 from a career in health care informatics at Aetna. Now she has plenty of time to visit her children and grandchildren in Brooklyn. Kathe and Michael divide their time between Baltimore, Md., and Lake Placid, N.Y.

Barbara Lydecker Crane's husband Bill is a part-time hospital chaplain at Boston Medical Center; Barbara writes and publishes poetry. In 2019, they enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with three generations of their family. Barbara then journeyed through Morocco and several Adriatic countries on her own, which has made her "more independent and braver!"

Hope Fellows moved to Port Townsend on Washington State's Olympic Peninsula a few years ago. Her son and granddaughters live in Seattle. Hope met the love of her life there and is happily married. She studies qi gong to alleviate symptoms of a chronic illness. She stays in touch with **Kathy Sullivan**.

We send condolences to **Beverley Armsden Daniel**, who lost her husband, Warren, in October 2019. They met at Skidmore 50 years ago.

We also mourn the passing of **Elizabeth Mulford Hood** in September 2019. Liz was a talented member of the trio Huxtable, Christensen and Hood for 44 years and performed at several reunions to everyone's delight.

I visited France with my partner, David, in October 2019. It was his first trip to Europe and my fifth. We hope

to have many more opportunities to travel together.

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'71 Now that we're well into 2020, many of us have been celebrating 70th birthdays. It's a good time to register for our 50th Reunion in 2021! Our class is outstanding and notable for many reasons. I know we can set records for attendance and participation if we make Reunion a top priority!

Janet Lee Beach works in marketing and business strategy in San Francisco. Clients include Stanford's Biomedical Informatics Research Division and a cybersecurity company. She also runs a nonprofit that assists area job hunters (thejobforum.org). Janet's husband Ralph Keeney published "Give Yourself a Nudge," a book about making smarter choices. Their 32-year-old son spent the holidays vacationing in Vietnam and Cambodia, which Janet found jarring. She had transferred to Skidmore to be closer to her boyfriend, a traumatized Vietnam veteran.

Marjorie Gilman Baker has two granddaughters and three grandsons. She and husband Steve rang in the new year with "BFF" and Skidmore roommate **Barbara Boshea Simon** and her husband, Charlie. The foursome has continued this tradition for over 40 years!

Last March, **Elizabeth Ann Swan Barten** retired from a 48-year career in nursing! In addition to enjoying time with her children and grandchildren, she took biking trips to Florida's Natchez Trace and Hadrian's Wall in the U.K. In July, Elizabeth participated in a service trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation that involved horses and quilting.



Patricia Loftman '71, second from left, attended a Skidmore diversity and inclusion reception in New York on Oct. 3, 2019, with Phillip Ammonds '97, Cleyvis Natera Tucker '99 and Neil McKinnon '97.

Barbara Burgess Maier's latest solo show, "On Edge," was held in March at the Bromfield Gallery in Boston.

Martha Seem Banghart's daughter Tracy and her husband adopted a little girl from Thailand. The couple and their young son flew to Bangkok in July, returning home in August with 2-year-old Mena Michelle. The second book in Tracy's series, "Queen of Ruin," was released by Little Brown last July; she is working on a young adult thriller. Marty was honored to be invited to conduct "Requiem for the Living" in Portugal in June, a piece she conducted last year at Carnegie Hall. For details, visit deercreekchorale.org.

My family spent a wonderful, extended holiday season with our daughter **Kimberly Davidson Young '04** and her family in their new Greenwood Village, Colo., home.

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'72 **Emily Stein** joined **Pamela Scott Morris, Susan Opie Owen, Ellen Evans Boyle, Penelope Drake Pestronk** and **Madelyn Russo Jordan** for an art-filled adventure in NYC last fall. Madelyn organized intimate gallery visits and Emily scheduled an intimate tour of the new MOMA. They also enjoyed great food and wine!

Sue Reinhardt Groesbeck and husband Mark continue their overseas adventures. The couple reside in Muscat, Oman, where Sue is superintendent of the American British Academy. Sue reports that Oman is "lovely and very safe." The Groesbecks' children and grandchildren like to visit and are all "doing great!"

Sherry Kane Bloom has taken her ballroom and Latin dancing to next level by joining a women's performance team. She looks forward to our 50th Reunion. Sherry, how about teaching the rest of us a few steps?

Jeanne Bresciani enjoyed a wonderful journey to Venice and Veneto while leading the Isadora Duncan International Institute with Professor Mary Di Santo-Rose. In May 2019, they were joined by Skidmore's Duncan Dancers, who performed at the Villa Pisani at Stra, known as "the Versailles of the Veneto." In January, the group performed at Skidmore and The Hyde Collection. This May, they head to a UNESCO World Heritage site in Portugal.

Now retired, **Lesley Graham** stays in touch with classmates **Keppie Miller Sullivan** and **Barbara LeMoine Hansbury** on Facebook.

I have been helping my daughter with her first child and my first grandchild, Charlie Devine Buhay. Life is busy and wonderful.

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'73 **Lynn Faught** fulfilled her dream of hiking in Iceland last August. Led by local guides, she and 10 other Road Scholars trekked through volcanic rocks, glaciers and waterfalls. Along the way, they stopped to swim in streams of melted snow warmed by thermal vents and stayed in lovely inns. "It was a great adventure in a beautiful and fascinating country," says Lynn.

Zoe Vose Morsette spent the first two weeks in March at SUNY Oswego working on costumes for the off-Broadway production "She Kills Monsters." It was her fourth stint as guest artist at the college. Zoe crafted dragon and lizard headpieces and large puppets for the play, which involves the game "Dungeons & Dragons." She also finished four props for various "Hamilton" tours.

Tina Vigeland Ashton had a fun-filled year that included family and friend reunions and exciting travel.

She and Bob welcomed their fifth grandchild, Eleanor "Ellie" Jane McGuigan, on Halloween! Tina took an unexpected trip to Oslo to return several volumes of scientific research by oceanographer and explorer Fridtjof Nansen, which she found in her garage! The discovery included a hand-written dedication to Roald Amundsen, another Norwegian and the first explorer to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage. Nansen had bequeathed the books to Amundsen to take on his ship, the *Gjøa*, in 1903. The books now reside in the renovated ship, which sits in Oslo's Fram Museum. While there, Tina visited a cousin. The Ashtons plan to retire in Saratoga Springs!

Susan Hayward Donahue and a group of 10 classmates are planning their annual gathering in Maine this summer.

Jennifer Lynn Smith Linck had a lovely Christmas with her son and his family at Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany. He and his family are relocating to Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Wash., for the next few years. Jennifer enjoyed browsing Christmas markets in Trier, Bernkastel and Traben-Trarbach, hiking and ice skating.

Patricia Kaiser Niemitz and hubby Jeff welcomed their ninth grandchild in July 2019! The couple, who reside in Pennsylvania, are often on the road to visit kids in Indiana, Georgia and Alabama. Jeff and Trish work on staying healthy and are involved in community and church activities.

Class president **Anne Blodgett Holberton** hung a poster in a room overlooking the lake that reminds us both of Skidmore. She is coordinating major renovations at the Wright Museum, the culmination of three years of planning and fundraising. In January, Anne caught up with **Jenny Pearman Lammer**. While visiting

a senior facility with her dog JB, she enjoyed meeting new resident **Patty Walton Osmond '55**. Anne hopes for a great turnout at our next reunion and encourages classmates to stay in touch on Facebook.

I would love to hear what our class is doing in retirement. I am still working full time, because I am not sure how you know when to retire and how to fill your days. I already do quite a bit of volunteer work, travel every few years and am still useful to clients. I enjoy what I do, much of the time. Any advice would be helpful. Rosie continues to show us how quickly she picks up new skills. Lately she's become a critic of the local newspaper, which she sometimes shreds before I get the chance to read it. Personally, I can understand her position.

Our 50th Skidmore Reunion isn't that far off — 2023. If you have suggestions or would like to serve on the Reunion Planning Committee, please contact me. Everyone will receive an invitation to the planning weekend in Saratoga in July 2022. Time flies by, so start talking to classmates, post things on our Facebook page and stay connected!

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'74 **Laura Lasker** and husband Tom renovated a beautiful 1868 house in Litchfield, Conn. They decided to "upsized" to accommodate their four children and four grandchildren. Laura and Tom love living in town, where they can walk to the library, restaurants and shops. She takes tap and jazz classes for fun, often recalling classes with Isabel Brown. Laura's dog portrait business (bowwowportraits.com) is doing well.

Barb Drozdowski Galbraith is happily retired from her 35-year

career as a production planner at Merck in Elkhorn, Neb. She now works a few days a month delivering new cars for a dealership in Blair. She and her husband of 43 years, Dennis, will spend time in Pawley's Island, S.C., this summer.

Leslie Hobbs Satin enjoys weekly Spanish, yoga and Pilates classes and continues tutoring an Afghan woman in English (who is teaching Leslie to make Afghani dishes). A trainer for "Odyssey of the Mind," Leslie also directs a regional classics program and volunteers for the NorCal Association. She and husband Ken are active with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Last summer, the couple enjoyed a Rick Steves Tour of Berlin, Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Daughter Whitney works in marketing at Application Dynamics; son Peter is director of land management for a private land trust in the Mojave Desert and was appointed to a local water board by California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Biomedical scientist and serial entrepreneur **Winnie Wan** joined Chameleon Biosciences as board director and executive adviser. The company patented a new approach to gene therapy for patients with life-threatening genetic diseases, including Huntington's, hemophilia and cystic fibrosis.

I am saddened to report the death of **Jean Schipper** on Oct. 17, 2019. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

As for your class correspondent, I've enjoyed developing client relationships during my 32-year career in technical sales and marketing. The last 14 have been devoted to drug discovery and development with SRI International in the San Francisco area. I'm ready to begin a new chapter. Last fall, an

East Coast friend and I took a 1,300-mile road trip across Scotland and its islands. Memories of the country's lochs, craggy coasts and fishing villages will evoke smiles for a long time to come.

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'75 **Margarita Boyatzis** loves teaching French and Spanish at Smithfield High School in Rhode Island. A regional representative for the American Association of Teachers of French, she is also a board member of the Northeast Conference for the Teaching of Foreign Languages. In 2018, she received the *Palmes Académiques* from the French government, a career highlight. But most importantly, she welcomed her first grandson, Nolan — a joy in her life!

Joanne A. Myers is author of "The Good Citizen: Markers of Privilege in America," January's book of the month selection in the Hudson Valley magazine *Chronogram*. Commissioner of the Ulster County Human Rights Commission, Joanne is a board member of the county's Resource Recovery Agency and board member emerita of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val Kill.

The highlight of 2019 for **Sarah Melling Guterman** was a pilgrimage to Israel with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. The experience was "enlightening and spiritual" and she met wonderful people.

Marianne Boswell sold her startup, Boston Lighthouse Innovations, to the second largest oncology group in Brazil, which is owned by Goldman Sachs. She is still working!

Sheryl Halpern wrote to correct an error in the last issue, in which she was cited as Sheryl Mann Halpern. Sheryl and husband Norman Bazar are delighted that daughter Sonia

Halpern-Bazar completed an MFA in photography from Concordia University, married Devon Levine and bought a house — all within the first six months of 2019! Sheryl teaches English literature at Dawson College and Norman is in IT at Agence Ometz.

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'76 **Matthew Rosen** assumed his post as executive director of United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Suncoast in November 2019. The nonprofit specializes in early childhood education (infant to pre-kindergarten) and helps immigrants prepare for citizenship. "It's very exciting!"

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'77 Entertainment attorney **Julie M. Philips** has been named a partner at Los Angeles-based Donaldson + Callif, a firm that handles legal and business affairs for independent theatrical, television and new media productions. An industry veteran, she has arranged rights acquisition, financing and distribution deals for independent and studio films including "Lady Bird," "The Meyerowitz Stories," "Triple Frontier" and "A Single Man." Most recently, Julie provided services for an upcoming Adam Sandler and Safdie Brothers film, "Uncut Gems."

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'78 **Mary Ann Preacher Beck's** family recently welcomed a new granddaughter, Alexandra Janis Beck. Big brother Simon has been keeping her entertained.

After 25 years "in the woods," **Rich Ericsson** and wife Fran sold their

home and moved to a 36th-floor apartment in Jersey City overlooking New York Harbor. Still practicing environmental law, Rich is working on brownfield redevelopment projects but finds time to cruise on his sailboat. Daughter Lily is married and works as deputy general counsel for Danny Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group; her sister Julia is a sommelier and sales director for The Gotham Project. The couple visits Rich's sister, **Donna Ericsson Bacus '77**, and her husband, Tom, at their place in St. John, Virgin Islands. Rich accompanied his mom, **Dorothy Danning Ericsson '51**, to her 65th Reunion in 2016!

Margie Greve splits her time between Woodstock, N.Y., and NYC. She is creating portraits with embroidery and appliqué for a book about Americana music with husband John Milward.

Jay Jochowitz marked 32 years with the Albany Times Union. Editorial page editor since 2008, he earned first place in editorial writing in the 2019 New York State AP Association Awards. Jay couldn't make the awards dinner in Saratoga Springs because he was attending the wedding of his son David to Caitlin Fitzpatrick. The newlyweds met at Harvard Law School and both practice law in NYC. Jay is working on a novel, a coming-of-age story that is set in Saratoga Springs.

Retired since January, **Cara Scannell Philbin** is working on her "big old Victorian money pit of a home" (circa 1862) and spending time with her grandsons, 2-year-old Connor and baby Jack.

Jaye Austin "Jay Jay" Williams is assistant professor of Africana Studies at Bucknell University in central Pennsylvania. A leading scholar of African American theater, she previously taught at California State University, Long Beach. Now married to her long-term partner,

Pilar, Jay Jay is working on several book projects and articles. She is "very much enjoying this new phase of life." Her website is jayeastinwilliams.com.

I love hearing and sharing your news! Please keep it coming and continue to connect on our Facebook page. I recently enjoyed getting together with **Jody Cohen Bayer**, **Wendy Coleman Hilboldt**, **Linda McCoy Johnston** and **Faith Surkin Sherman**. And yes, while catching up, we discussed our 45th Reunion, just three years away!

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'79 **Michele Herman** uses the lessons she learned from her English, French and education professors daily. She's teaching two online classes at The Writers Studio, working with private writing students and pursuing her own writing (micheleherman.com). Michele shared some of her poetry at the Zinc Bar in Greenwich Village. In February, she and husband Jonathan were guest co-hosts of the monthly cabaret show "Groovin'" at 53 Above in NYC.

After attending our wonderful Reunion, **Steve Draper** retired from a 27-year career as a public-school math teacher and administrator. He and husband Marcos (along with their "spoiled" French bulldog) moved to White Plains, N.Y., last fall. They entertained family and friends during the holiday season, including Steve's best friend, **Bonnie Burnham**. Steve continues to advise doctoral students at St. John Fisher's Educational Leadership Program at Iona College. He encourages anyone interested in an advanced degree focused on social justice to contact him.

Judy Rubin Friedman's one-woman show at the Great Neck Library Art Gallery was two years in the

making; it took that long to produce the requisite 20 pieces. Most of her work reflects special memories of travels through Scandinavia, Portugal and Nice; a few are pencil drawings of cherished family heirlooms. Judy's Skidmore suitemate, **Gail Capobianco**, attended with her husband, John Michael Caldaro.

Susanne Littleton Fournier was happy to reignite friendships at Reunion last year. Son Will is a senior majoring in criminal justice at Southern New Hampshire University. He enjoyed a rafting and hiking trip in Boulder, Colorado, with **Kim Greene '80**. Kim's daughter Laura is an Amazon driver; eldest daughter Maria was married in May 2019 and is a child developmental specialist. Susanne continues teaching pre-school by day and cleaning offices at night. She enjoys taking care of her 95-year-old mom, who is in assisted living.

Good news from **Amy Bondon**, who "by God's grace" survived a cancer crisis that began with an emergency room visit last year. Amy was unable to attend our 40th in the aftermath of three major abdominal surgeries; she was hospitalized or housebound

for most of 2019. Thanks to the remarkable Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla., Amy is now well and strong — and "so thankful to see this new decade." She thanks classmates for their kindness, support and encouragement and looks forward to seeing everyone at our 45th!

Carter Jones Meyer received a photo from her daughter **Kit Robison Meyer '20** right after the American studies major finished her thesis. Unbeknownst to Carter, Kit retrieved her mother's thesis from the archive, snapping a photo of it alongside her own. As Carter posted the photo on social media, she realized she completed her thesis in American studies exactly 40 years earlier. "What a coincidence that we both wrote about the Quaker influence on American history and culture!" She had focused on 17th-century Virginia while Kit concentrated on the 1960s. "Maybe it's true when people say 'the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.'"

I attended a wedding in Sicily in June and in the fall ate and drank my way through Burgundy, France, on a bike trip. Still working, I try and manage my time and enjoy life as it comes.

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'81 **Charlotte Meader-Jones** is in her eighth year as a portfolio manager at BECU in Seattle. Her son Sam, a junior, plays baseball for Western Oregon University. Daughter Abby is at Franklin University in Lugano, Switzerland. She will receive both a U.S. bachelor's degree and a European undergraduate degree in international economics. Charlotte's husband, Jeff, continues his wetland consulting business of 30 years. Last summer, Kim Kossmann '79 visited Charlotte on Nantucket for "a short but wonderful catch-up."

Ceramic artist **Jill Fishon-Kovachick** was featured in the November 2019 issue of *In Ink* magazine. Jill is founder and director of the Saratoga Clay Arts Center, where she teaches some of its many classes. The center also offers internship programs for recent graduates, adult and youth programs, workshops and private instruction.

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'82 **Joel Bresler** released his latest book, "Bottomless Cups," in February. The novel centers on two old men whose long friendship grows over countless cups of coffee. However, they must decide which shared memories are better kept under wraps. Joel's previous novel, "The Moskowitz Code," also draws on his penchant for satiric humor. He can be found "deep in the desert Southwest, dodging snakes, cactus spines and 'dry' heat."

Amie Schwartz Drahos is one of a group of classmates planning a joint 60th birthday extravaganza in Asbury Park, N.J., Oct. 2-5. Celebratory activities may involve the beach and boardwalk and live

music venues including the famous Stone Pony. Amie invites all '82ers to join the fun and encourages anyone interested to contact her at adrahos@comcast.net.

Chuck Kaufman passed along the sad news that **Liz Russell Hochberger** died Feb. 2. Chuck and Liz served as Reunion planning co-chairs in the late '90s. She and husband **Fred Hochberger '82** met freshman year on the first floor of Wilmarth; three of their four children, son **Andrew '18** and daughters **Marjorie '12** and **Colleen '14**, are Skidmore grads. Chuck reflects, "Liz was a lovely, kind and fun-loving person — she always had a smile on her face." We extend our heartfelt condolences to Fred and the entire family.

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'83 Proud parents **Barbara Spinelli** and husband Dana MacLean attended the Tufts University School of Medicine graduation of their daughter Ashleigh last May. A Tufts alumna, Barbara presented Ashleigh with her diploma. Now an emergency medicine resident at University Medical Center in El Paso, Ashleigh helped care for the victims of last year's mass shooting.

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'86 **Ian Wedmore** retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army after 29 years of active-duty service. The Tacoma, Wash., resident is a part-time emergency physician and teaches wilderness medicine.

Andrew J. Field published a second book focused on legal history, "Chess and the Law: An Anthology of Anecdotes and Analogies." A reviewer for the *New York Law Journal* described the book as "a unique and extraordinary reading



A crew of Skiddies got together in NYC last fall to celebrate the birthday of Liz King Farrell '81. Pictured from left to right are Cynthia Field Wall '82, Christina McCulloch Ardente '82, Deirdre Gentile Fratt '82, Liz King Farrell and Lydia Sweetser Gollner '82.

experience for anyone.” For more details, visit andrewjfield.com.

I am very proud to report that my daughter, **Leah '20**, will graduate from Skidmore in May. She will officially join the ranks of Skidmore alumni!

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'87 **Gregory Rutchik** has participated in three marathons since experiencing a health scare in 2017. Running, he says, is a way to “respect the finiteness of life and generate energy.” Greg is drawing on that energy to help his wife, Erin Stern Rutchik, who is currently facing health challenges. He is especially grateful for the friendship of Tower roommate **David Harrison**.

Empty-nesters **Matt Santangelo** and wife **Marie-Bernadette Uy Santangelo '88** sold their home in Medfield, Mass., and moved to the Charlestown waterfront, just down the street from the USS Constitution. Their son, Alexander Santangelo, was commissioned in November 2019. Now stationed on the USS Winston Churchill, he is the third generation to serve on a U.S. Navy destroyer. Son Nick is engaged to his high school sweetheart, Amanda Jing-Tong O'Malley; both attend the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University.

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'88 **Kim Wachenheim Wagman** relayed the sad news that classmate **James “Jamie” Chrystie** died unexpectedly in November 2019. We extend our condolences to his family.

My oldest, Hudson, graduated from Millburn High School and was accepted at Elon University. Now I am down to two at home. I enjoy keeping

in touch with **Anne Margiloff Wargo '89, Margie Ostrove, Christie Burton '87, Kristen Butler '89, Steve Thibodeau and Mark Davies '86**. The friendships I made at Skidmore continue to sustain me! I look forward to hearing about more of you. Keep the news coming!

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'89 **Deborah Asarch Fitch** and husband Cameron have three children: Jonah, 24; Tessa, 21; and Drew, 17. Deborah owns and operates four restaurants in Grand Lake and Granby, Colo., with Jonah. A fifth restaurant will open this summer. The eateries are supplied with beef from the Fitches' family farm in Franktown. Deborah encourages anyone in the area to contact her at DeborahAFitch@gmail.com.

Matt Berger shared the sad news that **Andrew Richard Gates** died Sept. 2, 2019. Matt reflects, “Andrew loved to root for the Red Sox and the Patriots and enjoyed travel. He was smart and quick-witted with a dry sense of humor. The brotherhood of friends he has left behind is truly a family that he chose. The light and humor he brought to this world will be sorely missed by all who knew him.”

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'90 After 22 years in Baton Rouge, La., **Katie Riker Sternberg** and husband Erich have relocated to Chicago. Katie is reestablishing her executive coaching practice, while Erich will oversee operations at a publicly traded insurance company. Daughter Hallie is a member of Wesleyan's class of 2023. Son Jake, 22, lives and works in Idaho.

Christina Blechar Galvin lives in Spring Lake, N.J., with husband



Last September, Anne Yedvabny Grieves gave a few fellow '94ers the opportunity to reconnect in Boston at her daughter Sophie's bat mitzvah. Pictured, left to right, are Meredith Eastman Principe, Vicki Tisch, Anne Yedvabny Grieves and Josh Weiner.

Richard, their three kids and two dogs. Oldest son Brendan will graduate from Princeton University in June, daughter Mara will enter College of the Holy Cross in late August, and younger son Sean will attend Christian Brothers Academy this fall. Christina can't believe how fast time has flown by and hopes to attend Reunion!

I hope to see many of you at Skidmore in May. If you can't make it, please stay in touch through Class Notes.

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'91 **Denise Guskowski Thompson and Heather Frost Mason** celebrated their 50th birthdays by glamping in a teepee atop a beautiful Colorado mountain and enjoying mineral baths at a hot springs resort.

Todd Faber spent a few weekends this past fall in Saratoga Springs with his wife, Jennifer, watching daughter **Bella '23** play for the women's field hockey team. “Coming back to

campus and sharing the Skidmore experience with Bella has been so much fun,” he notes.

Alyssa Rutchik Padial has been practicing physical therapy focused on orthopedics and pelvic health in NYC for 23 years. A talented dancer, she performed 12 times for three different choreographers in 2019, “amazing at 50!” She and husband Paul live in Palisades with their 15-year-old daughter Helena and 13-year-old son Jamie. She welcomes email from classmates at alysapadial@gmail.com.

Psychiatrist **Jodie Skillicorn** has published “Healing Depression Without Medication,” a book that challenges the use of antidepressants as first-line treatment for depression. She advocates for a holistic approach that includes nutrition, mindfulness and addressing past trauma, among other tools.

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'92 After 13 years as an attorney for the state of

Florida, **Lisa Dawson-Andrzejczyk** started her own practice in Flagler, the law office of Lisa M. Dawson, P.A.

Amy-Lynn Fischer lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and their 9-year-old twins. After a career in academic publishing, she now manages sales and marketing for Sting Letter Media, a niche music magazine publisher. Specialty titles target aficionados of acoustic guitar, ukulele and drums. Although she loves California, Amy-Lynn “misses the East Coast.” She encourages Skidmore friends visiting the area to contact her at alf702003@sbcglobal.net.

Barry McWilliams lives in Berlin with his wife Caroline. Barry is working for a mobile gaming startup and doing his best to learn German while Caroline finishes her first novel. They also produce The Secret Library podcast. Check out his portfolio at BarryMcW.com.

After 20 years, **Brett Olson** and his wife, Betsy, still enjoy living in London. Brett continues to work for BlackRock, running its iShares fixed-income ETF business in Europe. He’s looking forward to our 30th Reunion!

Melissa Kotlen received a BSN degree 15 months after graduating from Skidmore. She is a registered obstetric, labor and delivery nurse. She would love to connect with alumni in the nursing or health care industry. Contact her at melissakotlen@gmail.com.

Kate Merchant Snyder was elected mayor of Portland, Maine, last year. A former school board chair, she unseated incumbent Ethan Strimling. A Skidmore government and French major, Kate participated in field hockey, swimming and lacrosse. Her son, **William ’22**, is at Skidmore. Congratulations on both counts, Kate!

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’93 High school English teacher **Alexandra “Lexie” Marquis** spends a lot of time at Saratoga Race Course. A former captain of Skidmore’s polo team, Lexie is a veteran equestrian who assists legendary thoroughbred trainer Todd Pletcher to keep his horses in top form. She is also owner and trainer at Marquis Stables, located on her Galway, N.Y., farm.

Deidre Linburn Alley recently reunited with **Matthew Galvin ’91** in Seattle, Wash. She had fun catching up with Matt and hearing about his culinary business. While in Berkeley, Calif., Deirdre ran into **Amity Lenahan Fowler ’92**, who was in town visiting family and touring colleges with her two eldest children!

Pierre Freeman lives in France with his wife and child. He recently survived a near-death experience that put him in a coma. Now recovered, he has a new perspective: “I am no longer a baby — it’s time for me to reconnect with my Skidmore friends.” He welcomes email at pierrefreeman@gmail.com.

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’94 **John Beckman** is director of exhibit design and production at the Adler Planetarium, where he directs a team of graphic and exhibit designers and operations technicians and will spearhead the Adler’s new master plan and capital campaign. He enjoyed his 25th Reunion last year and continues to serve Skidmore on the Tang National Advisory Council. When in Saratoga Springs, he can usually be found at Hamlet & Ghost alongside **Adam Wald ’94**.

Matthew Miczek has become a marathon runner, specifically a trail marathoner! On Aug. 25, 2019, Matt finished in 6:35:24 in his first

marathon event, part of the Thatcher Park Trail Running Festival in Voorheesville, N.Y. “It definitely feels great to have accomplished this, and yes, I will do it again.”

Skidmore connections emerge everywhere for **Amy Munichiello** and **Tony Reidy**, who were on campus last year with kids Blake and Tessa. They bumped into Tony’s writing professor Steve Stern, accompanied by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Steven Millhauser. Blake, a ninth-grader at Boston College High School, surprised his parents when he told them about his first English assignment: reading Millhauser’s “In the Penny Arcade.” The serendipity intensified on Parents’ Night, when Amy and Tony discovered that one of Blake’s classmates was the son of **Marie Boccuzzi Cairo ’93** — and the boys’ English teacher was none other than **Ron Fletcher ’91!**

Emily Sellergren is doing well in Boulder, Colo. She and husband Pete love to ski, fish and spend time in the mountains with their two boys, 11 and 14. Emily is a psychotherapist in private practice. She enjoys yoga, telemark skiing and dancing.

Wendy Prior Fentress lives in NYC with her husband and three kids. She spent part of November in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, shooting “Swing,” a movie about an Ivy League rowing team that is slated for release in early 2021.

I am saddened to report the death of **Maureen Mlynarczyk** on Feb. 16 after a two-year battle with colon cancer. Her family wrote, “Maureen approached her death as she did her life — with remarkable strength, boundless compassion for others, a quick wit and complete grace. This compassion also was evident in her friendships and the many loved ones she touched.” We send heartfelt condolences to Maureen’s family.

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’95 **Mandy Santiago** was appointed executive director of the John J. Tyler Arboretum in Media, Pa., in May 2019. One of the nation’s oldest arboreta, it is celebrating its 75th year as a public garden. Mandy previously directed development at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and ran her own nonprofit consultancy. She is pursuing a second master’s in forensic medicine.

Sarah Caruso opened Meetinghouse Clay Center in Bourne, Mass., fulfilling a longtime dream. Housed in a former church, the center offers ceramics education and artistic inspiration to students of all ages and levels of ability. For details, visit meetinghouseclay.com.

Phoebe Smith’s 18-year-old son **Ely Lettow** will join the Class of 2024! In the meantime, his proud mom is looking forward to our 25th Reunion.

Matt Hurst and his wife Mandy welcomed a second daughter, Annika Eliza, in December 2019. Her 5-year-old sister, Magnolia, is thrilled with her new sibling.

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’97 As chair of missions for the Syrian American Council, **Dylan Connor** led an international team of activists and journalists on a Valentine’s Day Mission to the Syrian-Turkish border to deliver urgent humanitarian relief. Back home in Stratford, Conn., Dylan is raising awareness of the refugees’ “hope and pain” by composing and performing songs that tell their stories.



William “Mac” Love ’01 and his wife Allyse, co-founders of Art x Love LLC, recently completed “@PLAY,” a community arts project in Akron, Ohio. It involved the production of 100 murals by 170 local artists working in collaboration with more than 8,500 residents. The project has inspired new investment in Akron’s neglected neighborhoods and recreation spaces. For details, visit atplayakron.com. The couple also welcomed daughter Gemma Grace Love into their family on Aug. 9, 2019.

Attorney **Katie Burke** was appointed to the board of technology firm NCR. She serves as senior strategist and global chief of staff at Edelman, a communications and marketing agency. Katie and her family divide their time between Rowayton, Conn., and Wilson, Wyo.

Kerry Labendz wed Justin Tinker in San Diego in November 2019. On hand to celebrate the nuptials were **Leslie McClure, Jennifer Mendelsohn, Kristin DeCou ’98** and **Keith O’Neil**. The newlyweds live in NYC.

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’99 After four years in Dakar, Senegal, my family and I enjoyed an extended summer holiday in the states. In September, we relocated to San Salvador, where my husband, **Roy Geiser ’98**, continues working for USAID. Despite having to switch from French to Spanish, the year-round summer weather is appealing. Roy is happy he can finally use his Skidmore Spanish degree! I have paused teaching to help my family settle, learn a new language and

focus on my art and photography business.

Sarah Kemmerer Cipperly was glad she returned to campus for our 20th Reunion and the concurrent Theater Department Reunion. Sarah lives in Atlanta, Ga., where she practices family law and is a certified civil and domestic mediator. When not driving her kids to sports activities, she occasionally sings with a volunteer group and emcees charity events. Last year, the family adopted a miniature dachshund named Pebbles.

Chris Doherty has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since leaving Skidmore. He manages teams of software engineers and works with several open-source companies. His son is a high school freshman who already stands at 6 feet, 2 inches! In an effort to learn how to play Swedish folk music, Chris picked up the violin a few years ago. “It’s a merciless instrument, but I love it anyway,” he quips.

Cheryl Jenks participated in the Saratoga Arts Annual Members Show held over the winter. She

wove a canoe basket inspired by the Abenaki traditional techniques. Cheryl studies with local Abenaki basket maker Aaron Wood.

In December, **Allison Prouty** celebrated the 10th anniversary of founding Second Bolt, a consulting, production and management firm that serves the entertainment industry. She lives in Beacon, N.Y., with her husband and 3-year-old twins Rebel and Ronin.

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’00 **Julia Paige and Shawn McCormack** wed in a Boston courthouse. Julia teaches third grade and Shawn is an attorney. They live in a house in the woods with Julia’s son Miles, two cats and Shawn’s “half-completed home improvement projects.”

Aaron Pikilingis is lead strategist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital’s Digital Innovation Hub in Boston. He helps clinicians and researchers navigate the evaluation, testing and implementation of new medical solutions. Aaron’s wife, **Laura Burnes**, is director of project planning for residential contracting company Adams and Beasley Associates; she was this year’s recipient of the firm’s Gold MVP Award.

Jennifer Cummings Hillery has launched Speaker Sisterhood of Melrose, Mass. The organization supports a network of speaking clubs that “help women discover, awaken and create their voice through the power of public speaking.” Two of Jennifer’s presentations were published in “Secrets of the Sisterhood,” a book that features 45 speeches about love, truth and power.

Tony Monteneri has been working with Tony Award-winning playwright

Eve Ensler and V-Day for 17-plus years. As campaign director for V-Day, the global movement to end violence against women and girls, he oversees all grassroots productions of the “The Vagina Monologues.” Tony is also director of Ensler’s production company, Lotus Productions. He recently produced “In the Body of the World” at Manhattan Theatre Club and “Fruit Trilogy” with Abingdon Theatre Company. Tony teaches Art and Activism for Social Justice in Goucher College’s graduate program in arts administration.

Pianist and composer **Joachim Horsley** accompanied the Hollywood Chamber Orchestra in a performance of his most recent work, “Beethoven’s Cuban Concertino.” Recorded at Capital Studios late last year, it is included on Joachim’s EP “Via Havana.”

Andy Glaze was promoted to fire captain of the La Verne Fire Department in California. He also serves as president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 3624.

I was saddened to learn that Joel Caruso died suddenly in September 2018. Joel’s passion for art, compassion for others and special sense of humor are just some of the qualities those who knew him will miss. On behalf of the class, I send love and the energy of our fond memories to his family.

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’01 **Dustin Reidy** was recently elected to the Albany County Legislature, his first public office. He is also signed on to manage U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko’s re-election campaign in New York’s 20th Congressional District.

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'03

A group of besties got together in NYC to ring in the New Year and celebrate 15 years of friendship. **Patrick McEvoy, Dan Sbano, Chris Dunn, Andrew Simon, Brian McCawley and Rob Parks** spent the night gallivanting about, visiting old haunts and reminiscing about fun times at Skidmore.

Nicole Haddad and her brother Jordan co-founded clothing brand Lobo Mau in 2008. The line offers sustainably produced, fashion-forward apparel made exclusively in Philadelphia, Pa. In February, they celebrated the opening of their flagship store in the city.

As executive director and co-founder of Anthesis Group and North American lead for its new Ventures business, **Josh Whitney** helps startups implement innovative and environmentally responsible practices.

Reg Calcagno is senior director of government affairs at The Center in NYC. He and his colleagues are focused on participating in and leading policy conversations related to the LGBTQ community at the state and local levels. Reg works closely with chief strategy officer **Jeff Klein '01**.

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'04

Peter Fox is a co-founder and partner at the NYC law firm of Scoolidge Peters Russotti & Fox LLP. He advises clients on regulatory and commercial matters, within focus areas including securities and corporate law and investment in Latin America. Under the Obama administration, Peter served as counselor to the solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Rebecca Johnson Fanning is the director of user experience at Phase2, a consulting agency that develops digital collaboration systems for organizations such as Red Hat, the U.S. Department of the Interior and Major League Soccer.

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'06

James Guimaraes and his wife celebrated their son Connor's first birthday on Dec. 19, 2019.

Jerome Mopsik and his wife **Emily Mopsik '07** welcomed daughter Lillian Jennifer at Saratoga Hospital on Aug. 13, 2019. Lillian has already made several visits to campus, but her proud dad says, "It's too soon

to predict whether she'll join the Skidmore Class of 2040."

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'07

Allison Keane Barr is a developer for Quartet, a mental health tech company based in NYC. She lives in Santa Monica, Calif., with her husband and their cat.

Michele Stanchina is nearing the end of her residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. After completion, she will begin a fellowship in hematology-oncology at the University of Miami.

Alison Hunt McKenney and her husband welcomed a daughter on April 21, 2019. The family moved back to Middlebury, Vt., where Alison continues her private art therapy practice.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont has appointed **Falko Schilling** to the newly created position of advocacy director. She is charged with overseeing the organization's legislative program, political and electoral engagement and priority campaigns such as the ACLU's Smart Justice Vermont.

Ryan Hannon is director of enrollment management at the Bosque School, a private college preparatory academy in Albuquerque, N.M.

In 2019, I was promoted to senior program administrator at New York University's newly developed Center for Faculty Advancement, an initiative of the provost's office. I have been fortunate to continue my work in private practice, part time, as a psychotherapist working with clients managing trauma, depression, anxiety, mood disorders and relationship issues.

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'08

Andrew William Smith received a doctor of chiropractic degree from Sherman College of Chiropractic in South Carolina. He looks forward to serving his community.

Tyler Deieso and wife Claire welcomed son Jack Hudzin Deieso on Nov. 1, 2019, at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey.

Leah Nettle is a veterinarian specializing in the behavioral health of dogs and cats in animal shelters. In addition to her practice, Leah teaches a course at the University of Florida's School of Veterinary Medicine. In 2019, she co-led a weeklong seminar in Israel for animal shelter veterinarians and auxiliary staff.

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'09

Victoria Cambranes is seeking election to NYC Council District 33 in 2021. The district covers a large swath of the northern Brooklyn waterfront. Active in progressive politics since 2016, she is focused on curtailing overdevelopment, rooting out systematic corruption and incorporating sustainable infrastructure into city planning.

Emily Rollinson is an assistant professor of biological sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. She returned to campus last year to lead a seminar, "Invasions, Conservation and Restoration: Uniting Many Questions in a Single Place." A National Science Foundation graduate Research Fellow, she holds a doctorate in evolutionary biology.

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'10

Kaitlin Siehs was promoted to vice president of treasury



Nick and Aliza Madden '07 welcomed a baby, Owen.

and operations for NYC-based Dune Real Estate Partners LP in January. The company focuses on distressed, deep value-add and contrarian investing.

Elizabeth Robb married Paul Johnstone in May 2019. In June, she graduated from medical school and started a family medicine residency in Corvallis, Ore.

Michael Goldsmith and wife Lisa welcomed daughter Ellie Goldsmith on Nov. 12, 2019. Ellie's proud parents can't wait to show her around Skidmore at Reunion. Michael is deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice's Health Care Rights and Access section, part of the Office of Public Rights.

Victoria Malaney Brown is completing a doctoral program in educational research, policy and administration at UMass Amherst's College of Education. In September 2019, she successfully defended her dissertation, "Exploring Multiracial Consciousness: Voices of Multiracial Students at a Predominately White Institution." She looks forward to her graduation in May!

Hannah Smith married Jesse Day on June 1, 2019, in Boulder, Colo. Skiddies in attendance included **Nicole Kapadia, Tara Kelley, Gaby Levy, Lucy King** and **Mary Quinn**.



Rachel Port '13 exhibited 18 of her fluid acrylic paintings at "Wonder Fair 2.0: The Shrine," an immersive art show at Art Basel Miami in December 2019. You can view her work on Instagram @rachelport.art.

"The ladies danced the night away, channeling nights out at Peabody's," notes Hannah. A month earlier, she graduated from University of Colorado Denver with a master's in women and gender studies. Hannah manages "That's What She Said," a live storytelling event featuring stories written by women and read by men.

Ben Johnson and **Amanda Marie Eilis King** "made a beautiful little Skidmore baby" named Lydia this past October. The couple relocated from Colorado to Connecticut, where Amanda works for a funeral home. Well-known in the industry for her expertise in post-mortem trauma reconstruction, Amanda is a frequent presenter at National Funeral Directors Association conferences.

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Hannah Perrine Mode is an interdisciplinary artist and climate science educator. She has been an artist-in-residence with the International Arctic Science Committee, Chulengo Expeditions and the Juneau Icefield Research Program. Hannah developed JIRP's Student Artist program, which welcomed its inaugural artist, **Grace Juneau '20**, last year. Hannah is currently teaching environmental science through visual art for the Chulengo and Juneau programs.

Martel Catalano is co-founder and executive director of Beyond My Battle, a Saratoga-based nonprofit that supports people living with chronic illness. In 2019, BMB launched mindfulness workshops for patients and caregivers and the "Beyond My Battle" podcast. BMB is sponsoring the second annual "Art With Heart & Hope" exhibition at Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs on May 21.

Amanda Werner's Christmas Tree Farm was selected to supply the Vermont Statehouse and

the offices of Gov. Phil Scott in December 2019.

Michael Levin earned a master's in transportation management from NYU's Tandon School of Engineering in May 2019.

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'12 Freelance composer **Edith Mudge** writes music for clients across a range of media, including film, television and live theater. She trained at Hans Zimmer's Remote Control Productions and Bleeding Fingers for two years before signing on as in-house composer at Jingle Punks.

Lucy Greer and partner **Scott Galante** celebrated the birth of their child Cosmo in September 2019. They reside in NYC.

Rachel Sotak recently launched her own graphic design business in Concord, N.H. She also founded Broaden Collective, a network and online directory for women-owned businesses across New Hampshire. In her downtime, she enjoys hiking in the White Mountains, rock climbing at a local gym and kayaking on the Merrimack River.

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'14 **Laura Paola Gonzalez** is program coordinator at Scholar Match, a nonprofit that helps underserved youth in the San Francisco Bay Area access and thrive in college. She manages the program's support services, including scholarship assistance and counseling. A former student success coordinator at online digital academy Udacity, Laura also freelances as a graphic designer and visual artist.

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Graphic designer Rachelle Gage '16 creates print patterns for a fashion company. She is the author and illustrator of "The Fantastic Pups," a children's story about the adventures of "three adorable pups with big dreams." Rachel was inspired by her own three dogs, who died after providing 14 years of joyous companionship.

'15 **Joshua Saunders** and **Lauren Scauzzo** recently got engaged in South Haven, Mich. They will wed this summer in Chicago.

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'16 **Stella Langat** here; I'm delighted to serve as class correspondent. Some of you may remember me as the economics major who founded Double Dee's. I sold the business in 2018 and currently work on Facebook's global operations team in Austin, Texas. I'm also a U.S. Army reservist. I've maintained close relationships with a number of alumni and current students working on business plans. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jie Li is director of business development and operations at Accathon Capital, a NYC-based venture capital and private equity firm that supports American entrepreneurship and technology innovation in the U.S. and China. He is also co-founder of the NYC Chinese Entrepreneurs Organization.

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'17

Stephanie Hon is founder and CEO of NYC-based startup Keep Your Cadence. The company provides consumers with a way to buy and transport personal care products using biodegradable refillable pods rather than plastic. Hon focused on developing a product line that is “leak-proof, sustainable and easy to take to the gym.”

Derrick Yam is a quantitative analyst for the Baltimore Ravens. The team’s management was impressed by Derrick’s study on the benefits of an aggressive fourth-down strategy, which originated as a collaborative research project with Professor Michael Lopez.

San Francisco resident **Anh Vu Nguyen** is a software engineer specializing in geographic data engineering for Google Maps.

Weston Stewart-Tennes is founder and CEO of City Flavor, a business that dispatches specialty food trucks from its large network of vendors to clients in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Keldwin Taveras is a credit specialist in the NYC office of Square Capital, a company that provides financing and business solutions to entrepreneurs and small companies. He previously

worked at S&P Global Ratings as a credit analyst.

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'18

Katie Koke here; I have signed on as class correspondent. Since graduation, I’ve worked in the Capital Region as a freelance graphic designer. I am now in-house graphic design and marketing coordinator at Hudson River Community Credit Union. I’ve also partnered with **Erik Morrison ’15** to launch the Morrison Consultancy Group. Skidmore connections are important in so many ways — and seem to turn up everywhere. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lisanny Manzueta is an HEOP academic counselor at St. Bonaventure University. The American studies major will begin an MSW program this fall. She hopes to work in higher education and increase student access to mental health support.

Miguel Martinez lives in Austin, Texas, where he works for AmeriCorps as a mentor for at-risk youth through the Communities in Schools organization. Miguel provides holistic, individualized support for a caseload of over 20 students.

Miguel’s AmeriCorps colleague

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Kirill Gillespie also works for Community in Schools in Austin. Kirill mentors over 20 students at Martin Middle School. He hopes to become a CIS caseworker and ultimately coordinate its after-school enrichment program at a neighborhood public housing site.

Charlie Goldberg partnered with a childhood friend to found GOCO Clothes, a Boston-based men’s apparel brand that sells classic pieces versatile enough to be worn in any environment.

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'19

Cynthia Durán Larrea is pursuing a master’s degree in conjunction with Choreomundus, an international graduate program at the University of Roehampton in London. The curriculum is focused on dance as a practice and a form of knowledge and cultural heritage. In June, she will present her

Skidmore capstone paper at the 13th Global Studies Conference at Concordia University in Montreal.

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MALS

Samantha Bellinger published her first book, “Screw Your Wedding: A Candid Guide to Wedding Planning by a Jaded Event Planner,” in August 2019 and launched an online course. For more detail, visit 620events.com.

Leigh Peterson Bellville is a literacy consultant for the Iowa Department of Education in the Bureau of Leading, Teaching and Learning Services. The recipient of a MALS Scholar Award, Leigh is a former secondary English language arts teacher and instructional coach.

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Lydia Bernard-Jones '19 is a program associate for Last Mile Health in Liberia. The Sierra Leone native quickly adjusted to the country’s cuisine, which is similar to her own. Lydia says, “So far, I am thriving!”



Last fall, Class of 2011 members Nick Hara, Katherine Roguski, Ben Vail, James Yick, Korena Burgio Dill and Jacob Boersma gathered for a reunion in North Georgia. The Skiddies enjoy hiking, apple picking and reminiscing.

IN MEMORIAM

Alleyn Williams Morison '39 of Columbus, Ohio, died May 11, 2019.

A physical education major, she taught at the Hathaway Brown School. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, nieces **Susan Vincent Thomas '67**, **Kathryn Vincent Hassinger '69** and **Sally Vincent Lesser '71**, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Katherine Schilling Lyall '40 of Morristown, N.J., died Dec. 18, 2019.

An art major, she was a community volunteer and active alumna who was inducted into Skidmore's Century Club. She is survived by a daughter, **Pamela Schick Kelsey '70**, a son, six grandchildren, including **Allison Schick Masson '89**, and 13 great-grandchildren, including **Tenley Masson '17** and **Nathaniel Masson '16**.

Helen Kindergan Higgins '42 of South Pasadena, Calif., died Dec. 26, 2019. A business major, she earned a master's in education and taught at John Glenn High School for 29 years. She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty Spoerl Eckerson '45

of Crozet, Va., died Feb. 3. A home economics major, she was a talented textile artist and community volunteer. She was a class agent volunteer. She is survived by her husband, William Eckerson, four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Carol Pouch Gwynne '45 of Yarmouth Port, Mass., died Dec. 8, 2019. She left Skidmore in her junior year to join the U.S. Navy WAVE Corps. She is survived by a daughter, Susan Connor Adlard, a son, a sister, **Elizabeth Pouch Bischoff '53**, and a niece, **Anne W. Pouch '73**.

Patricia O'Connell Reach '45 of Longmeadow, Mass., died Oct. 12,

2018. A business major, she founded a manufacturing business and was a civic volunteer. She is survived by a daughter, **Melinda Reach Lecompte '69**.

Elizabeth Bryan Rosenbaum '46 of Cheshire, Conn., died Sept. 20, 2019. A chemistry major, she worked for Naugatuck Chemical Company before becoming a children's librarian. She served the College as class president and correspondent. She is survived by two daughters, including Hazel Rosenbaum Allen, a brother and two grandchildren.

Janet Bassett Gretzler '47 of Tavares, Fla., died June 2, 2019.

A home economics major, she was a hospital dietician. She is survived by a daughter, Dianne Gretzler.

Polly Deppen Whedon '47 of West Hartford, Conn., died Jan. 4.

A physical education major, she was a teacher and homemaker. She served as vice president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, a Reunion volunteer and a class agent. She is survived by her husband, Bill Whedon, two sons, six grandchildren and a cousin, **Linda White Deabler '68**.

Patricia Grummon Clegg '51 of Amelia Island, Fla., died Oct. 9, 2019. An English major, she taught English in Japan. She served as class president, Reunion historian, Friends of the Presidents chair, class correspondent and class agent. She is survived by two sons, including Paul Clegg.

Merrilyn Greeley VanGelder '51 of Winchester, Mass., died Sept. 12, 2019. A psychology major, she owned a specialty gift store. She served Skidmore as Reunion chair, class president, campaign volunteer and class agent. She is survived by three daughters, including **Martha VanGelder '79**, a son and four grandchildren.

Nancy Sawin Teare '52 of Princeton, N.J., died Feb. 15. An art major, she worked as a commercial

artist and was a noted watercolor painter. She is survived by two daughters, including Susan Morris, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lucy McDermott Blackman '52 of Willow, N.Y., died June 22, 2019.

A music major, she also studied at the New England Conservatory. She is survived by her partner, Muffin Johnson, a son, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Carol Clafin Kurtz '53 of Hampton, N.H., died Jan. 4. She was a biology major. A devoted alumna, she served the College as admissions contact, class president, Reunion volunteer and class agent. She is survived by her husband, Albert Kurtz, a daughter and a niece, **Sandra Atkinson Wagner '67**.

Edith Baldwin Wonnell '53 of Saline, Mich., died Dec. 21, 2019.

A nursing major, she earned a master's with midwifery certification from Columbia University. She founded Downstate Medical Center, the first free-standing midwifery practice in the country, and was recruited to establish a practice at Johns Hopkins Medical Center. The recipient of an honorary doctorate from Frontier Nursing University, she served Skidmore as a class agent. She is survived by her husband, Jim Wonnell, three daughters, a son and seven grandchildren.

Carole McKenzie Coleman '54 of New York, N.Y., died Sept. 28, 2019.

A history major, she was an educator for NYC public schools. Recruited by the U.S. government to teach at the International School of Hamburg, Germany, in the 1960s, she returned to PS180 in Harlem. She created a class in Black Heritage and mentored new teachers in retirement. She is survived by daughters Liane Coleman and **Elizabeth Coleman '91**.

Dorothy Kathan Jardine '55 of Needham, Mass., died April 30, 2019. A nursing major, she worked at

Riverview and Monmouth Hospitals in New Jersey. She is survived by three children, a brother, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Suzanne Polakoff DePuyt '55 of Ambler, Pa., died March 4, 2019. A psychology major, she completed her degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is survived by two sons, two sisters and two granddaughters.

Florence Andresen '57 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died Dec. 25, 2019.

She was an award-winning educator who broke barriers as the first woman to serve as school district superintendent in New York state. Her numerous honors include selection as one of Executive Educator magazine's Top 100 School Executives in North America in 1984. A dedicated supporter of education and a philanthropist, she was a Skidmore trustee emerita. She is survived by her nephew, Bill Baumann, and great-niece Jackie Baumann.

Susan Lord Peace '60 of West Palm Beach, Fla., died Dec. 21, 2019.

A government-art history major, she earned a master's degree. She worked for the United Nations for several years in the 1960s before transitioning to careers in adult education and financial consulting. She is survived by two daughters, including Susan Geisel, a son, a brother and seven grandchildren.

Katharine Kales Austin '60 of Exeter, N.H., died July 30, 2019.

A nursing major, she enjoyed a long career in that profession. She is survived by her husband, Charles Austin.

Grace Ellis Burby '60 of Lebanon, N.H., died Jan. 6, 2019. An art major, she earned master's degrees from Boston University and the University of California. She was a graphic artist and teacher at Hanover Street School. She is survived by a daughter, Triss Blais, a stepson, a

sister and three grandchildren.

Sonja Bernt Jones '61 of Denver, Colo., died Aug. 7, 2019. A nursing major, she enjoyed a long career in that profession. She served as a class agent volunteer. She is survived by her husband, James Jones, two daughters, a son, three stepdaughters and nine grandchildren, including **William Caro '15**.

Eloise N. Jensen '62 of Tucson, Arizona, died Feb. 6. An English major, she was a gifted storyteller and was active in a range of community causes. She is survived by two children and five grandchildren.

Constance Lashar Dick '62 of Albany died Nov. 15, 2019. A music major, she earned a master's from Cornell University and taught music for many years. She is survived by a son, two daughters, four stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Eileen "M.E." Cassidy '63 of Rochester, N.Y., died Feb. 26, 2019. A government major, she was an elementary school teacher and alumna volunteer. She is survived by her twin sister, **Kathleen Cassidy Martineau '63**.

Elsie Raymond Maddaus '64 of Scotia, N.Y., died Jan. 22. She majored in English and earned an MLS degree from SUNY Albany. She was a librarian at the Ballston Spa Library and a civic volunteer. She is survived by her son, Phillip Maddaus.

Elizabeth Allen Shertenlieb '64 of Cambridge, Md., died Dec. 5, 2019. An English major, she was a former securities analyst and later a senior tax advisor for H&R Block. She served as class correspondent. She is survived by her husband, William Shertenlieb, a son and daughter, a sister, a brother and six grandchildren.

Petrea Rieck Graham '64 of Pittsburgh died Sept. 28, 2019. An

art major, she worked for DuPont textiles and later served as president of Advokid, an agency that supports educational goals of special-needs children. She is survived by her husband, David Graham, three sons and five grandchildren.

Nancy Pechar Toombs '66 of NYC died Jan. 23. A business major, she worked in publishing. In retirement, she earned a J.D. at NYU. She is survived by her sister, Susan Pechar, and an aunt.

Susan Parker Gurney '67 of Darien, Conn., died Nov. 14, 2019. An American studies major, she was a former model and platform assistant at Bankers Trust. She served Skidmore as a campaign volunteer. She is survived by two daughters, including Christie Gurney, a stepson, a brother and three grandchildren.

Patricia Wall Wynkoop '68 of Annapolis, Md., died Nov. 11, 2019. An American studies major, she was a former director of religious education at the U.S. Naval Academy and an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities. She is survived by her husband, David Wynkoop, four daughters, eight grandchildren and three sisters, **Nancy Wall Thorne '65**, **Virginia Wall VanSteemburg '75** and **Marjorie Wall Wood '63**.

Elizabeth Hood '70 of Greenwich, N.Y., died Sept. 13, 2019. An English major, she owned and ran Montana Books in Saratoga Springs before becoming a longtime executive at WMHT Public Broadcasting. A talented singer, she performed with the Huxtable Trio. She served as an admissions volunteer. She is survived by a sister, **Helen Hood '65**, two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Nancy Kammerer Heley '71 of Glastonbury, Conn., died Jan. 1. A nursing major, she enjoyed a long career in that profession. She is survived by husband Skip Heley,

a daughter and two sons, a brother and three grandchildren.

Jean Schipper '74 of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., died Oct. 14, 2019. A nursing major, she owned The Elsbeth Linn Art Gallery. She is survived by a daughter, Elsbeth Field, and a son.

Elizabeth Russell Hochberger '82 of Weston, Mass., died Feb. 2. An English major, she was a real estate agent with Century 21 and an active civic volunteer. She served Skidmore as an admissions contact. She is survived by her husband, **Fred Hochberger '82**, three daughters, a son and two brothers.

Lydia Porter Simon '82 of Malibu, Calif., died Nov. 15, 2019. A theater major, she was an artist and singer before transitioning into a career in real estate. She is survived by a son, Astor Simon.

David DiLibero '82 of North Providence, R.I., died April 1, 2018. He is survived by a brother, Thomas DiLibero, and three sisters.

Elizabeth Schaller-Bhuju '83 of Natick, Mass., died Sept. 15, 2019. She was a business major. She is survived by her husband, Babesh Bhuju.

Willie J. Parker '85 of Cleveland died Sept. 9, 2019. A UWW graduate, he earned a master's from the SUNY New School. He was a lieutenant colonel in the National Guard and a New York State Police investigator. He later taught at Adirondack Community College. He is survived by his wife, Kyong Nom Oh, two sons, a sister and four brothers.

Norman Danielson '87 of Harwich, Mass., died Dec. 27, 2019. A UWW psychology major, he earned an MSW from Simmons College. He enjoyed a career in social work and was a gifted singer. He is survived by his wife, Nina Danielson, a son and daughter, a sister and five grandchildren.

Ingrid Braun Boyko '90 of North Fort Myers, Fla., died Feb. 2. She was a business-German major. She is survived by her husband, Craig Boyko.

Maureen Mlynarczyk '94 of NYC died Feb. 16. A history major, she earned an MFA from UCLA. She was a six-time Emmy-winning animator whose many credits include "The Cleveland Show," "The Simpsons Movie" and "Disenchantment." She served as a Skidmore-NYC regional volunteer. She is survived by her partner, Andrew Dubel, her parents, Peter and Catherine Mlynarczyk, and two sisters.

Carey Danyow Bell '02 of Collinsville, Conn., died Sept. 20, 2019. A biology major, she earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Connecticut. She served in the Peace Corps in Morocco before working in the PICU at the Children's Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Shad Bell, two daughters, her mother, Cecelia Danyow, three brothers and two sisters.

RECENT FACULTY DEATHS

Margaret "Peg" A. North Tacardon, associate professor of social work emerita, died Jan. 21. During a nearly three-decade career at the College, she helped Skidmore's social work program achieve national accreditation and taught in the University Without Walls Inmate Higher Education Program. "Peg had a sharp intellect and a boundless, compassionate heart," said Crystal Dea Moore, professor of social work.

Isabelle Williams, professor of music emerita, died March 9. As chair of the Department of Music from 1979 to 1985, Williams helped to launch the Filene Music Program at Skidmore. "Isabelle's collaboration with Helen and George Ladd and the Filene/Ladd family have enabled some of the most talented music students in the country to attend Skidmore," said Charles M. Joseph, professor emeritus of music.

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