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**SETTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE**

After a one-year delay caused by the pandemic, the entire Skidmore community put on its best for the inauguration of Marc C. Conner as the College's eighth president.

In his inaugural address, Conner called for a "daring education" that prepares graduates to lead "lives of consequence."

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"Long overdue" is how Nancy Hamilton '77, chair of Skidmore's Board of Trustees, described this fall's inauguration of President Marc C. Conner, who had assumed office in July 2020. But there was also a silver lining to the delay: The inauguration represented a true celebration of the Skidmore community and its many impressive accomplishments, remarkable creativity, and resilience under his leadership.

There has been much to celebrate thanks to President Conner: the College's remarkable success in containing COVID-19; the return

of all employees and students to campus; record applications; new and continuing efforts to strengthen community and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion; and important investments in the future, including the Center for Integrated Sciences. We look at these achievements and more in this issue of Scope.

Skidmore is also marking other major milestones: The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery's 20th anniversary and the Arthur Zankel Music Center's 10th passed more quietly than expected. But — as we also describe in this issue — the impact of

these visionary campus institutions has never been more apparent in the lives and creative career paths that Skidmore students and alumni pursue.

Above all else, these community celebrations offer us an opportunity to look back with a sense of accomplishment and forward with inspiration and hope. On behalf of the Scope editorial team, I express our shared hope for President Conner's continuing success in building an even stronger Skidmore community and future for our College. Happy holidays!

— James Helicke

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**On the cover:**  
President Conner high-fives students who cheer during his inaugural procession on Oct. 16, 2021.

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I have remarked at times that this year for me will be “Year 1, Part 2,” since last year was such a bizarre and strange year in so many respects. This fall, we’ve been able to hold in person so many crucial events marking the start of an academic year that last year were either virtual or just couldn’t happen. New Student Orientation, the First-Year Experience, Convocation, the London semester, athletic competition, live theater and music events, and so many other gatherings have occurred and, at last, Barb and I

have been able to fully participate in the life and community of Skidmore. That has been incredible, and it has confirmed to me what last year also showed: that this is a remarkable community that cares deeply about its members, that loves to gather and show support, and that the creativity, empathy, and downright fun of Skidmore emerges in these moments of gathering. As I have said many times this past year, I feel so blessed to have come to such a wonderful place.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of COVID-19, I am so proud of our entire community. We have all of our students back on campus, and every class is being taught in person. Our community is over 98% vaccinated, which safeguards our campus health as well as that of the larger Saratoga community. Our active cases remain very low, and indeed Skidmore continues to set the standard nationally for how to manage COVID-19 with safety and the continuance of our educational mission. The credit goes to all of our people — staff, students, and faculty — as we are accomplishing this together. Indeed, “Returning Together” is our theme for this year, and our triumphs are most meaningful when they happen together, as a community.

I’ve been very pleased to welcome two new vice presidents to our campus: Collyer Vice President for Advancement Carey Anne Zucca and Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Adrian Bautista. Both Carey Anne and Adrian have thrown themselves into their crucial leadership roles, and Skidmore is already feeling the good effects of their work. They arrived in a momentous year, as we celebrate — though one year delayed — the 10th anniversary of the Zankel Music Center and the 20th anniversary of the Tang Teaching Museum. It is so fitting that we celebrate these signature buildings in the same year that we approach the completion of the Center for Integrated Sciences. All three buildings are more than buildings — they are concepts of teaching and learning, given material form. The major East Wing of the CIS will be complete and open before the fall 2022 semester, including the crucial IdeaLab that sits at the heart of this building and its concept of integrated and innovative learning. This will correspond as well with next year’s celebration of the 100th anniversary of Skidmore as an accredited four-year college, a centennial we will mark with pride.

This year we are excited to continue two major initiatives that we launched last year — highly aspirational and ambitious efforts that I’m proud to see us embark upon and continue even during the challenges of the pandemic. The Campus Master Planning project is moving forward extremely well. Working with Ayers Saint Gross, the architectural firm we have employed for the Master Plan, we have held now over 30 meetings, sessions, and forums with every possible constituency, including the Board of Trustees, our community neighbors, city planning officials, Skidmore retirees, and of course our faculty, staff, and students. At the October Board meeting (the first time the Board has met on campus in two years!) we conducted in-person walking tours of major areas of campus, exploring our residential, academic, and student support spaces as well as the campus’s overall accessibility and infrastructure. Ayers Saint Gross is now gathering all this substantial feedback and will be reporting back to the community on the principles and suggestions they have been hearing. The goal continues to be to present a finished Master Plan for the physical campus to the Board by the May 2022 meetings.

The Racial Justice Initiative enters into its second year with continued vigor, energy, and urgency. We are building on the substantial accomplishments of last year: the establishment of a Board-level committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the hiring of two key staff leadership positions that directly support student and College-wide DEI programming and efforts; a wide-ranging series of lectures, presentations, and events that engaged our campus on major issues all of last year; and especially the opening of The Center, Skidmore’s new space in Case Center dedicated to collaborative gathering and work for all members of the Skidmore community. This year we continue with substantial programming on many areas, including new focus areas of anti-Asian violence, the Israel-Palestine conflict, and the U.S.-Mexico border. This fall we are responding to strong student concerns over transgender rights and access on our campus and, most recently, to renewed concerns about sexual and gender-based misconduct and the Title IX processes, an area that intersects with racial justice in important ways. The Initiative continues to offer a focused platform for these powerful and resonant issues in our community and indeed in the world. I remain extremely pleased that we are bringing such fearless and sustained focus to these issues of great challenge.

Finally, this fall marked our deferred presidential inauguration, an event that I thought came together remarkably well in every way. We were able to hold a wide range of College-wide activities, including a presidential panel titled “Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship: The Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century,” a portrait unveiling and honoring of President Emeritus Glotzbach, a memorable live performance by jazz legend Branford Marsalis, and of course the inauguration event itself. The whole weekend was a great celebration of Skidmore and what makes our College such a special and sustaining place. I was greatly honored and humbled by the entire experience, and I look forward to continuing our hard and immensely rewarding work throughout this year and in the many years to come.

— Marc C. Conner



The Skidmore College Vocal Chamber Ensemble and the Strong Quartet perform the Alma Mater at President Conner's inauguration, an opportunity "to celebrate Skidmore."

## 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.

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# RETURNING TOGETHER

With all students and employees back on campus and nearly everyone (98%) fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the entire College community returned together with enthusiasm for a fully in-person fall semester.

Skidmore's spirit of community and optimism for the future went on full display from Oct. 15 to 17 for an extended weekend of events commemorating Skidmore's past, present, and future. While still maintaining careful safety protocols, members of the Skidmore community came from near and far to participate in festivities for Celebration Weekend. Students and their families enjoyed arts exhibitions, athletic competitions, faculty lectures, sustainability tours, and other experiences.

For the first time since the onset of the pandemic, Skidmore's trustees assembled on campus and could see recent changes firsthand, including continuing progress on the Center for Integrated Sciences and completion of The Center, a space dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Everyone — students, families, trustees, staff, faculty, and community members — could cheer on the inauguration of Marc Conner as Skidmore's eighth president. With an academic panel showcasing faculty and students, vibrant dance and music by Skidmore community members, and inspiring articulations of the College's vision for the future, the weekend was — above all else — a festival of community.

"Inauguration is primarily a chance to celebrate Skidmore College," Conner said. "That is really what it is about: who we are, what we have done, and what we are doing."

Use the augmented reality feature on the image above to watch a video recap of this exciting community event or visit [skidmore.edu/inauguration](http://skidmore.edu/inauguration) to learn more about the installation ceremony, Skidmore inaugural traditions, College history, and President Conner.

## CLASS OF 2020 COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

For information about the Class of 2020 Commencement Celebration scheduled for June 3-5, 2022, please visit [skidmo.re/2020Celebration](http://skidmo.re/2020Celebration).

# WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2025

Skidmore welcomed a first-year class of 728 students, drawn from a record pool of 11,200 applicants, that is as diverse as it is engaged.

Members of the Class of 2025 speak more than 40 different languages, come from 39 states and 24 countries, have been recognized for outstanding athletic and academic achievements, and have performed with both the Joffrey and Bolshoi ballet companies. More than a quarter self-identify as domestic students of color, and 10% are the first in their families to go to college.

“As a class, you bring to Skidmore a wide range and diverse assortment of talents and experiences,” said Mary Lou Bates, vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid. “You are a wonderfully talented, energetic, and diverse group.”

This year, more than 400 members of the class once again participated in Skidmore’s exciting pre-orientation programs, which ranged from hiking expeditions in the Adirondacks to programs at the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery. Another 26 students were spending their first semester abroad as part of Skidmore’s First-Year Experience program in London.

Members of the first-year class, along with 20 transfer students, were officially welcomed to campus during New Student Convocation at Williamson Sports Center on Sept. 5. Together, they joined the

Skidmore community by affirming Skidmore’s Honor Code.

Amon Emeka, director of the First-Year Experience and associate professor of sociology, welcomed the incoming class on behalf of the Skidmore faculty.

“This is your community,” he said. “Take the rights and responsibilities of membership in this community seriously.”

President Marc Conner told the new students: “Be fearless and bold as you embark on a great liberal arts education and all that entails.”

## Familiar traditions

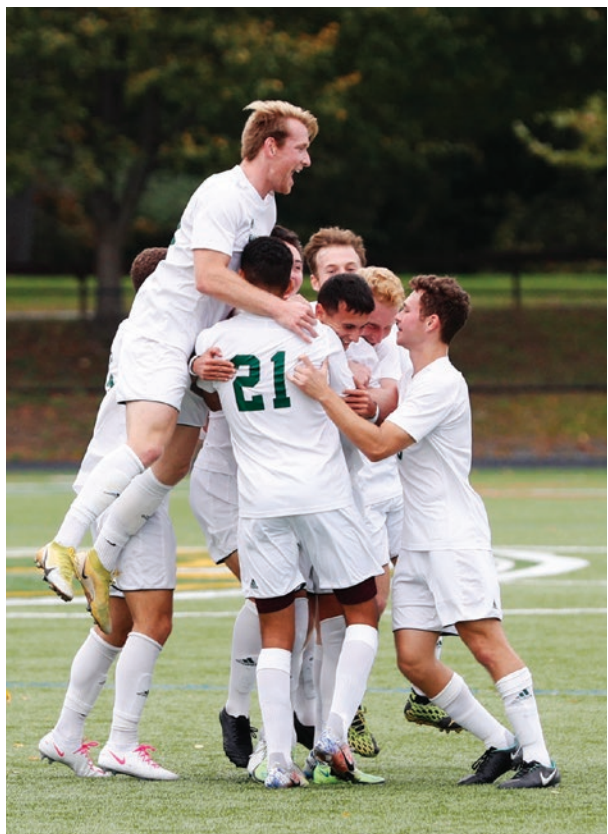
With robust safety measures, including nearly universal vaccination and indoor masking requirements in place, students once again were able to experience many cherished Skidmore traditions, including New Student Convocation, the Founder’s Day barbecue, Club Fair, and Celebration Weekend. Here are a few scenes from a vibrant fall.



All students were invited to assemble safely — according to campus COVID-19 safety and health protocols — for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic for Founder’s Day, Skidmore’s annual back-to-school cookout and tribute to Lucy Scribner.



Classes are fully in person this fall and offer a variety of dynamic learning opportunities. Here, Associate Professor of Theater Eunice Ferreira runs through an icebreaker with students Will Carter '23, Kieko Carvey '22, and Anna Krechovsky '22 during the first meeting of their Theater for Social Justice and Change class.



There has been much to cheer for this fall, especially during a Thoroughbreds game. This one was part of Celebration Weekend, Oct. 15-17.

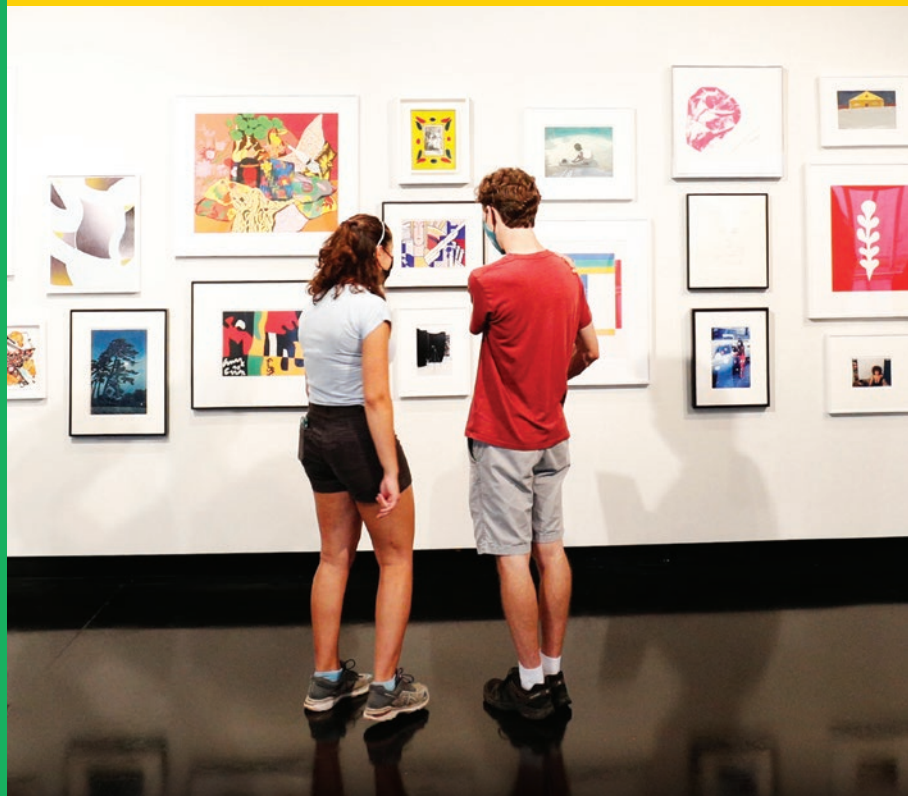


Perhaps no event illustrates Skidmore's full return to campus better than Club Fair, Skidmore students' vibrant annual opportunity to showcase their creativity and get involved in more than 100 student clubs.

# CREATIVE CAREERS

Arthur Zankel Music Center and the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery continue to have a deep impact on the lives and careers of Skidmore students and alumni.

Since each opened, the Tang and Zankel have been deeply woven into the College's liberal arts mission and represented cultural anchors for the entire region. Both are now marking milestone anniversaries, and their impact has never been more profound: As the Tang celebrates 20 years as a leader among academic and contemporary art museums, and Zankel has served as a hub of musical activity for more than a decade, countless students and alumni recall the ways that these cultural institutions have also shaped their career paths — in the arts and beyond.



## Careers on exhibit

Over the past two decades, the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery has provided students with valuable work experiences and extraordinary access to art, artists, and ideas that supported careers both inside and outside the arts.

When Alec Unkovic '12, a classics major, applied for the inaugural Eleanor Linder Winter '43 Endowed Internship, his future was uncertain. He had little idea how the experience at Skidmore College's Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery would change his career trajectory.

Throughout his senior year and the summer after graduation,

Unkovic learned to handle art and write condition reports about the objects in the museum's care. He conducted research and wrote for catalogues and exhibitions. He assisted visiting artists like Nancy Grossman, Pam Lins, and Kiki Smith with their exhibitions. He even interviewed Smith on stage. For his capstone project, he curated "Twisted Domestic," an exhibition of work from the Tang collection that explores people's complex relationships with the idea of home.

"The Tang was foundational in giving me the skill set that allows me to have the career I have now," said Unkovic, exhibitions manager at the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia, which is known for working with artists to create and show new work.

"I learned from the Tang how to make an artist feel welcome, which has a direct impact on my career," Unkovic said. "I also learned from the entire Tang staff, who were generous and kind to me, and always willing to say yes. So I try to emulate that generosity to create an atmosphere of collegial collaboration at the Fabric Workshop."

Unkovic is one of numerous Skidmore alumni whose lives have been shaped by Tang experiences over the past two decades. Each semester, hundreds of students visit the Tang for classes, events, and exhibitions, which are fully integrated into Skidmore's liberal arts mission.

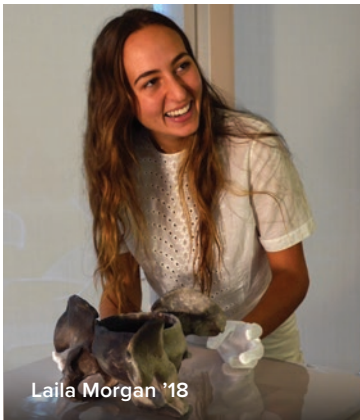
"Students who find their way to the Tang are curious, open-minded, and creative thinkers who are often attracted to art, or ideas about art, and are often surprised by the rigorous work involved at the museum and how much we ask of them," said Dayton Director Ian Berry, who has worked at the Tang since before it opened in 2000 and has served as a mentor to Skidmore students ever since. "At the same

time, students bring energy and ideas that help us see the work in our growing collection of more than 17,000 objects in new ways, but also about what a museum can be."

Today, nearly 30 students work at the Tang in all departments each semester, including four students who hold year-long named internships. More than 50 students volunteer on the Tang Student Advisory Council, helping to program events for College and public audiences. Their work behind the scenes gives them valuable work experiences and extraordinary access to art, artists, and ideas that can prepare them for careers both inside and outside the arts.







Laila Morgan '18

### AN AHA MOMENT

Meredith Mowder '08, an art history and studio art double major, experienced an aha moment in the Tang during her first semester at Skidmore. For the course English 105: Writing in the Tang, she wrote papers that focused on analyzing objects on view at the museum and how they engage the space around them. Through that process, she said she realized: "This is it! This is what I want to do!"

The next semester, she got a job as an exhibitions assistant and spent much of the rest of her time at the museum. Looking back, she still marvels at the responsibility she was given. She wrote extended labels for the 2006 exhibition "Twice Drawn," which were then published in the exhibition catalogue. "To say I had a catalogue essay under my belt as an undergrad? That was amazing!" Mowder said. At the Tang, she added, "You're asked to do some big stuff, and I think that sets you up for what it's like to have a career in the art world."

Another big experience was curating the exhibition "Smack," which explored sound through audio recording, video, photography, drawing, and painting by contemporary artists, including Martin Kersels, Barry Le Va, Susan Turcot, and William Wegman.

"'Smack' was a real opportunity to ask those questions that I hadn't seen asked in the classroom," Mowder said. "And to ask in a real



Dayna Joseph '19

formal way, in a reputable museum space, fundamental questions about how we make sense of these things that exist outside of visual art."

Those questions also informed her Ph.D. dissertation at CUNY Graduate Center, focusing on performance art in New York City in the late 1970s and 1980s and the social and economic networks that made it possible. She will be teaching at Cornell University next semester.

### THE BIRTH OF AN IDEA

Laila Morgan '18, an art history and American studies double major, was the 2016-17 Carole Marchand '57 Endowed Intern at the Tang. Her capstone project was the 2017 exhibition "Birthing Bodies," which featured video, photography, sculpture, and painting to explore childbirth through a feminist lens.

"The agency and autonomy the Tang gave me exploded my interest

in birth," Morgan said. "My time at the Tang gave me access to art objects and ways of thinking that I don't think I would have ever been able to access had I not worked at the Tang."

At the time, Morgan was starting to train to be a doula, a person who provides physical and emotional support to those going through pregnancy, childbirth, and afterward.

In addition to exploring her interest in the subject of childbirth, Morgan credits her Tang experience with giving her the valuable skill of being able to take complex information, synthesize it, and present it in an accessible way for her patients, who are going through one of life's most intense experiences.

Today, Morgan works as a doula in Brooklyn and is applying to enroll in a certified nurse midwife program, continuing her exploration of childbirth in a new way.

### A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Dayna Joseph '19, an art history major and arts administration minor, held the 2017-2018 Carole Marchand '57 Endowed Internship. For her capstone project, she organized the exhibition "New Ms. Thang," which examines glamour as defined by classic Hollywood and as redefined by contemporary Black female photographers and their subjects.

"I had always had, and still have, a complicated relationship with my identity," she said. "When I went to Skidmore, I explored my racial identity more and felt proud of it. That led me to want to do a topic like 'New Ms. Thang' for my show."

The idea for the exhibition sprang from a moment in Ian Berry's office when he was showing her a portfolio of photographs by George Hurrell of Hollywood stars from the 1930s and 1940s like Gene Harlow, Veronica Lake, and Rita Hayworth. She thought the women all looked glamorous but looked nothing like her. Then she wondered why she thought the way she did.

"It seemed like the pinnacle of what I had discovered about myself in college," she said.

Though she had every intention of working in the arts, she also learned during her time at the Tang that she wanted to work in a place that had the same kind of community and respect.

In fall 2019, she found that in her position of alumnae manager on the



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— MEREDITH MOWDER '08, ART HISTORY PH.D.



Sami Israel '19

development team at The Spence School, the all girls' school that she had attended from kindergarten through high school.

She credits the Tang with giving her the skills to see a project all the way through. In her new job, she helps organize four to six alumnae events each month. She said, "My ability to start with looking at photos in Ian's office and ending with the exhibition is very similar to event planning: You're working with different people and different companies, working to make the event happen, and those skills are crucial to my success now."

She also credits her Tang experience for giving her the confidence to add her voice to The Spence School's Anti-Racism Task Force. "My ability to articulate the need for identities other than whiteness allowed me to articulate on the task force why non-white identities are needed and should be appreciated in the school. I wouldn't have been able to articulate that if I hadn't had my experiences during the exhibition process."

### THE TANG ABROAD

Sami Israel '19, credits her Tang experiences with helping her see and find stories for her job as an associate producer at the English-language television broadcaster i24 in Tel Aviv.

As a college and public programs intern, Israel helped plan and put on numerous public events,

including Accelerator Series discussions that brought together art from the Tang collection, artists, scholars, activists, and influential thinkers to discover new perspectives that disrupt the status quo about urgent issues, ranging from race and migration to cultural appropriation and food justice.

Those experiences made it possible for her to appreciate and understand the importance of an Arab-Jewish intercultural center in the city of Haifa called Beit Hagefen. She pitched it as a story that she would report. The center uses art and cultural activities as a catalyst to facilitate dialogues across religious and cultural divides and to emphasize shared humanity.

The story she reported and produced aired in May 2020, at a time of rioting in many areas of Israel, including Haifa. "The video carried a lot of weight," Israel said. "A lot of people said it was really hopeful because I did it right after this episode."

Israel also found another connection to the Tang. A curator at Beit Hagefen told Israel that they knew about the Tang Teaching Museum. They had researched the Tang as a pioneering art space as they prepared to open a new wing called The Third Space, which uses visual art as a means for exploring ideas about identity and belonging in a multicultural society.

— Michael Janairo

## SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURIAL ARTISTS

One particularly impactful way that alumni community members are helping studio art students build successful careers is through Skidmore's Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative, established and developed by Molly Haley '64.



Part of Skidmore's Arts Administration Program, the initiative helps students bolster business skills by offering courses and workshops and connecting them with alumni artists and other arts professionals through networking events, apprenticeships, and professional experiences.

Haley, a Skidmore art major who co-founded and built Marblehead Handprints, and her husband, Ed Freitag, recently created an endowment for the initiative to ensure that the next generation of artists will continue to benefit from the innovative program.

"The Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative was created to offer art students the opportunity to learn how to make a living at what they love," Haley said. "Hearing all the positive feedback from the students and witnessing the continued growth and popularity of the Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative over the years, we felt it was important to establish an endowment to ensure that the program would always be available to the Skidmore community."

Since holding its first workshop in 2013 and introducing The Entrepreneurial Artist course the following year, the program has grown to include a networking event in New York City, funding for an apprenticeship, and a second course, The Marketplace for Artists, which culminates in a Handmade Pop-Up, where students can sell their wares. More than 400 students have benefited from the initiative to date.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors recognized Haley's contributions to Skidmore with a Distinguished Achievement Award in 2004 and an Outstanding Service Award in 2019.

## ALL TOGETHER NOW

In recognition of the Tang's 20th anniversary, the Tang has embarked on a special project called All Together Now, a regional collection-sharing initiative that has brought rarely seen works from the Shaker Museum and Ellsworth Kelly Studio to the Tang, and works from the Tang collection to six partner institutions: The Hyde Collection, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, Saratoga Arts, Saratoga County History Center, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Yaddo. All Together Now is supported by the Henry Luce Foundation. More information is available at [skidmo.re/all-together-now](http://skidmo.re/all-together-now).



## Careers to their own beat

**Over the past 10 years, Arthur Zankel Music Center has become more than just a hub for great performances for the campus and Saratoga Springs communities: It has also become a training center for innovative careers in the arts and beyond.**

For David Slitzky '14, the opening of Skidmore College's Arthur Zankel Music Center in 2010 represented much more than the launch of an acoustically superb concert venue for Skidmore and the broader community: Zankel served as a training center for Slitzky's budding music career.

"Zankel's being built was a huge part of my decision to come to Skidmore because I wanted to learn more about making music, playing music, and experiencing music," said Slitzky, now director of music development and special projects at Epidemic Sound, a global music-technology company headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, that offers soundtracks for video productions and other creative content.

During his time at Skidmore, Slitzky spent many (if not most) of his waking hours at Zankel, taking

classes, serving on the technical crew, participating in student experiences like Beatlemore Skidmania, playing the drums, and — most of all — "learning by doing."

In many ways, Zankel Music Center became a 54,000-square-foot classroom for Slitzky's self-determined major in music production and engineering, which drew on courses from multiple disciplines, including music, arts administration, and computer science.

"Skidmore was great at encouraging critical thinking, and it was great at encouraging folks to find their passion and really seize it," Slitzky said. "Zankel was the physical manifestation of everything I

was passionate about — it was my ultimate playground: I got to hang out in the studio. I got to go upstairs to the hall. I got to put on shows like Beatlemore. I got to work with (Technical Director) Shawn (DuBois) and (now former Managing Director) Shelley (Joyce), who were putting on the rest of the seasons."

Since its opening in 2010, students and alumni like Slitzky have felt the impact of Zankel Music Center in more than just great performances, which have ranged from Emanuel Ax and John Baptiste to Dave Brubeck and Branford Marsalis over the years. The skills and experiences that Zankel offers benefit students pursuing professional careers in music as well as careers bridging fields as diverse as marketing and software engineering.

The music center is also integral to programs like Skidmore's Arts Administration Program, which trains students for professional leadership roles in music, dance, theater, and the visual arts. The manager of the music center has also taught in the program. That integration is no coincidence: The establishment of both Zankel Music Center and the Arts Administration Program came from the estate of Arthur Zankel, a longtime Skidmore trustee, friend, and benefactor, who bequeathed \$46 million — the largest gift in College history.

Slitzky spent countless hours at Zankel Music Center, where he helped produce Beatlemore, recorded two albums and put on a show for his senior project, took courses, and also worked closely with music center staff.

"I was literally producing my senior project from the second desk in Shelley's office," he said. (Slitzky's desk remained there until last year, when Joyce had to rearrange her office because of the pandemic.)

After graduating, Slitzky completed a master's degree in music business at New York University, while also working closely with a number of musicians, including The Roots, who serve as the house band on NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." In 2018, he joined Epidemic Sound, moving to Stockholm the following year.

"My professional life after Skidmore has been successful because of being well rounded in music," said

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**— DAVID SLITZKY '14, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS, EPIDEMIC SOUND**





Arthur Zankel Music Center is a stunning performance venue and learning center. David Howson, Arthur Zankel Executive Director of Arts Administration, teaches on the stage of Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall as part of the College's Arts Administration Program, which trains students for professional leadership roles in the arts.

Slitzky, a firm believer in the value of a liberal arts education. “I believe that understanding a little bit of everything and really focusing on how to think and how to learn as an education is foundational to why I am having a great time in my career and in my life today.”

### A PROFESSIONAL REMIX

Slitzky knew early on that he wanted to go into the music business. For many others, Zankel Music Center also offers opportunities to explore new directions and career opportunities.

When George Dilthey '16, an accomplished cellist, was looking at colleges, he knew he wanted a strong music program but also wanted the freedom to explore other fields. He ended up winning a Filene Scholarship, a program that allows exceptional scholar-musicians to major in any discipline at the College.

“I still wanted a big music program, but I wanted the opportunity to do other things,” said Dilthey, who ended up majoring in both music and psychology. Through a winding career path in the arts, he is now a web analytics strategist at the marketing firm acKnowledge.

Although Dilthey had expected the opposite, he found himself playing

the cello more than ever because of the many opportunities available. He also worked at the music center, serving as an usher, managing the box office, and supporting staff on a number of projects.

“I think I probably spent more time in Zankel than every other building on campus combined. I was there pretty much all the time,” he added. “Prior to Skidmore, I didn't know anything about arts administration. I didn't know anything about arts marketing. I didn't know anything about the box office or selling tickets even. Zankel opened my eyes up to this entire world that happens behind the scenes of what happens on the stage.”

While still a student, Dilthey landed an internship at Lincoln Center. He

ended up securing a full-time job there after graduation and helped to produce its Mostly Mozart Festival and other programs. He eventually wound up on Lincoln Center's marketing team before moving to Capacity Interactive, a digital marketing consulting firm for the arts. He is now at acKnowledge Digital Media, or AKDM, which works in a variety of industries.

Dilthey credits opportunities at Zankel and Skidmore's liberal arts curriculum, more broadly, with fostering his eagerness to learn new things and pursue new experiences. Recently, he even participated in a software engineering bootcamp.

“One of the things that I constantly think about is how similar software

analytics or software engineering is to playing music — you're thinking critically, finding a problem, and coming up with a solution or you're collaborating with other people,” he explained.

Even so, Dilthey's cello is never far away: He continues to play for the Greenwich Village Orchestra and is also president of its board.

“The arts will always be some part of my life. Even if I'm not doing it all the time, it will always be something that's important to me and that I will be doing in some capacity,” he added.

Beyond Zankel's stunning architecture, both Dilthey and Slitzky emphasize that Zankel Music Center represents much more than a stunning physical space. The opportunities under its roof are made possible by Zankel's people — supporters, alumni, staff, faculty, and students — and the programs that take place there are what drive Zankel Music Center's rich artistic, learning, and career experiences.

“Shelley taught me everything that I know about how to work in the arts, and Shawn was just as much one of my teachers. I think that really speaks to everybody at Zankel,” Dilthey said. “Everyone there has made it a place that you want to be — for 12 hours a day, every day.”

— James Helicke



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— GEORGE DILTHEY '16



## LEARNING FROM A JAZZ MASTER

**Branford Marsalis provides insights, lessons, and a captivating performance with his quartet as part of the inaugural Pia Scala-Zankel '92 and Jimmy Zankel '92 Residency in Performing Arts.**

As revered instrumentalist, composer, bandleader, and educator Branford Marsalis sat back in his front-row seat, ready to critique their chops, the first small group of Skidmore Jazz Ensemble students took their places at the front of the classroom and began playing Duke Ellington's "Take the A Train."

Marsalis listened closely for a few bars before waving them to a halt.

"Horn players, do you know the bridge? OK, we're going to learn it right now. Sing it in time. Ba da, ba da, ba da de da ..."

The students sang it back. Marsalis repeated it, and the students echoed him again. And again.

"Now play it. If you miss the bridge, we're stopping," said the National Endowment for the Arts jazz master. "You're not leaving the table until you finish everything on your plate, young man."

With lots of humor, blunt honesty, and creative wisdom, Marsalis provided a one-of-a-kind experience to the Jazz Ensemble musicians who took part in his Oct. 15 master class in Arthur Zankel Music Center, offered as part of the inaugural Pia Scala-Zankel '92 and Jimmy Zankel '92 Residency in Performing Arts.

"Now you know what to figure out, and you're going to figure it out," Marsalis assured his students. "It's OK to get lost. If you're really improvising with sound, you'll get the lost vibe. Then you know you're not in common form."

Also as part of the residency, the three-time Grammy winner and Tony and Emmy Award nominee spoke about his life and career during a Q&A for students of music, media and film studies, documentary studies, and Black studies earlier in the day, and performed with the Branford Marsalis Quartet in Arthur Zankel Music Center's Helen Filene Ladd Concert Hall that evening — a special engagement that was part of President Marc Conner's inauguration celebrations.

In a nod to his master class students seated in the audience, Marsalis's quartet played "Take the A Train" as their final number of the evening.

During his morning Q&A in Filene Recital Hall, moderated by Senior Teaching Professor of Music Evan Mack, Marsalis was candid about a variety of topics: growing up in New Orleans as a son of pianist and educator Ellis Marsalis and taking up the saxophone at age 14 to impress girls; his

unconventional relationship with music and his constant endeavoring to explore new sounds; his work with artists such as Sting and the Grateful Dead; his appreciation of opera and classical music; his experiences in composing original music for the documentary "Tulsa Burning: The 1921 Race Massacre" and films such as Spike Lee's "Mo' Better Blues" and "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"; and some of the most important lessons he has learned from four decades performing in the international spotlight.

Chief among those lessons, he says: "You have to know what you sound like. It's about the sound that you generate. Playing the instrument is not the same as playing music."

Music major Adam Warner '22 posed the question of whether it is better to be formally trained or to be on the ground, performing for audiences.

"Both," Marsalis said without hesitation. "I'm formally educated. There's no such thing as knowing too much. It's how you apply it. You do the formal stuff and then you go get beat up. Know what you sound like and endeavor to fix the problems."

When it comes down to it, Marsalis says, his career in music is all about the art and the love of performing.

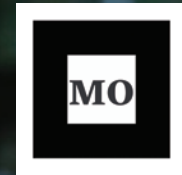
"This is it. It's just the music. I love playing it. I enjoy this life. I enjoy being here with you all."

— *Angela Valden*



Branford Marsalis in a master class with Skidmore students.

# Setting a course for the future



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In his inaugural address, President Conner calls for a ‘daring education’ that prepares graduates to lead ‘lives of consequence’



At his inauguration as Skidmore’s eighth president, Marc C. Conner outlined a vision for the College’s future with community at its heart and the liberal arts as a force for innovation and change.

Conner, an innovative leader of interdisciplinary academic programs, a longtime proponent of diversity and inclusion initiatives, and an accomplished scholar, officially took office on July 1, 2020, but his ceremonial installation had been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his inaugural address on Oct. 16, 2021, Conner stressed that diversity and inclusion efforts “will continue to be woven into the very fabric of our institution.” He said that supporting the Skidmore community — students, faculty, and staff — would always be the focus of his work at the College, his “North Star,” and how he wants to define his presidency.

“A community of trust means a place where everybody feels at home, everybody feels they can thrive, everybody feels safe enough to

challenge and be challenged by an education that we know is daring,” Conner told trustees, alumni, faculty, students, staff, community members, his family, and many others who gathered in Arthur Zankel Music Center or watched the ceremony via simulcast or livestream. “I want that phrase, a community of trust, to resonate with us as an aspiration, as a challenge, and as a description. To me, it stands alongside (Skidmore’s motto) ‘Creative Thought Matters’ as twin assertions of what we most value and what defines us at our best.”

Throughout his time at Skidmore, the president has steered the College through the many challenges wrought by the pandemic, reopening the campus for the 2020-2021 academic year and bringing the entire campus community back for 2021-22.

At the same time, Conner has also introduced impactful programs, including Skidmore’s Racial Justice Initiative, a series of projects that seek to address the realities of racial injustice locally and beyond, and an inclusive Campus Master Planning process to outline the community’s aspirations for the future.

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— MARC C. CONNER, PRESIDENT

“President Conner successfully navigated the College through an unprecedented global health crisis, as well as a period of historic societal protest and division. And this period of crisis did not deter him from moving the College forward,” said Nancy Hamilton ’77, chair of Skidmore’s Board of Trustees.

## A postponed welcome

Hamilton described the inauguration as “a celebration of Skidmore” and a “long overdue” official welcome for the president.

Jason Ohlberg, associate professor and associate chair of the Dance Department, welcomed Conner on behalf of Skidmore faculty, saying, “President Conner has already demonstrated that his style of leadership lies not in the celebration of the individual, but in the health and well-being of the institution and community.”

Speaking on behalf of staff, Amelia Clarke, academic administrative assistant in the departments of Economics and Classics, told Conner, “Your unwavering support, comfort, and guidance to the Skidmore community ... during these challenging and, in many ways, tragic times, has proved you to be the right person at the right time to lead us.”

Issy Mejia ’23 also extended a welcome on behalf of students: “The beauty of today is that, through me, they all come together — even on a Saturday morning,” she said to laughter, “to welcome you, President Conner.”

Before joining Skidmore, Conner spent 24 years at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, serving as an English professor and then as the longest-serving provost and chief academic officer in the university’s history.

Lena Hill, Washington and Lee’s current provost, described Conner as “a scholarly collaborator, a colleague, mentor, and friend” who left a lasting impact at his former institution. “Marc’s treasure overflows. At W&L, signature programs like our Spring Term sprung from Marc’s vision and will forever bear his fingerprints,” Hill said.

As a scholar, Conner has taught and written extensively on African American, American, and Irish literature, including the work of Ralph Ellison and Toni Morrison, whom Conner quoted in his inaugural address.

National Book Award-winning author Charles Johnson, who has also been featured in Conner’s scholarship and taught Conner as an



Student dancers perform the original piece “Celebration” at Arthur Zankel Music Center.

undergraduate at the University of Washington, also spoke at the ceremony.

Johnson described the president as “a compassionate administrator” who “has never abandoned his role as a teacher and scholar devoted to the good, the true, and the beautiful.” Conner is “one of the best humanist scholars working today,” he said.

Conner’s wife of three decades, Barbara Reyes-Conner, spoke of Marc’s dedication as a father of three sons, Matthew, Noah, and Isaac, and described the couple’s excitement in joining the larger Skidmore family. She said Conner’s current role at Skidmore is “Marc’s dream job.”

“Skidmore is getting the hardest worker I have ever known ... who is dedicated to making Skidmore the greatest school it can be,” she said.

Conner’s mother, Beverly Hays Conner, also traveled from Tacoma, Washington, for the occasion. An emotional President Conner mentioned his late father as “here right now, smiling somewhere.”

The ceremony also served as a showcase for Skidmore’s creativity. At one point, nearly 30 student dancers filled both the aisles and stage of Arthur Zankel Music Center to perform the original piece “Celebration,” with music by Dance Department Music Director Carl Landa and choreography by Lecturer Erika Pujich.

Students in the Vocal Chamber Ensemble and String Quartet performed the national anthem and Skidmore’s alma mater. Alumnus Garland Nelson ’96 also shared his creative rendition of “Lift Ev’ry Voice.”

The gathering followed rigorous safety guidelines, including masking and universal vaccination, that have allowed the College to serve as a national leader in delivering an in-person education successfully during the pandemic.



Garland Nelson ’96 performs at the inauguration ceremony.



## A vision for the future

Conner asserted that the COVID-19 pandemic has only reinforced the enduring value of Skidmore's "face-to-face, in-person, transformative model of learning."

"The liberal arts education that we offer has never been more exciting, never been more challenging, never been more necessary," he said.

Outlining his vision for the future, the president said the goal of a liberal arts education at Skidmore should be for students "to emerge better prepared to change the world, to lead 'lives of consequence.'"

"This is what we want for our students: for them to become heroes and to recognize that they are strongest when they stand with their communities," Conner said. "I want Skidmore students to be prepared to take on the world with the resilience and grit to withstand the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and still go on to make that world a better place, because that ultimately is the highest aspiration of our

mission: to make this flawed and perilous world into a better place."

Conner also drew on Skidmore's history, noting that College founder Lucy Skidmore Scribner had aspired to provide a "liberating education, an education that joined together the mind and the hand to help her students change their own lives, so they could then go out and change the world." He said learning about "structures and working to change them for greater justice and fairness" is "at the very heart of Skidmore's mission."

President Conner stressed that Skidmore's liberal arts education must not only continue to cross disciplines, but also work as a catalyst for change.

"Integrated learning is more than interdisciplinary and more than an intellectual praxis — it is social, and it is ethical," he said. "This is the work we enter into filled with faith, courage, forgiveness, and love: to make this world that we share a better place."

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— NANCY HAMILTON '77, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



## A celebration of community

The ceremony capped an extended weekend of events celebrating the College's past, present, and future.

On Thursday, the College recognized the impactful 17-year tenure of Conner's predecessor, Philip A. Glotzbach. "The presidency of Phil Glotzbach was one of the great liberal arts presidencies of this century," said Conner, who spoke alongside Hamilton and past chairs of the Board of Trustees Suzanne Corbet Thomas '62, Janet Lucas Whitman '59, Linda Toohey, and W. Scott McGraw P'12 at the tribute.

In line with tradition, Skidmore unveiled a portrait of the former president, painted by artist Ellen Cooper, that will be displayed alongside those of his six predecessors and Lucy Skidmore Scribner in Palamountain Hall's Gannett Auditorium.

Both the president emeritus and his wife, Marie Glotzbach, a champion for the College, advocate for the arts, and community leader, also received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

On Friday, four Skidmore faculty members and a student joined an inauguration panel on "Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship: The Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century." (See Page 16.)

As part of inauguration events, Grammy Award winner and Tony and Emmy nominee Branford Marsalis performed at Arthur Zankel Music Center, the first major in-person concert in the venue since 2020. It was also Conner's first concert at the venue. The acclaimed jazz musician also offered special classes to Skidmore students studying across multiple disciplines as part of the inaugural Pia Scala-Zankel '92 and Jimmy Zankel '92 Residency in Performing Arts. (See Page 11.)

Also, as part of Celebration Weekend, Skidmore's annual event to welcome the families of students to campus, families enjoyed exhibitions at the Schick Art Gallery and Tang Teaching Museum, lectures by Skidmore faculty, a special reception for first-year students, open houses, religious services, two men's soccer games, a women's field hockey match, and a colorful fireworks display over Haupt Pond.

— James Helicke



During Celebration Weekend, Skidmore also honored the legacy of President Emeritus Philip A. Glotzbach, whose portrait now hangs in Gannett Auditorium. He and Marie Glotzbach received honorary doctorates from Skidmore.



## A TEACHER AND A SCHOLAR

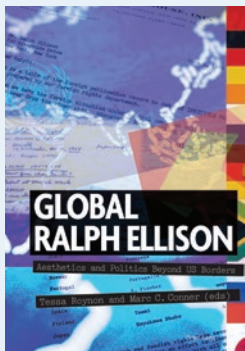
Marc Conner embodies the teacher-scholar model that is central to delivering a Skidmore liberal arts education.

An English professor, he was so dedicated to teaching that he continued to offer courses as provost at Washington and Lee University. His wife, Barbara Reyes-Conner, even initially questioned whether Conner could ever step back from the college classroom.

“Marc has always loved teaching,” Reyes-Conner said at inauguration. “He has found that (as president) collaborating with an entire college to help students realize their dreams is very satisfying and meaningful work.”

His scholarship is impressive. A literary scholar, Conner has published dozens of essays and seven books, including “The Selected Letters of Ralph Ellison,” which The New York Times Book Review named a notable book of 2020. As Skidmore’s president, Conner even published a new book: “Global Ralph Ellison: Aesthetics and Politics Beyond U.S. Borders” (Peter Lang, 2021).

Speaking at Conner’s inauguration, the acclaimed author Charles Johnson described Conner as “one of the best humanist scholars working today.”



Marc Conner is editor of the new book “Global Ralph Ellison: Aesthetics and Politics Beyond U.S. Borders” (Peter Lang, 2021). The volume views the quintessentially American writer from a global perspective. Conner and co-editor Tessa Roynton of the University of Oxford brought together scholars from several countries, including Japan, South Africa, Russia, Germany, and England, to examine and assess Ellison and his influence on an international plane.

“If you want a sense of the depth and breadth of (Marc Conner’s) scholarship, just look at his publishing history. It is multicultural and interdisciplinary. There, you will see creativity that is quite rare these days in academia. He has published seminal works on the poetry of James Joyce and created a 36-part lecture series on the Irish identity. The Great Courses program features President Conner’s 24-part lecture series on How to Read and Understand Shakespeare. His critical studies include books on Irish cinema, Toni Morrison, and Ralph Ellison. I know for a fact that he was the prime mover behind the creation of a Ralph Ellison Society at the American Literature Association (ALA). In his kindness, he has also published studies and reviews of my own work in that area where philosophy intersects with literature, and he has served as the secretary for the Charles Johnson Society at ALA. But all this is just the tip of the iceberg for Marc Conner’s wide-ranging, polymathic explorations as one of the best humanist scholars working today.”

— CHARLES JOHNSON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH,  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



## A showcase of creative thought

Presidential inaugurations at institutions of higher education often include panels featuring scholars from other colleges or universities. President Conner instead chose to highlight the extraordinary work of Skidmore faculty and students.

“Creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship — these are the very heart of what we do at Skidmore,” Conner said at an inauguration panel on Oct. 15.

David Howson, senior teaching professor and Arthur Zankel Executive Director of Arts Administration, moderated the roundtable on “Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship: The Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century.”

David Tago ’23, a mathematics major, shared experiences of innovation from Skidmore’s campus and his home country, Kenya.

Teaching Professor of Management and Business Catherine Hill spoke about the impact of innovators like Molly Haley ’64, who founded Skidmore’s Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative (see Page 8) and Kenneth A. Freirich ’90, who founded the entrepreneurship competition at Skidmore that bears his name.

Professor of Chemistry Kimberley A. Frederick emphasized the centrality of creativity to the work of scientists and the importance of spawning scientific innovation by ensuring that traditionally underrepresented groups are included.

Professor of Management and Zankel Chair Pushkala Prasad noted the vision of Arthur Zankel, who endowed her professorship and other major initiatives at the College. She also warned that Eurocentric paradigms risked stifling innovation.

“Part of our task, if we are preparing students for innovation, is also to prepare them for far deeper understanding and cultural respect of different places who have so far been outside the main paradigm of Western education,” Prasad said.

Associate Professor and Chair of the Art Department Sarah Sweeney discussed her work with students in Skidmore’s IdeaLab, Skidmore’s cross-disciplinary makerspace.

“I have come to my dream job. This is why,” President Conner said, pointing to the panelists. “Wow!”

## CIS UPDATE

The second phase of construction for Skidmore's Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS), the largest academic initiative in College history, is advancing on schedule ahead of its planned opening for fall 2022.

The East Wing and renovation of the newer portion of Dana Science Center together represent Phase II of the CIS project.

The East Wing will be home to the IdeaLab makerspace, a core component of the CIS project that represents the spirit of integrative learning that is at the heart of the CIS project.

"These beautiful, well-equipped new facilities are expanding learning and research opportunities not only in the sciences, but between and among so many areas of study at the College," said President Marc Conner.

Other key features of the East Wing include the Skidmore Analytical Interdisciplinary

Laboratory (SAIL) and the building's grand atrium, also known as the "living room" of CIS.

The East Wing will house Skidmore's Biology and Chemistry departments, as well as some neuroscience faculty research labs. Environmental Studies and Sciences, which has been sharing the Annex swing space building on campus with the Physics and Geosciences departments since fall 2020, will also be relocated to the East Wing and New Dana.

The first phase of the CIS project, the LEED-certified, 58,000-square-foot North Wing, opened its doors last year.

Serena Bradley '23, a biology major from Philadelphia, said she and other students were already benefiting from new opportunities afforded by CIS.

"I'm learning lab techniques, which are now available with all the new technology;



learning things like RNA extraction; working with PCR (polymerase chain reaction) machines; and doing some microscopy — all these things I probably wouldn't have been able to do previously," Bradley said. "I had taken a lot of my lab courses for my biology major in the old facilities. At times, I felt very closed off from my peers just because of the setup of the lab."

"With CIS, the labs are structured so we can collaborate and exchange ideas with each other. It's been really awesome to have a more collaborative and team-oriented research experience."

Over the summer, she participated in a collaborative research project with Jason Breves, associate professor and chair of the Biology Department.

"We looked at how hormones impacted the transition of fish from fresh water to salt water and vice versa through RNA quantification," she said.

Once the second phase is completed in 2022, a full renovation of Old Dana will begin. A two-year project, the completion of this third phase of construction in 2024 will mark the completion of the entire CIS complex. All 10 of Skidmore's science departments and programs and more than 90 faculty science members will then be housed in a single center.

Said Bradley: "One reason I came to Skidmore was to study both art and science, as there's such a large population of students like me here."



In June, President Conner picked up a trowel to set in place a ceremonial brick in the newly completed east wall.



Students participate in a laboratory course with Associate Professor of Biology Monica Raveret Richter during the fall semester.

## ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS

The Annual Alumni Awards celebrate the achievements of alumni and their contributions to Skidmore.

Read about the 2020 and 2021 Reunion award recipients at [skidmo.re/reunion-awards](https://skidmo.re/reunion-awards).

# RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE UPDATE

## Introducing The Center

The Center, a new space in the heart of campus that reaffirms the College's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), opened at Skidmore this fall.

The new space, which is open to students, staff, and faculty, offers a dedicated campus space to discuss, collaborate, and think creatively about DEI work. It welcomes everyone and also serves as a social hub and community base for people from diverse cultures, identities, religions, gender identities and expression, and sexual orientations.

President Marc Conner, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Institutional Diversity Joshua Woodfork, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer and inaugural Director of The Center Anita Jack-Davies, and many others gathered at an open house on Friday, Sept. 24.

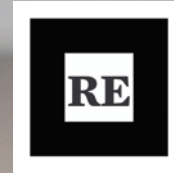
"Our vision is that The Center will be a vibrant space of learning, questioning, exploration, debate, discussion, and also relaxation," Anita Jack-Davies said.

The bright, open space includes a large main stage area that can be reconfigured to serve a variety of purposes, a seminar room, and a fireside reading room with couches for smaller groups that can be used on a drop-in basis.

President Conner, who has prioritized building a stronger Skidmore community through Skidmore's Racial Justice Initiative and other efforts, said The Center is a space where the community can come together to tackle the work of creating a more just society.

"This is a place where we will come to have courageous conversations," Conner said. "Courageous conversations — that's what a liberal arts education is all about."

Photo: From left, Joshua Woodfork, vice president for strategic planning and institutional diversity, Anita Jack-Davies, deputy chief diversity officer and director of The Center, and Skidmore College President Marc C. Conner speak during an open house at The Center.



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Skidmore College students Neke Abu '22 and Nakeysa Hooglund '23 speak during an open house at The Center.



Newly renovated, The Center serves as a community base for people from diverse cultures, religions, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives.



## Skidmore welcomes new OSDP director



Christopher Barnes joined Skidmore as the new director of the Office of Student Diversity Programs in July. He comes to Skidmore from the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, where he served as a resident director in Residential Life and was involved in Title IX and restorative justice work.

The position was a priority of Skidmore's Racial Justice Initiative, a series of projects that seek to address the realities of racial injustice locally, nationally, and globally.

Barnes holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from McPherson College and a Master of Science degree in education from California Baptist University. He is currently enrolled in the Doctorate in Leadership for Educational Justice program at the University of Redlands.

# NEW LEADERSHIP



Adrian Bautista is Skidmore's new dean of students and vice president for student affairs.

Bautista, who joined Skidmore in August, formerly served as assistant vice president of student life at Oberlin College in Ohio, coordinating a review and reimagining of its new student orientation program, expediting the division's development of a mission, goals, and key performance indicators, and expanding emergency fund support for students.

As associate dean of campus life from 2004 to 2016, Bautista provided oversight for student conduct, served as a class dean, and functioned as an inaugural coordinator of the division's Student Help And Resource Exchange (SHARE) early alert system. As director of residential education, he facilitated the implementation of a residential curriculum and the college's first Latinx residence hall.

Bautista holds a Ph.D. in American culture studies from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in Ohio. He also holds a Master of Arts (higher education administration) and a Bachelor of Arts (history/ethnic studies) from BGSU.

Carey Anne Zucca, a high-impact fundraiser in the field of higher education, is Skidmore's new Collyer Vice President for Advancement.



Zucca, who started her new role in July, comes from the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering, where she served as senior executive director of development and alumni affairs.

Zucca's accomplishments have included achieving a three-year fundraising average of \$14 million for the Swanson School of Engineering; securing an eight-figure gift to fully endow the Pitt EXCEL Program for underrepresented minorities; supervising and working closely with development and alumni affairs, marketing and communications and corporate foundations teams; and managing alumni events.

She holds a Master of Public Policy and Management degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and a bachelor's degree in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

# Commencement 2021



## Endurance, resilience, grit ...

President Marc Conner used those words to characterize the Class of 2021, who remained steadfast during a challenging year.

“Does anyone really think this generation is not tough?” Conner asked at his first Commencement as president of Skidmore. “Let me show them the Skidmore Class of 2021, the class who finished this year not just with triumph, but with style.”

The College conferred 570 degrees to the Class of 2021 during in-person Commencement Exercises at Saratoga Performing Arts Center on May 22.

Wearing caps, gowns, cords and stoles, most of the 371 recipients of Bachelor of Arts degrees and 199 recipients of Bachelor of Science degrees attended to receive their diplomas in person. In line with the careful measures that allowed Skidmore to offer in-person learning throughout the 2020-21 academic year, graduates also wore specially designed masks and remained socially distanced throughout the celebration. There was also special recognition of seniors who completed the year remotely.

Nancy Hamilton '77, chair of the Board of Trustees, reminded the graduates of how

the College and senior class remained steadfast over the past year, even as some colleges and universities only offered online learning.

“Skidmore persevered through these hardships, skepticism, and incredulity, and refused to accept that there was ‘nothing before us,’” Hamilton said. “Instead, you all chose to see that you had everything before you.”

Class President Raymi Ramirez '21, a physics major who has been accepted into a graduate program at UCLA, encouraged graduates to be curious, to be kind, to avoid forgetting the experiences of the past year, including nationwide protests for racial justice, to recognize the impact that each could have on the world, and to forgive.



**“This is your time, and from this point forward, never hold back the power you hold.”**

— RAYMI RAMIREZ '21, CLASS PRESIDENT

“This is your time, and from this point forward, never hold back the power you hold. Whether we talk again or not, just know I’ll always be a supporter of all your accomplishments and feats,” Ramirez said.

The challenges of the year were also compounded by the loss of two beloved members of the Class of 2021: Samantha Sasenarine, who died Feb. 5, and Lilly Kishore who died June 23. Kishore received her degree with the class, and a degree in memoriam was issued to Sasenarine. Both were recognized with tributes on campus. (See Page 47)

Cornel West, one of America’s leading public intellectuals, and Janet Guthrie, the first woman ever to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and the

Daytona 500, received honorary degrees from Skidmore virtually.

Selected by the Class of 2021 as their faculty speaker, Bradley Onishi, associate professor of religious studies, spoke about how the smallest things can also be regarded as the grandest.

“When I look out from the stage today, I see a graduating class that endured an unforeseeable and harrowing final three semesters that demanded mental fortitude, patience, and revised expectations,” he said. “To be here now is a testimony to your character and your strength.”

— James Helicke





# STEADFAST COMMITMENT INSPIRED BY PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

When Judith Pick Eissner '64 talks about her 50 years of service as a trustee, she does so with humility, a deep affection for Skidmore, and reverence for the relationships that have shaped her journey.

Judith Pick Eissner '64, who in June celebrated 50 years serving the Skidmore College Board of Trustees, has helped steer Skidmore through many of its most daunting challenges and toward remarkable evolution and growth.

From recruiting students and elevating academic programs to increasing scholarships and bolstering alumni involvement, Eissner's efforts have been key to addressing enrollment, endowment, and other hurdles throughout the decades.

As someone who has always done her homework and asked the hard questions, "Judy led the board that helped Skidmore progress to greater financial sustainability in virtually all arenas," said Karl Broekhuizen, former vice president for business affairs.

Early in her tenure, she was an instrumental player during the transition to the new North Broadway campus — a move that felt like a "high-wire act, but an extremely necessary one," recalled Eissner, who eventually chaired the Board and became a

life trustee in the 1990s following three decades of active service.

Another point of pride in Eissner's legacy was chairing the search committee that brought David Porter, Skidmore's fifth president, to the College. Her friendships with Porter and his wife, Helen, are among the many defining relationships she thinks of fondly when reminiscing about the impact Skidmore has had on her life.

As a student, she formed friendships with her "Peabody ladies" that have endured to this day. Her first real experience with leadership was as a member of Skidmore's Student Government Association.

Eissner grew resilient in the face of great personal challenges: Her mother died before she went to college, and her father passed away during her junior year at Skidmore, prompting her to return home to Chicago to look after the younger of her two brothers. When she was able to return to Skidmore for her senior year after briefly attending Northwestern, the sociology major did so with a renewed appreciation for the

Judith Pick Eissner '64 stands in front of the Judith Pick Eissner Admissions Center, which is named for the dedicated Skidmore alumna.

**"I continue to feel that positive energy and love of Skidmore emanating from this amazing woman. Skidmore is so lucky to count her among our alumni and even luckier to have our admissions building named after her. She is a true gift to our College and to me personally."**

— DIANA PERRY '89, SKIDMORE COLLEGE TRUSTEE





## ENDURING SERVICE

Skidmore's Board of Trustees recently gathered in person for the first time since the onset of the pandemic and celebrated President Marc Conner's inauguration as president. From left are Janet Whitman '59, James Zankel '92, Barbara Kahn Moller '78, Andrew Hughes '92 (back row), Suzanne Corbet Thomas '62 (in front of Hughes), Linda Toohey, Daniel Allen '90 (back row), Graeme Campbell '98, Robert Resnick '88 (back row), Linda Jackson-Chalmers '73 (in front of Resnick), Jonathan Achenbaum '77 (behind Valentine), Margaret Valentine, John Melligon '81 (back row), Nancy Hamilton '77 (chair), President Marc Conner, Julianne Cartwright Traylor '68 (between Conner and Glotzbach), President Emeritus Philip Glotzbach, Jonathan Brestoff Parker '08 (back row), Kalyan Das (next to Brestoff Parker), Judith Pick Eissner '64 (next to Glotzbach), Ann Schapps Schaffer '62, Kimberly Wachenheim Wagman '88, Pauline Skogsberg Kisiel '62, Katherine McMillan '13, William Ladd '83 (back row), Susan Beckerman '67 (in front of Ladd), Amy O'Leary '92, and Millie Tan '77. Not shown are Harry Alverson '73, William Caleo '99, Alan Gilbert, Katherine Gross P'16, Maxine Isaacs '69, Maria Markowitz P'13, Jeffrey Maron '84, Scott Martin '79, Diana Perry '89, Nigel Smith '19, Kim Roy Tofalli '80, and Tom Wilmot '99.

small campus. She immediately signed on as class fund chair and an alumni admissions contact after graduation.

While pursuing her master's in social service administration from the University of Chicago, Eissner was the youngest member elected to the board of an important social service organization, and she went on to launch a distinguished career in her field.

In 1971, 28-year-old Eissner was then the youngest person to serve as a Skidmore College trustee after President Joseph Palamountain — so impressed by her work as president of the Chicago Alumni Club — worked to change the bylaws to allow trustees to join five years out of college rather than 10.

"I didn't realize at the time how special that was. And it was a time when there

were only two or three alumni, and two other women as trustees," Eissner recalled. "But I just felt such warmth and such acceptance among these men and women who greeted me and with whom I worked."

She remembers being particularly influenced by the powerful women who chaired the Board — Josephine Young Case, "a wonderful author and poet and just such a dignified, refined, bright woman," and Kay Scranton Rozendaal, a "strong, impressive leader" who asked Eissner to serve on a number of her committees.

When Eissner was elected Board chair in 1986, she was the first alumna and the youngest person to hold that position. Her example has been an inspiration to others, and she continues to learn from and treasure the friendships she has developed.

Current Trustee Diana Perry '89 first met Eissner in 1987, when she was a sophomore at Skidmore. Perry's father Levi, a trustee alongside Eissner at the time, introduced them outside of Case Center.

"I will never forget that initial meeting: Judy's kindness, her bubbly personality, and her passion for our College," Perry said.

Three years later, Eissner and her husband, Bruce, took Perry out for dinner on Beacon Hill when Perry was a first-year Boston University medical student.

"It meant the world to me to maintain that connection to Skidmore," Perry said. "Fast forward 31 years and I now have the honor of sitting on the Board with Judy. I continue to feel that positive energy and love of Skidmore emanating from this amazing woman.

Skidmore is so lucky to count her among our alumni and even luckier to have our admissions building named after her. She is a true gift to our College and to me personally."

Linda Jackson-Chalmers '73 concurs. As a new trustee, "what I most admired about her leadership was her steadfast focus and commitment to elevating and integrating the arts and sciences, building the endowment to increase scholarships, and making diversity a major priority," she says.

"Judy's longstanding stewardship, dedication, and commitment to Skidmore remains the exemplar for those of us she has touched and influenced."

— Angela Valden

# FALL SPORTS MAKE A BIG COMEBACK

The Thoroughbred fall teams took the field, court, and course for the first time in 667 days following the cancellation of the 2020 season.

Skidmore combined for 30 victories in just the first six weeks of competition in addition to outstanding individual performances and accolades.

The College also recognized 171 student-athletes in the Thoroughbred Society, which honors student-athletes for academic excellence. More than 700 donors rallied to raise over \$300,000 in Skidmore Athletics' fifth annual All In To Win crowdfunding effort, surpassing last year's record-breaking figure by nearly \$60,000.

Six weeks into competition, the men's soccer team won

five of its first six games with just two goals allowed over that span. The women's soccer squad also got off to a hot start, with wins in three of its first four contests. The women's volleyball team was victorious in its first two conference matches before going on to win all three matches it played at the Skidmore Classic. Field hockey's early season success was highlighted by a dramatic shootout victory over the defending SUNYAC champion, Geneseo. The men's golf team finished the fall portion of its schedule with three consecutive top-four finishes, highlighted by a Harry Grosso '22 victory at the Liberty League Preview Tournament. Five men's tennis players (John Rado '25, Zachary Portnoy '24, Brendan Jimenez '23, Alper



Mariah Redler '22 faces off against Williams College on Sept. 10.

Kulturel '23, and Noah Williamson '22) qualified for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Cup National Championships following a dominating performance at the ITA Northeast Regionals. The squad has won eight

Liberty League titles in the last 10 years and will look to repeat in the spring. At the ITA Regionals on the women's side, four players advanced to the third round, while Katherine Almquist '24 reached the

semifinals. The women's tennis team will be back in the spring competing for an unprecedented 11th-straight Liberty League crown.

— Kyle Lancto

## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Earlier this year, members of the Thoroughbred men's hockey team Austin Rook '22 and Brian Kowalski '21 launched "From the Horse's Mouth," a podcast designed to familiarize students with each other and their roles in student leadership.

"We wanted to provide a place for students or student groups to come

together to learn about each other's experiences and build relationships with one another," said Kowalski, who served as co-president of Skidmore's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with Rook.

Since March, the show has welcomed students, alumni, faculty, staff, and even President Marc Conner. Topics have

ranged from sexual assault awareness and equity initiatives to the student-athlete experience and studying abroad. Lily Feldman '22, a member of the women's tennis team, joined as Rook's co-host after Kowalski graduated.

In his interview, Conner reflected on his first year in office and spoke about some of his personal

interests and pursuits in Saratoga Springs and the Adirondacks.

"I really admire the podcast you all are doing going back to last year, and I am delighted to be on the show," he said.

Episodes also feature a segment called "Skid's Spotlight," which recognizes a faculty or



staff member for their work at the College. Episodes are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and YouTube. New releases are also announced on [skidmoreathletics.com](http://skidmoreathletics.com).

# REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

Sept. 11, 2001: Most Scope readers will remember where they were that day. For some, their memories are entwined with Skidmore because they were here — lighting candles on the green, holding up friends in Case Center, organizing blood drives, listening to their peers on WSPN, or gathering around common-room televisions.

In a message to the community ahead of the 20th anniversary of the attacks, President Marc Conner reminded students — some born in 2001 — how important it is that we remember all of the people lost that day and those damaged by the collective trauma.

“The individuals we remember are our fellow citizens, family members, friends, and personal heroes,” Conner wrote. “We honor not only those we lost on 9/11, but the tens of thousands who courageously assisted with the massive rescue, relief, and recovery effort at Ground Zero; those who have died from or are suffering from 9/11-related illnesses; and our military members who answered the call to serve or continued their service after the attacks.”

Conner also stressed the importance of recognizing the hurtful judgment and hate that fear can trigger: “It is important to bear in mind that the 9/11 attacks were part of extremely complex

global struggles that have long and complicated histories, with injustice and suffering for many. On this day, we remember with compassion all those who suffer and struggle as a result of this horrific day in our nation’s history.”

To honor the memories of alumni, Skidmore’s Office of Communications and Marketing raised up the voices of the students who were there by redistributing via social media the award-winning special edition of Skidmore News that recapped 9/11 on campus.

Responding to the Skidmore News cover, Aaron Stone ’04 wrote on Facebook that he “will always remember standing on the upstairs balcony watching that screen.”

Nicole Thomas ’02 wrote, “Professor John Brueggeman told us class was canceled (but) many of us decided to stay to talk about what happened and its potential significance. After class, I stepped out on the green to see people gathered in small groups comforting each other. Twenty years later, it’s still a vivid memory of the supportive Skidmore community on a horrific day.”

On Instagram, Shay Norton ’05 remembered the challenge of serving as a resident assistant that day. “I attempted to comfort students who were unable to reach their families and cried alongside them. It was a surreal day, and I can still feel my initial reaction to watching the towers fall on the large TV on the first floor of Penfield Hall along with other students.”

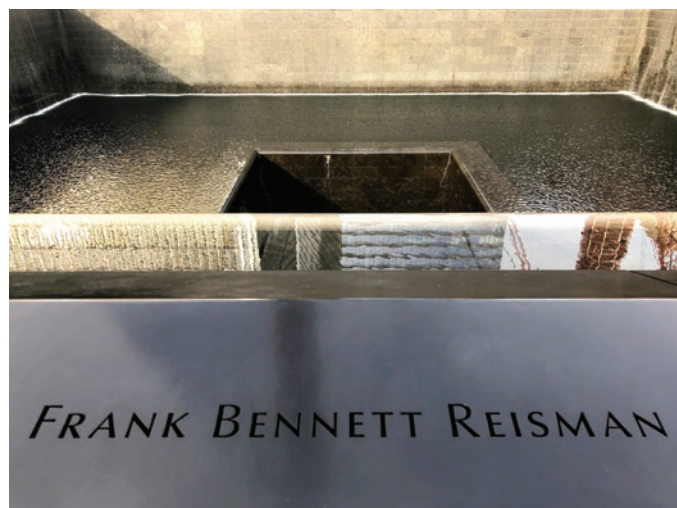
Rachel Armentano ’03 was studying abroad in Ghana. “I had only been there about a week. I found out as I was walking home to my host family when a little boy came running down the dirt road toward me, yelling ‘your country is on fire.’”

Dozens of other stories poured in with shared sentiments of fear, isolation, confusion, and grief, but the most common of all was this: “I remember.”

— *Julia Marco*



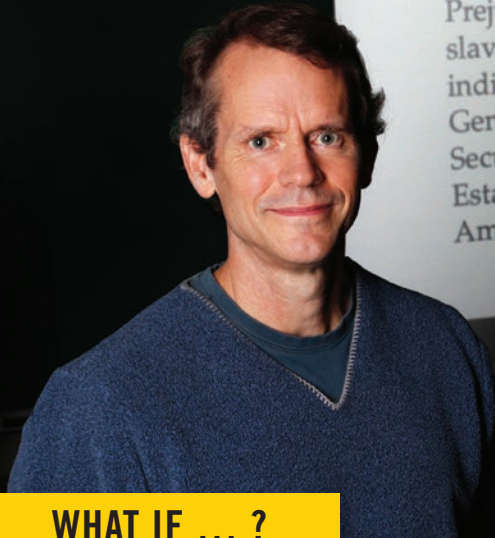
The cover of the Sept. 14 edition of the Skidmore News shows Case Center at 10:34 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001.



The extended Skidmore family lost many friends and loved ones that day, including alumnus Frank Reisman ’82. A classroom in Bolton Hall is named in his honor.

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— NICOLE THOMAS ’02



• **We the People** of the United States, in Order to Form a more Perfect Union, establish Justice and acknowledge a History of Injustice, insure Domestic Tranquility, provide for the Common Defense, remedy the Wounds of Systemic Prejudice, other institutional forms of Discrimination, slavery's persistent Legacy, and the destruction of indigenous Nations and Native Peoples, promote the General Welfare, endeavor to achieve Greater Equity, and Secure the Blessings of Liberty to All, do Ordain and Establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

WHAT IF ... ?

As issues ranging from abortion to the future of the Supreme Court raise tough questions about the U.S. Constitution, constitutional scholar Beau Breslin's new book imagines what might have been if each generation in American history had written its own constitution.

Scribner Seminars encourage Skidmore first-year students to engage in critical thinking by exploring engaging and sometimes quirky topics that professors are passionate about. Collaborative research opportunities with faculty, likewise, give students the opportunity to participate directly in the research agenda of faculty.

All of that is true, says Joseph C. Palamontain Jr. Chair in Government Beau Breslin, but it's only part of the story.

"The experience of a Scribner Seminar also challenges us — Skidmore faculty — to think outside the box," said Breslin, who served as director of Skidmore's First-Year Experience Program before becoming Skidmore's dean of the faculty from 2011 to 2018. "What I love about the Scribner

Seminar is the experimentation, breaking down disciplinary boundaries creatively, and crafting new ways of thinking about topics."

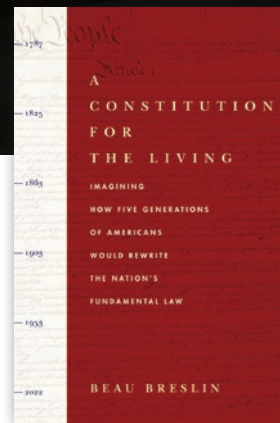
Breslin says his most recent book, "A Constitution for the Living: Imagining How Five Generations of Americans Would Rewrite the Nation's Fundamental Law" (Stanford University Press, 2021), was profoundly shaped by his own experiences with students in his seminar *American Liberty: Our Enduring Struggle With Constitutional Rights in 2011*, as well as a summer collaborative research project with students.

Like a Scribner Seminar, the book takes an imaginative approach to an important issue. Rather than offering a traditional academic monograph, Breslin presents a work

of counterfactual historical fiction that reconsiders a famous debate between Founding Fathers James Madison and Thomas Jefferson about the merits of enduring constitutions.

"Madison thought constitutions should last for centuries in order to build up the necessary reverence for them to be authoritative in a country like the U.S. Jefferson disagreed — strongly!" Breslin explains. "Jefferson thought each generation ought to meet in convention and write its own constitution. In fact, he thought it was just another form of tyranny when a people was governed by a constitution written by a group of politicians long dead."

Of course, Madison won the debate, and the U.S. Constitution is now well over two centuries old. Breslin's



Beau Breslin stands in front of the preamble for his fictitious 2022 constitution, one of five that he imagines in his new book, "A Constitution for the Living: Imagining How Five Generations of Americans Would Rewrite the Nation's Fundamental Law."

book imagines a different history, "a Jeffersonian world," where constitutional conventions took place in 1825, 1863, 1903, 1853, and 2022. Though fictional, the conventions are based on actual events — from questions about slavery to debates surrounding women's suffrage — shaping the public agenda at those times.

This fall at Skidmore, Breslin discussed his book with two leading constitutional scholars — Henry L. Chambers Jr. of University of Richmond School of Law and Keith E. Whittington of Princeton University — who offered their own perspectives on the book in a dialogue moderated by Flagg Taylor, associate professor of political science and director of the Periclean Honors Forum. Both offered their own perspectives but also offered praise for Breslin's unique approach. Whittington, for instance, called it both "deeply learned" and "extremely imaginative."

"There really is no model for doing a book like this in much of the academic literature," said Whittington, a member of President Biden's Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court.

Breslin sees that creative scholarship as an outgrowth of his experience in the classroom.

"The idea for this book came from a Scribner Seminar," explains Breslin, who gives special credit to two students involved in his 2011 seminar: Kate Cavanaugh '14, who had taken the seminar the year before and was serving as peer mentor for the incoming class, and Ben Polsky '15, then a first-year student.

Polsky, a government and history double major, went on to work for the Atlantic Council and CBS News before earning a master's degree in international public policy from



Beau Breslin teaches his fall 2021 Introduction to American Politics course.

Stanford University. He now works as a program manager for Facebook. Polsky recalls “an extraordinarily rigorous and challenging” seminar that “struck a tenuous balance between safety net and freedom.” The first assignment, for instance, asked first-year students to consider whether the Constitution was a living or dead document.

“We were thinking about an issue that the Supreme Court itself is divided on and people go to law schools and get Ph.D.s and J.D.s to think about, and they still haven’t figured out the right answer to,” Polsky recalled. “I think the fact that Beau was willing to engage with me as a peer as an 18-year-old — as someone who was insecure about his own intellectual prowess at the time — gave me the confidence to take myself seriously and wrestle with larger, thorny intellectual questions.”

Cavanaugh, an English major, said when she took the seminar as a first-year student, she soon discovered “that Beau’s seminar had a reputation as the hardest.” Breslin is known for setting high standards — calling on students without notice and waiting out even the longest of awkward silences.

“There was no hiding in Beau’s class,” said Cavanaugh.

But Cavanaugh said that intense environment also helped her develop confidence. Now a copywriter with the tech company Square, she credits

Breslin with instilling in her a “love of breaking down complex materials and being able to explain them.”

“Beau knows what you’re capable of and will push you to achieve it. That helped build my confidence in writing and in articulating a point of view.”

Breslin gives Cavanaugh credit for helping him to improve his writing and offering creative approaches to explain the tough subject matter in a way that is also accessible to the educated layperson, not just the academic specialist. She and Polsky went on to participate in a summer collaborative research project with Breslin in 2014. Both Cavanaugh and Polsky described it as an egalitarian atmosphere rooted in trust, where ideas flowed freely and they were encouraged to explore new

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— **BEAU BRESLIN,**  
**JOSEPH C.**  
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**JR. CHAIR IN**  
**GOVERNMENT**

## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

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

**Emmanuel Balogun**, assistant professor of political science, has been named a Council of Foreign Relations international affairs fellow. Balogun will spend the 2022 calendar year working as a policy advisor on African affairs and United States-U.N. Security Council policy at the U.S. Department of State.

**Joseph Cermatori**, assistant professor of English, has been awarded an ACLA Helen Tartar First Book Award for his 2021 book “Baroque Modernity: An Aesthetics of Theater,” published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

**Charlotte D’Evelyn**, assistant professor of music, served as guest editor and contributing author for a special issue of the journal *Asian Music* on “Transregional Politics of Throat-Singing as Cultural Heritage in Inner and Central Asia.”

**David Domozych**, professor of biology, has received research funding from the National Science Foundation. The \$573,372 grant will support “Spatiotemporal mapping of the membrane trafficking networks involved in secretion and autophagy in the unicellular zygnetomophyte, *Penium margaritaceum*.”

**Michael Dunn**, assistant professor of management and business, has received a \$160,360 National Science Foundation Collaborative Research award for a project on “The Market is the Interface: Online Labor Platforms and Contingent Knowledge Work.”

**Heather Hurst ’97**, associate professor of anthropology, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Her project is titled “Architectural Walking Tour of Ancient Maya masterpieces: Visualizations of San Bartolo and Xultun, Guatemala.”

**Sue Kessler ’99**, lecturer of theater, was featured in the New York Times article “Bushwick Starr Gets New \$2.2 Million Home.” The article focused on the new space for the innovative nonprofit theater in Brooklyn, founded by Kessler and fellow Skidmore alumnus Noel Joseph Allain ’98.

**Tammy C. Owens**, assistant professor of American studies, published “Black Sites of Speculation: A Case for Theorizing Black Childhood as a Subject in Black Adult Narratives” in the volume “Children and Youth as Subjects, Objects, Agents: Innovative Approaches to Research Across Space and Time” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

**Oscar A. Pérez**, associate professor of Spanish, co-edited a special issue of the journal *Latin American Literary Review* on “Border Environments.”

**Rachel Roe-Dale**, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, contributed two chapters to *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Victorian Women’s Writing*. The first, “Mathematics,” examines the contributions of Victorian women to the field. The other focuses on the life and work of Florence Nightingale.

approaches — provided they could defend them.

“I felt like I could bring anything to the table,” Cavanaugh said.

Over the summer, Cavanaugh and Polsky helped Breslin to organize the entire book project and developed the first draft for the chapter on the 1825 constitution.

Breslin describes the two as among those students “who have fundamentally changed the way that I see the world.” In the acknowledgments of his book, he even goes a step further, describing them as “exceptional students who have taught me more than I them.”

— *James Helicke*

**'48** **Leila Goldstein Garlock** lives at Woodland Pond, a wonderful continuing care retirement community near her oldest daughter, **Susie Garlock Lesser '73**, in New Paltz, N.Y. After spending most of her adult life in Westchester County, it was a big move. Nonetheless, Leila adjusted with ease and is very happy there. She would welcome hearing from '48ers and other Skidmore friends. Contact the Alumni Office for information.

Rae Seitzer Slingerland pointed out errors in the last issue about her mother, **Ann Crooks Seitzer**, who passed away on Sept. 9, 2020. Among a host of volunteer activities, Crooksie and her husband managed St. Sebastian's Church thrift shop. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law and five grandchildren.

We offer condolences to the family of **Kathryn Geyer Winant**, who died on July 21. Class yearbook editor, she published a nonfiction book "One Washcloth, One Towel," about grieving a loved one.

**Dotsie Slosson Erskine**  
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**'50** **Carol Eaton McMillan** moved into an assisted living community close to her son and his family. She is delighted that her daughter-in-law is on staff there and handles her care. Carol's other children visit often. She stays in touch with **Sibyl Avrett Carlson**.

**Irene Marcus Senter**  
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**'51** **Barbara Freedman Wolfson** asked if I still use a typewriter for class correspondence.

The answer is an emphatic yes! I'm an old fashioned gal. Barbara thinks her own handwriting leaves something to be desired and opts to use a computer.

**Patricia B. Koedding**  
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**'52** **Marcia Hilfrank Forest** and husband George spent the summer at their Ossipee Lake cottage in New Hampshire. The same families have been returning to the 11-cottage resort since 1921!

**Sallie Walstrum Bailey** is thrilled to be back to a normal schedule

in Mesa, Ariz. In spite of the occasional 110 degree heat, she plays Mah Jongg, swims laps, and plays a little golf. Sallie serves as a deacon at her church. Spending time with her children, who live nearby, and vacationing with the family in Coronado, Calif., keep this 90-year-old very busy.

**Jackie Pinover Mulrow** is a great-grandmother! Her granddaughter, also a Skidmore alumna, gave birth to a baby boy in July. Jackie lives in a wonderful senior community in Jupiter, Fla., and sends hugs to all.

Bill Conway wrote to inform me that his wife, **Carol "C.C." Corrigan Conway**, died on Oct. 3, 2020. We send our love to Bill and his family.

**Dawn Rylander Spitz** and Eric moved to Oronoque, a wonderful senior community in Stratford, Conn. Still snowbirds, they spend six months in Venice, Fla. The couple's new Carapoo puppy keeps them busy!

**Flo Shoemaker Taylor** and husband Fred, along with their lab, moved in with their daughter in Denver, Colo. They love spending time with a nearby granddaughter and her family.

**Barbara Bower** reminisced about freshman year at Baker House! "Being 90 is thus a bit shocking." She lives in a large senior community in Littleton, Colo. Her daughter, three grandsons and five great-grands are just 30 minutes away. She finds them all "fascinating!"

**Jean Adams Shaw** and Biff live in Essex, Conn. They find it hard to believe that their children are now retired! The couple enjoys spending time with a grandson who is pursuing graduate study at Yale.

**Margaret McConnell Hinrichs** is a year-round resident at Waverly Heights in Gladyn, Pa. Although

she misses her home in Vero Beach, Fla., she was delighted that it sold in just one day! Peggy's daughter, an appellate attorney, lives nearby.

It is hard for me to believe that we are planning our 70th Reunion, to be held June 2-5, 2022. I know several of you have plans to attend; some even have arranged transportation to Saratoga! Once on campus, remember that Skidmore takes fine care of us old folks. Golf carts driven by friendly students are dispatched to take us anywhere on campus, at any time! We may be in our 90s, but our spirit is still primed for fun! More details to follow.

**Betty Johnson Boothe**  
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**'53** In May, **Natalie Jones Neri** and daughter Jill accompanied **Jan Tinsley Fiske** and her husband, Bob, and me to a memorial service for **Sally Sanderson Cutler** at her family homestead in Abington, Mass. Natalie celebrated her 90th birthday in June with a weeklong bash attended by family coming from five different states! Guests enjoyed a lawn party held at the Neris' Mystic, Conn., home, followed by a boat ride and a fantastic dinner.

**Yvonne Bartman** was thrilled to see her four daughters in person this summer. Nonetheless, they plan to continue their weekly Zoom call and daily emails. An annual family get-together was held in Cape May, N.J., in early September.

**Barbara Brassell Weber** and husband Bob spent the summer happily socializing with family and friends. The couple attended a family reunion in Bay Head, N.J., in August, where they also celebrated their 90th birthdays.

**Dolores "Ditty" Chambers Smith** has lived in Silicon Valley since



On a visit to Sugar Hill Retirement Community in New Hampshire, Anne Blodget Holberton '73, center, connected with Patty Osmond '55, left, and Ernestine Schultz Newton '46, right. "I knew Patty went to Skidmore, but to my delight, Ernestine was sitting next to her and pronounced, 'I went to Skidmore too!' So here are the three of us, happy to be Skiddies together!"



Cindy Lan '16 and Raphael Galvis '14 wed on Sept. 4 in Forest Park in Queens, N.Y. Jie Li '16 officiated at the ceremony, and a number of alumni attended. The newlyweds first met on campus while working as student supervisors in the dining hall.

1953! She visited Skidmore a few years ago. "It was lovely, but my fondest memories are of the old campus." While there, she discovered that **Gabe Fuchs** lives in the area. Both transfer students, Gabe and Ditty roomed together. Due to radiation-induced paralysis of her legs last winter, Ditty now uses a wheelchair and walker and depends on around-the-clock caregivers. Fortunately, three of her children live nearby. She has five grandchildren.

For **Barbara Feder Mindell**, the best part of the summer was a weeklong trip to California to visit grandchildren; four girls, ages 2, 3, 4, and 7, and her 13-year-old grandson. She stayed with her son and daughter-in-law. Next best was resuming teaching her Senior Memoir writing class. Barbara is also delighted to play bridge in-person!

In late April, **Bobbie Fee Dickason** traveled west to attend her grandson's graduation from Southern Utah University (just north of Zion). "It's a beautiful country, with mountains of colorful rock," she recalls. Bobbie and three family members

were able to attend the ceremony in person.

**MaryAnne "Mibs" Wade Menk**  
mmenk@verizon.net



**Myrna "Mickey" Sawyer** still enjoys working one or two days a week in the legal department of the Florida Health Department. She doesn't travel often but was able to visit her niece in Boca Raton.

**Nancy Cooke Luce** and husband Bob reside at Twin Lakes Community in Burlington, N.C. Both well, they do a lot of reading, exercising, and visiting family and friends via Zoom and FaceTime.

**Evelyn Smith** lives at The Views, part of the Seabury Retirement Community, in Bloomfield, Conn. Spinal stenosis confines her to a wheelchair. Evelyn and her fellow residents were delighted to host visitors early this summer. She welcomes phone chats with classmates. The Alumni Office has her contact information.

**Roslyn Newman Wolin** wishes classmates good health and happiness. She also cautions us to

be aware of ongoing health risks for seniors. She sends hugs to all.

**Carol Rice Toti** is enjoying life at The Cypress of Hilton Head. She is able to see her son in Atlanta and his children, 5 and 1. Less frequently, Carol ventures north to visit her two daughters in NYC. She stays in close touch with **Sue Lindemann Staropoli**.

**Delsa Walsh Wilson** reveled in her garden in Harpswell, Maine, where raspberries and strawberries were abundant. Son Tim, an artist and poet, kept a watchful eye on Delsa to mitigate health risks. Right hip trouble makes replacement a probability. In June, sons David and Doug arrived from Florida and California for a week of family fun. The family then entertained 17 visiting cousins! Delsa encourages classmates to check out Tim's artwork at [timothy Crawford Wilson art.com](http://timothy Crawford Wilson art.com).

**Ann "Balli" Ballinger Wilcox** loves her sunny apartment in a "practically five-star senior living community." In late September, she coordinated a memorial service for husband Bruce, a Navy veteran, with full military honors. Balli plays in a ukulele group at her residence. With much practice and even more laughter, she quips, "the group gave several successful performances before a captive audience!" Other family milestones include two college graduations and a wedding, making the year, overall, a good one.

**Ona Barron Bickelhaupt** is enjoying life at Brookdale in Roswell, Ga. Daughter Jan lives in nearby Marietta. Ona's four other children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren are scattered across the country. In July, she spent two weeks at the family's Hudson River camp north of Saratoga Springs in Lake Luzerne. As always, it was fun to visit Skidmore.

**Jennifer Mead Hatcher** is fighting breast cancer with the help of highly rated doctors practicing in Denver, Colo. Still painting, she is participating in two exhibitions this fall.

**Nancy Gillis Sheriday's** daughter Kathleen informed me that her mother is in an assisted living facility in Boca Raton, Fla. Despite some cognitive issues, Nancy "retains her frisky spirit and cheeky sense of humor. Healthy and content, she is beloved by staff and residents alike." Kathleen passes along her mother's warm greetings to classmates.

**Lilli Brunner Kalmenson** had a lovely chat with **Joanie Gray Kittredge** and husband Frank on Joanie's birthday, June 1. Lilli and husband Sid were delighted to visit with friends and family in-person.

Pandemic-induced solitude allowed **Marion "Dev" Woolsey Glaser** to explore her ancestry,



Nancy Wind Ross '55 received the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council last year for more than 30 years of dedicated work protecting the environment in Susquehanna County. Her achievements include founding a citizens' group that successfully blocked the construction of a massive landfill and spearheading the Rail-Trail Council, which transformed 38 miles of abandoned D&H rail line into a recreational trail. She continues living on her Union Dale farm.

resulting in a book. She welcomed son Brad and his wife back after their trek along the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Together, they attended the Newport, R.I., wedding of Dev's granddaughter, which had been postponed for a year.

**Dolores "Dodo" Morris Hayward** survived a serious stroke in November 2020. Weekly physical therapy has helped her regain stability while walking. She relies on a cane and a live-in caregiver, but is grateful she has become more active. With the help of her son, Dodo flew to Denver to visit her baby grandson Morris.

**Judy Rice Vandergriff** lost her husband of 63 years in 2019 after a long battle with cancer. The oldest of her three children, Jim, is a mortgage broker for an international banking firm in Bethesda, Md. His son Zachary is on the faculty of Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. Judy's daughter Lynn, who lives in the Annapolis, Md., area, works for the DOD at Fort Meade and has a private pilot's license. One of Judy's granddaughters is an attorney specializing in obtaining green cards for highly skilled technologists. A grandson is an astronautical engineer with Northrop Grumman. Another granddaughter just graduated from college with an applied arts major and minors in print media and Japanese. Judy continues teaching for the University of Maryland global campus.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of class president **Suzanne Davis Tull** on May 1. She will be missed by many.

As for me, **Lydia Pardo McMinn**, I am fortunate that my daughter Lydia, son Bill, and a granddaughter and three great-grandsons live nearby in Madison, Conn. I was blessed with my first great-granddaughter in June; I will fly to Colorado soon to meet her.

Meanwhile, I'm busy volunteering at the local library and thrift store and keeping up with family. I send my love and best wishes to the great Class of '54.

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**Nancy Mathis Engen's** husband Harry created a walking route for the residents of their Rockville, Md., neighborhood last year. Two of their children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild live in the area. Their granddaughter, a college freshman, plans on being a surgeon. The Engens' oldest daughter has been teaching and feeding children in Guatemala for 35 years. A son works for the Federal Reserve. Nancy and Harry headed to Pompano Beach recently to visit their eldest granddaughter, a fashion designer, and her 11-year-old daughter, a budding figure skater.

Thomas White shared the sad news that his wife, **Susan Singiser White**, died July 11 of complications from a fall. The couple met on a blind date in 1955 at the Ambassador Bar and Grill in Saratoga Springs. Tom, you've stirred up a lot of warm memories for '55ers! Susan will be sorely missed.

**Carolyn "Rusty" Ruscoe Burt** enjoys going out to lunch in Madison, Conn., with a few of her seven granddaughters.

Retired teacher **Nancy Lee Farrell** learned Spanish last year in order to assist migrants incarcerated at a Tacoma, Wash., detention center. She singlehandedly raised \$9,000 for area food banks by traversing the city carrying a "Walking for Hunger" sign. Nancy insists that "anyone can do it."

New Yorkers **Roseanne Brody Raab** and Ed summered at their home in Deer Isle, Maine.



Joan Hansel '56 and husband Grant recently enjoyed a long-delayed family get-together on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. A Coast Guard Auxiliary ship happened to pull up to dock in Yorktown, Va., as the family's photo was taken. On hand were granddaughter Brook Hansel (currently in Spain on a Fulbright Scholarship); grandchildren Peter and Sofie Hansel; daughters Kelly and sister Natalie; son Luke Hansel and his wife Nannette; daughter Sherry Qualls; and son Mark Hansel.

Ed continues his pediatric ophthalmology. Both are delighted that the city's great museums have reopened.

**Diana D'Arienzo Pascal** attended a grandson's "wonderful" graduation ceremony at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va. He was the last of three grandchildren who earned their high school diplomas there. Diana and husband Jack live in Garden City, N.Y.

After a year's hiatus, **Nancy Sulkin Marin** resumed participating in senior fitness classes three times a week. Two sons came for nice long visits this year, and the third arranged a two-week vacation with Nancy in Maine and Cape Cod. A retired educator, Nancy stays in close touch with former colleagues as well as **Bryna Cohen Potsdam**. Nancy sings with a community chorus and volunteers for a children's theater.

**Diane Noble Nelson** spent 2020 keeping up her golfing skills and connecting with family, albeit electronically.

**Sue Gannon** traded in her home on St. Simons Island, Ga., for a senior retirement community, Marsh's Edge. She has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who are "fun to be with." Sue talks to Skidmore roommate **Margaret "Monie" Malcolm Smith** several times a year.

My freshman roommate, **Barbara Wallace Morrison**, and her husband decided downsizing was a great idea after three years of splitting their time between Colorado and Massachusetts. Their vacant homes were often occupied by friends and family. One frequent "house-sitter" came to Denver to get chemotherapy.

**Dora Gisiger McWhite** now resides at Meadowlark Senior Center in Tyler, Texas.

Mary Cornell wrote in to inform me that **Judith Hackwell Cornell** passed away June 20. A biology major, Mary earned her bachelor's degree in nursing 20 years after leaving Skidmore. She worked in



pediatrics and later as a hospice nurse. We send our condolences to her family.

**Jaqueline Loohn Stempfle** lost her “dearest friend” and husband of 62 years, Bill, after a lengthy illness. She remains in their four-room cottage at a very friendly North Carolina retirement village and has resumed a favorite hobby of painting in oils, including many family portraits. Her great joy now is watching her family grow; she recently welcomed five great-grandchildren!

As for me, I recently moved to a new Westminster retirement community in Saint Petersburg, Fla.

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**'57** I had a nice talk with our class president, **Hope Thompson Kerr**, who reports that she stays busy playing pickleball, hiking in the beautiful snow-capped mountains of Bend, Ore., bowling, and boating. She traveled to New Jersey for a weeklong

family visit. Hope, who lives in a senior residence that is home to 300 people, was able to smell smoke from the West Coast wildfires. She sends warm greetings to all and encourages us to spend time outdoors.

**Chick Glassey Ehbrecht** volunteers for the Garden Club of Yarmouth, Mass., where she is a member of the Herb Committee. She has great fun tending an extensive variety of herbs, as well as a kitchen garden attached to the circa 1850 Captain Bangs Hallett House. Chick enjoyed swimming in the cool waters of Cape Cod. She sends best wishes to all.

I received a nice note from **Joyce Bell Mayhew's** daughter Jenny, with the news that Joyce moved to Stamford, Conn., in May. She has a beautiful condo overlooking the Long Island Sound and enjoys daylong bird and boat watching. Joyce is now closer to her five children and her grandchildren. A daughter lives just two doors away. Not to mention Joyce's grand-puppy, who is always by her side.

**Carole Ruberti Kelly's** husband, Dave, died in November 2019 after five long years battling Alzheimer's in a nursing facility. In May 2020, Carole had open-heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic to replace two valves and repair another. She now sports a state-of-the-art pacemaker. She enjoys watching the progress of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her youngest granddaughter is a senior at Mt. Holyoke College.

**Sandee Chernow Byrne** and her husband were looking to downsize, but couldn't find anything that fit the bill. Instead, they added a master bedroom and bath on the first floor. Their son is responding well to cancer treatments; their daughters and their families are thriving. Sandee's youngest grandson, a freshly minted Virginia Tech grad, is staying with them until he is able to move into his new digs.

**Betty Minar Richardson** and her husband of 64 years, Tuck, live in a Spring Park, Minn., senior complex. With memory and mobility issues, Tuck is in long-term care. In good health, Betty resides in an apartment. Their oldest daughter and her family moved back to Minnesota from Hawaii.

**Thea Woodfin Reinhart** enjoys reminiscing about our Skidmore days. After graduating, she headed to California where she earned a teaching degree from Chapman College. Thea finished a master's at Pepperdine before earning a doctorate in psychology there. She has had a rewarding clinical and forensic career and continues a full-time private practice. Thea and her husband have five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Joanna Hamann Shaw** and Gordon survived last year's sequestration and were glad to have a period of relative normalcy early this summer. They divide

their time between Concord, Mass., and Sandwich, N.H. Their youngest grandchildren are college freshmen. The rest are still in college or working. “I am proud of them all.”

On a sad note, **Joan Firmery** sent word that **Ingrid Zola Kolseth's** husband, Skip, passed away on May 27. We send our condolences to Ingrid.

Both well, Jim and I are venturing forth after “cocooning” for over a year! We are planning several short trips to Florida for a change in scenery and a cruise down the Mississippi from Milwaukee to New Orleans.

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**'58** Condolences to the family and friends of **Barbara “Bobbie” Hayman Schwartz**, who died on May 8. Bobbie kept '58ers connected as class scribe for many years. “She loved her life and, most of all, loved to laugh,” observes her husband of 40 years, Stan. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to him and the entire family. Bobbie will be sorely missed.

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**'59** **Nancy Rae Scully** was delighted when NYC opened up again this summer. “My extraordinary Skidmore nursing background stood me in very good stead!”

For the first time in 62 years, **JoEllen Steinman Snowman** reconnected with **Audrey Block Heckler**, **Carolee Brecher Thea** and me, **Sandra Stees Sudofsky**, as we lunched in Manhattan. Scanning our class directory sparked the idea. It was a very special afternoon, one we expect



Maggie Patterson '15, middle of first row, teaches at Coney Island Prep High School, a charter school in Brooklyn. “We are always looking for ways to get more of our students excited about college and to foster a college-going culture. Part of this initiative is naming our homerooms after their teacher's college. My homeroom of 10 girls has been ‘Skidmore College’ for the past four years, and the girls in my homeroom are now looking to graduate and thinking of Skidmore as a college option. Here's a picture of my girls wearing their favorite sweatshirts.”

to repeat often. I feel like we have just begun to catch up on one another's lives. Classmates living in the Big Apple are welcome to join us!

Since retiring in 2004, Texas resident **Pat Nicklaus Sabin** has been volunteering at a social services agency, where she conducts phone interviews with clients seeking emergency rent and utility assistance. In 2020, Pat and three fellow volunteers provided \$715,000 in assistance working five days a week, until July, then part-time thereafter. "It was a privilege and a gift to not be stuck at home," she observes. She has happily resumed exercise classes and lunching with friends.

**Anna Wakefield Milano's** first grandchild, Samantha, is now a physician completing her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics. Grandson Luke is an engineer working in Boulder, Colo. Grandson Ben graduated from Princeton this spring with a degree in engineering and aeronautics.

**Anne Henszey** and Ken Pyle celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary this fall. Their son, a professor at Middlebury College, visited this spring. Daughter Annie is a well-known dog agility trainer. While Ken finished his sixth book, Anne decided to sell several Sadao Watanabe stencil prints from her collection. She donated the proceeds to a Japanese American pastor who has spent her life helping others.

Argentinian exchange student **Susana Noemi Salessi** spent her junior year at Skidmore and opted to remain in the U.S. She eventually earned a master's in Italian and Spanish from UCLA. "Skidmore changed me forever!" Susana enjoyed a 40-year career teaching at UCLA, Pasadena City College, and Orange County College.



Valerie Maio '89 shared this photo of a group of Skidmore dancers, including classmates and Class of 1989 alumni, who continue to get together often. The self-described "Sparkle Sisters," who were recently spotted in Saratoga, have their own Facebook group.

**Virginia "Ginger" Keare** lives in a Cupertino, Calif., senior community. She loves the friendly staff and welcoming residents, including two "Skiddies!" Two of Ginger's three children reside nearby; another lives in Wellesley, Mass., but phones daily. Although last year's lockdown "had a lonely downside," the many precautions paid off. Every resident has remained in good health. Ginger attended husband Doug's 65th Dartmouth Reunion this year. He passed away in January 2019. Classmates will remember seeing him around campus.

**Jane Knight Hence** was included in the current edition of Marquis Who's Who in the World. A consulting associate for over eight years with Michael McKinley & Associates in Stonington, Conn., Jane later founded her own architectural

design firm, JKH Design. She designed over 55 buildings in Rhode Island and Connecticut and one in Costa Rica. An accomplished artist, she is also active in civic affairs. Jane enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. The newest arrival, 1-year-old Noah, joins four other grandchildren ranging from 17 to 23.

**Audrey Reilly's** home on Lake George was filled with infants and toddlers this summer! She has five great-grandchildren and is awaiting another. Audrey's been sending '59ers birthday greetings on behalf of the class. "I've enjoyed getting responses, including one that arrived from Paris, France."

Early this summer, **Gail Wheeler** spent a week on Martha's Vineyard with two of her three

daughters and a 4-year-old great-granddaughter. In July, she visited her sister in Amherst, Mass. Gail's son and grandson then arrived from South Texas. Afterwards, Gail rented a cottage on the Jersey Shore for two months. She postponed a trip to London in late September.

**Evelyn Schawbel Rosenkrantz** wintered in Florida and is now back in beautiful Marblehead, Mass. She spent a wonderful Thanksgiving with all of her grandchildren at her daughter's Kiawah Island, S.C., home.

Once fully vaccinated, **Marsha Bancroft** spent time seeing friends and occasionally dining out. She lives with her daughter, Betsy Bancroft, in Orange, Vt., right outside the Sage Mountain Botanical Sanctuary.

Last year, **Pam Bartholomew Armstrong** weathered the pandemic by phoning and emailing friends. She especially enjoyed connecting with **Joey Haufler Rosenthal**, **Jane Knight Hence**, and **Nancy Rae Scully**. Pam and husband Dick spent the winter at their Hobe Sound, Fla., residence. They divide the warmer months between their home in Greenwich and Pam's ancestral farm in Sheffield, Mass. The couple happily resumed attending concerts at Tanglewood, a weekly pleasure. Pam especially enjoys hugging people again!

**Rosemary Anziano Ducey** and her husband relocated from Garden City, N.J. to live year-round at their summer home in the Hamptons. They love it! Their granddaughter is a first-year student at Skidmore whose father is an alumnus. Rosemary is delighted to have a three-generation Skidmore family.

Apart from snuggling with her grandchildren (Teddy and twins Sadie and Layla, all 6), **Cindy Magriel Wetzler** is promoting her middle-school children's book, "Witchy Magic and Me, Maggie." After a career writing for The New York Times, Cindy enjoys "making things up." In the book, 9-year-

old Maggie takes on grouchy old Cap'n Hatch with the magical help of Grammy Apple on the Island of Nantucket.

**Bette Bostwick Campbell** was erroneously listed as a member of the Class of 1950 in the "In Memoriam" section of the spring issue. A corrected entry appears in this issue.

Once their home is sold, **Joanna Haufler Rosenthal** and her husband will move to a condo near friends in Longmeadow, Mass. The change is bittersweet, as she "adores" the house.

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I had a record response from classmates; all are relieved that last year's COVID confinement is over.

**Cynthia Goss Triplett** had to cut short her March 2020 visit with family in New Zealand, flying back the night before a countrywide lockdown. She welcomed a new great-grandson, Luke, in January.

**Carol Wipper** learned to play the banjo during the pandemic! Taking lessons from a "pro" next door



Kevin Wozniak '05 traveled to Colorado this spring. During a hike around Button Rock Dam, he paused to show his Skidmore pride and embody Creative Thought Matters.

helped her stay sane. "After 70 years playing keyboards, it was a real challenge!"

**Mary Jane Adriance Hall** took a June trip to Asheville, N.C., to visit with all of her children, their spouses, and grandchildren. A highlight was meeting a new great-grandson. Back home in Concord, Mass., she enjoys playing golf and seeing friends again!

**Elizabeth Perles Gillman** is on the board of the New Rochelle Opera Company. They look forward to a season of full-length operas and musicals.

**Sue Smith** loved our Reunion Zoom call and suggests connecting that way more often. She quit Facebook after being hacked, so she looks forward to hearing about classmates in Scope.

**Roseann Druian** lives on Michigan Avenue in Chicago and would welcome a visit from anyone living in or visiting the area. She volunteers at Northwestern and a local food bank.

**Barbara Block Zwick** says discovering Zoom was the best thing that came out of the pandemic. She is now in regular contact with **Judy Harmon Miller**, **Kathy Adair Coombs**, **Mary Kelchner Lindner**, and **Liz Atterbury Harrington**. Our online Reunion was "fun and somewhat magical."

**Judy White** is planning a trip to London in June 2022 to perform with her church choir at a choral festival. She admits that playing online bridge with yours truly "is good fun."

Class president for more than six years, **Sue Elsesser** is ready to pass the baton on to **Carol Santry-Covello**. Many thanks to Sue for her service and a warm welcome to Carol!

**Ellie Davies Bowden** had a "splendid" summer hosting a

family reunion at her Boothbay Harbor, Maine, cottage. The annual gathering was canceled last year. "It was especially sweet to have the gang around for support after losing my husband Bob."

Snowbirds **Elaine Perlman Cohen** and husband Aaron spent a quiet winter at their apartment in South Florida. Back home in Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y., the couple is sharing their home with their son and his family. "We are working at staying out of each other's hair!" quips Elaine.

**Peggy Hiller Harris** is sorting through old papers and magazines in preparation for downsizing. "There's always more to do."

I had a nice call from **Connie Archbald**, who lives at a senior residence in Minnesota. Connie is building a new home in a Del Webb adult community that she'll share with her daughter and son-in-law.

After losing her husband in April 2020, **Leilani Holloway Eels** moved in with daughter Robin. They helped one another recover from Robin's severe accident injuries and Leilani's hip replacement. This year, mother and daughter enjoyed road-tripping to Carmel and Lake Tahoe, Calif., before continuing on to Oregon and Washington. They visited friends along the way. Leilani also took a two-week trip to Hawaii for a reunion.

**Elaine Bresnahan Ironfield** is one of my new neighbors here at Loomis Village. The downsizing chores she tackled in preparation were "challenging, to say the least." I understand completely!

**Ellen VanDusen Guthrie's** daughter Cathy Ellen informed me that her mother had moved in with her last year. Ellen was frustrated by the restrictions at her retirement community. Cathy observes, "She's struggling with memory problems

but is just as cheerful, easygoing and fun as ever.” Ellen enjoys gardening, knitting, and hanging out with the dogs at Cathy’s farm in North Carolina. Ellen would love to receive a card from us. Contact me for her address.

**Suzanne Denby Pelton** enjoys conducting monthly meetings at her apartment building. Her son-in-law has brain cancer but is responding well to chemo. Daughter Leslie and her children are very involved in his care: “We feel blessed every day he is with us.”

**Betsy Dunnet Lindfors** and husband Ken retired after 61 wonderful years together at ASSIST, a nonprofit that matches scholarship students with independent schools. Still active, it enrolled over 300 students this year.

**Edie Ackerman Jacques** has been on the hunt for new, fully-staffed restaurants in Detroit. While sitting in a coffee shop, a woman asked how old she was. “When I told her, she replied ‘And you’re still walking!’ I took it as a compliment!”

I am looking forward to attending my grandson’s wedding in New Orleans this October. There is a jazz festival the same weekend, so the city should be hopping. Hopefully the Delta variant will



Former Sonneteers and longtime friends Ann Schuyler and Peggy Thatcher '61 get together several times a year, most recently to watch the Master’s Golf Tournament. Their spouses, who both attended Andover Academy and Dartmouth, always come along for the fun.

not cause the wedding to be postponed for a second time!

In February, we lost classmate **Sue Woodard Crawford** after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. We send condolences to husband Rollie and their family.

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Class president **Zelda Jacobsen Schwartz** shared an update from the Reunion Planning Committee. “In preparation for our celebration in June 2022, we’re asking you to share stories about how you’ve navigated your journey from the 20th to the 21st centuries. Consider your experiences, challenges, and inspirations as you leave your footprint for others to follow. Further instructions will follow. Many thanks and love to all.”

**Cookie Rapoport Thier** has been considering her response. “Not a word has been written yet, but I’ve got lots of ideas rattling around.” True for many of us!

**Pam White Leighton** missed celebrating in person, but says, “It was fun to see classmates on Zoom. We haven’t aged a bit!” Although staff at her retirement community took great care of residents during the pandemic, Pam won’t mind if she never has meals delivered in a paper bag again! She enjoyed summer in Keene Valley in the Adirondacks and was thrilled to finally see her entire family. Pam joined Marne Krause at the racetrack in Saratoga this summer. Retired from Skidmore, Marne was a longtime supporter of our reunions.

**Paula Rosenberg Janis** has been working with a documentary filmmaker on a movie about her beloved television series, “The Magic Garden.” You can view a trailer for “Magic Garden, Magic Women” on Facebook. Paula and partner Carole are delighted. We



Fitzhugh Baylies Karol '04 participated in the “Sculpture by the Sea” exhibition in Western Australia in March. He is currently showing six sculptures at Bondi Beach in Sydney.

all share your joy and look forward to the movie.

**Susan Stark Match** and Ron spent a quiet year in Vero Beach, Fla. “The pandemic continues to threaten our safety — including those who are fully vaccinated. She and Ron regularly use Zoom and FaceTime and text frequently. Susan looks forward to resuming conducting her chorus.

**Alice Chase Kaufman** and her husband have been on the go. Destinations include Monterey and Oceanside, Calif., Seattle, and Santa Fe, N.M. They are currently leaf peeping in Vermont, Boston, and Cape Cod. Next spring the couple will make a third attempt to take the Queen Mary 2 from NYC to Southampton in the UK. Back home in San Anselmo, Texas, Alice volunteers at the Marin Humane Society thrift shop and Friends of the Larkspur Library.

**Ginny Merola Carter** and her husband were obliged to cancel a trip to Australia early this year. One of their granddaughters, a Peace Corps volunteer, was evacuated from her post in Tanzania last year. She tracks COVID cases in Fairfax County. Another granddaughter and her husband moved into their first home in Charlottesville.

Their third granddaughter is a Marine studying cyber security. A grandson, scouted by several professional baseball teams, instead chose to play for the University of Virginia. The three youngest are in high school. Ginny still plays tennis, but not for a USTA team.

Our condolences go out to Neil Myers, who lost his wife, **Lorna Gordon Myers**, on Oct. 26, 2020. Lorna was a former director of Purdue University’s Department of Convocations.

**Ellie Palmer Platzman** has relocated from Bethesda, Md., to Boca Raton, Fla. Ellie plans to attend Reunion.

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**Diane Macht Solomon** enjoys living in the “extraordinary apartments” at the Unisen Senior Living Center in Tampa, Fla. A resident board member, she also chairs the Finance Committee and welcomes new residents. Diane takes online classes through the University of San Francisco. “I have no time to be bored.”

**Lollie Engel Triebold** and Dave celebrated their 80th birthdays safely and by themselves; the Triebold clan opted to skip their annual large family gathering this year. Their two daughters live nearby. Please remember to email any updated contact information to the address below. I'll be sure to share it with the Alumni Office and Lollie, who sends periodic emails to nursing majors.

**June Kahl Schubert** attended her 60th high school reunion in Baltimore, Md., in May. In June she and her husband embarked on their "dream vacation" – a Mediterranean cruise along Italy's West Coast aboard the French Schooner Le Pouant. With just 60 passengers and 30 crew members, "It was fabulous!"

**Kathy Simonds Cunningham** shared the sad news that her husband of five years died July 3. The 80-year-old died peacefully in his bed. The couple had been together for 12 years.

**Gayle Schiring Duncan** stays in touch with **Carolyn Crowther Cook**, **Sally Wickes Hayes**, **Jane Stephens**, and **Judy Weaver Lupse**. Gayle was recently spooked when she spotted a snake in her yard while on the phone with **Mollie Klee Heron**! While the creatures are part of life in South Florida, Gayle has not yet learned to co-exist with them.

**Mollie Klee Heron** is selling the Maine lake house she has enjoyed for 26 years. "It was too much to maintain." She is happy at her new residence, Ocean View, in Falmouth, Maine.

Minnesotan **Sandi Sharpe Coronis** and Lew traveled to Saratoga for a mini reunion with NYC residents **Ruth Rosen Manyin** and Martin and local alumna **Idy Kuslanski Vanderhoof**. Former North Hall roomies, Sandi and Ruth rented a lovely house near the "new" campus, where they

sat on the porch reminiscing over glasses of wine. The friends explored campus, making a stop at the Skidmore Shop. Saratoga's restaurants, notes Sandi, "have sure improved since 1962."

**Joan Todd Lewis** and Bob moved into a lovely home with a patio overlooking woods at the Medford CCRC. It features a 135-acre arboretum and numerous hiking trails. At 80, Joan feels fortunate to be able to enjoy life as she watches her family continue to blossom.

**Pat Graham Stotler** and husband John (along with their dog Pixie) remained in Naples, Fla., all last summer instead of taking their customary trek back to Vermont. A daughter and her family live in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The couple is tabling plans to visit Europe.

**Carol Rafferty Champ's** husband Alan sent news that Carol, who suffers from Alzheimer's, is in a memory care facility in Lake Bluff, Ill.

**Terry Tiffany Sullivan** and husband Peter moved to Indian River Estates, a continuing care retirement community in Vero Beach, Fla. They enjoy biking its 144-acre campus, playing croquet, and getting to know new friends. She and Peter have been married 32 years. In August, their sons and their spouses and grandchildren attended a family reunion in Northern California.

The Skidmore Fund surpassed its goal of \$7.5 million for a grand total of \$7.85 million this year, according to the College's Beth White. The Class of '62 raised \$111,921 from 81 donors (37% participated, including 12 President's Society donors). Thank you and congratulations.

President Emeritus Glotzbach sent a note informing me that **Shirley Skiff Murphy**, assistant professor emerita of business at Skidmore, died June 8. She served on the faculty from 1962 to 1985.

**Ann Milliken Houser** of Houston, Texas, passed away on May 28, 2018. We send condolences to daughters Anna Margaret and Rachel and two granddaughters.

Save the dates: June 2-5, 2022, for Reunion! For details on preliminary plans for the special weekend, contact me, class president **Mollie Klee Heron**, or Reunion Chair **Suzanne Corbet Thomas**.

I spent the summer on Lake George with Ben, our children and grandchildren and six dogs, including three puppies. My health struggles include Crohn's Disease, a brain tumor, and Parkinson's. Nonetheless, our family has escaped the virus. New Hampshire's citizens behaved sensibly.

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**'63 Sabre "Lynda" Sable Gilmartin**, who now goes by Sabre Gilmartin, is buying a condo in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami, Fla. Currently in NYC, she would love to meet up with people in either area.

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**'64 Lurline McLaughlin Lapolla** completed a series of six tales for young people entitled "Ralf's Mission." She plans to begin a new creative writing project.

**Judith Pick Eissner** spent the summer in Marblehead, Mass. She got together with **Linda Hamm Adams** in NYC, and arranged a surprise visit with **Kay Harper Edelberg** in Carlisle. Judith also managed to connect with **Carol Rice Lindsay**. Judy and Bruce recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends. She looked forward to attending the inauguration of Skidmore's new president, Marc C. Conner.

In April, **Nancy Selib Brown** moved to a senior living community located in a historic neighborhood in downtown Minneapolis. Flanked by the Mississippi, it is highly walkable. She volunteers for a racial justice initiative and plays bridge.



Angela Botiba '15 is a chair of young alumni and undergraduate outreach for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Over the past six years, she worked as a senior data analyst at NYU Langone Health, where she evaluated clinical performance data, identified data trends, and made operational recommendations for clinical quality improvement initiatives and cost effectiveness. She is now pursuing a dual-degree master's program in healthcare administration and business administration at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.

**Janet Allan** recently completed a three-year term on the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education. Dean Emeritus at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Janet was delighted to work with “such a dedicated group of audiology clinicians.”

The 50th anniversary of Marblehead Handprints, the business co-founded by **Molly Brister Haley**, is being celebrated in a special retrospective exhibition at the Marblehead Museum in Massachusetts. Launched in the early 1970s, Molly took her hand-printed silkscreen designs from a kitchen-table operation to a wholesale retail concern that included its own brick-and-mortar stores, prestigious commissions and sales in high-end department stores. Molly created and developed Skidmore’s Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative. She and husband Ed Freitag continue to support the interdisciplinary program. (See Page 8.)

After full vaccination, **Kayla Abelow Feldman** and her husband hosted their California daughter **Samantha Feldman Lagocki ’91** and her children,



Grace Mastrangelo ’21 and Sandy Merrow Breen ’66 attend a graduation party hosted by Grace’s parents for Grace’s friends and their families.

along with Vermont daughter Abigail Bard and her family. Kayla’s grandson is entering the U.S. Navy.

After losing husband Burt last year, **Lindsay Knowlton** took on the arduous task of emptying out their beloved Maine place in preparation for sale. She repeated the process at the couple’s Vermont home. Lindsay moved to Linden Ponds, a life care community in Hingham, Mass., in late August. She recently won the Vermont Writers Prize for her poem “Death of a Barn,” published in Vermont Magazine.

As for me, our family’s summer has been good, despite the oppressive heat and unfavorable sailing conditions. We still enjoy having the boat at the marina. My husband and I enjoyed getting together with **Linda Keating Fuller** and Eric, who live on the Connecticut shoreline.

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**'65**

About 25 people, including a few spouses, attended our one-hour Zoom

mini-reunion on May 19. Following introductory comments by Skidmore staff about plans for next year’s on-campus Reunion, the event was led by **Sue Steele Isbell** and **Jane Flax Lewis**. A brief general session was followed by two breakout group discussions. It was great to see familiar faces and hear plans for an in-person Reunion next year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus June 10-12, 2022!

According to **Susan Gibbs**, COVID-19 cases have significantly decreased in Norway, which has largely reopened. She will not visit the U.S. this year in order to attend the twice-postponed wedding of good friends in Sweden. At long last, Gibbsie is a dual citizen, a status not sanctioned in Norway until 2020. Prior to last year, she would have had to give up her U.S.



At the end of June, Laurie Massolo Deredita ’67, her husband John and their daughters and their husbands, as well as grandchildren, spent a week in the Adirondacks, where they had a very good time with lots of outdoor fun. On the way home to Connecticut, they stopped in Saratoga and, of course, at Skidmore. As expected, the campus was quiet, but they passed by the Tang, where her daughter and grandson were very taken with an outdoor sculpture.

citizenship. She spent the summer visiting friends, walking, biking, and reading.

**Nancy Wall Thorne** was among the fortunate few individuals who weathered the pandemic surrounded by her entire family. Her sons, all sports cameramen, were unemployed. Nancy’s eldest and his family, including 8 and 10-year-old girls, moved in with her for a year. She has returned to selling real estate in a “berserk” market!

Still painting, **Lynne Frost Deutch** is mostly focused on photography; she’s participated in quite a few gallery shows (mostly online). Some of her work is currently featured on popular network and cable TV shows.

Although the weather did not cooperate, **Lenore Bethka Wersten** and Tom enjoyed visiting

their son and his family in New York.

As for me, I visited my daughter’s family in Illinois after far too many months of separation. It feels strange to have grandchildren over six feet tall!

Reaching across three time zones, **Jeannie Hitchcock Kithil**, **Liddy Marty Fraser**, **Sandy Brandt Van Mell** and **Bev Holmes Strodtz** stay current on one another’s lives with a monthly Zoom call.

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**'66**

As it was for most of us, this year was a life-changer for **Jane Aberman Baringer** for many reasons. In February, she and husband Jim sold their family home, a geodesic dome house in East Hampton, N.Y., that Jim built in 1977. After renting in Westbrook, Maine,

the couple moved into a new home in Somersworth, N.H. A plan to relocate to New England had been in the works and brought them closer to their three adult children and their families. Although the Baringers miss their friends, they enjoy spontaneous family gatherings, and tending asparagus and blackberries (brought from East Hampton) in a community garden.

**Laura Henderson** received the best Mother's Day gift ever: a surprise visit from her daughter **Amy Sherman '90**. Once fully vaccinated, Laura felt safe to travel again. Amy runs an Airbnb and event planning business in Austin, Texas.

**Sandy Merrow Breen** and husband Mike are both retired and happy that they can move about the world a bit now to see family and friends. Sandy's granddaughter, **Grace Mastrangelo '21**, graduated from Skidmore in May. It was a tough year with Zoom or hybrid classes, limited social gatherings, and no spectators at the Commencement ceremony. Sandy is very proud of Grace (and all of the students) for persevering. Sandy's daughter Kate (Grace's mom), son-in-law AJ, and grandson Jake all recently moved to Saratoga Springs. "You'd hardly recognize the city today!" Sandy observes, "And, of course,

today's Skidmore campus is nothing like 'our' campus!"

Inspired by speaker Barbara Karnes at a local hospice conference, **Caroline Russell Savage** is getting involved with hospice care. She welcomes hearing from any classmates who have had experience in the field.

As for me, I continue to work part time as a family law mediator. Like everyone else, I struggled during the pandemic, personally and professionally. A bright light in the midst of that was the birth of our first grandchild, Theodore Lawrence Mann Wayshak, in December 2020.

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Our 55th Reunion will take place on campus June 2-5, 2022. The College invited

interested classmates to join the planning committee, and several of us met on Zoom over the summer with staff members Mike Sposili and Beth White. I encourage you all to mark your calendars for this exciting weekend! More information to follow.

**Bev Harrison Miller** is thankful for so much this year. Once vaccinated, she happily resumed visiting (and repeatedly hugging) family members and friends. A

highlight was attending grandson Luca's fifth birthday party.

**Nancy Sherbrooke** winters in Arizona and spends the summer on the Hudson River farm she has owned since 1968 near Greenwich and Schuylerville, N.Y. An avid equestrian, she enjoys training and riding two horses and is involved in dressage (a switch from the hunters and jumpers she rode at Skidmore). Nancy also creates mesquite wood sculptures inlaid with turquoise. She hopes to attend Reunion and misses the friends who are no longer with us.

Vermonters **Chris Filbin Hoffman** and husband Frank look forward to traveling again, most especially to see their son Nick and his significant other. Chris spends time working in pastels in her small in-town art studio.

**Linda Raze County** shared big news: She is engaged to "a wonderful man," chiropractor Mark Schillinger. They had been engaged for a time 30 years ago! A wedding date will be set soon. She is still working in her travel business, Journeys Off the Tourist Track, and Mark has a nonprofit, Young Men's Ultimate Weekend, which helps teen boys and their parents. She wishes everyone an easier year ahead.

Thanks to new hips, **Pam Scharmann Stewart** returned to gardening with renewed vigor and caught up on long postponed chores. Pam and her accompanist resumed rehearsing songs that are "as impressionistic in their harmonies and poetry as Monet was with his water lilies." Spring visits from two of her kids were "a real shot in the arm." Pam and her husband had not seen their family, including five grandchildren, since August 2019.

**Judy Harris Soper** is eager to resume travel and other activities. She has stayed in touch with **Sally Huling Hilderbrand** and **Mary**



Catherine Pond '11, author of the new book of poetry "Fieldglass," delivered a joint poetry reading at Skidmore with Peg Boyers, executive editor of Salmagundi magazine. Boyers recently published her fourth book of poems, "The Album."

**Whitaker Taber** on a monthly Zoom call throughout the pandemic. Judy met briefly with **Martha Drexler Osler** in Boston this spring while visiting her son and his family.

**Midge Fraser Kral** works part time in a wonderful bookstore, Bookies in Denver. She is passionate about the impact books can make on a person, a community, and the world. Midge enjoyed seeing **Mary Whitaker Taber**, when Mary visited Denver. She gets together regularly with **Nancy Apthorp Paterson**, **Betsy Boschen Lutz**, and their husbands. During the holiday season, Midge was a UPS driver's helper, riding in the jump seat and running packages up flights of stairs!

In September 2019, Midge and her family visited **Mary Avery Gessner '58** at her home in Nantucket. Midge got to know her freshman year, when Mary was a substitute head resident in South Hall. They crossed paths in 1971, in La Jolla, Calif., during a road trip with **Laurie Mandelbaum Goldberg**. Midge's daughter, Maggie Kral Deeks, lives in Portland, Ore., with husband

## STAY IN TOUCH

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Nate and children Delaney, 4, and Remy, 1. They work for the state, providing services for adults in need. Son Bill, who lives in Denver, works for adult services nonprofit Mile High Workshop.

There is sad news for classmates who stayed at the Fraser Family's Fort Lauderdale home during spring breaks: The house was leveled, and the lot is now a soccer practice field. I have such fond memories of good times "Where the Boys Are" and am ever grateful to Midge's family for their legendary hospitality.

In June, **Mary Whitaker Taber** flew to Colorado for a five-day visit with daughter Sarah and her partner Steven, in Breckenridge. She spent the weekend at Doug and **Nancy Apthorp Paterson's** Denver home. She had a great time getting together with **Midge Fraser Kral** and Jack and **Betsy Boschen Lutz**. Since March 2020, Mary has been providing counseling services via telehealth. She enjoyed some fun summer weekends with friends in Westport Island, Maine, and



Barb Hauck '70 has been teaching adults how to weave for the past three years. She doesn't advertise, but her studio is never devoid of students, even during the pandemic. Barb has been teaching weaving to 7- to 16-year-olds at the Inner-city Neighborhood Art House in Erie, Pa., for almost a quarter century. She credits professor Eunice Pardon for sparking a lifelong passion.

Stockbridge, Mass., as well as time in Westport with family.

**Sally Huling Hilderbrand** left her home of 46 years in Collegeville, Pa., for a CCRC in Lake Ridge, Va. She stayed with her son in Fairfax until renovations on her apartment were complete. Sally's daughter, Elin Hilderbrand, once again made The New York Times bestseller list with her newest (and 27th) book, "Golden Girl."

Nursing major **Nancy Cantor Gottlieb** shared the sad news that her husband of 53 years, physician Marvin Gottlieb, passed away Nov. 11, 2020. They met during Nancy's sophomore year. After a year caring for nursing majors in NYC, she worked in hemodialysis in the Bronx until Marvin finished his internship and ophthalmology residency. They settled in Connecticut and had lived in their Cheshire home since 1977. Nancy has "three wonderful children and six amazing grandchildren." She stays busy with volunteer work.

**Sandy Colony** informed me that close friend **Marjorie Kalins Taylor** died on April 28 after a long battle with cancer. "Those of us who knew her at Skidmore remember her delightful wit and keen intelligence. Above all, Marjorie was a loyal friend and fun to be with."

My main activity is spending time with my two grandsons, 7-year-old Rorke, a first-grader at San Francisco Day, and Charlie, who is almost 5. They are the children of my daughter Linden and her husband, Bryan Rees. It was wonderful to have my son Tony and his wife, Britt Bender, here for three weeks in June. I attend two Spanish classes a week, tend to my house and garden, go to yoga and exercise classes, and walk my Cavapoo, Kimo.

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Class president **Barbara Burgess Maier '71** grabbed this screenshot of classmates enjoying a 1971 virtual happy hour on Zoom this spring.

**'68 Judi Corvin-Blackburn** spent last year promoting her third book, "Activating Your 5D Frequency." Published by Inner Traditions/Bear & Company, it stayed on their bestseller list for months. For her 75th birthday, Judi and husband Dennis traveled to the Denver area to celebrate with their children and grandchildren. She credits Skidmore for launching her into the wider world of ideas, visions, and values that continue to support her journey.

With family now closer by, **Jill Wertheimer Rifkin's** grandchildren are "brightening her life immensely!" A prolific volunteer, she was honored with a Jefferson award for a roster of community service projects. They include collecting hundreds of musical instruments for disadvantaged kids, serving as a reading tutor, teaching poetry in an inner-city school, and tutoring a Liberian refugee. Jill also writes press releases for various nonprofits. Retirement has its benefits!

**Barbara Roberts Magid** and husband Richard spent most of 2020 sheltered in their Mt. Washington home in Baltimore. When weather permitted, they enjoyed lengthy day sails on the Chesapeake Bay. Those sailing

jaunts injected normalcy into the weirdness of otherwise restricted days. A family reunion with their three daughters and their families is planned for this December. She hopes all six grandchildren will be vaccinated by then and they can all catch up on hugs.

In the midst of the pandemic last year, **Judy Schapiro Yogman** and husband Bob sold their home in rural Rockingham, Vt., and bought a house in the town of Chester, where they spend most of their time. Judy would love to connect with classmates in Southern Vermont or Boston, where the couple maintain a condo.

**Sally Peffer Shockey** is learning to navigate the challenges of caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's. She strives to stay upbeat and loving while helping to care for husband Eunis.

**Ann "Tobey" Tobin Frank** lost her husband, Peter, in August after a lengthy illness. "I have not recovered. He was the best." Tobey, we send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

**Louise Diracles** exclaims, "I'm finally a grandma!" Congratulations, Louise.

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**'69**

This year has looked a lot like the last, with glimmers of hope on the horizon. Vaccinated friends and family are convening, and some are starting to travel. I hope that you all continue to stay safe and enjoy good health and wellbeing.

Nantucket resident **Barbie Herbert von der Groeben** often sports her Skidmore baseball cap, which recently sparked a conversation with a woman sitting next to her waiting for a sandwich order. It was none other than **Jane Grenley Hanes '70**, with whom she later met for lunch and made plans to see on Jane's next trip to the island. The Van Deusen third-floor "gang of seven," which includes **Barbie, Leslie Gardner McGovern, Marcia Jensen Watson, Karleen Erhardt, Mary Ann Giddings Eldred, Kay Giles Arthur, and Mary Hardman LaPorte**, continues to meet up regularly on Zoom.

In early June, Barbie joined **Janet Ruth Walczak, Kris Clarke MacMillan, and Paula Tripp Lusardi** and husband Bob in West Hartford, Conn., to attend

funeral services for **Judy Roberts Kunisch's** husband of 53 years, Walt. Many of us got to know Walt when he and Judy started dating; he was a familiar face at numerous Skidmore events. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Judy.

**Judy Allen Wilson** and husband Randy will be off to northern Spain and southern France to see prehistoric cave paintings in spring 2022. Meanwhile, Judy feels stuck in a "Groundhog Day" loop. She is taking a third pass at planning a twice-canceled art sale to benefit the Huntington Library and a 750-reader Book Festival. Both were held virtually in 2019 and 2020. Both healthy, Judy and Randy joyfully reconnected with friends and family this summer.

**Sandy Smith Dovberg** has returned to lap swimming, on average, over a mile each day. She and her husband of 52 years, Norman, are planning their annual two-month Massachusetts ski trip in 2022, which was scuttled this year. Once her art gallery and co-op reopened, Sandy worked hard to mount a solo exhibit together for August. Sandy is grateful that

she and Norman are so far healthy and active.

**Karen Johnson** is awed by the fact that Skidmore is now a national leader in addressing inequities in higher education and responding to the pandemic. Karen aims to support these efforts. She has been taking exciting classes in AI and data analytics at Rutgers University graduate school. An avid traveler, her current destinations of interest include South America, especially Peru, and Europe.

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**'71**

Someone compared completing our Class History Survey to taking an hourly, quarterly, or was it a final exam? Whatever timeframe, it was a big task! Thanks ever so much to everyone who took the time to submit your story. The combined narratives will be mailed to you prior to our 50th Reunion Zoom call. What a wonderful treat to share! On behalf of the class, I offer tremendous kudos to **Susan Baxter, Lynne Roach Hildebrand, Ellen Tanner**, and the Reunion Committee for making it happen!

**Sharon Callachan Drakos** retired last year after a 35-year career as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in group and solo practice. Sharon loved the work and admits that adjusting to retirement has been "somewhat bumpy." She enjoys creating art, writing poetry, and volunteering.

I have a treasure trove of memories from that precious hour shared on Zoom in lieu of an in-person celebration in Saratoga Springs in June. Our class president, **Barbara Burgess Maier**, grabbed quick screen shots during the happy hour and hopes that she captured all of us at some point. Thank you, Barbara! Our in-person, on-campus Reunion is slated for June 10-12, 2022, and will be great



With the help of her daughter Olivia, **Joan Halpert '73** crocheted a 9 x 6-foot chuppah, or Jewish wedding canopy, for the wedding of her cousin, Rabbi Thalia Halpert Rodis.

fun! Let's mark our calendars now and stay healthy and well until we meet again in Saratoga!

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**'72**

Planning has begun in earnest for our 50th Reunion, to be held on campus June 2-5, 2022. All of us are looking forward to this special weekend! Stay updated on the schedule of events and more by bookmarking [skidmore.edu/reunion](http://skidmore.edu/reunion).

Class president **Judy Costello Brinkerhoff** reports that the 50th Reunion Planning Committee has been meeting since April 2020. "We are well on our way toward planning a June 2022 celebration that coincides with the 100th birthday of the College." For Judy, catching up with committee members on Zoom has been "a delight."

Judy is asking classmates to nominate candidates to fill the following positions as current class officers cycle off: president, correspondent (for Scope class notes), and Reunion chair. **Kebbie Kennedy** has done an exceptional job as Reunion chair for almost 10 years, as has class correspondent



**Ellen Frost '74**, center, hosted **Anne Peterson Conolly '74**, left, and **Nina Conolly Stimson '73**, right, at her Charlestown, RI, home.

**Barbara Devine Bode.** Although Kebbie is willing to continue in her role if no one else is interested, she would like to provide the opportunity for other classmates to serve. Judy and Barbara are stepping down. Contact Judy at [jcbrinck@aol.com](mailto:jcbrinck@aol.com) if you are interested in a leadership role or would like to nominate a classmate.

**Donna Dunlap Brown** married her high school boyfriend, Richard, three years ago. “We never actually broke up; we just wandered apart and lost touch,” she quips. The couple are living with Donna’s mother, who is recovering from a stroke. They will head to Maine or upstate New York when Donna’s brother takes over their mother’s care. In her spare time, Donna knits, reads, plays her keyboard, and earns Fitbit badges.

**Bobbsie Hertz Rifkin** shared the sad news that her husband of 42 years, David Rifkin, died over the past year. He had lived with stage-4 C.O.P.D. for several years and relied on oxygen 24/7. Both David and Bobbsie were hospitalized for a few weeks after testing positive for the coronavirus. We send condolences to Bobbsie, their daughter Laura, son-in-law Jason, and granddaughter Lily, as well as David’s family.

Class Reunion chair **Kebbie Kennedy** wants to give “a shout-out to the wonderful team of classmates who have been hard at work over the past 18 months planning our 50th.” They include **Janice Arthur Albert, Trish Passmore Alley, Joanie Baptie Barkan, Sherry Kane Bloom, Barbara Devine Bode, Judy Costello Brinckerhoff, Nancy Brennan, Deb Sehl Coons, Sue Reinhardt Groesbeck, Jane Feinberg Karlin, Debbie Albanese Klein, Anne Liddell, Susan Opie Owen, Bobbsie Hertz Rifkin, Maggie O’Bryan Seidman, Cas Smith Luis, Cindy Ward**



Walter Bazar '76 and his wife Suzan embarked on a two-month vacation in Puerto Rico in January 2020; 16 months later, they (and their dog Niki) were still on the island. During that time, Walter resumed playing tennis again after a 35-year hiatus. He played for Skidmore men’s tennis from 1972 to 1976. The couple divide their time between Paris, France, and Saratoga Springs.

**Stevens, Kathi White Taggart, Shelley Widoff, and Diana Kenny Woodhouse.** Kebbie adds, “Please join us on campus June 2-5, 2022, for a spectacular and very special 50th Reunion!”

By now, we’ve all had a chance to read the Reunion newsletter outlining the committee’s plans for our big weekend. I appreciate that they left plenty of unscheduled time for kindling and rekindling friendships and exploring campus and Saratoga Springs. See you next June!

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**73** Upon turning 70 in March, **Lynn Faught** promptly and happily retired. She enjoyed six weeks during May and June at her Long Island home, catching up with friends, reading in the hammock and swimming in the Sound. Back in Washington, D.C. Lynn is finding her “post-pandemic groove” and planning East Coast road trips. With any luck, she’ll visit Europe in 2022.

**Barbara Mintzer Good** and her husband Howie welcomed

a new grandchild this spring. Barbara kept busy this winter answering calls to a vaccine helpline established by a local Medical Reserve Corps unit. This summer the couple welcomed their children, grandchildren, and other relatives to Cape Cod for an annual family reunion. Barbara and Howie hope to start traveling again this winter. Barbara can’t wait to attend our 50th Reunion in 2023.

**Cathy Offinger** celebrated her 70th birthday “in the most wonderful way” — cradling her first grandchild! Josie Ann Lussier was born (a month early) on April 29 to Cathy’s daughter Heidi and son-in-law EJ. Cathy and her faithful golden retriever, Berkley, drove from Cape Cod to Ft. Myers, Fla., to spend two months with the new addition. Stopping in Philly to pick up **Jennifer Pearman Lammer**, they had so much fun that Jen flew back to Ft. Myers in July to reprise their road trip. Little Josie, a redhead, is “growing like a weed.” While visiting her brother in Sandwich, N.H., Cathy stopped for an impromptu visit with **Anne Blodgett Holberton** in Wolfeboro. Cathy picked up pickleball last year.

Work finally began trickling in for **Zoe Vose Morsette** this year as Broadway theaters started planning their fall openings. While she is still filling small prop orders for five productions of “Hamilton,” the play’s German tour has been rescheduled for 2022. Zoe created props for the SNL skit “The Negotiator” and helped finish two huge gummy-bear costumes! She’s currently working on a MOMA project.

After a career spent in the classroom and later the Massachusetts Department of Education, **Nancy Rotenberg Peterson** has become a published author. “BOING hearts” helps young children cope with separation fears when they enter preschool. Dancing with Twyla Tharp at Boston’s Institute of Contemporary Art was another special moment. Nancy and husband Harris celebrated their second wedding anniversary this summer.

Throughout the pandemic lockdown, **Terrill “Terrie” O’Donnell** continued to teach virtually. Students from across the U.S. have been taking her private voice studio online since 2015. Terrie also teaches vocal

performance and piano at nearby Alfred University. An experienced digital educator, she was able to pivot to online instruction quickly last year.

**Betsy Blades** is an international examiner of Ph.D. dissertations for several Australian universities. Selected keynote speaker for the Australian National Association of Teachers conference last year, her all-expenses paid trip to Adelaide was scuttled in favor of a digital event. Betsy spent a long-delayed weekend in Virginia with son Matt, a key advocate for bringing the military's Afghans safely to the U.S. He managed to make five televised network appearances during her stay. Betsy was thrilled to reunite with her 9-year-old granddaughter, Sloane, for the first time in 18 months.

Howard and **Barbara Prince Stone** moved from Philadelphia to an adult community not far from Annapolis, Md. The couple "upsized" from a small condo to a house. Close to a daughter and grandkids in Rockville, it is still within driving distance of their other daughter and grandkids in Philly. The Stones spent half the year in Florida. Barb plans

to attend our 50th and hopes to share the Saratoga road trip with another classmate.

After a year of isolation, **Timi Carter** flew to Virginia to visit a dear friend. Although masked in public spaces, Timi enjoyed feeling "almost normal" while puttering in her friend's beautiful yard. After his wedding plans were postponed, Timi's second son and his fiancé went ahead with a virtual ceremony officiated by a local magistrate. The couple welcomed a baby boy who was born on his dad's birthday!

A member of our 50th Reunion Planning Committee, Timi is looking forward to a great turnout next June!

**Joan Halpert** and husband Peter Hanson participated in the Reading Frederick Douglass Together initiative this summer. They read Frederick Douglass' 1852 Independence Day speech and led a follow-up discussion of the continuing significance of his indictment of racism and white supremacy.

After being vaccinated, **Jenny Smith Linck** and her husband visited their two children and six

grandchildren for the first time in 16 months. They enjoyed hiking and swimming with their daughter and two grandchildren in Salt Lake City, Utah. Outdoor fun with their son and four grandchildren in Spokane, Wash., followed. Jenny attended a reunion of her husband's family in the Adirondacks, where they commemorated the loss of a brother-in-law.

**Marcia Abad Ronka** and family are living in Hawaii.

I celebrated my birthday with a wonderful open-house party given in my honor by my best friend and her daughter, both superb cooks and bakers. I was deeply honored and touched that friends drove from Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago to attend. On my actual birthday, I toured the President Rutherford B. Hayes and Lucy Webb Hayes Home and Museum and had a lovely lunch. As always, Rosie keeps me (and the neighborhood kids) amused with her antics.

We also send heartfelt condolences to the family of **Elizabeth "Liz" Tiemann Howard**, who passed away Aug. 19. She met her husband, John Howard, during a weekend trip to Dartmouth with her Skidmore suitemates. A multi-talented individual, Liz constructed beautiful textiles from pieces of T-shirts. One of her favorite projects was creating the tie-dye T-shirts we wore so proudly at Reunion. She will be dearly missed.

Let's stay connected. Our 50th Reunion is not that far off. Planning will begin next summer.

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**'74** After a career in law, **Patti Brennan** is enjoying retirement. Her older daughter, **Laura Sirico '10**, is a school social worker. Laura's husband, MJ, is a computer software designer and

developer. The couple were married in a 2019 ceremony officiated by the bride's younger sister, **Kathy Sirico '12**! The newlyweds live near Patti with their goldendoodle puppy, Scout. Kathy and her sweetheart, Xiao Wang, are visual artists who live and work in Brooklyn.

**Helen Susan Edelman** welcomed a third healthy grandchild, a sweet little boy, after two lovely girls. Retired after 46 years of working, she feels "liberated." Most astonishing of all, Helen is planning her own wedding in early fall 2022.

After retiring and selling her literary agency, **Denise Marcil** has been blissfully busy taking drawing classes, reading, and volunteering on the Stamford Library Board. Getting vaccinated has motivated Denise and husband Turhan to resume traveling again; destinations include St. Augustine Fla., Isle of Palms, S.C., Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, and New Hope, Pa. The couple celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary in Philadelphia and visited **Valerie Burns Winebrenner** and **Ellen Hannan '78** in Naples, Fla. They also spent time in Westfield, N.Y., with **Kathy Corsale D'Appolonia**.

A second edition of **Janice Greenberg Ellinwood's** book, "Fashion by Design" is slated for publication this month by Bloomsbury.

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**'75** Last year's COVID-induced isolation had a wonderful upside for **Marianne Boswell**. Her 26-year-old son, Sam, fled NYC and stayed with her at the family home in Lexington, Mass. and their house in Wellfleet. "He did all the cooking and was a pleasure to be around." Marianne recently spent a "fun and fabulous" afternoon with **Bertha Josephson** in Western Massachusetts.

## REUNION WEEKENDS 2022

Skidmore is excited to welcome back the classes ending in 2s and 7s from June 2 to June 5, 2022.

A special Reunion Weekend from June 10 to June 12, 2022, will welcome the classes that end in 0, 5, 1, and 6 back to campus after COVID-19 required the College to postpone in-person celebrations for the safety of the community.

Registration will be available in mid-March.

Please visit [skidmore.edu/reunion](https://skidmore.edu/reunion) for updates.

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"It feels like a very long time since we celebrated 40th Reunion," observes **Melinda Wooster Fager**. In her fourth year as co-president of the Old Sculpin Gallery on Martha's Vineyard, she also exhibits her photography there. Melinda and husband Jeff have two grandkids, ages 4 and 5, who live in New Orleans. Their daughter finished her first year of medical school in Dublin, Ireland, last spring.

I was saddened to learn that **Deborah Ann Wall** passed away on Aug. 7. Our condolences go out to her family, including her mother, **Gloria Wehle '48**.

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**'76** **Barbara Bromley** is enjoying retirement and just "hanging out" in Southern California.

**Susan Bliss Soule** spent two days with **Leslie Stimmel Guggiari '77** and **Jennifer Gregory Ely '77** this summer. Now retired from a local veterinary practice, she works



Isaac Bardin '20 spent the summer working remotely from a small beach town in Southern California, where he bumped into a fellow alumnus in a store wearing a Skidmore mask. His cross-country trek included camping in Joshua Tree National Park and hiking through Los Padres National Forest. Now back in NYC, he is a political campaign consultant working with the City of New York to reach out to unvaccinated residents.

per diem there from time to time. Susan plans to make it back to campus for Reunion.

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**'77** **Marilyn Patton** lives in Tasmania, Australia. She has taken up oil painting and printmaking in retirement and is represented by several galleries. Marilyn credits Skidmore for instilling a lifelong love of learning. She welcomes hearing from any alumni visiting this part of the world at marilynpatton@bigpond.com.

Pianist **Judy Long Avitabile** spent much of her Skidmore years serving as an accompanist in the Music Department. After graduate study, she enjoyed a successful career in music. These days, Judy is involved in helping dispel the stigma around mental illness by sharing her own struggle with borderline personality disorder. Now well on her way to recovery, she notes "It's been a wonderful spiritual journey of growth." Judy can be contacted at judyavitabile@gmail.com.

**Mary Hutchinson** retired after a 35-year career in nursing and now writes murder mysteries under the pseudonym Maggie Foster. The "Loch Lonach Series" features amateur sleuth and nurse (naturally) Ginny Forbes. She resides in a North Texas town settled in the 19th century by Scottish immigrants. "The series appeals to anyone who likes a good mystery and men in kilts," quips Mary. In addition to tutoring nursing students, Mary is caring for her 97-year-old mother, who is "amazing."

**Marjorie Vogelbach Pond '11**, authored her first book of poetry, "Fieldglass," recently released by the Southern Illinois University Press. Catherine is a Ph.D. candidate at USC in Los

Angeles. Under the mentorship of Robert and Peg Boyers, Catherine worked on Salmagundi magazine and staffed the NYS Writers Institute.

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**'79** Physician **Jan Berger** is the author of the newly published book "Re-Engaging in Trust: The Missing Ingredient to Fixing Healthcare." In it, she focuses on how trust impacts quality and cost at an individual, organizational, and societal level.

**Robert and Debbie Mangold Perez** celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary May 10. Daughter Carley completed a two-year fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control in NYC. She is currently an epidemiologist working for the state of Massachusetts.

**Michele Herman's** first novel, "Save the Village" (Regal House), and a second chapbook of poems, "Just Another Jack: The Private Lives of Nursery Rhymes" (Finishing Line Press), are slated for publication in early 2022. Michele has managed to "mush together" an informal book tour this fall. She spent the summer trekking around the country for long-postponed visits with family and friends. She welcomes hearing from classmates at micheleherman.com.

Attorney **Robert Barrer** has been named to the 2021 Upstate New York Super Lawyers list. He specializes in defense and liability law at the Syracuse office of Barclay Damon.

**Wendy Green Simpson** has lived just a few miles from Skidmore in Greenfield Center, N.Y., for six years now. Throughout the pandemic, she was active in a virtual writers' group that drew participants from across the country. Wendy also serves a regional representative for a



Over the summer, Jane Baldwin Henzerling '97 traveled with her 13-year-old son from their home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to visit family and friends in New England, including Castine, Maine, a special place for her throughout her childhood. "I spent many days there walking the shore with my grandfather and learning from him about the creatures in tidepools and different types of seaweed. I was thrilled to be able to share that experience with my son, who proudly wore a Skidmore cap throughout our journey."

national Australian shepherd rescue organization. Her three mini Aussies, Jasper, Ziva, and Raven, "supervise my every move."

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**'80** **Stacy Cavanaugh** lives in Brooklyn, where she is a speech language pathologist at the ADAPT Community Network at Brooklyn Preschool (formerly United Cerebral Palsy).

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**'81** After seven months of pandemic-induced separation, **Melissa Milstein Jacobsen** was finally able to visit her grandson Arlo, son of **Christopher Jacobsen '10** and **Katie Lane Jacobsen '11**!

**Robin McCabe** celebrated 31 years at the County of New York District Attorney's Office. But she's not quite ready to retire yet.

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**'83**

**Vinny Catalano** is senior vice president of employee benefits at Lockton Insurance Brokers in Sacramento, Calif. A veteran broker and industry consultant, he was interviewed on a recent episode of the Blue Shield of California podcast series highlighting healthcare thought-leaders. You can listen to the full podcast (episode 20) at [doseofdialogue.com](http://doseofdialogue.com).

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**'85**

We send condolences to **Tara Swinchatt**, who lost her mother, **Nancy Swinchatt '58**, on Aug. 20. Tara recalls, "One of mom's favorite memories was hearing her name called during the announcement of new Sonneteers. She loved singing with them."

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**'87**

**Maria Gomez-Vecslir McEvoy** and husband John split their time between NYC and Vail, Colo. To honor their anniversary last year, the couple and son Nico, a high school senior, hiked from Vail to Aspen, where Maria and John were married 20 years ago.

**Greg Rutchik** and his wife, Erin, have been focusing on their

**Bill Ladd '83** was selected pastor at the First Congregational Church in Saugus, Mass., by a unanimous congregational vote. The United Church of Christ community is located just north of Boston. He was ordained at his home church, First Congregational Church Natick, on Oct. 31.

health, "but not to the point of giving up pizza!" Greg is the cook, and Erin makes an excellent sous chef. In addition to running, Greg has dedicated himself to playing guitar again. The music of Pink Floyd, the Grateful Dead, and Dave Matthews are among his favorites. But the "Goldberg Variations" by Bach make the list, too.

**Chris Weld** left a career in healthcare on the West Coast to bring his family to Sheffield, Mass., where he founded Berkshire Mountain Distillers in 2007. Chris and his wife, **Tyler Ingham Weld '89**, run the operation, which produces award-winning, small-batch artisanal spirits that have garnered accolades from GQ, Wine Enthusiast and Jim Murray's Whiskey Bible. In 2012, The New York Times ranked BMD's Greylock Gin "the #1 Craft Gin in the country." This year, the distillery is releasing 12 craft whiskies made from top-ranked regional beers, through the Craft Brewers Whiskey Project, a five-year collaboration with a group of Northeast brewers.

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**'88**

**Amylou Porter** has been involved for years with the Speedway Epsilon Eta Chapter of Tri Kappa, a women's philanthropic organization in Indiana. She was recently elected to a two-year term as chapter vice president. With 140 chapters throughout the state, Tri Kappa's mission revolves around the promotion of "Charity, Culture, and Education" through fundraising and other events. Amylou's chapter is currently working with the Speedway Parks Department to develop plans for a local arts festival in 2022.

Class president **Rob Resnick** also happens to be president of Skidmore's Alumni Association Board of Directors. Rob encourages all alumni to get



Celebrating the wedding of Sharon Eid '83 in June are (from left) Daria McLean, Sharon Eid, Diane Pincus, Cassandra VanCott, and Vicki Quinn Benson, all members of the Class of 1983.

to know this diverse group of dedicated volunteers and how they have been helping to enhance the Skidmore experience for students and alumni. For more details, visit [skidmore.edu/alumni\\_association](http://skidmore.edu/alumni_association).

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**'90**

**Tim Clemmey** is acting vice president for institutional advancement at Bennington College in Vermont. He previously served as senior director of leadership giving and donor relations there. Tim spent 12 years as a principle gift officer in Skidmore's Advancement Division.

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**'92**

**Laura Taber Silverstein** has authored her first book, "Love is an Action Verb," slated for release by Valentine's Day 2022. It's a guide for couples who want to build strong and lasting relationships.

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**'93**

**Randall and Kate Yelen Compton** are delighted that their oldest daughter, **Sophie Compton '25**, is a first-year student at Skidmore. They welcome hearing from other alumni parents. The couple plans to spend time in Saratoga and would especially enjoy catching up with classmates. You can reach them at [randall150@yahoo.com](mailto:randall150@yahoo.com).

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**'94**

**Claude Brodesser-Akner** and wife Taffy moved back to NYC in July, "the land of our salad days," he quips. On leave from her job at the NYT Magazine, Taffy is adapting her first novel, "Fleishman Is in Trouble," for ABC Signature Studios and FX/HULU. Casting is underway for the television series; with luck, shooting will begin next year. Claude is working on a podcast for iHeart Media called "UFNO." The series is based on interviews with the fighter pilots aboard the USS Roosevelt and Nimitz carrier battle groups who encountered

unidentified aerial phenomena; “crazy stuff!”

**Emily Sellergren** lives in Boulder, Colo., with husband Pete and their two boys. They enjoy skiing, fly-fishing, and camping. Emily spends lots of time watching her sons’ lacrosse games. She welcomes anyone planning to visit the area to give her a shout at [emilysellergren@gmail.com](mailto:emilysellergren@gmail.com).

I’m saddened to report that our senior class president, **R. Randall “Randy” Grace, Jr.**, died on March 14. Randy was CFO of Chilton Capital Management in Houston, Texas. We send heartfelt condolences to his wife, Hollis Hughes Grace, and children McKay and Rand.

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**'95** Former teacher and administrator **Amy Allen Taylor** launched a tutoring/editing business called All of the Write



Former Radio City Rockette Karyn Tomczak '05 has launched Precision Organizing Plus, an NYC-based consultancy that helps individuals and organizations maintain their living and working spaces for optimal accessibility and efficiency. Karyn was trained and mentored by franchise founder Dorothy the Organizer, earning “Champion Level” status.

Words ([allofthewritewords.com](http://allofthewritewords.com)). She shows high school seniors how to master their college application essays. Amy also provides professionals with writing and editing services. She is particularly pleased that some of her college-bound clients ended up at Skidmore.

**Laura Forlano** is an associate professor of design at the Institute of Design and director of the Critical Futures Lab at the College of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology. A recipient of Fulbright and National Science Foundation awards, she focuses on the intersection of design and emerging technologies in her research.

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**'96** **Jens Ohlin** is now dean of Cornell Law School. He lives in Ithaca, N.Y., with his wife Nancy, a writer, and their daughter Clara. Stepson Chris is a classical musician working for an opera company in Chicago.

**Makario Sarsozo** and husband Kirk McDonald reside in Washington, D.C. A veteran television showrunner and science producer, Makario has worked with networks including National Geographic, Discovery, and Science Channel. He serves as a communications fellow focused on environmental issues in the office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin and co-chairs the D.C. chapter of the Climate Reality Project. Markario is pursuing a graduate degree in environmental sciences and policy at Johns Hopkins.

**Kelly Van Zile** teaches acting and runs the theater program at Ridgewood High School in New Jersey. She also works as an executive coach. Kelly recently spent a magical 24 hours with dear friends from Skidmore celebrating the life of Josh Chambers.

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**Jasmin Keramaty MacNeill** lives in Littleton, Mass., with husband Paul and their children Owen, 16, and Callum, 13. A veterinarian, she was busier than ever last year due to the “pandemic puppy phenomenon.” College tours beckon for Owen, and Skidmore is definitely on the list. Jasmin looks forward to reuniting with **Sarah Kalliney Gorvitz** and **Anne Sachs '97** for a long-overdue trip to Jamaica.

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**'97** **Katie Levinson Burke** is the global chief strategy officer for Edelman, the global communications firm. A board member of NCR Corporation and Black Knight, Inc., she is also a trustee of Sacred Heart University and the Jackson Hole Children’s Museum. After leaving Skidmore, Katie earned a master’s in public policy from the London School of Economics. She and husband David divide their time between Darien, Connecticut and Wilson, Wyoming. Their 9-year-old daughter, Charlotte, has been proudly sporting a Skidmore T-shirt since infancy! She was delighted to explore some of her mom’s old campus haunts during a pre-pandemic trip to Saratoga.

**Hilary Barnes** is an assistant professor at the Widener University School of Nursing in Chester, Pa.

**Matthew Nall Cobb** and partner Dianna Bryan welcomed a

daughter, Jane Bryan Cobb, on March 8 (International Women’s Day), in Potsdam, N.Y.

**Jean Stone** has released “A Vineyard Crossing,” the latest novel in her Martha’s Vineyard series.

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**'98** **Amanda Cremona Conlan** is working after spending 17 years as the stay-at-home mom of five kids. Husband Mike is an architect at Arrowstreet in Boston. Amanda enjoys scrapbooking and playing tennis. She welcomes hearing from Skidmore friends and sends a special shout-out to **Joanna Lederer-Barnes, Laura Flint, Marc Tagliento, Matthew Jaskol, Jonathan Fry** and **Kim-Loi Mergenthaler Fry, Matthew Hasselbacher** and **Tristan Amzallog**.

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**'99** **Liz Friedland Polanco** has been a bilingual transitional elementary teacher in NYC schools for years. She and her sons (18, 16, and 10) split their time between the Big Apple and Connecticut.

**Ryan Kimmet** completed a doctorate in school leadership at the University of Pennsylvania in May. He and his family relocated to Buffalo, N.Y., where Ryan is head of school at Elmwood Franklin School.

**Melanie Zalman McDonald** accepted the newly created position director of fund development for the Prader-Willi Association of the United States. Although the organization is based in Florida, Melanie was able to work remotely from her home in Jaffrey, N.H. She and husband Chris enjoyed gardening with children Henry, 9, and Josephine, 3.

**Noah Thomas** spent 18 months teaching 3D design and sculpture from his home, while his daughters completed first and third grade in the same manner. Noah's wife, **Ali Smith Thomas '98**, busily juggled everyone's needs while also attending dance classes, also via Zoom! The extra time at home allowed Noah to bike 6,000 miles and lose 40 lbs. This fall he is teaching two courses online and three in person.

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**'01** Skidmore buddies and Mamaroneck neighbors **Robert Inginito** and **Noah Opitz** (along with Robert's wife, Kim) wrote "A Mamaroneck Census Poem in the Style of Dr. Seuss." The poem was produced into a two-minute public service video, which can be seen on YouTube. Along with the efforts of many officials and volunteers, the video helped raise the Village of Mamaroneck's 2020 census response rate a full 2.5% above the 2010 response!

Emmy-winning sports producer **Gareth Hughes** died on July 30 after a longtime battle with cancer. An article in The New York Times detailed how his introduction of cinematic clips prior to major events made a lasting contribution to sports journalism. We send heartfelt condolences to his wife, **Amy Santamaria '98**.

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**'03** **Jennifer Sheffield** is an independent staff writer for Paralyzed Veterans of America, which publishes Sports 'N Spokes and PN magazines. She covers international Paralympic qualifiers, nationwide adaptive sports programs, and diversity and inclusion issues.

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**'04** **Elizabeth Heonis** has launched a career and life-coaching practice. A certified executive coach with deep corporate experience, she aims to assist clients seeking career transformation.

**Jacqueline Vernarelli**  
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**'05** **Lindsey Fyfe** marked her second anniversary in the education department at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Conn. She was recently appointed board president of the folk music series "Sounding Board."

**Josh Singer** is delighted to announce that he and his wife welcomed their first child into the world on May 13, 2020! Little Abigail Charlotte Singer is keeping her parents extremely happy and very busy. Skidmore Class of 2042?

**Kathryn Wink** presented "How to Use the Orton Gillingham Approach" at the NSTA STEM 2.0 virtual conference in July 2020.

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**'06** **Leah Elliot** completed her Ph.D. in molecular biology and genetics at Cornell University and is an assistant professor of



Sarah Kornblum Holland '08 and husband James welcomed their first child in early April, Charlotte Autumn.

biology at Wells College. Except for a brief trip to Urumqi, China, she has opted to stay in New York's Finger Lakes region.

**Alexandra Ravener Feigman**  
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**'07** **Shardae Mendes** was selected to be one of the judges for this year's Clio Awards. She is associate creative director for TBWA Health Collective.

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**'08** **Nick and Kaitlin Decker Dornenburg** welcomed their first child, a baby boy, in February. Kaitlin works for the University of Connecticut Health Center, and Nick is an operations manager for a printing company. The family lives in West Hartford, Conn., with their sweet rescue dog and feisty cat.

**Sean Mattison** won a News and Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Feature Story in Spanish. "Atención! Murderer Next Door" documents the search for justice by survivors of Argentina's "Dirty War." Sean wrote and directed the film for The New York Times.

**Adam Epstein McLean** and **Ashley Grossman Epstein McLean** have both taken the ancestral surname McLean to honor their Scottish heritage. The couple moved from Newton, Mass., to Mount Desert, Maine last year. Adam is working full-time in the genomics education department of the Jackson Laboratory. Ashley spent last year homeschooling children Tobias and Jonah. They love their new home, which is just minutes away from Acadia National Park.

**Simeon Springer** is a research scientist at Ring Therapeutics in Cambridge, Mass., where he works on targeted gene therapeutics.

In June, **Sara Eddison Wyatt** and her fiancé eloped to Boulder, Colo., where they exchanged wedding vows surrounded by gorgeous mountain scenery. The newlyweds live in Arroyo Grande, Calif. Sara is painting, and her wallpaper business is "taking off."

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**'09** **Meredith Muzik** and husband **Taylor Schlupe '07** welcomed a daughter, Shirley, in May!

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**'10** When not engaged in dentistry, **Ari Manstein Garfinkle** stays busy snuggling 1-year-old son William. Ali and family reside in Western Colorado. In April, she and **Corrina Stoddart** celebrated their birthdays in the mountains!

**Claire Solomon Nisen**  
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**'11** **Megan Labbate** was named the Sara Lee Schupf Family Chair in Curriculum Excellence and Innovation at Emma Willard School earlier this year. Selected for her creativity, collaboration across disciplines, and leadership in adopting new technologies, she designed and introduced the new elective course, Science and Society: Water Quality and Climate Change. Also honored at the ceremony were Skidmore life trustee **Sara Lee Schupf '62** and her daughter **Debora Freedman Clower '83**, both Emma Willard alumnae.

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**'12** **Elaine Burns** wed Will Thompson in Charleston, S.C. in April. The couple lives in NYC.

**Ross Lovern**  
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**'13** **Rachel Weller** is living and working in Tel Aviv, Israel. "It's been wonderful (and hot) so far."

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Phiwokuhle "Pibo" Shongwe '14, a mathematics and computer science major while at Skidmore, participated in the Dartmouth 3/2 Engineering Program. Based in Cape Town, South Africa, he is a developer and cloud services engineer at Amazon Web Services.

**'14** **Nicole Beloyianis** and **Chet Cochrane** met as first-year students at Skidmore. They tied the knot exactly 10 years later, on Feb. 18, in NYC — during a blizzard!

**Joseph Marto** completed a Ph.D. in atmospheric sciences at SUNY Albany.

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**'15** **Marcella Jewell** is in her second year at University of Massachusetts Medical School.

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**'16** **Glenna Joyce** is a distilling education coordinator at the James B. Beam Institute at the University of Kentucky

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**'17** Skidmore psychology professor Casey Schofield will officiate at the wedding ceremony for her former student, **Monica Abdul-Chani '17**, and **Taylor Best '14** in late October. Both Thoroughbred swimmers, they've asked Coach Jill Greenleaf to do a reading.

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**'18** **Kimberly Ellen Audrain** is a second-year student at Northeastern University School of Law. She is interning for a federal judge at the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts. She enjoys reconnecting with fellow NUSL students **Maya Bornstein '20**, **Anika Verma '17**, and **Kenny Nelson '18**.



Andrew Radoccia '12 planned a surprise proposal to Sophie Mendelson '14 at the Arthur Zankel Music center with the help of Skidmore staff. She said yes! (Photo by Just Shoot With Saumya)

**Josh Karen** and **Tiffany Cheng** got engaged in April.

**Isabella "Izzy" Hernandez** completed a master's degree in bioethics at Harvard Medical School in May. She spent the summer working as a field organizer for a Democratic candidate for city council in Queens, N.Y. Izzy is currently pursuing a law degree at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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**'20** **Liv Bray** is a kindergarten teacher at The Langley School in Washington, D.C. She is passionate about teaching students to "love and respect the planet and its ecosystems."

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Remembering Lilly Kishore '21 and Samantha Sasenarine '21

This year, the Skidmore community lost two beloved members of the Class of 2021, Lilly Kishore and Samantha Sasenarine.

More than 100 members of the Skidmore community — from lacrosse teammates to President Marc Conner — gave blood during a Red Cross blood drive in memory of Lilly Kishore '21 on Sept. 24. Friends, fellow student-athletes, faculty, staff, and College leaders later gathered around a forsythia planted in her memory outside Williamson Sports Center. A psychology major, she died June 23.

On May 17, President Conner joined friends, family, and professors of Samantha Sasenarine '21 to plant a red maple in her memory. Sasenarine, an English major and educational studies minor, was co-editor of the Skidmore News opinion section and president of the West Indian Student Association. An advocate for inclusivity and diversity, she died Feb. 5.



**Ruth Mook Kerr '41** of Schenectady, N.Y., died Aug. 12. A nursing major, she enjoyed a long career in her field. She was a competitive curler and member of the U.S. Women's Curling Association. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy F. Myers, two sons, three stepchildren, and 10 grandchildren.

**Marilyn Cole Feinberg '44** of Chicago died Oct. 12. An art major, she was an active volunteer and enjoyed skiing and playing tennis. She is survived by her three children, **Jean Feinberg '70**, **Mair Digges La Touche '72**, and Donald Feinberg.

**Priscilla Wheeler Vickery '47** of Mansfield, Mass., died Feb. 15. She was a home economics major and a talented harpist. A reading specialist, she developed a curriculum for dyslexic and reading-challenged students. She was a class and regional volunteer. She is survived by two daughters and a son, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**Barbara Sidd Behan '47** of Springfield, Mass., died Sept. 21, 2020. She was a sociology major. She is survived by three daughters, including Lynda Behan.

**Nancy Tornebohm Blears '47** of Jamestown, N.Y., died July 15. She was a sociology major. She is survived by two sons, a sister, nine grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson.

**Kathryn Geyer Winant '48** of Williamstown, N.Y., died July 21. An English major, she was editor of the Skidmore News. She was a former corporator of the North Adams Regional Hospital and president of its Woman's Auxiliary. She is survived by a son and daughter, five

grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Barbara "Bobby" Brooks '48** of Watertown, Conn., died Feb. 10. A biology major, she was a laboratory technician. She is survived by her husband, Mark, two daughters, a stepson, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Jill Burnside Zeno '48** of Greenville, S.C., died on Jan. 13. An English major, she was a dedicated volunteer for the Art Institute of Chicago. She is survived by two sons, including Jeffrey Robert Zeno, and a brother.

**Helen Harris Stock '48** of Franklin, Tenn., died Jan. 24, 2020. An art major, she was personnel director for B. Altman & Company for 20 years. She retired as vice president of the Culinary and Bartender's Union Pension Fund. She leaves behind two daughters, including Lynne Stock Drury, nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a sister.

**Edith Lange Smith '49** of Centennial, Colo., died Jan. 12. A sociology major, she was a social worker. She is survived by a son and three daughters, 10 grandsons, and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Caroline Rosse Serotta '49** of Cambridge, N.Y., died May 13. An art major, she joined the faculty in Skidmore's jewelry design program as an adjunct faculty member. She is survived by four children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Joan Kreuser Noone '51** of Venice, Fla., died May 18. A psychology major, she taught special education. In later

years, she launched an arts and crafts supply business and spearheaded the establishment of the first recycling center in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She was a Reunion and class volunteer and a former vice president on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is survived by a daughter and two sons, including Geoffrey Noone.

**Gloria Dagilas McMurrugh '51** of Tiverton, R.I., died March 31, 2019. A French major, she was associate director of admissions at Roger Williams University for four decades. She was past president of the Skidmore Alumni Association and a class and campaign volunteer. She is survived by two daughters.

**Sue Davis Tull '54** of Gaithersburg, Md., died May 2. A nursing major, she was a class and Reunion volunteer. She is survived by her three children, including Anne Tull Mosley, and four grandchildren.

**Susan Singiser White '55** of Charlotte, N.C., died July 11. A business major, she was president of the Charlotte Speech and Hearing Board of Directors. She is survived by her husband, Thomas White, two daughters and a son, seven grandchildren, and a brother.

**Nancy Robbins Berliner '56** of Lewes, Del., died May 3, 2020. She was a French major. She is survived by two daughters, including Beth McKinnon, and two grandchildren.

**Gretchen Veeder Dakin '56** of Fairfield, Calif., died Sept. 14, 2020. A biology major, she was a former researcher at UC Medical Center in San Francisco. In retirement, she was involved in wildlife preservation efforts in Central Oregon. She

is survived by two sons and two granddaughters.

**Liese Greenhut Sturtz '56** of Concord, Mass., died Jan. 12. A physical education major, she taught before becoming an accomplished interior designer. In later years, she earned a master's in training and development from Lesley University and became a special education teacher. She leaves four sons, including Andrew Sturtz, eight grandchildren, and a brother.

**Elin Alexanderson Frymoyer '56** of Arlington, Va., died April 8. A home economics major, she earned an MLS from Rosary College and was a librarian. President of the Williamsburg Society for Hard of Hearing, she served as a class agent and Reunion volunteer. She is survived by her husband, Bill Frymoyer Sr., a son, a daughter, and several grandchildren.

**Nancy Swinchatt '58** of Cheshire, Conn., died Aug. 20. A theater major, she was a talented singer who toured Europe with the Sonneteers. She is survived by her husband, Jonathan Swinchatt, two daughters, and a grandson.

**Julie Magavern Smith '58** of Ellicott City, Md., died Jan. 9. She was a psychology major. She is survived by three children, including son Taylor Smith, and five grandchildren.

**Ann Fowler Crowe '58** of Kula, Hawaii, died July 25. An art major, she worked in the real estate and travel industries. Ann is survived by her husband, Dougal Crowe, a daughter, two grandsons, and a sister.

**Margaret Koehline Brackley '59 P'89 P'99** of Natick, Mass., died Jan. 31. A liberal arts major,

she received certification to teach at Framingham State College. She taught children with learning disabilities. She is survived by her three children and six grandchildren.

**Elizabeth “Betsy” Farnum Haigis ’60** of Essex, Conn., died Feb. 8. An art major, she studied drafting at the Architects Collaborative in Cambridge, Mass., and was an award-winning watercolor artist. She is survived by a son, David Haigis.

**Barbara “Babs” O’Donovan Whitwell ’60** of Roanoke, Va., died Oct 20, 2020. An English major, she was principal and director of The Achievement Center, a school for children with learning disabilities. She is survived by her husband, a son, and a granddaughter.

**Susan Woodard Crawford ’60** of Naples, Fla., died Feb. 10. A nursing major, she earned a master’s and Ph.D. from University of Minnesota Duluth. She built a distinguished career in nursing education. She is survived by her husband, Rollin Crawford.

**Phyllis Steinberg Marchand ’61** of Princeton, N.J., died March 25. An English major, she was an elected official of Princeton Township for over two decades, including 14 years as mayor. She is survived by her husband, Sy Marchand, three children, and eight grandchildren.

**Marjorie Kalins Taylor ’67** of New York, N.Y., died on April 28. A government-philosophy major, she was an executive with Children’s Television Workshop and past president of New York Women in Film. She was a class agent volunteer. She is survived by a sister and two stepchildren.

**Mary Ferriter Gonzalez ’72** of Bolton, Conn., died June 28. A philosophy major, she was a respected paralegal at the Hartford law firm of Reid and Riege P.C. She served as class president, fund chair, class agent, and nursing chair. She is survived by her husband, F. Carl Gonzalez, two daughters, four grandsons, two brothers, and three sisters.

**Ann Cavin ’72** of Minneapolis, Minn., died Dec. 31, 2020. A nursing major, she worked in her field before earning a master’s in psychology from Goddard College. She was a child and family counselor. She is survived by two brothers and a sister, as well as several nieces and nephews.

**Ann Furtek Thayer ’72** of San Diego, Calif., died March 28. A biology and English major, she completed a master’s in environmental biology from Northeastern University. Active in community affairs, she was a partner in her husband’s ministry. She was a class agent and nursing chair. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Fred Thayer.

**Barbara Lena Kosheff ’73** of Fairfield, Conn., died Dec. 10, 2020. A chemistry major, she earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut. She is survived by her husband Robert Kosheff, two daughters, a brother, and two sisters.

**Maureen Naughton Fernandez ’74** of Sanibel, Fla., died Feb. 1. An art major, she founded a design company that specialized in hand-painted fabrics. Together with husband Frank, she launched Keenan’s Kids, a charity devoted to feeding indigent children worldwide. She is survived by her husband, two children, a sister, and a brother.

**Deborah Ann Wall ’75** of Middletown, Conn., later known as Pia Marie D’Aliello, died Aug. 7. An art major, she was an accomplished oil and watercolor painter who founded a successful papier-mâché doll business. She is survived by her mother, **Gloria D’Aiello Wehle ’48**, a brother, and a daughter.

**Mary Arthur Beebe ’78** of Queensbury, N.Y., died Jan. 09. An American studies major, she was executive director of the Lake George Association for 27 years. She served Skidmore as a campaign volunteer. She is survived by her husband, John Beebe, two daughters, four grandchildren, and two brothers.

**Margaret Folsom Cleveland ’78** of Scarborough, Maine, died Aug. 3. An American studies major, she was a writer, personal coach and systems organization consultant. She was board chair of the Barnstormers Theatre in Tamworth, N.H. She is survived by two sons, a sister and brother, and a longtime companion.

**Rosemary Gokey-Gearwar ’86** of Lake George, N.Y., died on June 25. A psychology major, she earned an MSW degree from SUNY Albany and was a social worker and substance abuse counselor. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, three grandchildren, and three sisters.

**Julianne Holland ’90** of Middlebury, Vt., died Aug. 13, 2016. She was a political science major. She is survived by a sister, Sarah Holland.

**Russell Randall Grace Jr. ’94** of Houston, Texas, died March 14. A business major, he was captain of the polo team, senior class president, and a Commencement speaker. He

was CFO at Chilton Capital Management. He is survived by his wife, Hollis Hughes Grace, two children, two sisters, a brother, and his father, Russell Randall Grace.

**Garth Hughes ’01** of Wayland., Mass., died Aug. 3. An English major, he produced award-winning video for CBS that set a new standard in sports journalism. He is survived by his wife **Amy L. Santamaria ’98** and their two children.

**Michael Glickstein ’03** of New York, N.Y., died June 22. A sociology major and business minor, he served in executive positions for the finance industry. He was a class agent and member of the Friends of Skidmore Athletics Committee. He is survived by his parents and a sister.

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