

CREATIVE THOUGHT MATTERS

SKIDMORE

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Location: Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a cosmopolitan city of 30,000 in the Capital District region, a three-hour drive from New York City, Boston, and Montreal

Founded: 1903; became a four-year liberal arts college in 1922

Program: four-year private, nondenominational, coeducational, liberal arts

Degrees: B.A., B.S.

Enrollment: Approximately 2,500 students from 42 states and 62 countries

Student Body: 40% men, 60% women; 22% domestic students of color, 11% international students, 5% students with dual passports

Admission: Last year, Skidmore received 9,100 applications for a first-year class targeted at about 680 (including 36 students spending their first semester in London); 29% were offered admission; 40–50% each year have enrolled Early Decision.

Faculty: 304 full-time; 87% hold the doctoral or highest degree in their fields

Student-Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

Class Size: average is 16; more than 94% of all classes have fewer than 30 students, and only 1% have more than 50

Courses Offered: More than 1,000

Majors:

American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art (Studio)
 Art History
 Asian Studies
 Biology
 Business
 - Business-French
 - Business-German
 - Business-Spanish
 - Business-Government
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Computer Science
 Dance

Economics
 Education Studies
 English
 Environmental Studies and Sciences
 Exercise Science
 French
 Gender Studies
 Geosciences
 German
 Government
 - Government-French
 - Government-German
 - Government-Spanish
 History
 International Affairs
 Mathematics
 Music
 Neuroscience
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 Self-Determined Major
 Social Work
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Theater

Minors: Most major programs have corresponding minors. Minors are also available in arts administration, Chinese, intergroup relations, Italian, Japanese, Latin American studies, and media and film studies.

Top Majors (2016-2017): Business, Psychology, English, Economics, Political Science, Art, Environmental Studies and Sciences, Biology, Exercise Science, Chemistry

Preprofessional and Cooperative Programs:

Faculty-student collaborative research (academic year and summer program); international and domestic off-campus study; internships (for academic credit); Periclean Honors Forum; Prelaw advising; Premedical/health professions advising; service-learning courses; John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative program; 4+1 M.B.A. programs (Clarkson, RIT, Union Graduate College); Whitman M.B.A. Advantage Program, 4+1 M.S.A., and 4+1 M.S.F. (Syracuse); dual-degree engineering programs (Clarkson, Dartmouth, RPI); B.S.N. (New York University School of Nursing—15 or 18 months); dual-degree programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy (Sage Graduate School); M.S. in accountancy (Wake Forest University)

Off-Campus Study and Exchanges: With nearly 60% of students studying abroad at some point during their college years, Skidmore was recently ranked in the top five on the list of top 40 baccalaureate institutions for the number of students studying abroad for a semester. Students can choose from 130 programs in more than 40 countries.

Student Clubs/Organizations: Skidmore has an active cocurricular life. Some of the more than 120 clubs and organizations: Outing Club, Benef-Action (student volunteer network), five a cappella groups, Breakbeats, Lively Lucy's Coffeehouse, Skidomedy, SkidTV, WSPN Radio, Hillel, Alpine Skiing, El Club Espanol, Pre-med, Asian Cultural Association, Hip Hop Alliance, International Student Union, Environmental Action Club

Men's and Women's Varsity Sports: Skidmore is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III and the Eastern College Athletic Conference. All 19 varsity teams participate in the Liberty League except for men's ice hockey and riding.



Sustainability: In 2014, Skidmore installed a 2-megawatt solar array that meets 12% of its electricity needs. An additional 18% of electricity needs are met through a micro-hydro facility. And recently, the College installed five solar thermal systems, each providing 30% of the hot water needs for a particular building. Forty percent of Skidmore's heating and cooling needs are met with geothermal energy.

PROFILES



Kengthsagn Louis '17

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Psychology and business

Kengthsagn Louis '17 won a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant to fund her lab-science initiative in a school in Haiti, then secured another \$4,000 from local organizations. "Public schools in Haiti suffer from a scarcity or even absence of science labs," she explains. Louis has collected unneeded science equipment from Skidmore and other organizations to redeploy to Haiti. "The project is super-exciting," she says, because "hopefully it is just the start of what could transform education for Haitians."

Louis has always liked psychology, but she "discovered an enthusiasm for business at Skidmore" through a funded summer internship that combined her interests in gender studies, government, and business strategy.

Ultimately, Louis wants to help her "beloved country," so she plans to spend time back in Haiti, as well as exploring different cultures including the US. "I believe that I will be wherever I can make a difference in helping other people," she concludes.



Urvi Kalra '18

New Delhi, India

Environmental studies and sciences

"Skidmore gives us the flexibility to pursue our academic interests within a well-defined system," says Urvi Kalra '18, whose focus is expressing her passion for environmental issues through film. "Professors are happy to sit down and talk things through so that students can make the most of their educational experience and not necessarily stick with predetermined plans or goals."

Kalra has built upon her environmental studies and sciences major by being a summer steward for the College's expansive North Woods and doing public relations for student clubs such as African Heritage Awareness and Hayat. She is also minoring in media and film studies and is the chapter leader of Skidmore's React to Film initiative.

Says Kalra, "When Skidmore says creative thought matters, they mean it. If you come with an open mind, you will be rewarded. Join a club, get involved in campus life, and you will see that there is a place for everyone here."

Support for International Students: Student Academic Services assists with academics, support for English Language Learners, visa questions, internship/employment opportunities in the U.S., travel, and related issues. Other resources include the international student pre-orientation program, annual international student dinner, International Student Union, Intercultural Center, Friendship Family Program (connecting international students with local families), UWC Scholars advising, and Office of Student Diversity Programs.

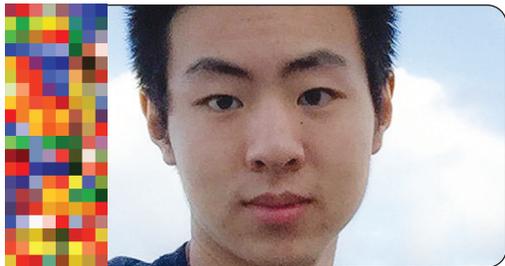
Employers chosen by recent graduates: ABC News, Americorps, Boston Center for the Arts, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Humane Society of the United States, JP Morgan Chase, Kravetz and Company PR, Lucid Software, Mayo Clinic, National Football League, *New York Review of Books*, Nielsen, Peace Corps, Polo Ralph Lauren, Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Forest Service

Grad schools chosen by recent graduates:

Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard Divinity School, Johns Hopkins University, McGill University, New York University, Northwestern University, Pratt Institute, Rutgers University, Stanford University, University of Chicago, University of Edinburgh, Yale University

Post-Skidmore by the numbers: Within five years of graduating, 55% of alumni have completed or are enrolled in grad or professional school. 80% of medical school applicants are accepted, and many others gain entry to dental, veterinary, optometry, and allied professional programs. A year out alumni can be found working or attending grad school in more than 30 states and 15 countries.

More on Skidmore alumni and their careers:
skidmore.edu/ctw or see #CreativeThoughtWorks



Siyuan "Stevie" Yu '19
Beijing, China
Undecided major

Stevie Yu '19 says he is a "big fan" of a liberal arts education like Skidmore's because of the caring professors, small classes, and freedom to express ideas. "Students are not just numbers here. My first week at Skidmore, all of my professors remembered me and my name. They truly care about students and respect us as individuals in a free environment."

Yu is interested in sociology, education, and mathematics, but hasn't yet decided what he will major in. Beyond the classroom, he's a tenor in one of the College's student a cappella groups, the TrebleMakers, and he commits time to SkidAction, a student activism club that supports a more inclusive and accepting campus community.

Thus far, the most surprising thing to Yu has been the "great dining hall. You would never believe that a place like our d-hall could be a college dining hall. It's like a buffet from a luxury hotel, with college food prices."

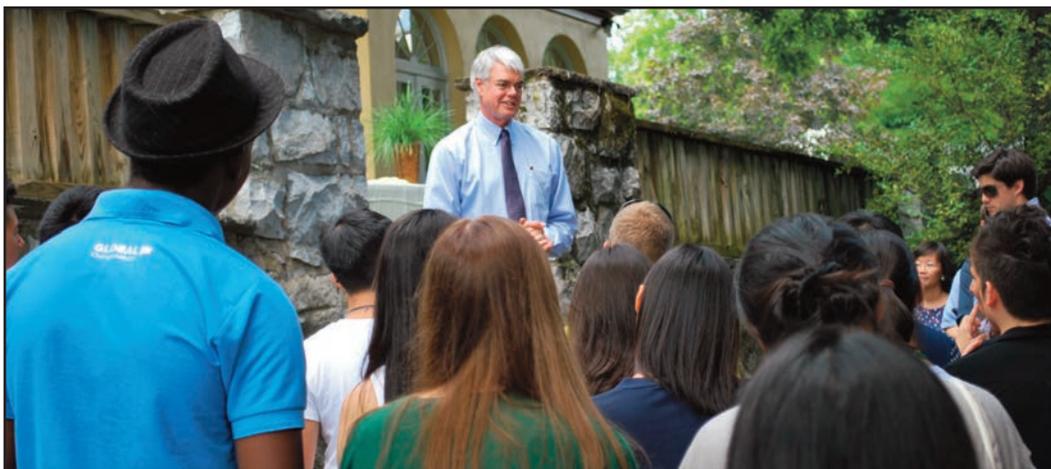


Thabang Maphothoane '17
Johannesburg, South Africa
Computer science and business

Thabang Maphothoane '17 enjoys being part of Skidmore's creative, academic community, where he gets to think for himself and challenge the status quo. Says Maphothoane, a member of the Funk Co. student band, "I like how Skidmore students can be amazing chemists or physicists and still find time to be performing artists. It's the perfect opportunity to hone both the left and the right brain."

For Maphothoane, Skidmore's also the perfect opportunity to work on his dream of starting his own data security company in South Africa. This summer he will intern for the second time as a tech analyst at Fortune 500 company Goldman Sachs, in New York City. This winter he traveled to China as part of a computer science program sponsored by Google and other corporations. And this year, he's doing a tech internship at AYCO, a financial-services company.

Maphothoane calls his Skidmore experience a "transforming journey of self-discovery," where he's "discovered his limits, sources of motivation and happiness, and purpose—not to mention made friends for life."



Welcome to Skidmore, International Applicants

I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE that today, more than ever, pursuing international study is vital to furthering global understanding. I personally hope you'll give Skidmore serious consideration. Certainly, no institution is perfect for everyone, but our strong and growing family of international students—280 students from more than 60 countries—confirms that Skidmore offers highly desirable assets:

- highly selective ranking
- outstanding teaching and faculty-student collaboration
- small classes and labs
- a full calendar of cultural, athletic, and social activities
- a safe, scenic, and vibrant location in close proximity to New York City, Boston, and Montreal

What's more difficult to detail, of course, is the warmth, friendliness, and authentic welcome that Skidmore extends to all of its students. Good luck in your exploration. We very much hope to welcome you in person.

President Philip A. Glotzbach

Countries Represented by Skidmore Students

(2013–16): Aaland Islands, Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanese Republic, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories (occupied), Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South

Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

Languages Spoken by Skidmore Students (past 5 years):

Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Cantonese, Cebuano, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Filipino, French, Fulah, Ganda, Georgian, German (standard), German (Swiss), Greek, Gujarati, Haitian, Hebrew, Hindi, Igbo, Italian, Jamaican Creole English, Japanese, Kannada, Korean, Lithuanian, Nepali, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Shona, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Thai (northeastern), Tigrigna, Turkish, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Xhosa, Zulu



2016–17 College Costs and Financial Aid:

Tuition and fees: \$50,684

Room: \$7,998 for dorm double

Board: \$5,532 for unlimited meal plan

Skidmore annually gives more than \$42 million in financial aid on the basis of demonstrated financial need. The average 2015–16 first-year financial aid package for international students was \$57,000. Skidmore is a Davis partner school of the United World Colleges.

International students applying for aid are required to file the College Board's College Scholarship Service Financial Aid PROFILE (see www.collegeboard.com).

Admissions: The application deadline for regular admission candidates is January 15. The Admissions Office stresses the importance of early filing of all materials, especially for international students.

Key Dates:

November 15: Application deadline for Round I Early Decision

January 15: Application deadline for Regular Admission

January 15: Application deadline for Round II Early Decision

April 1: Application deadline for fall Transfer Admission

Standardized testing: Beginning with the 2016-2017 application cycle, Skidmore College is test-optional. However, we require applicants to submit SAT I or ACT scores if English is not your first language and you have not attended a high school for at least three years where English is the only language of instruction.

The TOEFL or IELTS is also required if English is not your first language. If you have attended a high school for at least three years where English is the only language of instruction, or if you are enrolled in an IB diploma program, we can waive this TOEFL/IELTS requirement.

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