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What moves students to travel to the ends of the earth? Sometimes the simple urge to do good works. Armed with \$10,000 from the Davis Projects for Peace program, Spencer oversaw the addition to an impoverished Tibetan school of new classrooms, solar panels, desks and chairs, even a basketball hoop. "This project, though small in size, helps ensure the basic rights of children to read and write," says the Tibet native. "I know I can't change society completely, but I believe everything truly big is built on a beginning that may be tiny and unnoticeable."

CAN YOU GO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO? YES, AND BEYOND. At Skidmore all are encouraged to step out, to try new things, to use diverse perspectives and experiences to guide our thoughts, creativity, and actions. Here, you'll be encouraged to question all that you have learned and believed, to encounter and embrace the new. Your fields of interest and your activities will expand in ways you can't imagine: the first-year pre-med student whose Scribner Seminar yields an unexpected interest in medical anthropology, the sophomore who discovers a passion for politics by helping out with a local grassroots campaign, the junior who changes majors because of a study experience in India.

A PLACE TO DISCOVER WHO YOU REALLY ARE

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Ilana Zwiebel '11
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In high school Ilana won awards for being able to recreate what she saw with her paint brush. Once she got to Skidmore, though, she realized it was a technical skill and not a creative skill. Says Ilana, "Here I learned to give art its own life instead of copy life. I'm saying something important, something that provides value."

Sheldon Solomon
Professor of Psychology

"I applaud your commitment to social change and your effective efforts to have a consequential impact on the world around you," he told Skidmore grads at a Commencement ceremony.

"And I love that you take yourselves seriously enough that you don't take yourselves too seriously."



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