



Muriel Poston
Professor of Biology

"Skidmore's liberal education provides students with multiple pathways to enhance their intellectual capacities and develop their passion for knowledge. Just as importantly, it provides students a broad understanding of the issues and challenges facing us in the 21st century and the tools to be a force for change."



CREATIVE THOUGHT MATTERS

A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT LIBERAL ARTS



WHAT DOES THE TERM "LIBERAL ARTS" MEAN?

At Skidmore it means a broad-based education that will shape who you are and what you will become. It's about an integration of perspectives and disciplines that will give you a new view of the world, with lots of opportunity for creativity and risk-taking. At Skidmore you will be challenged to think differently, to create differently, to explore the world of words, numbers, images, and ideas. Liberal arts at Skidmore is about giving you the experience and education you need to get the most from the opportunities you face, and to give the most in return.

TRANSFORM

"Says one student of the curriculum, 'Skidmore embraces versatility. It's the training ground for modern Leonardo da Vincis, Aristotles, and tap-dancing brain surgeons.'" *Princeton Review*



Mike Letko '11, B.A., Biology (molecular biology concentration)
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Mike Letko was a theater guy considering psychology when he came to Skidmore. Then he took a neuroscience class. That led to an unexpected summer research position, which ultimately led to choosing to major in biology and more summer research. Says Mike, "I enjoyed the lab work a lot. It's so satisfying to go from formulating a question to running the tests to getting a result." After he earns his Ph.D. in virology at Mt. Sinai, he plans to run his own lab and ask his own questions.