#### November 2009

This past year, Skidmore's endowment, like many others, experienced a significant decline in value as the broader financial markets suffered through one of the most challenging periods in recent history. Our endowment fell by approximately 25 percent, from a high of \$296 million in December 2007 to \$220 million in February of 2009. While we believe this was a smaller decline than that experienced by many of our peers, it was and remains a concern, particularly given its inevitable impact on the College's operations.

During this financial crisis, the College's Investment Committee, which is made up of a talented group of experienced investment professionals, met frequently to review market events, assess the market challenges to the College's holdings, and make necessary decisions. As of September 2009 (latest data available) the portfolio was valued at \$260 million, and remains well diversified and well positioned for the future.

Even with the decline in value, the endowment has continued to provide significant, critical support for a wide range of activities at the College—academic programs, student research, athletics, health and wellness programs, financial aid, and so much more. These are efforts that we would certainly have had to reduce in scope or curtail were it not for the generous support we have received over the years to help us establish and grow our endowment. With that in mind, I want to convey our continued gratitude for your past, present, and future generosity, and to assure you that we are doing all that we can to steward the resources you have provided as wisely and effectively as possible. With many thanks from all of us here in Saratoga Springs,

- Endowment value as of June 30, 2009: \$240 million
- The asset allocation of the portfolio as of June 30, 2009:
  - short-term investments: 8.9%
  - fixed-income investments: 17.7%
  - equities: 43.9% (21.1% U.S. and 22.8% international)
  - low correlative: 19.4%
  - private equities and other: 10.1%
- Portfolio performance (average annual returns):
  - For the one-year period ending June 30, 2009: -17.3% Median for similarly invested funds: -19.1%
  - For the three-year period ending June 30, 2009: 0.2% Median for similarly invested funds: -1.7%
  - For the five-year period ending June 30, 2009: 5.3% Median for similarly invested funds: 3.8%
- Operating budget (FY 2009): \$121.1 million
- Amount of operating budget funded by endowment (FY 2009): \$13.6 million
- Amount of investment return used annually to support operations: 5%

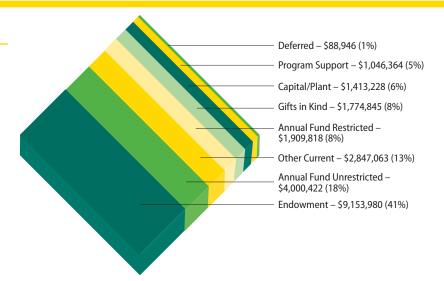
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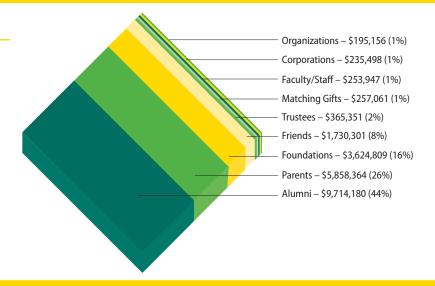
### **Total Gifts In Fiscal Year 2009**

Purpose of Gift	Dollars	Percent of Total Gift
Endowment	\$9,153,980	41%
Annual Fund Unrestricted	\$4,000,423	18%
Other Current	\$2,847,063	13%
Annual Fund Restricted	\$1,909,818	8%
Gifts in Kind	\$1,774,845	8%
Capital/Plant	\$1,413,228	6%
Program Support	\$1,046,364	5%
Deferred	\$88,946	1%
Total	\$22,234,667	100%



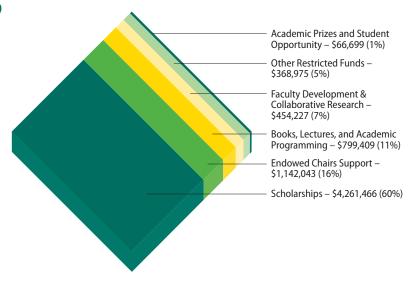
### Who Gave In Fiscal Year 2009

Source of Gift	Dollars	Percent of Total Gift
Alumni	\$9,714,180	44%
Parents	\$5,858,364	26%
Foundations	\$3,624,809	16%
Friends	\$1,730,301	8%
Trustees	\$365,351	2%
Matching Gifts	\$257,061	1%
Faculty/Staff	\$253,947	1%
Corporations	\$235,498	1%
Organizations	\$195,156	1%
Total	\$22,234,667	100%



# Endowment Take-Out In Fiscal Year 2009 (Restricted Funds Only)

Source of Spending	Dollars	Percent of Total Spending
Scholarships	\$4,261,466	60%
Endowed Chairs Support	\$1,142,043	16%
Books, Lectures, and		
Academic Programming	\$799,409	11%
Faculty Development and		
Collaborative Research	\$454,227	7%
Other Restricted Funds	\$368,975	5%
Academic Prizes and		
Student Opportunity	\$66,699	1%
Total	\$7,092,819	100%



## **Creative Thought Bold Promise Campaign**

As of November 15, 2009, commitments to the *Creative Thought Bold Promise* Campaign exceeded \$194 million towards its \$200 million goal. The Campaign is propelling Skidmore to reach new levels of excellence in the areas of financial aid, faculty support, learning opportunities, and facilities. Skidmore College is at a truly transformational moment in its history. As each year passes, the College strives to challenge itself to achieve its ambitions as one of the nation's top liberal arts colleges.