November 2010

What a difference a year makes! While we have not quite matched our pre-recession high, we have experienced much steadier returns over the past 12 months and as of August 31, 2010, Skidmore College's endowment value stood at \$274 million.

The College's Investment Committee, which consists of a very experienced group of investment professionals, has expertise in a broad range of investment vehicles and meets regularly throughout the year to review the College's portfolio. Through their good work we continue to achieve returns that are competitive with and often exceed those of our peers.

I'm also delighted to report that through the recently completed *Creative Thought Bold Promise* campaign they have had considerably more resources with which to work. Over the course of this six-year effort, which raised more than \$216 million making it the most successful campaign in our history, we have secured commitments that have created 84 new endowed funds and will add more than \$80 million to our endowment. These gifts will provide permanent support for a wide range of initiatives, providing additional scholarships for deserving

students, creating new faculty positions in areas such as neuroscience and Chinese studies, and increasing opportunities for student collaborative research with faculty.

Programmatic stability is, of course, a valuable consequence of endowed funds. A strong endowment is a critical consideration in the assessment of our financial status by agencies such as Moody's, which has accorded Skidmore a very favorable A1 Bond rating. This translates into significantly lower costs when the College borrows funds for major capital projects such as the planned replacement for Scribner Village, and creates additional financial flexibility for the future.

In short, your contributions continue to have a significant, positive impact on Skidmore. We remain deeply grateful for your past, present, and future generosity, and I want 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,

Michael T. Casey

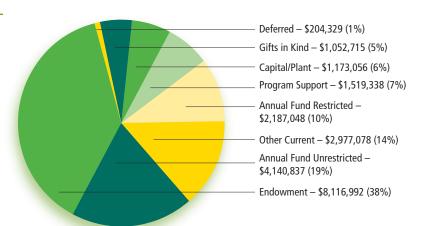
Vice President for Advancement

- Endowment value as of June 30, 2010: \$271 million
- The asset allocation of the portfolio as of June 30, 2010:
 - short-term investments: 6.6%
 - fixed-income investments: 17.3%
 - equities: 38.9% (16.6% U.S. and 22.3% international)
 - low correlative: 25.6%
 - private equities and other: 11.6%
- Portfolio performance (average annual returns):
 - For the one-year period ending June 30, 2010: 13.5%
 Median for similarly invested funds: 11.4%
 - For the three-year period ending June 30, 2010: -1.5%
 Median for similarly invested funds: -4.1%
 - For the five-year period ending June 30, 2010: 5.0%
 Median for similarly invested funds: 3.2%
- Operating budget (FY 2010): \$122.2 million
- Amount of operating budget funded by endowment (FY 2010): \$13.7 million
- Amount of investment return used annually to support operations: 5%



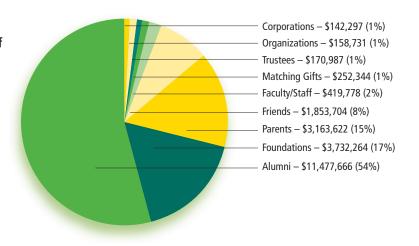
Total Gifts In Fiscal Year 2010

Dollars	Percent of Total Gift
\$8,116,992	38%
\$4,140,837	19%
\$2,977,078	14%
\$2,187,048	10%
\$1,519,338	7%
\$1,173,056	6%
\$1,052,715	5%
\$204,329	1%
\$21,371,393	100%
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Who Gave In Fiscal Year 2010

Source of Gift	Dollars	Percent o Total Gift
Alumni	\$11,477,666	54%
Foundations	\$3,732,264	17%
Parents	\$3,163,622	15%
Friends	\$1,853,704	8%
Faculty/Staff	\$419,778	2%
Matching Gifts	\$252,344	1%
Trustees	\$170,987	1%
Organizations	\$158,731	1%
Corporations	\$142,297	1%
Total	\$21,371,393	100%



Endowment Take-Out In Fiscal Year 2010 (Restricted Funds Only)

Dollars	Percent of Total Spendin
\$4,351,813	59%
\$1,227,959	17%
\$882,409	12%
\$469,527	6%
\$357,861	5%
\$65,966 \$7,355,535	1% 100%
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