

SKIDMORE

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New Student Orientation 2009



Class of 2013

September, 2009

Welcome to Skidmore and the beginning of what we hope will be an extraordinarily rewarding four years. The New Student Orientation schedule outlines the next week of activities, some of which are academic and intellectual, others purely fun. Please review the schedule thoroughly.

As you might gather, all of the events have been carefully planned and organized to help you make a successful transition to Skidmore College, which is why your presence at all events is expected, not optional. We're confident that you will participate with the enthusiasm and commitment that is already characteristic of the Class of 2013.

Many members of the Skidmore community – faculty, staff and students – have come together during this orientation period to give you the best possible introduction to the academic, residential and co-curricular experience at Skidmore. We are a strong community enormously proud of our interrelationships and shared commitments. We hope that as you participate with us in these orientation discussions and activities, you, too, will begin to grasp the significance of 'community' at Skidmore, and will be eager to make your own excellent contributions over the next four years.

The First-Year Experience Office (Starbuck 201) is open to you throughout the year, so please stop by to introduce yourself, to discuss any concerns you may have, or to share your experiences and ideas about attending college. We look forward to meeting you!

Wishing you much success in the year ahead!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beau Breslin".

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Welcome to Skidmore College

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

New Student Check-In

Residence Halls

All students residing in Jonsson Tower and Kimball Hall need to obtain their Skidmore IDs in the basement of Kimball Hall, while vehicles wait to enter Jonsson Tower Lot.

All students residing in McClellan Hall and Wilmarth Hall need to obtain their Skidmore IDs in the Card Office in Starbuck Center (1st Floor) while vehicles are being unloaded in Case Center Lot.

All students residing in Wait Hall, Howe-Rounds Hall, Penfield Hall and Wiecking Hall should go directly to their assigned residence hall to check in. IDs can be obtained in Case Center, Information Walkway.

Look for appropriately t-shirted members of our athletic teams, Eco Reps, and student volunteers to help you move in and to answer your questions.

Note: Skidmore ID stations will open at 8:30 AM. If arriving before 9AM, students should get their IDs prior to checking in at their residence halls. (Residence halls open at 9AM.)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Information Walkway

Case Center

Representatives will be on hand from Health Services, the Counseling Center, Information Technology, and the First-Year Experience. Please stop by the Information Table with any questions you might have about the day.

Please obtain your permanent Skidmore ID card and meal plan by 1:00 pm

today. You will need to present your ID card at dinner.

Register for Skidmore's Urgent Notification (SUN) System.

<https://www2.skidmore.edu/e2campus/index.cfm>

For security purposes, you must register your vehicle as soon as possible. Make certain you have your vehicle registration and Skidmore ID.

Would you like to get through the line quicker? Go to http://cms.skidmore.edu/campus_safety/index.cfm and enter all of your information before visiting Campus Safety.

11:00 am – 1:15 pm

Complimentary Lunch

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

Complimentary lunch for new students and their families.

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

New Student Orientation & Class Picture

Meet by Scribner Seminar in Case Center Walkway

All first-year students meet with their Scribner Seminar peer mentor & classmates on Case Center Walkway. Look for signs with Seminar titles posted on the pillars of the walkway.

At 3:00 all students should proceed to the Sports Center bleachers for the Class of 2013 picture and then line up in the Sports Center parking lot for the formal procession into the Sports Center for New Student Convocation.



1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Parent Orientation

Last Names A-L, Gannett Auditorium

Last Names M-Z, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater

Staff from the First-Year Experience, Student Affairs, Campus Life, Residential Life, Health Services, the Counseling Center, Information Technology, the Office of Academic Advising, and Campus Safety come together to present two panels for the parents of incoming students. Panel one will address academics and the nuts-and-bolts of resources available for students on campus, while panel two will discuss the transitions students make during their first year of college. Each panel will present in each venue, so parents need only report to their assigned location. (There will be time for a Q&A during each session and a short break between sessions.)

Once concluded, all parents should proceed to the Sports Center for New Student Convocation.

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

New Student Convocation

Sports Center

All new students and parents are invited to this official Skidmore College welcome by Philip A. Glotzbach, President; Mary Lou Bates, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid; Beau Breslin, Assistant Dean of the Faculty and Director of the First-Year Experience; Scott Johnson, Mayor of Saratoga Springs; and Raina Bretan '10, Student Government Association President.

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

President's Reception for Families of New Students

Scribner House – 791 N. Broadway

President Glotzbach and Marie Glotzbach welcome parents of new and transfer students to Scribner House, originally the home of Skidmore's founder Lucy Skidmore Scribner. Members of the faculty and administrative staff also will be present to greet parents. Light refreshments will be served. Parents depart campus after the reception.

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Class of 2013 Orientation Dinner

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

New students join the Residence Hall Staff and Peer Mentors for dinner. This will be your first opportunity to become acquainted with new students living on your floor. New students will learn more about Orientation and the first few weeks of classes. *Please bring your ID card; you will need it to enter the dining hall.*

8:30 pm – 9:45 pm

Getting to Know Your Residential Community: Students Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities

Residential Halls

Join your fellow floormates in a meeting with the Residence Hall Staff to learn what residential living at Skidmore is all about. What does it mean to live in a residential community? What are our collective expectations? How will you live among your peers? How will you communicate your values?

10:00 pm – 1:00 am

Ice Cream Social and DJ

The Spa

Top off your night with some ice cream, meet new friends and dance to the sound mixing of DJ Dave Cannon of Elite Sounds Entertainment.

The Skidmore Shop Hours:

Sunday, Sept. 6, 10 a – 4 p
Regular business hours of Monday-Friday, 9:15 a – 5 p and Saturdays, 12 p – 3:30 p begin Monday, Sept. 7.

The Skidmore Post Office Hours:

Sunday, Sept. 6, 10 a – 2 p
Regular business hours Monday-Friday 9 a – 4:30 p

Time Warner representatives will be on campus Sunday, September 6th through Tuesday, September 8th.

Campus Safety is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week at x 5566 for emergencies, or for non-emergencies call x 5567.

Settling In

Monday, September 7

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast
Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Free Time: Taking Care of Business
On Campus

Please use this opportunity to take care of anything you were unable to do yesterday.

12:30 am – 1:30 pm

Lunch
Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Free Time: Taking Care of Business
Off Campus

This is an opportunity for you to take care of any business off campus. **Please note that you are required to attend the next session at 3:30p.**

What's Open Today?

The Skidmore Shop	9:15a – 5:00p
Scribner Library	9:00a – 1:00p
IT Helpdesk	9:00a – 1:00p
Student Aid	8:30a – 4:30p
Card Office	8:30a – 4:30p
Post Office	10:00a – 4:00p
Health Services & Counseling Center	9:00a – 3:00p
Res-Life Office	8:30a – 4:30p

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Orientation for Dining Services Student Workers

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall-2nd Floor

All students working in Dining Services need to pick up their fall semester work schedule and everything else needed to begin work in Dining Services. Make sure to bring your Skidmore ID with you (work begins on the first day of classes, Wednesday, September 9).

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Class of 2013 "The Skidmazing Race"

Case Green [rain location – Sports Center]

Each Scribner Seminar will compete as a team to accomplish as many of challenges as possible. The goal for the event is to become more familiar with Skidmore Campus and with your peers.

Where can I get...



All of these stores and more are located on Route 50 in Wilton. To get there, take a right out of the campus main entrance, take your next left onto East Ave, at light take a left onto Route 50 continue for about 1.5 miles.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Games & Music on the Green

Case Green

Peer mentors will guide their Seminars in teambuilding games. Enjoy the musical talents of our own student band "Beluga." *In case of rain, games will be cancelled and the band will perform in the Spa.*

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

10:00 pm – 11:30 pm

Showcase

Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater (JKB Theater)

Don't miss this opportunity to see Skidmore's great music, dance, and comedy student groups perform on one stage. Skidmore's most talented and creative entertainers may even inspire you to become one yourself!

Preparing for Class

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast
Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

8:30 am – 9:45 am

Quantitative Reasoning Review Session
Emerson Auditorium

New students who have not fulfilled the QR1 requirement by achieving a score of at least 630 on the MSAT I exam, a score of at least 570 on a Mathematics SAT II exam or a score of at least 28 on the ACT are invited to attend this helpful test preparation session sponsored by the faculty of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. You must pass the QR1 requirement during the first year and before you take a QR2 course, so if you are planning to take a QR2 course this fall, attendance at this session is very strongly encouraged.

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Faculty and Peer Mentors meet their Scribner Seminar Groups

See room assignment at the back of the schedule.

First-year students will meet with their faculty and peer mentors, learn how to establish a rewarding connection and receive important information about how to meet the academic challenges of college. You will also learn about academic opportunities and support services, how to modify your course schedules and sign-up for individual advising appointments. *Please bring your yellow 2009-2010 New Student Advising and Registration Guide.*

11:30 am – 6:00 pm

Quantitative Reasoning Exam
Harder Hall 202 & 203

If you have not fulfilled QR1 and you are planning to take a QR2 class this fall, you are required to take the QR Exam anytime during this period. If you are not planning to take a QR2 class this fall, you are encouraged but not required to take the exam at this point. Please plan on the exam taking approximately an hour and a quarter to complete, and please bring your Skidmore ID, some pencils, and a working hand-calculator.

12:00 am – 5:00 pm

Individual Advising Appointments with Scribner Seminar Instructors
Faculty Offices

First-year students will meet one-on-one with their faculty mentors. Topics for discussions may include aspirations for college, career goals, your academic background, and possible course schedule changes. Instructors will have a copy of each student's Reflection and Projection letter (RAP).

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All
Group 1- North Quad (Wait, Howe-Rounds, Jonsson)*
JKB Theater

A mind-blowing lecture performance by Jay Friedman—an award-winning writer, speaker, sex educator, and provocateur.

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All
Group 2- South Quad (Kimball, McClellan, Penfield, Wiecking, Wilmarth)*
JKB Theater

A mind-blowing lecture/performance by Jay Friedman—an award-winning writer, speaker, sex educator, and provocateur.

***Please Note:** Individual advising appointments and Special Advising take precedence over the J-Spot Program. If you have a conflict, please attend the other J-Spot session.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Special Advising Sessions

Pre-Med Special Advising
Bolton Hall 280

Bernie Possidente, Professor of Biology

"Why Teach?" Special Advising
Palamountain Hall 202

Joyce Rubin, Department of Education

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Con't)
Special Advising Sessions

Art Special Advising

Saisslein Art Building, Room 308

Kate Leavitt, Associate Professor of Art and Chair, Department of Art. Session includes a digital art presentation of the Art Department, an overview of requirements, and ends with a question and discussion period.

Theater Department Special Advising

JKB Theater

Lary Opitz, Professor of Theater and Chair of the Department of Theater - for those students who are interested in studying or working in the theater.

Social Work Special Advising

Tisch Learning Center 201

Crystal Moore, Associate Professor of Social Work and Director of the Social Work Program.

Foreign Language Placement Advice and Exams

Bolton Hall 381A (Language Lab)

Cindy Evans, Director of the Foreign Language Resource Center

Opportunity Programs Special Advising

Ladd 307

Required of all first-year HEOP/AOP students.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Honors Forum Colloquium Meeting

Emerson Auditorium

For First-Year Honors Forum members. Meet your classmates, Honors Forum Director Professor David Vella, and HF 101 tutors.

**Classes Begin
Wednesday, Sept 9**

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall Fall Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Quantitative Reasoning Review Session

Bolton Hall 100

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Scribner House Reception

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Skidmore Urgent Notification System (SUN System)

As part of our continuing emergency planning there will be a test of the College Siren and Speaker System and an electronic alert on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. This test is scheduled to be conducted between 4:00pm and 5:00pm.

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Theater Department Info Session for First-Year Students

JKB Theater-Black Box

This session is for first-year students only. This session with Department Chair & Professor Lary Opitz will go over information specific for first-years that will not be discussed during the general meeting immediately following this session.

7:00 pm

Theater Department General Meeting

JKB Theater

Open to everyone interested in theater. This will give you an opportunity to meet the theater faculty and staff and other students involved in theater. You will learn about departmental requirements, course offerings, and what the Skidmore Theater Company and the workshop program are all about. You can also sign-up for auditions and place your name on a waiting list for closed theater courses.

Audition Workshop

JKB Theater

Immediately following the General Meeting, an opportunity to learn about the Skidmore audition process.

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Checking Privilege at the Door: Living the Mission of the College

Gannett Auditorium

This session will explore how we, as Skidmore College community members, can embody the mission of the college and work toward intercultural and global understanding. Through dialogue, faculty, staff, and students will address the complexities of and strategies for interacting across difference.

Thursday, Sept 10

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Honors Forum Induction [Invitation Only]

Davis Auditorium

Welcome induction for all incoming Honors Forum members (Class of 2013).

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

"The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and Slavery"

Gannett Auditorium

Davis Auditorium - Simulcast

Editor of this year's summer reading book, "Our Lincoln: New Perspectives on Lincoln and His World", Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History from Columbia University, will lecture on the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

Friday, Sept 11

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

SGA Welcome Fair

Case Green

Check out the many clubs, organizations, and Student Life resources of Skidmore. This is a great way to begin to explore new interests and get involved in Campus Life. Meet other students and talk to club members about how to get involved.

6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

General Theater Auditions

JKB Theater

Meet in the Black Box. General auditions for Skidmore Theater's fall productions. Auditions are open to everyone, and new students are frequently cast.

10:00 pm

Late Night at the Spa

The Spa/Case Center

Saturday, Sept 12

General Theater Audition Callbacks

If you have any questions, call x5430 or x5431

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Class Day

Case Green

In celebration of the arrival of transfer students and the Class of 2013, enjoy an afternoon of music, activities and fun. (Will be postponed in the event of rain.)

Sunday, Sept 13

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome Dinner for Students of Color

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall-2nd Floor

By invitation only.



Athletic Contacts

Baseball	Ron Plourde	x5380
Golf	David Bakyta	x5372
Riding	Cindy Ford	x5012
Softball	Kelly Schwarz	x5394
Basketball	M – Luke Flockerzi	x5384
	W – Darren Bennett	x5363
Ice Hockey	Neil Sinclair	x5374
Lacrosse	M – Jack Sandler	x5362
	W – Abby Burbank	x5399
Soccer	M – Ron McEachen	x5381
	W – Sarah Cooper-Raymond	x5385
Tennis	M – Nate Simms	x8316
	W – Curt Speerschneider	x8313
Crew	Jim Tucci	x5391
Swimming & Diving	Jill Belding Greenleaf	x5368
Field Hockey	Beth Hallenbeck	x5373
Volleyball	Hilda Arrechea	x5367

Musical Auditions

Ensembles

Brass

Contact Patrice Malastinic during the first week of classes to schedule an audition: 518-587-7717

Flute

Monday, September 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Filene 111

Guitar

Contact Joel Brown during the first week of classes to schedule an audition: x5324, Filene 110

Jazz (Big Band)

Auditions and first rehearsal are Monday, September 14, 6:30 pm in Filene Recital Hall

Small Jazz (Combos)

Contact John Nazarenko, Monday, September 14 or Tuesday, September 15 to schedule an audition: Filene 109 or email jnazaren@skidmore.edu

String

Contact Michael Emery during the first week of classes to schedule an audition: 518-584-2618 or email memery@nycap.rr.com.

Vocal Chamber

Audition sign-up sheets posted on the door of Filene 117.

Woodwind Chamber Ensembles

Contact Gene Marie Green during the first week of classes to schedule an audition: 518-731-8161

Chorus and Orchestra

Chorus

Vocal placement sign-up sheets are posted at Filene 117.

Orchestra

Contact Dr. Anthony Holland for an audition, appointment, or more information: x 5382, 518-587-6103 or email tholland@skidmore.edu.