Dear Classmates,

Just over a year ago our reunion committee met to plan for one awesome 30th reunion. For those of you who were able to attend, it is now a sweet memory. We were all ecstatic that after thirty years, we were able to spend a wonderful weekend together as if it were yesterday. The embraces, laughter, and talks were priceless.

A big thank you to our reunion committee for all of their hard work! It would not have been possible without Anne, Beth, and Paul—our class’ hardworking reunion staff. Their efforts were so appreciated in assisting with the planning of our 30th Reunion.

For each of you who attended, we hope you are still smiling as you remember our special weekend. For those classmates that could not make it, you were missed and we hope to see you next time. Forever in our hearts and memories are those classmates who passed away too soon.

• A big thank you to all those classmates who were able to give to the Annual Fund. Because of your belief in Skidmore, *The $1 Million Momentum Challenge* was achieved.

• A thank you to everyone for their participation in our class fundraising. We were able to raise $45,435 for the Annual Fund and $111,640 for our total class gift.

• A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the dedicated class volunteers. We could not have done it without you!

• Skidmore looks better than ever! To get a campus update, check online for the most up to date information at [www.skidmore.edu](http://www.skidmore.edu).

• Congratulations to Steve Cornell for receiving the Outstanding Service Award: he helped to transform our men’s ice hockey program from a club sport into a varsity team!

Skidmore truly is one special place and with your continued support, Skidmore will always be a college where creative thought and creative people will thrive. We look forward to seeing you at our 35th!

Wishing everyone health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Anna

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A Message From the Class Fund Chair

Hello 1981ers!

Thanks to all of you who came from near and far to join us for what turned out to be a fabulous 30th Reunion Weekend. It was great to have 28 registered members of our class on campus, with 8 guests, for a total of 36 participants in our class reunion.

We came together to raise $45,435 for Skidmore’s Annual Fund. With 26 percent of our class contributing (101 donors), we helped the College meet The $1 Million Momentum Challenge by the May 31 deadline. In the end, the College surpassed its 12,500 donor goal by 122 donors. A special thanks to our FOP Co-Chairs, Melissa Milstein Jacobsen and Arnie Good and our Class Agent Volunteers, for their personal contacts, sweet talk, and refusal to hear “no,” which translates our support into scholarships for deserving Skidmore students. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this happen! Our overall class gift totaled $111,640!

It was so wonderful to see you all, to remember the past, celebrate the present, and toast to the future. We hope you all enjoyed your time on campus and in Saratoga and we hope you had a safe trip back home!

Please remember to stay in touch with Skidmore and our class through SCOPE, the College Web site, and attend Skidmore Regional events when you can. And remember that Career Services at Skidmore is still available to you as a resource, for those of you who find yourselves in career transition.

We missed those of you who have been with us in the past and hope that whatever kept you away this year frees you for our next reunion. For those who have not been back at all and are ready to give it a try, we welcome you. Mark your calendars for our 35th Reunion in 2016. Plan to be in Saratoga to renew, refresh, and reconnect. We can’t wait to see you there!

With all good wishes and warm regards,

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P.S. Please continue to support the College—the Fund Year runs from June 1 to May 31.

Updates on Class Leadership

Anna Collie has stepped down from her role as Class President, but will continue to serve as the Class of 1981 Co-Fund Chair. Thank you, Anna!

Taking up the reins as Class President will be Janey Gubow—welcome aboard, Janey!

After nearly 20 years of service, Liz Felder is stepping down as Class Secretary—thank you for all you’ve done, Liz!

Karen Bradley McElroy will be stepping up as the new Class Secretary. Don’t forget to send her your Class Notes at bkccamac@gmail.com.

Also, Janey is the newly appointed Vice President for Programming on the Alumni Board of Directors. This is a three year position in which Janey will serve as a liaison between the Alumni Board and the College’s alumni body. If you have any thoughts, concerns, or suggestions that you would like to convey to the Alumni Board of Directors, Janey invites you to share your input. You may reach her at igubow@yahoo.com or 917-539-9494.
Skidmore’s Friends of the Presidents

Dear Classmates and Friends of the Presidents Donors,

From June 2-5 we had a terrific 30th Reunion—it was great for us to see you all again! It is always fun to be a part of the interaction among people who may not have known each other at all during our college years, yet gather together every five years or so to share our common Skidmore bond. (And if you couldn’t make it this time around, please plan to join us in 2016.)

As the Class Friends of the Presidents Co-Chairs, we want to thank all of you who took our calls or corresponded with us via email over the past year. We enjoyed these connections and the experience and hope that we brought the College closer to you as well. It’s still a challenging economy, but it was great for us to hear about your lives as you allowed us to ask for your leadership gifts in support of Skidmore.

We’d like to specifically recognize those 7 of you who joined us to give at the Friends of the Presidents level ($2K or more)—we provided necessary Annual Fund support to the College that amounted to 84 percent of our total class gift this year ($111,640).

Thanks again for your interest in and support of Skidmore. Your gifts enable Skidmore to improve the campus and its educational programs, which benefit current students, and make it the special place we know it to be! Your ongoing support continues to keep Skidmore on the list of Top 50 Liberal Arts Colleges in the country.

We hope you’ll return to campus and Saratoga for our 35th Reunion in 2016!

Warmly,

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Dear Class of ’81,

It’s still hard to believe that we celebrated our 30th Reunion this past June! We had a spirited group of 40 who Road Tripped to this memorable weekend. Thank you to everyone at the College for hosting us and working so hard to extend such great hospitality. It was a busy weekend jam packed with exciting events and old friends. We had opportunities to reacquaint with our fellow classmates at intimate gatherings, but the highlights were the all-reunion events like the awards ceremony in the new Zankel Music Center, the picnic luncheon, the fireworks and dancing the night away under the tent with Skidmore alum band, Soul Session. These events were very special because they created such a sense of connection to the big Skidmore family. And a special thank you to Oskar ’81 and Wanda ’79 Ibru for hosting a lovely private reception and tour of the Contemporary African Art exhibit at the Tang Museum.

If you weren’t able to join us, start planning now for our 35th Reunion in early June 2016!!

You will be hearing more from us about opportunities to volunteer in many different roles so please consider getting involved. Also, we are planning several events over the next 18 months to get together in different parts of the country so we hope to see you somewhere soon. We know you will enjoy the experience of seeing old friends and you might even make a few new ones!

And just so you know, we no longer have a printed class directory—everything is now on-line at Skidmore Connect—which is a wonderful resource. Please take a minute to visit the Skidmore Connect Web site at www.skidmoreconnect.org and log in to check your listing so we are sure we have your updated information. And please share any information you may have about classmates who we have lost touch with.

Also, we are in the process of creating a 1981 Facebook page. We encourage everyone to post reunion pictures there and we hope you will “friend” our page to stay connected.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our class gift. We were proud to present $111,640 with 26 percent class participation in our reunion year. As always, please remember your gift to Skidmore—it’s so important to give! And no gift is too small—every gift counts towards our class participation!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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From right to left: Jackie Saltzman Kon, Mee Yen Choon, Ling Chow, Steve Yale, Josh Boyce, Liz King Farrell, ‘unknown’, Nancy Vier Kerans, Karen Bradley McElroy and Arnie Good. (Photo by Janey Gubow)