Sharing job postings or other news of job and internship opportunities, by visiting www.skidmore.edu/career/employers/jobform.php or calling Corine Houry at 518-580-5790.

Interested in participating in any of CDC's alumni programs to help students? Contact Lauren Sisson, assistant director for alumni career development: lsisson@skidmore.edu or 518-580-5790.

Connecting with Others

Career Advisor Network is a searchable database of more than 2,200 Skidmore alumni and parents who have volunteered to provide insights and advice to students and alumni interested in their field of work. Visit www.skidmore.edu/career/network/index.php (password: Net99cs) and click "Career Advisor Search." Please carefully review and follow the tutorial before reaching out to advisors. Join the list of volunteers by signing up at www.skidmore.edu/career/network/can.php.

Regional events and receptions help professionals gather to discuss career issues and gain perspective on new areas of opportunity. Check for alumni programs in your region at www.skidmore.edu/regionalevents/.

An Evening of Career Transition and Transformation, currently held in Boston and New York City, brings together alumni volunteers and others with experience in a wide range of fields to share tips and guidance about career transitions and the search for work.

Skidmore College Career Connections Group on LinkedIn offers resources such as alumni job postings, relevant professionals in your field, and articles discussing career development, all at linkedin.com/groups/Skidmore-College-Career-Connections-39887/about.

CREATIVE THOUGHT WORKS

The Skidmore's Career Development Center is committed to supporting all alumni throughout the creative process of integrating their liberal arts education and experiences into a meaningful and successful career.
No matter the level, title, or industry, the CDC works with alumni at every stage of their professional journey—for example, when they are:

- looking for their first job right out of college
- beginning the search for the next step in their career path
- deciding whether or not to attend graduate school
- engaging in a midcourse transition to a new job or career
- choosing to volunteer to give back to their community
- making a thoughtful retirement decision

As a Skidmore graduate, you have access to free, lifelong professional support for all your career development needs.

The Encore initiative provides services and opportunities tailored to each stage of the career development process, which begins before college and extends throughout one’s professional life. The CDC’s goal is to provide all services, programs, and resources within a structured developmental context that supports each student and graduate in professional development.

CDC Services and Resources

Career Counseling and Job Search. Call the office to schedule an in-person, phone, or Skype appointment with a career counselor to discuss:

- developing career goals or making a career transition
- conducting comprehensive self-assessment
- job search strategies and resources
- interview preparation
- other career development transition issues

For preprofessional and graduate study, schedule an appointment with Shannon Rodriguez at 518-580-5790. She can help you plan for graduate and professional school applications, including a review of your personal statement and interview preparation. She can also assist with specialized programs such as health and law.

Jobs Databases. The “My CDC Account” is your portal to the CDC’s jobs database and other job-search sites and events. Call 518-580-5790 to get registered.

CareerShift. Named the “best job search tool on the Internet,” CareerShift was created to help job seekers successfully navigate the published and hidden job markets. At skidmore.careerShift.com, register using your personal email address but change the group name to “Skidmorealum” from “Skidmore.”

Open Houses. During Reunion Weekend at Skidmore, the CDC hosts an open house for alumni—a great chance to visit our newly renovated quarters in Star-buck Center to learn more about our career development resources and chat with career counselors. Of course, alumni are also welcome to stop by anytime they’re in town or on campus.

Helping Future Alumni

Please consider joining our new Alumni Recruiting Corps, through which alumni leaders in all industries engage in informal recruiting to help connect talented Skidmore students to their companies’ hiring divisions. Experience has shown that alumni are our greatest resource for creating a pipeline of Skidmore graduates into competitive companies that might otherwise not recruit on campus.

Participating in ARC is a great way to stay involved and connected with the Skidmore community—and to make a real difference in the life of a graduating senior while helping to cement the future of Skidmore’s presence in top organizations.

Alumni are also invited to engage with students through:

Career Jam, held on campus in the fall semester, offering minicourses on improving resumes, interviewing skills, and job search strategies, plus an opportunity for students to network with alumni and parent mentors in a wide range of fields.

An Evening of Career Transition and Transformation, held in major metropolitan areas, where students and alumni network with seasoned professionals from a wide variety of career fields.

Job Shadowing, which allows students to spend one or more days observing, asking questions, and learning more about a professional field by following an alumni host on the job.

Panel discussions where alumni answer students’ questions about certain types of professions—for example, social and helping professions, or health and allied fields, or “Wall Street 101.”

Funding a student to help offset the costs of engaging in an unpaid internship or a research, volunteer, or community service project.

Visiting classrooms or campus clubs to provide a real-world perspective on academic topics and co-curricular issues.

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