Admissions/Financial Aid

- The Class of 2018, 734 in total, comes from 35 states, the District of Columbia, and 27 foreign countries. Skidmore received 8,700 applications for the class (besting last year’s 8,300); 39% were accepted by early decision.

- Skidmore has increased its financial aid budget from $16.2 million in 2003 to more than $42 million today. This year more than 1,000 students will be supported with an average grant of $35,600. Approximately 44% of the College’s students receive Skidmore aid.

Students/Faculty

- Project VIS is a new initiative that will advance strategic, pedagogical, and liberal learning goals in the area of visual literacy and communication. This project incorporates an interdisciplinary center, The John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative, where stories of human life will be translated into documentary forms; a new interdisciplinary academic minor in Media & Film Studies; and faculty development in the areas of Media & Film Studies and Visualization Technologies.

- 60% of Skidmore's students study abroad. Last fall, 154 students studied in 28 different countries—including the 31 members of the Class of 2017, who spent their first semester in the London First-Year Experience Program. During the spring semester, 241 students studied abroad in 32 countries.

- In 2014 Skidmore's Faculty-Student Summer Research Program was comprised of 46 professors and 91 students working on 76 projects focusing on the development of a microfluidic diagnostic device for malaria, the effect of symmetry and abstraction on aesthetic judgment and gaze patterns, alternative seed systems and food resilience in the United States, music and autobiographical memory in Alzheimer's patients, and much more.

- Skidmore’s athletic department recognized 73 student-athletes as members of the Thoroughbred Society in February (with a 3.67 GPA or higher in the previous semester). The group includes 12 students with a 4.0 GPA.


- In 2014, 80 Skidmore students out of more than 250 applicants received funding for summer internships and experiential learning opportunities throughout the U.S. and abroad. Each year gifts from Skidmore alumni, parents, and friends, the New World Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Skidmore’s SGA, and the SEE-Beyond Awards program helped to make this possible. Projects range from working at museums, financial institutions, hospitals, nonprofits, universities, and more.

Other

- Skidmore recently received some great press attention that included: Ranked #37 by U.S. News and World Report (the highest in the College’s history), named one of the schools most committed to ensuring socioeconomic opportunity by The New York Times, and described as one of the top liberal arts colleges for monetary return on investment by Money Magazine.

- In 2013, Skidmore received a NYSERDA grant to install a 2 megawatt solar array on Skidmore property—completed during the summer of 2014—the array meets 12% of Skidmore’s electricity needs. In addition, Skidmore receives 18% of electricity needs through a micro-hydro facility, and the College installed 5 solar thermal systems—each providing 20-30% of the hot water needs for a particular building. 40% of Skidmore’s heating and cooling needs are met with geothermal energy.

- The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery has recently received a $1 million challenge grant from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund. The one-to-one matching grant will help build the Tang’s endowment and support expansion of the Museum’s programming that serves Skidmore students and faculty, the Saratoga Springs community, and visitors to the Capital Region.

- More than 10,300 alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to Skidmore totaling $22.4 million during the 2013-14 fiscal year.

- Skidmore Fund gifts—$7.16 million last year—support every aspect of a Skidmore education including financial aid, learning in labs, classrooms, studios, and beyond; endowed gifts strengthen the College in perpetuity.

- 1,027 donors joined the Friends of the Presidents giving society in 2013-14, contributing $20.9 million.