

## The Class of 2016

We have completed enrolling the Class of 2016. Our enrollment target range was 616 – 666 (580 – 630 on campus and 36 in London) and, if our summer melt projection is accurate, we will open in September with about 600 on campus and 36 in London. Last fall, we had 630 on campus and 34 in London.

While we projected a potential increase in our spring yield of .5% over last year to protect against exceeding our enrollment target, we, in fact, experienced a drop of over 1% in our spring yield, prompting us to enroll the final 38 students from the waiting list.

This year we were particularly challenged by an increased demand for financial aid. The percentage of applicants indicating their intention to apply for financial aid increased from 61% of the pool last year to 66% this year. This increased demand for financial aid meant we had to move about 250 students we wanted to accept to the waiting list because we were unable to meet their financial need. As a result, we admitted about 100 fewer students of color and 130 fewer students in our top two academic bands than we did last year.

In spite of admitting fewer domestic students of color and international students this year because of financial aid, we experienced an increase in yield for both cohorts and, as a result, the Class of 2016 is the most diverse in our history. We have enrolled 160 domestic students of color (24% of the class) and 58 international students (9% of the class). Last year's class was 20% domestic students of color and 6% international students. Our highly successful Discovery Program played a major role in this success. We hosted 123 accepted students of color (including 5 international students) and 70% of the students who attended Discovery chose to enroll at Skidmore. The decreased number of top academic students admitted, however, resulted in 30 fewer who enrolled in the class.

This year's record number of international students also includes more full-pay students than ever before, reflecting successful increased international recruitment. Of the 58 incoming international students, 31 (53%) of them are not receiving financial aid. Included in this number are 5 international students whose final admission to Skidmore is contingent upon successful completion of on-campus coursework this summer to strengthen their fluency in English.

We have enrolled 12 UWC (United World College) students in the first-year class which will bring our total UWC enrollment in the fall to 41 students on campus. This means that we will receive \$20,000/year in need-based financial aid from the Davis Foundation for each of the 12 entering students (instead of \$10,000) because we have 40 or more UWC students on campus.

We currently have 44 Opportunity Program students enrolled, exceeding our OP target of 40 by 4 students. Currently, the Class is 41% male and 59% female. Last year's class opened in September with a ratio of 42% male and 58% female. The median SAT of this year's enrolled students is currently 1240. This compares with 1255 last year and 1250 for each of the two previous years. We have met our targets for the Filene and S3M programs, enrolling 4 Filene Scholars and 6 S3M Scholars. We exceeded our target of 5-7 Porter Scholars by enrolling 8. At this time, we are estimating we will exceed our total financial aid budget by \$100,000 to \$300,000 or less than 1%. Our final acceptance rate this year is 41% in comparison to 42% last year and 47% the previous year.