

HF Newsletter

Skidmore College Periclean Honors Forum

April, 2016



Upcoming Events

Deadline:
Tuesday
April 12th
Vote for the next Ramsey
Lecture Recipient! Email
Lisa before noon on
Tuesday!

Tuesday
April 12th
6-9 pm
Formal Dinner at the
Tang! Take advantage of
the chance to dress up!

Wednesday
May 4th
Each Spring Honors
Forum sponsors
Academic Festival,
where students present
capstone projects in their
majors!

Citizenship: Diversity Education

“John Dang and I completed our citizenship project during the Fall 2014. We worked and interacted with the students at Division Street Elementary School. The main goal of our project was to address cultural awareness and diversity to the kids. Here are some of the pictures of our projects!”

-Sova In



Event Recap: Living the Liberal Arts

"By standing up and leading our community as we do as Honors Forum members, we are creating change in our world."



On Friday, February 26th, over a hundred Honors Forum students and new inductees gathered together to celebrate our new members at the Career Development Center's annual "Living the Liberal Arts" event. We enjoyed opening remarks from Penny Loretto of the CDC, and an introduction to the Honors Forum and our guest speakers from Dr. Catherine Jean Golden. It was a pleasure for Honors Forum members to come together for an evening to congratulate our newest Honors Forum members and to hear from two incredible alumni about how participating in Honors Forum helped them make the most of their Skidmore experiences and beyond.

Annie Potish, '11, spoke about her work as Head Tutor in Skidmore's Writing Center and how she was able to transfer

that work to Teach for America and her current work teaching 8th grade English in New York City. She participated in Junior Great Books at Skidmore. For her HF Citizenship Project, she led a book discussion among senior citizens, fostering her love of teaching the "life of the mind." An outstanding student at Skidmore, Annie tries to instill each of her students with a love of learning and not simply "teaching to the test."

Jessada Mahatthananchai, '09, opened his speech by challenging us to think about what Honors Forum does for us. Answers from the group included the opportunity to meet other like-minded students, the support system through which Honors Forum students are able to pursue leadership opportunities, and the resources to fund exciting Citizenship

Projects, such as bringing in a Skidmore alumna to teach a dance workshop.

We all have our individual reasons to have joined Honors Forum; to "Dr. Jess," the Citizenship Project was the most important aspect of his



HF members and Faculty celebrate the new inductees!

Honors Forum experience. "I was always interested in the connection between Chemistry and society, and how they relate to human life," he noted. For his citizenship project, he helped to develop a website and exhibit for the

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Student Government's Winter Wellness Campaign

Check out the video the college made about Rachael's Citizenship Project!

"Winter can be tough, let's make it better!"

...The goal of the commission was to inject a bit of warmth and comfort into the season and to bring more awareness to the negative impacts of winter on personal health and wellness. Our tagline was "winter can be tough; let's make it better!"

-Rachael Thomeer
Sophomore Class President

Citizenship: Course Juggler

Course Juggler is a Java-based computer program I'm developing to help fellow Skidmore students more conveniently devise potential course schedules prior to registration. With **Course Juggler**, students will be able to use their computers to create any number of promising class schedules and then save, compare, rate, share, and print them. Users can handily "juggle" courses by adding, deleting, or swapping out prospective classes while the program instantly detects and displays schedule conflicts. The Skidmore Course Catalog and Master Schedule will be integrated into **Course Juggler**, making it easy and efficient for students to search for classes and build promising schedules.

I will consider my project successful if it enables Skidmore students to develop better tentative course schedules, more efficiently complete the sequence of necessary classes for their major and graduation requirements, take some of the stress out of registration day, and save trees by eliminating reams of tossed aside schedule attempts.

-Spencer Adams-Rand

If you are interested in getting a preview of **Course Juggler** and providing feedback, Spencer is seeking volunteers for program testing to take place in April. Contact him at sadamsra@skidmore.edu if you'd like to participate.

