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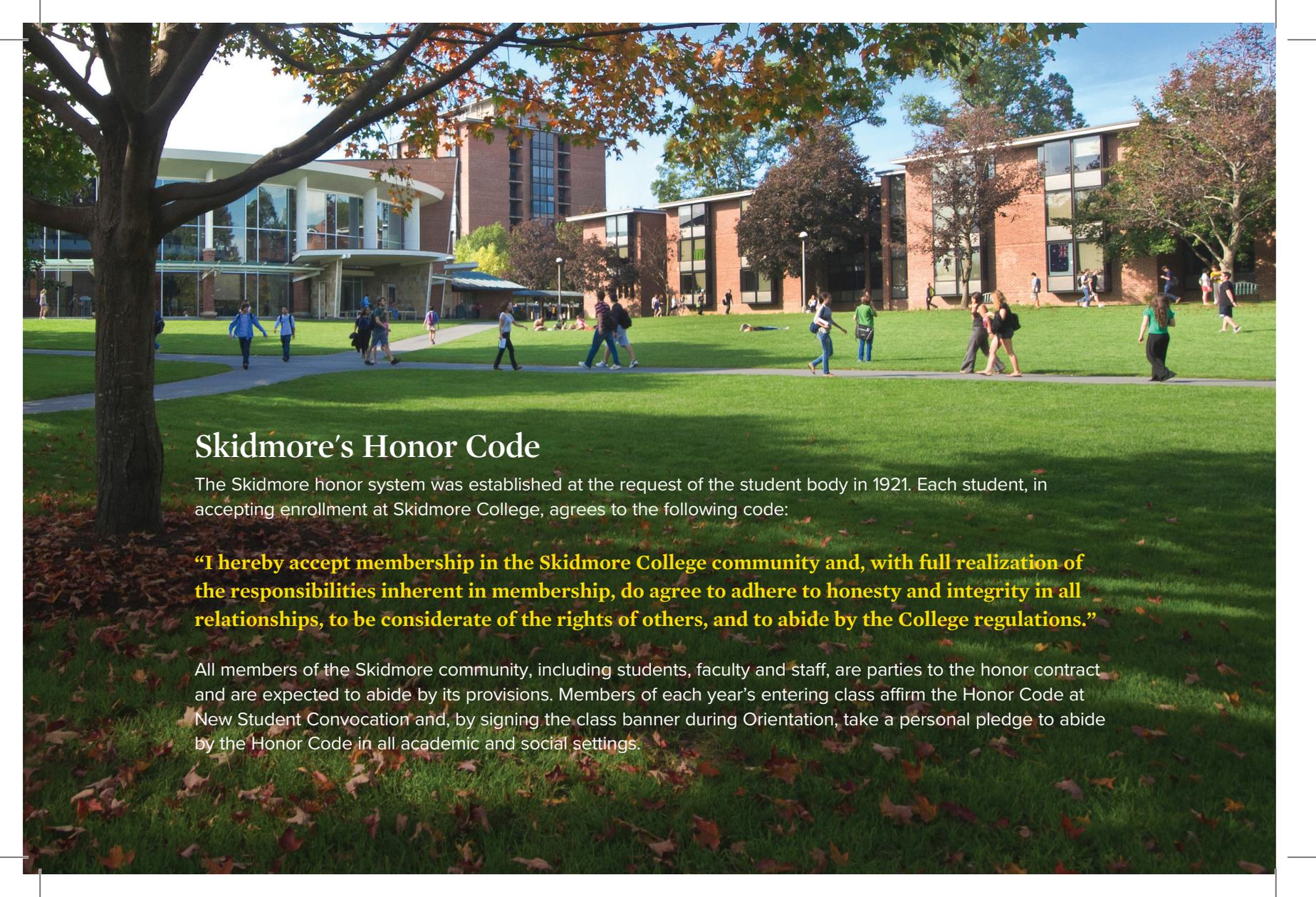
FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

FYI *for* FYE

Things to know and do before you arrive.

SCHEDULING NOTE:

The College is monitoring state and federal recommendations related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 closely. We recommend that you plan for the dates and deadlines listed. FYE will post updates and send class emails if and when changes become necessary.



Skidmore's Honor Code

The Skidmore honor system was established at the request of the student body in 1921. Each student, in accepting enrollment at Skidmore College, agrees to the following code:

“I hereby accept membership in the Skidmore College community and, with full realization of the responsibilities inherent in membership, do agree to adhere to honesty and integrity in all relationships, to be considerate of the rights of others, and to abide by the College regulations.”

All members of the Skidmore community, including students, faculty and staff, are parties to the honor contract and are expected to abide by its provisions. Members of each year's entering class affirm the Honor Code at New Student Convocation and, by signing the class banner during Orientation, take a personal pledge to abide by the Honor Code in all academic and social settings.

Welcome to Skidmore College!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you and your family to the Skidmore College community. Because your arrival in the fall is sure to be a pivotal moment in your life and in the life of your family, I am addressing this letter to all of you. We hope you will read the contents of this Family Orientation Guide carefully and encourage your parents/guardians to do the same.

New Student Orientation (September 6-11) is required of all incoming students since it is carefully planned to help you and your family pivot comfortably into this new stage of your lives. The following pages also include information about our Pre-Orientation programs (September 3-6), which are *optional*.

On the day you arrive, we will introduce you all to many of the academic, residential and co-curricular programs designed to ensure student well-being and success at Skidmore College. In so doing, we lay the groundwork for engaged and fulfilling college experiences that will bring you success and breathe new life into the college community. Incoming classes bring tremendous energy and enthusiasm to Orientation, and we expect no less of the Class of 2024!

Once your family has ventured home, we will set about the work and play of higher education! We will continue to discuss

what it means to be a college student, in general, and to be a student at Skidmore College, in particular. We will challenge you with big questions and new methods for answering them. We will afford you opportunities to experiment and play with ideas. We will demand that you take responsibility for your own life and your own learning. We will provide the support necessary for you to do all of this safely. And we will do all of this with the aim of preparing you for a world in need of creative answers to vexing problems.

We are grateful to your families for preparing you for this work and for entrusting your education to us. Take a moment to thank them for the same! We welcome you all to the Skidmore College community and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Amon Emeka
Director of the First-Year Experience
Associate Professor of Sociology

As we refine the Orientation schedule over the summer, updates will be made available at [skidmore.edu/fye](https://www.skidmore.edu/fye). Please be sure to stay up to date!

What happens when?

The calendar pages that follow offer a convenient reference to key deadlines, benchmarks and points of contact as you prepare throughout the spring and summer for life on campus.

Updates to these schedules and revisions to the new student orientation are possible, however, and will be posted on our website:

 [skidmore.edu/fye](https://www.skidmore.edu/fye)

We recommend that you check in frequently to stay abreast of the latest updates. You can also sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive new information automatically. New student arrival is currently scheduled for Sunday, September 6. All families will receive the final schedule of events upon arrival.

It's always best to plan early for overnight accommodations. The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce is an excellent resource for lodging options in and around the College. They can be found online at www.saratoga.org.



MAY

is when the Class of 2024 is officially enrolled.
It's also when your student will start making arrangements for life at Skidmore.

INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR

□ From Admissions:

- Instructions for creating a Skidmore email account. This account must be used to make Scribner Seminar selections, submit academic interests, complete the housing questionnaire, take placement exams and receive other important communications.

Students should use their Skidmore email account as their primary email address for all official school business. Communications regarding official school business can only deliver to/from Skidmore email accounts.

□ From the Bursar's Office:

- Information on the Skidmore College Installment Plan (SCIP)
Enrollment dates: June 15 – August 15
- Information on the Tuition Stabilization Plan, **Deadline: September 9**

Visit skidmore.edu/bursar and click on "Payment Plans" for more details about each program.

□ From the First-Year Experience Office:

- Email from the director about the Summer Advising Program
- Email from the Office of Residential Life explaining how to complete the electronic student housing questionnaire
- Summer reading materials delivered via U.S. Postal Service (international students via email) These will be discussed during Orientation and throughout the fall.

□ Scribner Seminars:

Preferences for FYE Scribner Seminars and academic interest forms are due this month.

Deadline: May 18

□ Pre-Orientation Programs *(optional)*

Skidmore offers approximately 15 pre-orientation programs beginning Thursday, September 3.

For more information and registration, visit skidmore.edu/preorientation.

For details and deadlines, please call Campus Life at 518-580-8338. Register as early as possible as programs fill up quickly.

Registration dates: June 15 – July 15

JUNE

is the time for academic advising and fall course registration.

INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR

□ From the Registrar:

Information about summer advising and registering for fall classes

□ From Academic Advising:

A call from a summer advisor, June 1 - June 22, to discuss Scribner Seminars, course registration, general requirements, majors and co-curricular activities. Students are expected to take the initial seminar selection seriously and not request changes lightly. Valid reasons might include unforeseen conflicts with necessary courses or team or rehearsal schedules. Changes are subject to course availability. **Deadline: July 15**

□ From the Bursar:

Student billing and health insurance information. Printable forms are also available online at skidmore.edu/health-services/forms. **Deadline: August 1**

□ Student Housing

The housing questionnaire will be available online starting June 8. Students are asked to complete it promptly. **Deadline: June 15**

Incoming students will be assigned a room and roommate(s) for 2020–21 based on the preferences indicated in their housing questionnaire. Skidmore does not assign rooms or roommates on the basis of race, religion or national origin. All residence halls are smoke- and substance-free. Room assignments will be emailed to students in late July or early August.

□ Course Registration

On June 23 or 24, students may enter the Registrar's website to complete fall course schedules. Please direct questions to 518-580-5710 or registrar@skidmore.edu.

JULY

is for academic and campus-life items.

INFORMATION TO WATCH FOR

□ Skidmore ID Cards

Students should submit their ID photos online beginning July 1. The submission form and photo requirements are available at skidmore.edu/card/freshman-photo-requirements.php.

Deadline: August 15

□ Health Services

Health forms, required by New York State and the College, are available online at:

 skidmore.edu/health-services

Click the "Incoming Students" button on the navigation menu and follow the step-by-step instructions to complete and submit all forms.

Completed health forms are due August 1.

□ From Residential Life:

Housing assignments are sent by email in late July or early August.

AUGUST

is when resident assistants, house counselors and peer mentors return to campus to prepare for the arrival of new students.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR STUDENT BE THINKING ABOUT?

□ Preparing for the Scribner Seminar

Peer mentors will receive the names of their seminar students and will communicate with them via their Skidmore email. Peer mentors are available to new students in late August to answer questions about what college and Skidmore will be like. If peer mentors cannot answer questions, they will help guide incoming students to the right resource.

□ Planning Academic Goals

Between July 1 and August 30, students must complete the Reflection and Projection (RAP) exercise, which asks them to reflect on their educational experiences, define what education means to them and plan their future academic goals.

Deadline: August 30

□ Living in the Residence Halls

The residential life website is skidmore.edu/reslife.

If you have questions, please call 518-580-5765; hours are 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. (closed noon–1 p.m.), Monday – Friday.

Students are not allowed to move into their rooms before their official arrival date.

□ Computing and Internet Access

Skidmore residence halls are equipped for access to the internet through wireless connections only. Please do not bring your own wireless access points, as they are not allowed in the dorms. Also, please do not buy a wireless printer unless you can connect it directly to your computer with a USB cable; wireless printing is not allowed in the residence halls.

Skidmore's Information Technology staff will be available during registration at Orientation to answer questions. Representatives will also be on hand September 3 and September 6 to help students having trouble connecting to the internet. After move-in, students can use the IT Help Desk either in person, on the first floor of the library, or by phone at 518-580-5900.

For an overview of technology services and support, please visit skidmore.edu/it.

□ Participating in Pre-Orientation

Students who have registered for an optional Pre-Orientation program will receive an email from the Campus Life Office well in advance to inform them of their date and time of arrival. Pre-Orientation students can move into their rooms upon arrival.

For parents of Pre-Orientation students, there will be an orientation program on September 3; a schedule will be available upon arrival. For these parents, the regular Parent Orientation on September 6 is optional.



SEPTEMBER

COMING TO SKIDMORE

- First-year athletes playing *early* fall sports will be notified of their arrival date — in late August — by the Athletics Department. Athletes in late fall, winter, and spring sports do *not* arrive early.
- London First-Year Experience Program students arrive on campus August 24.
- Pre-Orientation program students arrive September 3.
- All remaining new students arrive September 6.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Welcome to Skidmore and New Student Orientation! The first day is always exciting and sometimes stressful. Staff and students will help answer your questions, guide you to where you need to go and help ease your anxieties.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Please see the end of this guide for directions to campus and a map of the parking areas. Scribner Seminar peer mentors will staff each entrance to campus to guide you to the right residence hall. Skidmore volunteers will be available at the residence halls to assist you in carrying your belongings to your room. Please take advantage of their help!

Orientation materials and a schedule for the day will be distributed as students check into residence halls. (Students who come for Pre-Orientation will also pick up their materials in their residence halls on Sunday.)

8:30 a.m.–noon, ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

The location will be noted in your materials.

- At registration students need to obtain a Skidmore ID card (if not already done), get a first-year T-shirt, register their car (if keeping one on campus) and check in with Health Services (if needed).
- A complimentary lunch for families is served in the dining hall from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- The Skidmore post office is open 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the Skidmore Shop is open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

If you need to purchase items for your student's room that are not available at the Skidmore Shop, stores such as Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples and Bed, Bath and Beyond are located nearby on Route 50 North.

1:30–4 p.m., NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All new students meet with their Scribner Seminar peer mentors and classmates along Case Center walkway for an informal introduction and discussion. Look for signs with the Scribner Seminar titles posted along the walkway.

1:30–4 p.m., FAMILY ORIENTATION

Orientation for family members takes place in the Arthur Zankel Music Center. Please be sure to attend.

4:15 p.m., NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

After the Family Orientation, families should proceed directly to the Williamson Sports Center, while students line up separately for the ceremonial procession. Welcomes will be offered by Marc Conner, president-elect; Mary Lou Bates, dean of admissions and financial aid; Amon Emeka, director of the First-Year Experience; and the president of the Student Government Association. The ceremony ends with the students reciting Skidmore's Honor Code, signaling their official membership in the College community.

5:30–7 p.m., PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

President-elect Marc Conner and Barbara Reyes-Conner invite families to their home, Scribner House (791 N. Broadway), for a light reception. Stop by to meet some of the administrators who will be a part of your student's Skidmore Experience.



7 p.m., FAMILIES DEPART CAMPUS

Families say their goodbyes and head for home.

THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CONTINUES

Events throughout the week include discussions centered on diversity, college life and the summer reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: CLASSES BEGIN

NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
or SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

All students should report to their assigned residence halls. For your convenience, each residence hall has a designated drop-off zone. Please look for signs marked "Drop-off Zone for Move-in." We ask all students to unload belongings in the drop-off zones and then relocate their vehicle to one of several designated parking areas around campus. Vehicles must not be left unattended in drop-off zones.

Please remember that Campus Safety will strictly enforce no-parking zones — including fire zones, sidewalks, walkways and grassy areas. Please help Skidmore maintain the beauty of its campus by parking in designated areas only!



DIRECTIONS TO SKIDMORE

BY CAR: Saratoga Springs is most conveniently reached via the New York State Thruway (I-87 south of Albany) and the Adirondack Northway (I-87 north of Albany). Skidmore is approximately two miles from I-87 Exit 15.

From New York City and points south (including Albany airport):

Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) and proceed north to Exit 15. From the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 50 south, continue straight to the fourth light and turn right onto East Avenue. Take a right at the first stop sign, onto North Broadway. The entrance to the College is 1/4 mile ahead, on your left.

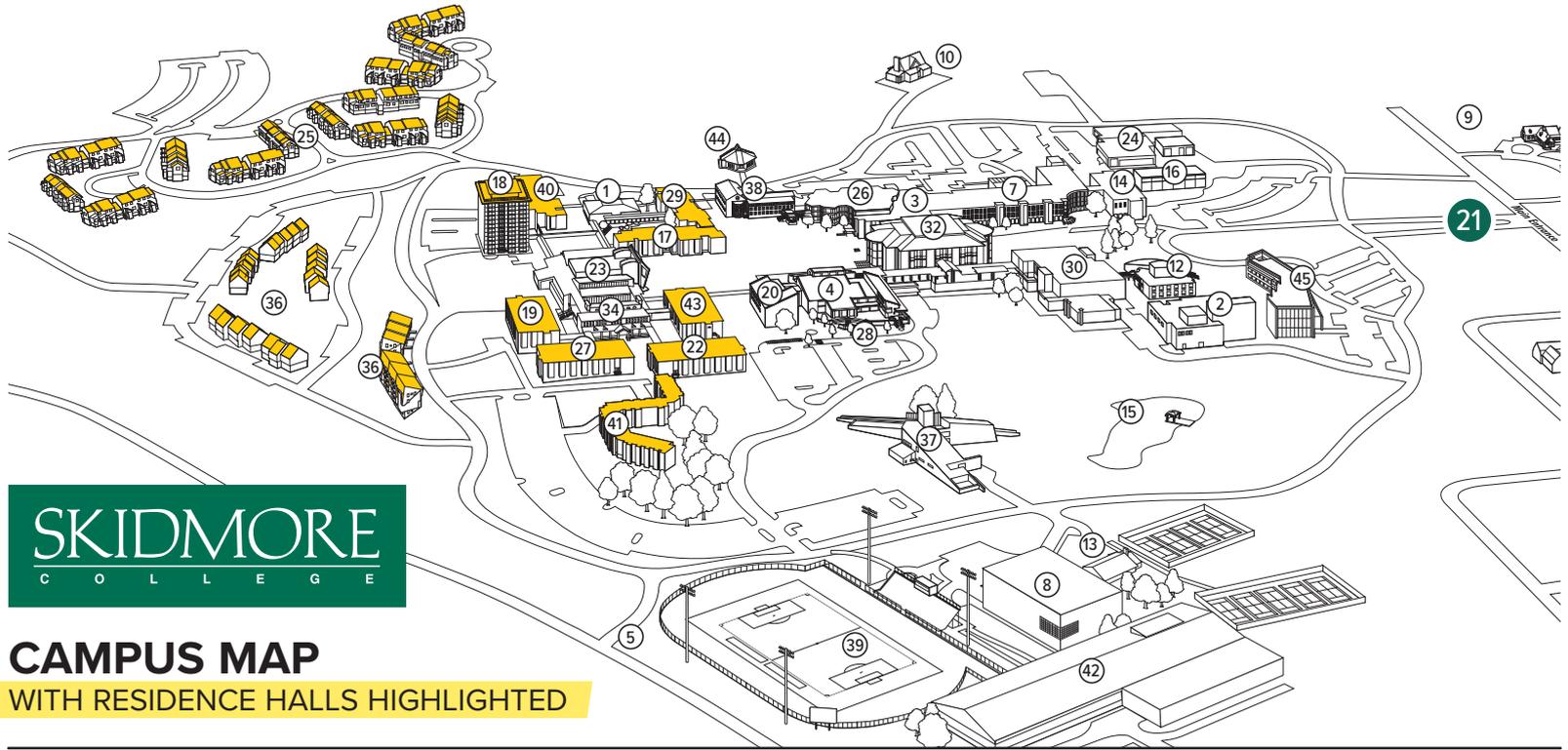
From Boston and points east: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) west to Exit B1. Proceed on I-90 to Exit 1N and the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north. Please follow directions from New York City and points south to Skidmore's campus.

From Buffalo and points west: Take the New York State Thruway (I-90) east to Exit 24. From the toll plaza, take Exit 1N to the Adirondack Northway (I-87) north. Please follow directions from New York City and points south to Skidmore's campus.

From Montreal and points north: Take the Adirondack Northway (I-87) south to Exit 15. Keep right to merge onto Route 50 south, continue straight to the third light, and take a right onto East Avenue. Take a right at the first stop sign, onto North Broadway. The entrance to the College is 1/4 mile ahead, on your left.

BY TRAIN: Amtrak passengers arriving at the Saratoga Springs train station should make their own transportation arrangements to campus. Taxis are available outside the station.

BY AIR: The nearest airport is the Albany International Airport.



CAMPUS MAP

WITH RESIDENCE HALLS HIGHLIGHTED

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| 1 Barrett Center | 10 Falstaff's | 19 Kimball Hall | 28 Porter Plaza | 37 Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery |
| 2 Bernhard Theater | 11 Field hockey field | 20 Ladd Hall | 29 Rounds Hall | 38 Tisch Learning Center |
| 3 Bolton Hall | 12 Filene Hall | 21 MAIN ENTRANCE | 30 Saisselin Art Building | 39 Wachenheim Field |
| 4 Case Center | 13 Greenberg Child Care Center | 22 McClellan Hall | 31 Scribner House | 40 Wait Hall |
| 5 Clinton Street entrance | 14 Harder Hall | 23 Murray-Aikins Dining Hall | 32 Scribner Library | 41 Wiecking Hall |
| 6 Colton Alumni Welcome Center | 15 Haupt Pond/South Park | 24 North Hall | 33 Softball Diamond | 42 Williamson Sports Center |
| 7 Dana Science Center | 16 Hoge Hall | 25 Northwoods Village/Moore Commons | 34 Starbuck Center | 43 Wilmarth Hall |
| 8 Dance Center | 17 Howe Hall | 26 Palamountain Hall | 35 Surrey Williamson Inn | 44 Wilson Memorial Chapel |
| 9 Eissner Admissions Center | 18 Jonsson Tower | 27 Penfield Hall | 36 Sussman Village | 45 Zankel Music Center |

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS RESOURCES



Conveniently located on the first floor of Case Center, the Skidmore Shop campus bookstore offers a wide variety of items including textbooks and supplies, branded apparel and gifts, everyday essentials plus the latest Apple devices at education pricing.

 **Authorized Campus Store**

Get \$10 off your next purchase when you order your textbooks from skidmoreshop.com by August 10.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SkidshopTexts> for ordering details.

Skidmore College Post Office

The campus post office is on the first floor of Case Center next to the Skidmore Shop. Students who need to ship their belongings to campus early may do so beginning in mid-August, using this format:

Student Name 2024

Mailbox # _____, Skidmore College

815 North Broadway

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632

The post office will be open Thursday, September 3, for Pre-Orientation arrivals and Sunday, September 6, for regular, new student arrivals.

Banking and ATMs

The SEFCU Credit Union (sefcu.com) maintains an office on campus, behind the dining hall next to Jonsson Tower. Students may join for a fee of \$1. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is also an Adirondack Trust Company (adirondacktrust.com) ATM on campus, located on the second floor of Case Center.

Local Transportation

Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) bus service to downtown Saratoga Springs and the Wilton Mall is available at no cost to students. Schedule and route (#452) information can be found at cdta.org.

Transportation Beyond Saratoga

Saratoga Springs is serviced by Greyhound bus lines (greyhound.com) and Amtrak train service (amtrak.com). The Albany International Airport (ALB) is located just 30 minutes south of campus.

GETTING INVOLVED AS A STUDENT

WEEKS OF WELCOME

POWER YOUR POTENTIAL

How you engage in your first semester of college can set the foundation for your next four years. Skidmore's "Weeks of Welcome" program is designed to help you make a successful transition to college life by encouraging you to explore the opportunities available to you in multiple places on campus over time. It's a great way to get to know your classmates, your communities and yourself more fully.

Stay tuned for opportunities to engage with, explore and connect to Skidmore. For the latest information, visit:

 skidmore.edu/weeksofwelcome

GETTING INVOLVED AS A PARENT



Skidmore also has a dynamic **Parents Council** of nearly 100 active families that generally volunteer in the areas of fundraising, admissions, outreach and career services.

Council staff will be on hand at the president's reception during Orientation, so please don't hesitate to touch base with them should you be interested in learning more.

For more information, contact the Parent Programs Office at 518-580-5639 or visit:

 skidmore.edu/parents/council.php

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020–21

FALL SEMESTER 2020

August	24–26	Mon–Wed	FYE London Program Orientation
September	3–6	Thur–Sun	Pre–Orientation programs
September	6	Sun	New and transfer students arrive
September	7	Mon	Returning students arrive
September	8	Tue	First-Year Seminars begin
September	9	Wed	Classes begin
September	13	Sun	Add deadline
September	16	Wed	Internship for credit deadline
September	23	Wed	Drop/grade option (S/U) deadline
October	16–18	Fri–Sun	Celebration Weekend
October	23	Fri	Study Day
October	26	Mon	Advising period begins
November	3	Tue	Registration for Spring 2021 begins
November	18	Wed	Withdrawal deadline
November	25–29	Wed–Sun	Thanksgiving vacation
December	11	Fri	Last day of classes
December	12–14	Sat–Mon	Study days
December	15–18	Tue–Fri	Final examinations
December	19	Sat	Fall semester ends

SPRING SEMESTER 2021

January	18	Mon	Martin Luther King Day
January	22	Fri	New and transfer students arrive
January	23	Sat	Returning London students arrive
January	24	Sun	Returning students arrive
January	26	Tue	Classes begin
January	28	Thur	Add deadline
February	2	Tue	Internship for credit deadline
February	9	Tue	Drop/grade option (S/U) deadline
March	13–21	Sat–Sun	Spring vacation
March	29	Mon	Advising period begins
April	6	Tue	Registration for Fall 2021 begins
April	15	Thur	Withdrawal deadline
May	4	Tue	Last day of classes
May	5	Wed	Academic Festival
May	5	Wed	Honors Convocation
May	6–9	Thur–Sun	Study days
May	10–13	Mon–Thur	Final examinations
May	14	Fri	Spring semester ends
May	17–21	Mon–Fri	Senior Week
May	22	Sat	2021 Commencement



Celebration Weekend, October 16–18

Celebration Weekend is Skidmore’s annual fall gathering for families to get a sense of what the Skidmore experience is like for their students. The weekend is traditionally full of activities and provides an opportunity to connect with your student on campus and in Saratoga Springs.

Given the uncertainty of the months ahead, please be sure to watch your email and the webpage listed below, for updates to plans for this event. For more information, visit:

 skidmore.edu/celebrationweekend

or contact the Office of College Events at 518-580-5670 or collegeevents@skidmore.edu.

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