

A vibrant autumn scene at Skidmore College. A wide, paved walkway is lined with trees displaying brilliant yellow and orange foliage. Several students are walking along the path, some towards the camera and others away. In the background, a brick building with a blue roof is visible. The overall atmosphere is warm and welcoming.

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WELCOME

TRANSFER STUDENTS

TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION



August 2025

Welcome to Skidmore and to the beginning of what we hope will be an extraordinarily rewarding time for you! This orientation program has been planned in order to introduce you to the academic, residential, and co-curricular experiences at Skidmore and to help you make a successful transition into our community. We hope that you will take full advantage of the sessions offered.

As new students to the college, your orientation overlaps with our incoming first year students. Please use this schedule to keep track of where you need to be throughout the orientation and use the booklet to find out additional details about each event. Our first meeting together will be at the Transfer Student Orientation on Sunday, August 31st at 1:30pm in Wyckoff Center, located within Case Center.

The Office of Academic Advising is always available to you beyond Transfer Orientation. I will continue to remain assigned as a secondary advisor for you, and I look forward to working with you as you complete your degree at Skidmore. Please stop by OAA any time you have questions or concerns, or just to say hello!

Best,

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AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

Time	Event	Location
8:30–11:30am	New Student Check-in	Zankel Music Center and Residence Halls
11am–1:15pm	Complimentary Lunch	South Park Tent
1:30–2:45pm	Family Orientation	Zankel Music Center
1:30–3:30pm	Transfer Student Welcome and campus tour	Wyckoff Center
3–4pm	Family Reception	Scribner House
3–4:30pm	Getting Settled	Residence Halls
4:30–5:30pm	Residence Hall Meet and Greet	Residence Halls, small groups
5:30–7pm	Dinner	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, 2nd floor
7:30–8:30pm	S'mores, Stories & Community “Come Find Your People”	Case Green
8:30–10:30pm	Class of 2029 and Transfer Students Late Night Welcome	Case Green (rain location Case Center Spa)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Time	Event	Location
9–9:30am	Resources and Emergency Procedures	Gannett Auditorium
11am–12:30pm	Sex Discussed Here!	Zankel Music Center
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
2:00–3:30pm	Factuality	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, 2nd floor
5–6:30pm	Dinner	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
8:30–10pm	Choose Your Own Adventure (Dance Party or DIY)	Case Green (rain location Case Center Spa)

Please note: Scheduling for Monday’s presentations is based on group designation.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Time	Event	Location
9:30am	Convocation Line-Up	Tang Parking Lot
10–11:15am	New Student Convocation	South Park Tent
11:30am–1pm	Lunch	Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
1–4pm	Optional as-needed advising	Starbuck 201
3–4:30pm	Resource Fair	McCaffery-Wagman Health and Wellness Center
3–5pm	QR Diagnostic Re-test	Davis Auditorium
3:30–4:15pm	Special Advising	See page 11 for locations
4:30–6:30pm	Founder's Day BBQ	South Park Tent
8pm–9pm	Hall Meeting: Life on Your Floor	Residence Halls, Floor Lounge



Safety Orientation for Students

All Skidmore College students are required by state mandate to complete a safety/fire-safety module during the fall semester. Completion of the module is mandatory. Be on the look out for an email with more information from the Office of Residential Life.



Vehicle Registration

Students must register their vehicles as soon as possible. Make certain you have your vehicle registration and Skidmore ID when registering your vehicle with Campus Safety.

To register, go to https://www.skidmore.edu/campus_safety/vehicles/index.php and enter all of your information, or scan the QR code below.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30–11:30am

New Student Check-In

RESIDENCE HALLS

Students should go to drive-through ID stations in the Zankel Music Center parking lot to check in.* Stations open at 8:30am. Be sure you have a government issued photo ID ready! Look for appropriately t-shirted student volunteers to help answer your questions.

Students who did not submit mandatory health forms will be directed to the Health Services Table in Zankel Lobby.

Students who did not submit photos must report to the Card Office in Starbuck 101 after going to the Zankel parking lot.

Stop by the Information Desk in Case Center with any questions you might have about the day.

Students working on campus in the fall: Please visit Student Employment in the Case Center Small Conference Room on the 2nd floor right next to the Case Information Desk. Hours are 8:30am–1pm Thursday, August 28 and Sunday, August 31.

**If you miss these hours, visit the Student Employment Office in Starbuck 101.*

11am–1:15pm

Complimentary Lunch

SOUTH PARK TENT

Complimentary lunch for new students, their families, and friends.

1:30–2:45pm

Family Orientation

ARTHUR ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

A panel of campus experts will introduce you to key themes that emerge in the first year for all students. We want to make sure that you have the information and resources you will need to help your student learn, live, and thrive here at Skidmore. There will be time for Q&A and discussion following the presentation.

1:30–3pm

Transfer Student Meeting and Campus Tour

WYCKOFF CENTER

New transfer students will meet as a group with staff from various offices for an important overview of academic information regarding graduation requirements, programs, academic opportunities, and instructions for how to modify your schedule. Individual advising appointments will be scheduled on September 2, as needed.

3–4pm

Family Reception

SCRIBNER HOUSE, 791 NORTH BROADWAY

President Marc Conner invites all parents, families, and friends of first-year and transfer students to Scribner House, originally the home of Skidmore's founder, Lucy Skidmore Scribner. Members of the faculty and administrative staff will also be present to greet parents. Families depart campus after the event.

3–4:30pm

Getting Settled

RESIDENCE HALLS

Take this time to set up your room, visit with roommates, and get settled.

4:30–5:30pm

Residential Hall Meet and Greet

RESIDENCE HALL FLOORS/SMALL GROUPS

Meet your RA and fellow new students on your floor. Learn about the various resources Skidmore College has to offer.

5:30–7pm

Transfer Student Orientation Dinner

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL, 2ND FLOOR

New transfer students are invited to an informal dinner to meet administrators from a variety of campus offices, as well as student representatives from SGA.

7:30–8:30pm

S'mores, Stories & Community “Come Find Your People”

CASE GREEN

Kick off your Skidmore journey with a cozy night under the stars! Join us for a Build-Your-Own S'mores Bar, acoustic music, and authentic connection around the fire. This affinity-based social is designed to help students from all backgrounds explore identity, build community, and meet peers who share lived experiences. Whether you're here to make friends, find your crew, or just vibe by the fire — **this space is for you.** Come as you are. Leave a little more connected.

8:30pm–10:30pm

Class of 2029 and Transfer Students Late Night Welcome

CASE GREEN | SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: CASE CENTER SPA

Welcome to Skidmore! For your first official night on campus come to Case Green for some ice cream sandwiches, better known as Cremewiches, and karaoke. Bring a beach towel, blanket, or camp chair to enjoy an evening on the Green and sing your favorite song!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30–10am

Breakfast

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

9–9:30am

Resources & Emergency Procedures with Campus Safety

GANNETT AUDITORIUM

A discussion of procedures and safety related resources available to students for routine events and during emergencies.

11am–12:30pm

Sex Discussed Here!

LADD HALL, ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot teach sex education in a way that you have never encountered before—this is definitely NOT your high school health class.

12:30–1:30pm

Lunch

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

2–3:30pm

Factuality

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Factuality is a facilitated dialogue, crash course and board game all in one that simulates real-life experiences in the United States. It is played with a rich group of diverse characters that encounter a series of fact-based advantages and limitations based on the intersection of their race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, class and ability. Please bring paper and a pen.

5–6:30pm

Dinner

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

8:30–10pm

Choose Your Own Adventure (Dance Party or DIY)

CASE GREEN | SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: CASE CENTER SPA

You have completed your second day of orientation, so come back out to Case Green for some more fun! Enjoy a dance party for the night with DJ Cor3. If you are not up for dancing visit our three DIY stations and design your own spin art frisbee, airbrush fanny pack or get ready for camping with adding a design to your new camp mug. Hang out with our Student Events Council (SEC) members as well for the night and learn about how to get involved on campus.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30–9am

Breakfast

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

8:15–9:15am

Dining Hall Equipment Training

GANNETT AUDITORIUM

9:30am

New Student Convocation Line up

MEET AT TANG PARKING LOT

10–11:15am

New Student Convocation

SOUTH PARK TENT

SEVERE WEATHER LOCATION: ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

New students and families are invited to this official College welcome by Marc Conner, President; Jess Ricker, Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid; Rachel Roe-Dale, Director of the First-Year Experience; Samantha Majiedt '27, SGA President. * **Wear your class t-shirt to this event.**



Please remember to bring your water bottle with you. Filling stations are available throughout the campus.

11:30am–1pm

Lunch

MURRAY-AIKINS DINING HALL

1–4pm

Individual Advising/Registration Appointments

STARBUCK CENTER 201

Transfer students may schedule one-on-one advising meetings with the Office of Academic Advising or the Registrar's Office for help with scheduling or reviewing transfer credits.

New Student Convocation Ceremony: Information for first-year and transfer students

* **Wear your class t-shirt to this event.**

9:30am

- Students assemble in Tang parking lot.
Staff will guide students into lines during this time.

9:45am

- Peer mentors will lead transfer students and first-year students to the Tang Teaching Museum.
- All will line up behind faculty members and await the signal to process.

Important Processional Information

10am

- **Processional begins. The order of the processional is as follows:**
Bagpipers, platform party, faculty, transfer students, first-year students, and peer mentors.
- You will process into the tent four (4) across.
- Upon entering the tent, please process quickly up the aisles at staff direction.
- Move all the way across the row to the end seat of the aisle.
- Please take your seats once President Conner approaches the podium.

10:15am

- Convocation program begins.

11:15am

- Convocation program concludes and the recessional begins.

The Bagpipers will return to the stage area to signal the start of the recessional. Follow staff member instructions when exiting the tent.

3–5pm

QR Diagnostic Re-Test

DAVIS AUDITORIUM

QR diagnostic re-test to students who placed into MA100.

3–4:30pm

Exploremore: Skidmore Resource Fair

McCAFFERY-WAGMAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Learn about Skidmore's resources to help you navigate your first year!

3:30–4:15pm

Special Advising Sessions

Faculty will give an overview of the following majors, minors, and programs, as well as answer your questions.

Education Studies - PMH 200

Japanese and Chinese - PMH 401

Off-Campus Study and Exchanges - Bolton 282

Engineering - CIS 328

Social Work - TLC 207

Academic Accommodations - Emerson Auditorium

Pre-Health - Gannett Auditorium

Media and Film Studies - Bolton 281

Art - Saesselin 212

QR Retest - Davis Auditorium

4:30–6:30pm

Founder's Day BBQ

SOUTH PARK GREEN

Join President Marc Conner and the rest of Skidmore community as we celebrate the start of the fall semester.

8–9pm

Hall meetings: Life on Your Floor

RESIDENCE HALLS: FLOOR LOUNGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

3:30–5pm

Getting Involved: SGA Club Fair

CASE GREEN

Check out the many clubs, organizations, and resources available at Skidmore. This is a great way to begin to explore new interests and get involved in campus life. Meet other students and talk to club members about how to get involved.

Join SkidSync at SkidSync.com

SkidSync is a great way to stay aware of what's happening on campus and to get involved with new organizations. Browse through the organizations and come see all of them in person at the annual **Club Fair on September 5 on Case Green.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8pm–10pm

Student Showcase: Club Showcase

ZANKEL MUSIC CENTER

Club Showcase highlights our extraordinarily talented performance-based clubs. Come join us for a wonderful night and learn more about some of our clubs. This event is organized by the Student Government Association and the Office of Leadership Activities! Follow SGA on Instagram, [ska_skidmore](https://www.instagram.com/ska_skidmore), to see who will be performing this year.

Get Involved:

Music Auditions and Lessons:

<https://www.skidmore.edu/music/curriculum/ensembles/auditions.php>

Theater Auditions:

<https://theater.skidmore.edu/student/audition/>

Athletics Information:

<https://skidmoreathletics.com/>

Clubs and Organizations:

<https://skidsync.com>

WHAT'S OPEN AND WHEN...

Department	Hours	Department	Hours
Bursar/Financial Aid Office, <i>Starbuck 101</i>		Residential Life, <i>First Floor, Annex</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 10am–2pm		Sunday 8/31, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm		Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm	
Card Office, <i>Starbuck 101</i>		Skidmore Post Office, <i>Case Center</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 8:30am–2:30pm*		Sunday 8/31, Closed	
Monday 9/1, 8:30am–4:30pm		Monday 9/1, 9am–5pm*	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:55pm**	
*After 2:30pm go to Campus Safety in Annex		*Package p/u only,	
		** window closes 4:30m	
Counseling Center, <i>McCaffery-Wagman</i>		Skidmore Shop, <i>Case Center</i>	
Sunday 8/31, 9am–1pm		Sunday 8/31, 9am–4pm	
Monday 9/1, 9am–3pm*		Monday 9/1, 9am–4pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:30pm*		Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4pm	
*Closed Mon. 11:30am–12pm, Tues 12–1pm		Wednesday 9/3, 9am–4pm	
Health Services, <i>McCaffery-Wagman</i>		Scribner Library	
Sunday 8/31, 9am–1pm*		Sunday 8/31, Closed	
Monday 9/1, 9am–3pm*		Monday 9/1, Closed	
Tuesday 9/2, 9am–4:30pm		Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm	
*Closed 11:30am–12pm		Williamson Sports Center/ McCaffery-Wagman Tennis and Wellness Center	
IT Help Desk, <i>Scribner Library</i>		Sunday 8/31, 12pm–6pm	
Sunday 8/31, Closed		Monday 9/1, 7am–5pm	
Monday 9/1, Closed		Tuesday 9/2, 7am–8pm	
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm			
Registrar, <i>Starbuck 203</i>			
Sunday 8/31, 9am–12pm			
Monday 9/1, 9am–12pm			
Tuesday 9/2, 8:30am–4:30pm			

Murray-Aikins Dining Hall

Sunday 8/17–Saturday 8/30

Sponsored Meal Plans

Breakfast 7:30–10am

Lunch 11:30am–2:30pm

Dinner 5–7:30pm

Thursday 8/28, 11am–1:30pm

Lunch under the tent (Open to all)

Fall Hours and Academic Meal Plans Start 8/31

Sunday 8/31

Breakfast 7:30–10:30am

Lunch 11am–2:30pm under the tent (Students only)

Dinner 5–8pm

Tuesday 9/2, 4:30–6:30pm

Founder's Day Dinner under the tent

Regular Semester Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30am–4pm, 5–8pm, 8–10pm (Late night)

Friday 7:30am–4pm, 5–8pm

Saturday 9am–4pm, 5–8pm

Sunday 9am–4pm, 5–8pm; 8–10pm (Late night)

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