

SKIDMORE

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February 27, 2008

Hello everyone,

It is time to begin planning for this year's graduation ceremony. **Commencement 2008** is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC).

First and foremost, please consult the enclosed sheet, *UWW Graduation Guidelines* and discuss your particular status with your Academic Advisor to be certain that you are eligible to participate in this year's graduation ceremony. The timing can be tricky, since many of our students are not working on a traditional semester schedule. Skidmore confers degrees in November, March and May, but the only ceremony takes place in May. If, for some reason, you are not eligible to march across the stage this year, we will welcome you next year. For those of you who are qualified to participate, I will send details regarding your cap and gown order April 1, 2008.

Don't forget we are hosting the third annual **UWW Academic Showcase** on Friday, May 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m. We encourage all UWW graduates to participate in the **UWW Academic Showcase**. In order to schedule a personal presentation or display your final project, please contact your Academic Advisor to discuss the details.

Enclosures include the *Commencement Guide for Seniors and Families* schedule that was issued to the residential students. Pages 2-5 apply to the residential students only. As a graduate, you are welcome to participate in any of the scheduled events listed in the guide.

Graduation is a very exciting event, and UWW students are welcome to join in the festivities. The outdoor amphitheater at SPAC is a beautiful venue. UWW grads join in the procession with the 450 residential students and walk into the amphitheater led by the Schenectady Bagpipers and members of the Skidmore faculty and administration.

The ceremony itself usually lasts about 2½ hours. Following the ceremony, you are invited to a special party in honor of all UWW grads. We will host a buffet luncheon for you and your families in the new Murray-Aikins Banquet Hall on the Skidmore campus. This event is the highlight of our year! The Director of UWW will have a few words to say about each of our graduates. It promises to be a wonderful event.

Before making any arrangements, please get in touch with your advisor to confirm your status. If you need assistance finding a hotel room, the best resource is the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce (516) 584-3255 or on the web www.saratoga.org/.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures