

**CITATION
FOR
JAMIENNE S. STUDLEY, UPON HER LEAVING SKIDMORE COLLEGE
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We, the Faculty of Skidmore College, offer our sincere appreciation to Jamienne S. Studley, sixth President of Skidmore College and first woman President, for her continued commitment to the success of our institution, including its students, faculty, and staff, as well as for her on-going support of higher learning on a national level. Since coming to Skidmore, President Studley has worked to advance the College and the cause of higher education through her service on major boards and institutions. She has served on the board of directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and as vice-chair of the Annapolis Group, an organization of 110 top liberal arts colleges. In addition, she is a member of the boards of numerous institutions, including the NYS Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities and the American Council on Education's Commission on Government and Public Affairs. Her other professional activities have included service on the Harvard Law School Visiting Committee, the American Bar Association Commission on Loan Repayment and Forgiveness, and the Campus Compact Policy Committee. Closer to home, she has served on the board of directors of the Adirondack Trust Company.

On Skidmore's campus itself, President Studley inaugurated the Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery, and oversaw the renovation of Case Center and construction of Porter Plaza. But particularly memorable was her presence, usually alongside her husband Gary J. Smith, at countless student- and faculty-sponsored events: lectures, concerts, plays, student recitals and musical comedy productions (where she was probably the only audience member who knew every lyric!), athletic events, and public debates on controversial issues. She inaugurated the late-night Waffle Fest tradition during final exams, and enthusiastically joined student *a capella* groups—her rendition of “Build Me Up, Buttercup” earned cheers, as did her role as the boarding school headmistress in *The Secret Garden*. More seriously, she supported the faculty's desire to increase fairness in the workplace by extending benefits to life partners of Skidmore employees. She also succeeded in times of great tension, for example, in the terrible hours of September 11, 2001, when she brought our community together to grieve, but also to heal: her words then, and at Skidmore's memorial to that event a year later, helped us to deal with that tragedy. Finally, she and Gary turned Scribner House into a museum of art with their wonderful collection of contemporary wood sculptures and paintings, and graciously opened their home to students, faculty, trustees and friends of the College.

We hear that Jamie and Gary are moving to San Francisco, an exciting venue for art, culture and food—always important to serious cooks! We wish them health, happiness, and success in their new surroundings.