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In the twenty-first century, UWW continued its tradition of enabling cohorts of professionals to pursue a baccalaureate degree while working full-time. Its fruitful partnership with the Teachers Union of Antigua and Barbuda was instigated by

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Although I had studied painting and printmaking at Rutgers University and Pratt University, I had not graduated due to marrying young. I did, however, continue to study art history on my own. UWW professors directed my studies toward the Aesthetics of Art. They were sufficiently impressed by my own previous studies and the work I produced under the direction of a mentor during the year I was enrolled at Skidmore, that I was awarded a B.S. Having that degree gave me the confidence to develop my own commercial art studio and continue to create fine art prints. To this day, people are impressed with the source of my degree.

I learned about my subject area (Psychology) from both theoretical and clinical approaches and had an opportunity to work at research from a very integrated and useful perspective. I had good coaching and could have used more participation in the broader Skidmore community as I had few classmates. Above all else, I learned to think critically by the end, which is a gift that has contributed to my success and that I have valued most days since 1977!

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On January 5, 1978, at the Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Center, I received my Skidmore College UWW Bachelor of Science degree in Business. which was the culmination of my many educational and life experiences. For me, the UWW degree itself was a formal testament to my personal achievements and successes. At that time I truly believed that my Skidmore College UWW degree would afford me the opportunity to expand my potential for success by opening many doors that were not accessible to me prior to receiving my degree. Well, I was right, and I ventured into the field of successful pharmaceutical sales, but with my knowledge of drugs and my alternate interests I left sales to enter the field of Law Enforcement, achieving the rank of Lieutenant of Police, Southern Command, for a statewide agency. I am now a retired Police Supervisor and a potential investor and entrepreneur in an Armed VIP Protective Service. I can truly say that I attribute much of my success and business knowledge to my Skidmore College UWW Degree. Thanks for opening the doors for me, UWW, and thank you, mentor Betty Balevic and Director McCormack, for your insight and wisdom.

gogic Center. The valuable book contributions both of these ladies made contributed immensely to the success of our Young Readers Book Club and the reading program in schools in Antigua and Barbuda.

Dr. Donna Brent, our so-down-to-earth serious, but funny lecturer and one

things. Everyone was always in awe when they met her in person for the first time. For, in the classes we did online, we feared her for how much

-to-face always left them in a state of disequilibrium. I used to enjoy watching their reactions when, after they inquired which one was Donna Brent and she was the one they pointed out, there were so many expressions of disbelief. And of course I felt privileged that I got to be in her classroom when I visited Skidmore the first time, and I was impressed with how easily she connected with her students and the humor she brought into the classroom. I admire her for her love for adventure and sports, her intellect and sense of humor. Who could forget the day I braided her hair? No one would believe she was the same person. When we had our tearful goodbyes after the first visit, Donna, always the strong, reasonable one, was filming our most vulnerable moment

shops to prison inmates.

"I wish I had 20 more of you in every prison" is a statement made to me by one prison warden who could substantiate the results of my work. I am forever proud to have passed through the Skidmore UWW program.

cal Centre. He is considered extremely motivated and an excellent employee. Additionally, one of my trainees, Mr. Colin Greene, followed in my footstep and pursued a bachelor's degree with Skidmore's UWW. Since then scores of teachers in Antigua and Barbuda have completed their bachelors degrees at UWW, and all of them either have been promoted to higher positions in the public school system of Antigua and Barbuda or have moved to elevated positions elsewhere.

For me, I experienced the negative bias of our educational system towards the quality of the UWW program. It took 16 months before the officials accepted the high quality of UWW based on the excellent qualities of my work after Skidmore. Imagine my elation when in 2003 I had the authority, and was able to recommend Skidmore's UWW students in Antigua for part fund-

sense of accomplishment and sheer joy of structural learning expanded my mind and inner soul. I proudly display my diploma in my home office but realize the personal journey was profound.

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Fifty pages of unbridled, loving sentiment would not even scratch the surface in expressing my thanks to the college and the excellent UWW staff for allowing me this life changing and life growing opportunity. I remain forever grateful to Skidmore for having had the wisdom and charity to support such a program.

ences to class discussions that students viewed as valuable and not "just another Zangrando lecture item." I enjoyed working with UWW students one-on-one as an advisor or in helping them shape an independent study course with me. Often, those independent study courses helped shape the content and structure of American Studies courses that were part of my regular teaching load.

For years (perhaps decades?), I served on the UWW Committee, although it took me a year or two to figure out my role as a committee member. It was during the weekly degree-plan meetings