Dear Members of the Kick @** Class of 1983,

It’s ON—our 30th Reunion is May 30-June 2, 2013 so SAVE THE DATE because you’re not gonna want to miss it! And have we got surprises in store for YOU…Not only do you have an excellent Reunion planning committee plotting and scheming for YOU, but now you get TWO REUNION CHAIRS! That’s right folks! We are working hard to give you a Reunion weekend that is off the hook. Here’s a brief run down on the plan so far:

➢ Thursday, May 30—BBQ at Mark Ventra’s house (And can he work that SMOKER!)

➢ Friday, May 31—A pre-dinner Scavenger Hunt in Downtown Saratoga, followed later in the evening with a reception at Lillian’s to get you primed and ready to explore DOWNTOWN and its night life...

➢ Saturday, June 1—In the morning, the Parade of Classes and Alumni Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The afternoon allows us to attend the All-Classes Picnic, then enjoy free time to explore, catch up with friends and visit our hospitality suite. Evening plans include the Class of 1983 Celebration Dinner, followed by fireworks and dancing.

➢ Sunday, June 2—Breakfast in the Dining Hall (with reserved tables) prior to a memorial service at the Surrey Memorial Garden.

Even though Reunion is months away, now is the time to start reconnecting, e-mailing, and calling friends you want to see. We’re gonna ROCK this place big time! If you haven’t been back in a while to Saratoga or Skidmore, you’re gonna be amazed at all the changes—but in ways that really matter, things are just the same. So, come on back…WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

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Do you remember our 25th Reunion in 2008? Plan to attend our 30th Reunion this coming May!

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We're going to have one heck of a 30th Reunion! Mark your calendar for May 30-June 2, 2013. Those of us who attended the Reunion planning workshop this summer had a great time. You can look forward to a spectacular event: with Mark Ventra and Bill Ladd leading the way, you can only imagine what a good time it will be!

We want to encourage you all, whether you can make it to Saratoga for Reunion weekend or not, to contribute to our Reunion class gift effort. Our goals are ambitious, but we think very attainable: at least 32 percent class participation and 30 Friends of the Presidents donors ($2,000 threshold)—that would be a 30th Reunion record!

Each reunion has been a time to celebrate our connection with Skidmore and each other. If you have not been back to Saratoga since graduation, what a great excuse for getting together for a party. The town and school have changed so much in the 30 years since most of us left.

Please remember that every gift to Skidmore matters: if $10 is what you feel comfortable giving, that’s great! Every donor is appreciated and makes a difference. Also be sure to check to see if your company offers a corporate match; this is a great opportunity to double your support to Skidmore!

We'll be in touch throughout the year to report on ’83’s progress. Many thanks, in advance, for your consideration and generosity.

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Join the community, find classmates, and register for events (including Reunion): www.skidmoreconnect.org

Check for the latest Reunion 2013 updates: www.skidmore.edu/reunion/

The 30th Reunion is going to be amazing.
To stay updated on all the activities join the Skidmore Class of 1983 Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/groups/136577897737/

Reunion information will be posted as well as “Blast from the Past” pictures. It's a great way to catch up with old friends. The Class of ’83 has had extremely high attendance rates for the last few reunions. Let's continue to prove what we already know—the Class of ’83 is awesome!

Laura
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1983 Social Media Chair
Hello Class of 1983 Nursing Majors!

I'm not sure about all of you, but I can report that I have not been back to a reunion since our 5th in 1988—and I am even a bit hazy as to whether I attended that one as well...

My renewed interest in attending a reunion are two-fold. I can't thank our classmate Bill Ladd enough for working with the Office of Alumni Affairs to establish a nursing reception at reunion during his tenure as Chair of Reunions on the Alumni Board. Former trustee Terry Thomas Fulmer ’74, Ph.D, RN, FAAN is also to thank for resurrecting Skidmore's nursing program through a matriculation agreement with the NYU School of Nursing. I'm incredibly proud of them. Secondly, as we all get older and start to lose loved ones, be they classmates, old friends or family members, I can't help but feel the tug to reconnect with all of you, the people who helped shape me for four years during an amazing but challenging time of our young lives. As a result of my nursing degree, I've had an interesting career in and out of hospitals, and I'd love to know what all of you have been doing for the last 30 (ouch!) years.

Please join me in coming back to Skidmore—to reconnect with classmates, with the College, and with other nursing alumni. There will be a reception for nursing alumni in all the reunion classes, acknowledging the special place the nursing program holds in the College’s history. In addition, there is now a permanent exhibit in the Fowler Atrium of Dana Science Center honoring the nursing program. Come celebrate the role Skidmore had in making you the person you are today. I look forward to seeing you in May but be prepared—I'll be phoning you as well so don't screen those calls when a 212 exchange pops up on caller ID!

Many thanks,

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