

“The students had so many questions, so many ideas, so much energy,” says Sobol. “We were getting a huge amount of value out of the students’ questions and perspectives, and it was also a significant learning experience for them. We were both mentoring and being mentored.”

Burke is adamant that she isn’t going to let any deliverable go out to the community that isn’t an A+. She is also quick to point out that the success of SSCP comes from many sources: the willing collaboration of Skidmore faculty members; the interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum; and the diversity and inclusivity of the campus community, to name some.

In true Skidmore fashion, SSCP students bring a variety of majors to the mix — math, physics, social work, political science, studio art, dance,