



July 15, 2005

Dear Alumna:

As fellow Kirkland College alumnae, we are writing to ask that you cast your ballot for the alumni trustees endorsed by Hamilton's Alumni Council – Susan C. Bacot '88, Gregory T. Hoogkamp '82, and Deborah Forte '75. You should have received the ballot recently with a letter from Melissa Joyce-Rosen '86, President of the Hamilton Alumni Association.

The Alumni Council vets candidates for alumni trustee with great care, thoughtfulness, and deliberation. Over the years, fifteen of our alumnae have been selected by the Council to serve on the Hamilton board of trustees – women like Elizabeth Kneisel Krumeich '74, Constance Miner '74, Sue Morgan '72, Sara Redding Wilson '72, and Anda Bigham Hutchins '78. As a result of their involvement with Hamilton, the Kirkland legacy remains an essential part of Hamilton's strength. Deborah Forte '75 is another alumna who will help ensure that the Kirkland traditions remain a vital part of Hamilton College.

We understand that other alumni have been nominated by petition for alumni trustee. These candidates, however, were not vetted by the Alumni Council and had to acquire only 25 alumni signatures to appear on the ballot. This election – the first-ever polling of the Alumni Association in accord with its standing procedures – is the result of the petition candidates' campaign. We recognize their interest in the governance of the College, but we believe that the best choice for moving Hamilton forward resides in the election of Susan Bacot, longstanding president of the New York Alumni Association, Greg Hoogkamp, who will be running the Annual Fund next year, and Deborah Forte, whose son is now a junior at Hamilton. Each of these Council candidates has contributed significantly to the College. Please support them and take the time to cast your mail-in ballot.

Sincerely,

Susan Skerritt '77
Charter Trustee and former
Alumni Association President

Susan Valentine '73
Life Trustee

Beth S. Martin '75
Chair, Alumni Council
Nominations Committee

PS: If you have misplaced your ballot, please contact Elections USA, Inc. at 800-789-VOTE and they will send you a duplicate ballot request form.