



# Speaking of Smith

## Excellence and Achievement

- ▶ Smith received the largest number of applications in its history (4,008), for admission to the Class of 2013.
- ▶ With an enrollment of 2,800, Smith is among the largest women's colleges in the United States. Smith students come from 48 U.S. states and 72 other countries.
- ▶ Sixty-nine percent of Smith alumnae pursue post-graduate education within five years of graduation. By their 10th reunion alumnae have attained the following degrees: master's (40 percent), law (9 percent), doctoral (8 percent), medicine (6 percent), MBA (5 percent).

## Global Leaders

- ▶ Smith ranks first in the nation among U.S. baccalaureate institutions in the number of students studying abroad for a full year.
- ▶ Smith's Fulbright Fellowships success rate (ratio of winners to applicants) is double the national average. With 16 student and alumnae winners in 2009, Smith is tied for first place (with Pomona) as the liberal arts college producing the most Fulbright Fellows.
- ▶ With 21 alumnae serving around the world, Smith ranks third in the nation among small colleges and universities in the production of Peace Corps volunteers.
- ▶ Smith alumnae hold leadership positions around the globe. Examples include: Shaharзад Akbar '09, Foundation for Free and Fair Elections in Afghanistan; Rachael Bartels '88 managing partner, European chemicals, Accenture; April Foley '69, United States Ambassador to Hungary; Hoon Eng Khoo '73, vice chancellor, Asian University for Women (Bangladesh); Erin Krasik '93, deputy director, Office of Democratic Initiatives, USAID-Russia; Farah Pandith '90, special representative to Muslim communities, U.S. Department of State; Sherry Rehman '85, member, Pakistan National Assembly; Simran Sethi '92, environmental journalist; Julianna Smoot '89, chief of staff, United States Trade Representative.

## Women of Promise

- ▶ The cost of educating a Smith student exceeds \$62,000. The comprehensive fee (tuition, room, board and fees) for attending Smith in 2009-10 is \$50,380. The difference is covered by endowment earnings and generous philanthropic support.
- ▶ With 22 percent of students receiving federal Pell grants, Smith is consistently recognized as a national leader in creating access for low-income and first-generation students. Over the past several years, stories in *BusinessWeek*, *The New York Times*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* have lauded Smith for attracting and graduating students from low-income families. Sixty percent of Smith students receive need-based grant aid, a rate significantly higher than Smith's peers.

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## Public Recognition

- ▶ *Black Enterprise* has ranked Smith at number 15 among the country's "50 Top Colleges for African Americans." *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* ranks Smith sixth out of 30 leading liberal arts colleges (ahead of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke and Wellesley) in the percentage of African-Americans in the first-year class.
- ▶ The 2010 *Newsweek*/Kaplan college guide cited Smith's Ada Comstock Scholars Program as "rare for a selective liberal arts college—a successful effort to stock the student body with ... students far beyond their teenage years."
- ▶ Smith—and Smithies—feature prominently in recent books and films. *Julie and Julia* stars Meryl Streep as Julia Child '34; *Commencement* by J. Courtney Sullivan '03, imagines the lives of a group of Smith students, during and after their time in college; *Mrs. Washington Goes to Smith* features Cybill Shepherd as an Ada Comstock Scholar.

## Pride of Place

- ▶ Northampton, Massachusetts, Smith's hometown, is an award-winning and vibrant small city. Recent accolades: "Number One Best Small Arts Town in America"; "Best Places to Live: Big Small Towns" (*Boston* magazine); "Great Places in America" (American Planning Association); "Top 25 Arts Destinations" (*American Style* magazine); "Top 100 Places to Live" (*CNN/Money* magazine).
- ▶ Smith's distinctive housing system continues to earn accolades. *The Princeton Review* declared Smith number one in the category "Dorms Like Palaces" and number seven in the category "Best Quality of Life." Smith students have access to 15 dining rooms, far greater than the number at peer colleges.
- ▶ A 1.4 million-item library system, a renowned museum of art and a world-famous botanic garden are some of the Smith resources that rival those of leading universities.

## Changing the Face of Science and Engineering

- ▶ Thirty percent of Smith students major in the sciences.
- ▶ Smith's pioneering Picker Engineering Program, the first (and only accredited) engineering program at a U.S. women's college, continues to garner national and international visibility since its founding in 1999. More than 125 Smith-educated engineers are working and studying in a broad array of engineering disciplines, including bioengineering, green design, electrical, civil, materials and aerospace engineering, as well as law and medicine.
- ▶ Smith's newest building is Ford Hall, a teaching and research facility for the Picker Engineering Program, computer science, chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology. A \$73 million, LEED-certified state-of-the-art building, it is the largest and most sophisticated facility built exclusively for women science and engineering students.

## Remarkable Women

- ▶ Smith is well known for its accomplished graduates. The college has more than 47,000 alumnae living and working around the world. Notable alumnae (some deceased) include cookbook author and television personality Julia Child '34, author and feminist leader Betty Friedan '42, former first lady Nancy Davis Reagan '43, former first lady Barbara Pierce Bush '47, poet and author Sylvia Plath '55, Ms. magazine founding editor and feminist leader Gloria Steinem '56, U.S. Congresswoman Jane Lakes Harman '66, columnist and author Molly Ivins '66, Ogilvy & Mather CEO Shelly Lazarus '68, U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas '68, Pulitzer Prize-winning dramatist Margaret Edson '83, U.S. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin '84, and author and MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant recipient Adrian Nicole LeBlanc '86.