

The Class of 2010 at a Glance

Smith welcomes another group of impressive students. Among the members of the newest class are women who have defied the Taliban; worked their way up from homelessness; presented research for review and filed for a patent; worked as a political activist; and traveled the world with Cirque du Soleil.

838 New Students

- 3,427 applied; 696 enrolled
- 178 new Ada Comstock Scholars applied; 71 enrolled
- 258 new transfers applied; 71 enrolled

Self-identified Students of Color (30%)

- 93 Asian American
- 55 African American
- 55 Latina
- 5 Multiracial American
- 4 Native American

Top Five States Represented

- 112 Massachusetts
- 97 New York
- 66 California
- 39 Connecticut
- 39 New Jersey

Top Countries Represented Among 49 International Students (7% of the Class)

- 10 Republic of South Korea
- 3 People's Republic of China
- 3 Pakistan
- 2 each from Ghana, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Vietnam

9% percent of the students have a mother, sister, or grandmother who is a Smith alumna.

22% are the first members of their families to attend college.

Talking Points

Smith garnered 17 Fulbright Fellowships this year, surpassing its own record set last year. Fulbright scholars study and work in countries throughout the world as part of the prestigious State Department sponsored program. In addition, 24 other students won international fellowships from programs such as Beinecke, Boren, DAAD, and Bloomberg.

Smith remains the first undergraduate liberal arts college to offer an engineering degree for women. The Picker Engineering Program and its approach to teaching is one of the main attractions for prospective students, whether they intend to become engineers or not.

20 different Smith faculty hold 25 current National Science Foundation research grants, providing them and their students valuable opportunities for original research and publications.



No ranking system is a true measure of potential success or personal experience, but we recognize the role rankings play in the current mix of information. Here are a few selections from the many ranking publications.

U.S. News Top 215 Liberal Arts Colleges

- #19 in overall rankings among the 215 colleges
- #1 in economic diversity, judged by the number of students receiving Pell Grants
- #23 in campus diversity

Princeton Review Best 361 Colleges

(Rankings provided by students)

- #1 in “dorms like palaces”
- #19 in “quality of life”
- #15 in “acceptance of the gay community”

Among the campus resources others consider unique to Smith are the Museum of Art; horticultural laboratory; printmaking studio; electronic music studio, Sage and smaller recital halls; digital design studio; on-campus elementary school; multimedia language lab; historic greenhouses; Mortimer Rare Book Room; and the Sophia Smith Collection of Women’s History, the oldest women’s history archives and the only one located at a college, not a university.