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Dear Entering Ada Comstock Scholar,

Congratulations and welcome to Smith College!

As your class dean, I am responsible for overseeing the academic progress of all Ada Comstock Scholars. I look forward to meeting you this fall and to working with you during your time here at Smith.

Typically, Ada Comstock Scholars take between 12 and 16 credits in a semester. Smith will offer on-line course registration for entering Adas *during the week of July 24, 2023*—the Registrar’s Office will contact you with more detailed information and dates. If you would like to schedule an advising appointment with me prior to summer registration, please email classdeans@smith.edu. I have advising appointments available on various weekdays in July leading up to registration. You will receive more information about credits and registration from the Registrar’s Office to prepare you for summer on-line registration.

In conjunction with Student Affairs, we have planned Orientation from **September 1 – September 6** to help you learn about the college and to meet each other. Please clear your schedule so you are able to attend the events listed in the [Orientation schedule](#) which is updated often throughout the summer.

In early to mid-August you will be assigned an adviser - this information will be available to you in Workday. Shortly thereafter, your adviser will contact you about setting up a remote meeting to discuss the courses you are interested in taking. I am available to confer with you about choosing classes, but during Orientation your adviser and you will make the final decisions about the courses you choose to take.

Our “[For New Students](#)” website offers numerous links to our orientation program and to information to help guide you in your preparation for living in the Smith community—academically, residentially, and socially. The website will be updated regularly throughout the summer, so be sure to check it often.

The *Smith College Course Catalog* includes information about the organization of the curriculum, defines the Liberal Arts, explains Smith’s “Academic Rules and Procedures,” and offers descriptions and requirements for all majors, minors, and concentrations. For specific courses held in fall 2023, see the [Schedule of Classes](#) at the Registrar’s website.

You should also be sure to explore the many services Smith offers all of its students, such as Disability Services—support for students with physical disabilities and learning differences: ods@smith.edu, the [Jacobson Center](#)—consultation for writing, tutorial services in all fields, workshops, study skills and time management strategies; and the [Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning](#)—assistance with math and quantitative skills. In addition, the [Libraries](#) have an informative website.

As part of our Orientation, all entering students are asked to read a book before their arrival through our “Smith Reads” program. This year’s book is *The Book of Delights* by **Ross Gay**. More information about the reading is available in the “[Smith Reads](#)” section of our new students’ website.

You can learn more about me and about the [Class Deans Office](#) where I work (College Hall 101) by visiting our website. Our office staff can also help with questions—feel free to email them at classdeans@smith.edu.

Smith’s mission is to educate women of promise for lives of distinction. Everyone at Smith is here to help you achieve that promise—and we all look forward to meeting you in the fall. In the meantime, enjoy the next few months before the start of the fall semester.

Sincerely,



Andrea Rossi-Reder
Dean of the Ada Comstock Scholars
and Dean of the Sophomore Class