

Speaking of Smith

Excellence and Achievement

- Smith received 5,597 applications for admission to the class of 2023; over the past decade the number of applications to Smith has increased by 69 percent.
- With an approximate undergraduate enrollment of 2,500, Smith is one of the largest women's colleges in the United States. Smith students come from 47 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and 69 countries.
- More than 64 percent of Smith alumnae pursue postgraduate education within five years of graduation. By their 10th reunion, alumnae have attained the following degrees: master's (41 percent), law (12 percent), doctoral (19 percent), medicine (5 percent), business administration (7 percent). Smith is a nationally ranked leader in the number of undergraduate women who later earn doctoral degrees.
- 20 years out of school, 10 percent of Smith alumnae are chief executives and an additional 8 percent hold executive positions.

Global Leaders

- According to a study by the Impact Careers Initiative of the Aspen Institute, Smith ranks fifth among the top liberal arts colleges whose graduates enter public service.
- Smith ranks third in the nation among U.S. baccalaureate institutions in the number of students studying abroad for a full year.
- In 2017-18, 15 Smith students and alumnae were offered Fulbright fellowships. Smith has been a top-producing college for Fulbright fellowships the past 10 years and leads the country among top producers in the success rate for its applicants.

Women of Promise

- About 18 percent of Smith students are the first in their families to attend college.
- 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 *Business Week*, *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.
- Approximately 61 percent of Smith students receive need-based grant aid, totaling more than \$70 million.
- Smith is a national leader among private colleges in graduating Latina students at the same rate as white students, according to the advocacy group Education Trust.

Public Recognition

- The Best Colleges website cited Smith College as eighth in its list of Top 100 Colleges Ranked by Diversity (2018).
- *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* ranked Smith eighth out of 30 leading liberal arts colleges (ahead of Barnard, Bryn Mawr and Mount Holyoke) in the percentage of African-Americans in the first-year class (2017).
- In listings of Best Liberal Arts Colleges for 2019, Smith is ranked 10th by *The Wall Street Journal* and 11th by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Pride of Place

- Northampton, Massachusetts, Smith's hometown, is an award-winning and vibrant small city. It is included in the listing "Best Places to Live: Big Small Towns" (*Boston* magazine), and is repeatedly cited as a top culinary destination (Huffington Post, *Boston* magazine, Food Travelist) and a haven for book lovers (*The New York Times*).
- 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 renowned museum of art and a world-famous botanic garden are some of the Smith resources that rival those of leading universities. The college's 1.6 million-item library system includes the Sophia Smith Collection, one of the oldest and foremost women's history archives in the world.
- To respond to the changing needs of students, the college has embarked on a major renovation of Neilson Library. The project to reimagine Neilson, the home of collections and services for the humanities and social sciences, is being led by renowned architectural designer Maya Lin and is expected to open in late 2020.

Changing the Face of Science and Engineering

- 40.4 percent of Smith students major in one of the STEM fields, double the national average where only 20.2 percent of degrees conferred to women are in those same disciplines (from 2014, the most current data available).
- Smith has a thriving faculty research culture. Among selective liberal arts institutions in 2016-17, Smith ranks fifth in recipients of National Science Foundation dollars.
- Smith's pioneering Picker Engineering Program, the first ABET-accredited engineering program at a U.S. women's college, continues to garner national and international visibility since its founding in 1999. More than 270 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 commitment to women in the sciences is reflected in its academic buildings. Ford Hall is the largest and most sophisticated academic facility built exclusively for women science and engineering students. The Bechtel Environmental Classroom provides seminar, lecture and lab space at the college's Ada and Archibald MacLeish Field Station, a 240-acre area of forest and farmland in nearby West Whately, Massachusetts.