**Link: Moodle Site**
[Opening Wed. Feb. 3 at 3:00 p.m. EST]

All details regarding zoom links to all academic pre- and Orientation sessions and activities are located in your Moodle site titled, *For Entering New Students—Spring 2021 (FENS)*. Within the FENS Moodle course you will find the Campus Life Moodle course. (CLM) Each session below will indicate which of these Moodle courses will have the link to that session.

**MONDAY, FEB. 8TH 2021**

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

*Welcome to Smith—Introductory Remarks about Pre-Orientation and Orientation (FENS)*

Welcome all new entering students; Ada Comstock scholars, transfers and first semester first year students. A Zoom meeting with Dean Stangl, dean of the first year class, and Dean Litchford, assistant dean of students. For ALL entering new students.

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*The academic record you are bringing to Smith (FENS)*

Class deans Jane Stangl, Susannah Howe, Andrea Rossi-Reder and associate registrar Karen Sise will meet with you to help set you up for success for your advising sessions and registration. Based on your academic record prior to Smith we will review Smith’s academic regulations and procedures, as well as policies regarding pre-matriculation and transfer credits.

**MONDAY FEB. 8TH- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10TH, 2021**

*Individual Advising Sessions*: Beginning Monday at noon EST, through the end of the day on Wednesday, EST you will meet with your Faculty Adviser for one-half hour to discuss your academic plans and goals for the spring semester. In discussion with your adviser, the two of you will determine how to connect, via zoom, phone or some other means.

*Note*: Your faculty adviser will contact you via your Smith email at some point in the week prior (Feb 1st to Feb. 5th) to arrange for the half hour appointment between the 8th and 11th.
**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10TH, 2021**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Mindful Transitions and New Beginnings (CLM)**  
All new students can join in for a light meditation and community building with Chaplain Matilda Cantwell.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 11TH, 2021**

10:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**Welcome to Campus (FENS)**  
Baishakhi Taylor, Dean of the College and Julianne Ohotnicky, Associate Dean of the College and Dean of Students will welcome all new entering students: Ada Comstock scholars, transfers and first semester first year students.

11:00 a.m. - noon  
**Class Dean Welcome (FENS)**  
Jane Stangl, dean of the first year class, Susannah Howe, sophomore class dean, and Andrea Rossi-Reder, dean of juniors and Ada Comstock scholars will welcome all new entering students. Students will engage with their specific class deans in break-out sessions after general introductions.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**How to be an Effective Advisee (FENS)**  
Sarah Moore, associate professor and director of faculty advising will greet and address all new students. Prof. Moore will introduce Smith’s advising models and processes and discuss what it means to actively engage in the advisor-advisee relationship.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Learn about our Design Thinking Initiative: Info Session for Incoming Students (CLM)

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3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Orientation to the First-Year Support Group (CLM)

Take 30 minutes during orientation to pause and orient to yourself. This workshop will offer a space to explore interest in the upcoming First-Year support group for students offered by Counseling Services. Come to this workshop to see whether joining the support group would be a good fit for you.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Smith Reads Discussions (FENS)

All entering students for fall of 2020 were asked to read Tara Westover’s memoir, Educated. We encourage all entering students for 2021 to do this as well. During this time, faculty members David Howlett and Andy Rotman will discuss our 2020 summer reading allowing all new entering students to establish a common reading experience with their Smith peers.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Crafting with your HONS (CLM)

Gather (virtually) with other First Year’s and your Head of New Students (HONS) to make faceboards and get to know who’s who in your house. Hons will send you a link for this event.
FRIDAY, FEB. 12TH, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Meet your SAA and Chair of Honor Board (FENS)

Each house has a Student Academic Adviser (SAA). At this time you will meet with your SAA who will offer peer guidance to assist you with the process of creating your spring academic schedule, as well as work with the college’s registration system, currently Bannerweb. You will also have the opportunity to meet the student chair and members of our student governed Honor Board.

10:00 a.m. - noon

Course Registration (FENS)

It is time to register for your classes! Bannerweb will open for all new students to register for spring semester courses. By this time you should have met with your academic adviser, connected with an SAA, and are now prepared to register for courses via Bannerweb. Your SAA’s should remain available to assist you if needed.

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Libraries 101: Tips, Tricks, and Time-saving Shortcuts (CLM)

New year, new look, new ways to find resources! Come meet the research librarians as they show how to find library resources and more on the Libraries’ redesigned homepage.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 13TH, 2021

Walking Tours:

Stroll through campus and hear about our libraries, design thinking clinic, our health and counseling center, and much more. Your Hons will let you know how to schedule this.

Ada Comstock Meet and Greet (CLM)

Are you a new Ada Comstock Scholar? Sign on for a meet and greet with some current Ada’s to get the scoop on life as a Smithie.

Self-Care Through Joy—Orientation Group with Pam Victor

You must register by February 11th for your Orientation Group. Register on your Moodle course for "Self-Care Through Joy": The 30-Day Happiness Experiment. All First Year’s, Ada’s and Transfers join together with your Orientation Group to get your Smith experience started on the right foot, together and having fun. In the "Self-Care Through Joy" Orientation Group, professional improv comedian and happiness coach Pam Victor (Class of 1988) guides you through a fun, interactive exploration of 11 simple but profound daily practices to bring more self-care, gratitude, positivity, and connection into your daily life at Smith. By the end of this Orientation Group, you'll have a full stress-relieving toolbox to develop your own customized daily self-care practice to support your personal joy, resiliency, and productivity in the year ahead.
Sustainable Smith Scavenger Hunt (CLM)

Get outside for a breath of fresh air & start to get to know campus a bit better with a scavenger hunt put together by CEEDS! Between figuring out where you have to go and then getting there, the hunt can take as little as 40 minutes or as long 90 minutes or more-- ultimately it’s up to you!

Walking Tours:

Stroll through campus and hear about our libraries, design thinking clinic, our health and counseling center, and much more. Your HONS will let you know how to schedule your walking tour.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14TH, 2021

Sharing is Caring

Get together (virtually) with other first year’s for a little sharing and connecting. Your house leaders will show you how it is done.

Primal Welcome Scream

It’s time to make your voice heard on campus. Open your window and let out your loudest primal scream to welcome in the school year. Your Hons will tell you all about this long-standing tradition and show you how it is done.

MONDAY, FEB. 15TH, 2021

CLASSES BEGIN!

Welcome Week events start (See your Social Network for details).