Thursday, September 1

11:30 a.m.– Lunch for all new students and families
Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind, King/Scales, Lamont, Northrop/Gillett, and Tyler house dining rooms
New students and families are invited to join us! Lunch will be served buffet style, so feel free to come at any point during this time.

1 p.m. President’s Welcome Assembly
John M. Greene Hall
All entering students and their families are invited to the President’s first community address of the academic year. Speakers and guests include:
• Faculty Procession
• Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
• Joanna May, VP of Enrollment
• Michael Thurston, Provost
• Alex Keller, Interim Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
• Leela de Paula, Student Government Association President
• Paige Graham, Lecturer, Music Department
• Grant Moss, Accompanist

3 p.m. Meet the Campus Life Staff
Wright Hall, Weinstein Auditorium
Discuss the joys and anxieties of sending your student to college. Join members of the Campus Life team and others for a lively discussion of what to expect, based on your questions.

4:30 p.m. Family Orientation Sessions
as listed below – please choose one

Campus Tour
Departing from the Admissions Office, these walking tours will end at the Campus Center.

Welcome to the Smith College Libraries
Neilson Library, Browsing Room, Room 102
• Susan Fliss, Dean of Libraries
• Jean Ferguson, Director of Learning, Research and Technology
• Beth Myers, Director of Special Collections
• Rob O’Connell, Director of Discovery, Access and Digital Engagement

When your student asks for your help doing research or working on a course project, send them to us! Learn about the spaces, services and collections at the Smith College Libraries (SCL), including our newly renovated Neilson Library.

2 p.m. Welcome Reception
Chapin Lawn
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, returning students, and each other. Light refreshments will be served until 2:45 when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.
4:30 p.m. **Family Orientation Sessions (continued)**
as listed below – please choose one

**Engaging in Co-Curricular Life**
**Seelye Hall, Room 212**
- Tamra Bates, Director of Student Engagement
- Kelsey Parks Smith, Assistant Athletic Director for Equity, Inclusion and Student-Athlete Well-being
Join Tamra Bates from Student Engagement and Kelsey Parks Smith from Athletics as they answer your questions about getting and staying engaged on campus. With events and games to attend and clubs, organizations and teams to join, there is something for everyone here at Smith.

**Smith’s Student Support Resources**
**Wright Hall, Weinstein Auditorium**
- Becky Shaw, Associate Dean of Students
- Kris Evans, Director of the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness
- Michelle Marchese, Director of Counseling Service
Join Becky Shaw from Student Affairs and Kris Evans and Michelle Marchese from the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness to understand the college’s support resources and how students can reach out for help if they are having a difficult time.

5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
Dinner on campus for residential board-paying students. *Students wishing to dine with families should plan to eat downtown at one of our local restaurants.*

7 p.m. **PARENTS AND FAMILIES DEPART**

**ASSETS information session**
**Seelye Hall, Room 201**
- Jane Stangl, First Year Class Dean
- E.J. Seibert, Associate Director of Disability Services
Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and E.J. Seibert, Associate Director of Disability Services will help students and families understand the services available to them for physical and learning disabilities as well as ADHD, mental health, and other conditions. Parents will discover how to enhance their children’s success in the Smith learning environment. This session will cover academic requirements, social expectations, Smith’s academic support services and residential program, disability services and accommodations at Smith, requirements for disability documentation, and students’ rights and responsibilities.

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**Thank you for joining us for Family Orientation.**

*Autumn Recess* and *Family Weekend* will come sooner than you expect. You can find these dates and other resources, including the academic calendar, on the [For Parents and Families](#) page on the website.