



Family Orientation

August 30, 2019

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**Family Orientation 2019**  
**Friday, August 30**

- 11:30-  
1:00 p.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.
- 11:30 a.m.      **Walking tour of the campus**  
**Admission Office**  
Departing from the admission office, these tours will end at the Campus Center.
- 1 p.m.            **Welcome to Smith's Global Community: President's Panel 2018**  
**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:
- Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
  - Susan Etheredge, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
  - Jonathan Hirsh, Senior Lecturer, Music Department
  - Sarah Paquet, Lecturer, Music Department
  - Lemuel Gurtkowsky, Accompanist
  - Rosalie Toupin '20, Student Government Association President
- 1:30 p.m. -  
2:30 p.m.      **Welcome Reception**  
**Chapin Lawn** (Rain location: Davis Ballroom)  
Meet Your Faculty, Staff, and Administrators  
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, returning students, and each other.
- 2:30 p.m. -  
3:30 p.m.      **Meet the Campus Life Staff**  
**Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall**  
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.
- 3:45 p.m. –  
4:45 p.m.      **Family Orientation Sessions**  
**as listed below – please choose one**
- Student Financial Services 101 – Student Financial Services***  
***Seelye 109***  
Meet with staff from Student Financial Services to discuss your student's money management, campus employment, the billing process, and financial aid.
- Working Together for a Safe Community***  
***Seelye 110***  
Staff members from the Office of Campus Police will present on the role Campus Police plays on campus. The discussion will focus on campus safety, emergency messaging, campus crime prevention and changes that have been made in campus safety in response to recent national events. The Campus Police staff welcomes your questions and will provide ample opportunity for discussion.

***FERPA, Communication, and Confidentiality – What can we talk about?***

***Seelye 201***

The Associate Dean of the College/Dean of Students, Registrar's Office and Medical/Counseling Services will be happy to answer questions about how to navigate Smith's policies regarding information sharing. We'll also talk about the importance of our partnership and the parameters of communication between administrators and your student.

***Better than Google: The Smith College Libraries***

***Josten Library Mezzanine***

When your student asks for your help researching a paper, just send them to us! Learn all about the resources, collections, and reference assistance the Smith College Libraries (SCL) provides. This session will also talk about the new Neilson construction project. Feel free to ask questions about the SCL and then accompany a library staff member on a tour of one of the Libraries or the Special Collections Reading Room.

***Engaging in Co-Curricular life – Tamra Bates and Kristin Hughes***

***Seelye 212***

Join Kristin Hughes from Athletics and Tamra Bates from Student Engagement as they answer your questions about how to assist your student in 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.

5:00 p.m.-  
6:00 p.m.

***Everything You Need to Know to Help Your New Student Thrive***

***Weinstein Auditorium***

Associate Dean of the College/Dean of Students Julie Ohotnicky and Associate Dean of the College/Class Dean Danielle Ramdath will talk about your student's new life as a college student and what this means for you as a parent/guardian.

***ASSETS information session***

***Stoddard Auditorium***

Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and Laura Rauscher, Director of Disability Services, will welcome students with disabilities, including physical, mental health, learning disabilities, neurodiversity, chronic health conditions, and discuss disability access and inclusion at Smith. This session will cover navigating academic and residential requirements, social expectations, academic and non-academic support services and programs. We will focus on answering questions about access, accommodations, disability information/documentation, students' rights and responsibilities and ways to connect to disability mentors and community at Smith.

6:00 p.m.

***Free time/Family time***

5:30-  
7:00 p.m.

***Dinner for residential board-paying students and families***

Open dining rooms

Please refer to the New Student Orientation Schedule for locations

7:30 p.m.

***PARENTS AND FAMILIES DEPART***

# Fall 2019

## Friday, August 30

[Central check-in](#) for new students

## Tuesday, September 3–Wednesday, September 4, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Key pick-up (Clark Hall) and move-in for returning students

## Friday, August 30–Wednesday, September 4: [Orientation](#)

The week before the start of classes, new students gather to learn about the college and get to know each other.

## Wednesday, September 4

Opening convocation, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, September 5

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

## Wednesday, September 11

Last day to add a course online

## Wednesday, September 18

Last day to drop a course online; last day to add a Five College course

## Wednesday, September 25

Last day to add a Smith course

## To be announced by the president: [Mountain Day](#)

Mountain Day is a surprise break from classes. The president chooses a beautiful fall day and announces the holiday by ringing the college bells. *Classes scheduled before 7 p.m. are canceled.*

## Saturday, October 12–Tuesday, October 15

Autumn recess

## Tuesday, October 29: [Sherrerd Teaching Prize Ceremony](#)

The Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching is given annually to Smith faculty members selected for their distinguished teaching records and demonstrated enthusiasm and excellence.

## Friday, October 25–Sunday, October 27: [Family Weekend](#)

Students and their families are invited to attend concerts, lectures and panel discussions as well as athletic and social events.

## Monday, November 4–Friday, November 15

Advising and course registration for the spring 2020 semester

## Thursday, November 7: [Otelia Cromwell Day](#)

Otelia Cromwell Day is an annual slate of workshops, lectures, films and entertainment held to honor Smith's first African American graduate. *Afternoon and evening classes are canceled.*

## Wednesday, November 27–Sunday, December 1

Thanksgiving recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on November 27 and open at 1 p.m. on December 1)

## Thursday, December 12

Last day of classes

## Friday, December 13–Monday, December 16

Pre-examination study period

## Tuesday, December 17–Friday, December 20

Final examinations

## Saturday, December 21, 2019–Sunday, January 5, 2020

Winter recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on December 21 and open at 1 p.m. on January 5)

## Wednesday, January 8

Fall 2019 grades due

# Interterm 2020

## Monday, January 6–Friday, January 24

During January interterm, the college is open, but residence is not required. Interterm provides time for students to investigate a special area of interest; to participate in courses, activities and conferences at Smith and other area colleges; to do work in libraries, museums, laboratories, etc.; to participate in internships; to work on research projects; or to enjoy the facilities of the campus at a more leisurely pace. No classes are held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20.

Houses open for returning students at 1 p.m. on January 5. Students returning from study abroad/away, readmitted students and transfers for the spring semester may move in Monday, January 20; keys may be picked up at Clark Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Spring 2020

## **Thursday, January 23–Sunday, January 26**

Orientation for entering students

## **Monday, January 27**

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

## **Friday, January 31**

Last day to add a course online

## **Friday, February 7**

Last day to drop a course online; last day to add a Five College course

## **Friday, February 14**

Last day to add a Smith course

## **Thursday, February 20: [Rally Day](#)**

Rally Day is highlighted by an all-college convocation at which distinguished alumnae are awarded the Smith College Medal, with a reception to follow. *Afternoon classes are canceled.*

## **Saturday, March 14–Sunday, March 22**

Spring recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on March 14 and open at 1 p.m. on March 22)

## **Monday, April 6–Friday, April 17**

Advising and course registration for the fall 2020 semester

## **Saturday, April 25: [Celebrating Collaborations](#)**

Celebrating Collaborations is Smith's annual showcase of student research and performance, highlighting the collaborative efforts of students and faculty.

## **Friday, May 1**

Last day of classes

## **Saturday, May 2–Monday, May 4**

Pre-examination study period

## **Tuesday, May 5–Friday, May 8**

Final examinations

## **Saturday, May 9**

Houses close at 10 a.m. for all students except graduates, Commencement workers and those with Five College finals after May 9

## **Monday, May 11**

Senior grades due

## **Sunday, May 17: [Commencement](#)**

Commencement Weekend is Smith's final chance to honor its graduating seniors and to observe such traditions as Ivy Day and Illumination Night. The weekend culminates on Sunday when families, friends and seniors gather for the awarding of diplomas.

## **Monday, May 18**

All houses close at noon

## **Monday, May 18**

Non-senior grades due

## **Thursday, May 21–Sunday, May 24**

Second Reunion Weekend