

# *Smith College Family Orientation*

*August 27, 2021*



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# *Family Orientation 2021*

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

***Lunch for all new students and families***

**Davis Lawn**

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.

***Welcome to Smith's Global Community: President's Panel 2021***

**Seelye Lawn**

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
- Baishakhi Taylor, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College
- Jonathan Hirsh, Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Paige Graham, Lecturer, Music Department
- Grant Moss, Accompanist
- Emma Tierney, Student Government Association president

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

***Welcome Reception***

**Seelye Lawn**

**Meet 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. Light refreshments will be served until 2:15 when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

***Meet the Campus Life Staff***

**Seelye Lawn**

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.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Family Orientation Choice Sessions listed below - please choose one**

***Walking tour of the campus***

**Admission Office**

Departing from the admission office, these tours will end at the Campus Center.

***Welcome to the Smith College Libraries - Jean Ferguson***

**Seelye Lawn**

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.

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

Join Kristin Hughes from Athletics and Tamra Bates from Student Engagement 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.

***ASSETS information session - Laura Rauscher and Jane Stangl  
Chapin Lawn***

Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and Laura Rauscher, 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.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

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

**Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind, King/Scales, Lamont, and Tyler house dining rooms**

New students and families are invited to join us! Dinner will be served in to-go containers. Your student will be invited to enter the dining hall and pack your meal for you. You are welcome to picnic outdoors on campus.

7:30 p.m.

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES DEPART**

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Fall 2021

### Friday, August 27

[Central check-in](#) for entering first-year students, transfer students, and Ada Comstock scholars

### Friday, August 27–Wednesday, September 1: [Orientation](#)

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

### Tuesday, August 31–Wednesday, September 1

Key pick-up and move-in for returning students

### Wednesday, September 1

Opening convocation

### Thursday, September 2

Classes begin

### Monday, September 6: Labor Day

Classes canceled

### Thursday, September 9

Last day to add a course online

### Thursday, September 16

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

### Thursday, September 23

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 9–Tuesday, October 12

Autumn recess

### TBA: [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 29–Sunday, October 31: [Family Weekend](#)

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

### Thursday, November 4: [Cromwell Day](#) (tentative)

Cromwell Day provides dedicated time and space for reflection and education about diversity, racism and inclusion. *All classes are canceled.*

### Monday, November 8–Friday, November 19 (tentative)

Advising and course registration for the spring 2022 semester

### Wednesday, November 24–Sunday, November 28

Thanksgiving recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on November 24 and open at 1 p.m. on November 28)

### Friday, December 10

Regularly scheduled Monday classes meet only; classes end

### Saturday, December 11–Monday, December 13

Pre-examination study period

### Tuesday, December 14–Friday, December 17

Final examinations

### Saturday, December 18, 2021–Sunday, January 2, 2022

Winter recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on December 18 and open at 1 p.m. on January 2)

### Thursday, January 6

Fall 2021 grades due

## Interterm 2022

### Monday, January 3–Friday, January 21

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 17.

Houses open for returning students at 1 p.m. on January 2. Students returning from study abroad/away, readmitted students and transfers for the spring semester may move in Monday, January 17; keys may be picked up at Clark Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Spring 2022

### Thursday, January 20–Sunday, January 23

Orientation for entering students

### Monday, January 24

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

### Friday, January 28

Last day to add a course online

### Friday, February 4

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

### Friday, February 11

Last day to add a Smith course

### Thursday, February 24: [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 12–Sunday, March 20 (tentative)

Spring recess (houses close at 10 a.m. on March 12 and open at 1 p.m. on March 20)

### Monday, April 4–Friday, April 15

Advising and course registration for the fall 2022 semester

### TBA: [Celebrating Collaborations](#)

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

### Friday, April 29

Last day of classes

### Saturday, April 30–Monday, May 2

Pre-examination study period

### Tuesday, May 3–Friday, May 6

Final examinations

### Saturday, May 7

Houses close at 10 a.m. for all students except graduates, Commencement workers and those with Five College finals after May 8

### Monday, May 9

Senior and graduate student grades due

### Sunday, May 15: [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 16

All houses close at noon

### Monday, May 16

Non-senior grades due

### Thursday, May 19–Sunday, May 22 (tentative)

Second Reunion Weekend