Smith College

Orientation

For New Students

2022
Thursday, August 25

For students interested in pre-med

9–10 a.m.  Health Professions Advising Program Information Session
or
8–9 p.m.  Online—Zoom link can be found in your academic Moodle course. (Choose one session or the other; no need to attend both)

Preparation for a career in the health professions is part of a larger plan that includes completing prerequisite coursework, relevant clinical experiences and community service activities. Join this session to get help with selecting your first classes, to learn more about planning your activities and to find out more about the support and resources our program offers.

Thursday, September 1

8–11 a.m.  Central Check-In and Move In for new students
Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)
All students must visit Central Check-In before going to their houses to move in. In addition to receiving your room keys and college ID card, you can connect with various campus departments and services.

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  Lunch for all new students and families
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.
All new students and their families are invited. Lunch will be served buffet-style, so feel free to come at any point during this time.

Thursday, August 25–Wednesday, August 31

Individual Advising Appointments via Zoom (Required)
Advisers will meet for one half-hour with each student advisee via phone or Zoom from noon on Thursday to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Students will be contacted by their liberal arts adviser earlier that week (August 22–24) to schedule their appointments within that time frame.

During this half hour, you—the advisee—should be prepared to discuss course ideas and interests, and your adviser will help you link your developing academic preferences with choices for classes. They may also offer other avenues for you to explore your interests this fall and in the coming academic year.

Departmental Placement Exams
The links to placement exams, auditions and portfolio reviews can be found on the Registrar’s Office website. Note the due dates of placement exams, as some are as early as Monday, August 15.

Opening Convocation and President’s Welcome
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
All entering students and their families are invited to the president’s first community address of the academic year.
• Faculty Procession
• Kathleen McCartney, President of the College
• Joanna May, Vice President for Enrollment
• Michael Thurston, Provost
• Alexandra 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

* An asterisk indicates that the session is for Ada Comstock Scholars and transfer students.
2–3 p.m. Welcome Reception
Chapin 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 one another. Light refreshments will be served until 2:45 p.m., when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

Family Orientation
3–5:30 p.m. Family Orientation
Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
See family orientation schedule for details and locations. (No students.)

3–4 p.m. Class Dean’s Welcome for transfers, Adas, visiting and exchange students (students only)*
Graham Hall, Hillyer Hall
Class Dean Andrea Rossi-Reder and Karen Sise ’10, associate registrar, will share important academic information. The meeting will conclude with the official Ada Comstock Scholars class photo. All transfer, visiting, exchange students and Ada Comstock Scholars are required to attend. This meeting is for students only.

3–4 p.m. Class Dean’s Welcome for first-year students (students only)
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, and Provost Michael Thurston welcome the class of 2026 into the Smith College academic community. This meeting is critical to your academic success at Smith! All first-year students are required to attend. This meeting is for students only.

4–4:30 p.m. Smith Music—Welcome and Information Session
John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Everything you need to know, or want to ask, about music at Smith will be covered in this session. Learn about courses, lessons, auditions for ensembles, chamber music and more.

Choice Sessions:
4:30–5:30 p.m. ASSETS (parents and students welcome)
Seeley Hall, Room 106
Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, and E.J. Seibert, associate director of disability services
This session will help students understand the services available to them for physical and learning disabilities as well as ADHD, mental health issues 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, requirements for disability documentation and students’ rights and responsibilities. Optional for those interested.

Lawn Games
Seelye Lawn
Come and meet your Orientation Leaders for some lawn games. It’s time to play!

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner Time/Family time
Dinner on campus for residential board-paying students. Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms. Students wishing to dine with their families should plan to eat downtown at one of the local restaurants.

5:30–7 p.m. On campus Adas’ dinner with house staff*
Meet your house leader in your house to walk over to one of our dining halls for dinner.

7 p.m. This concludes the programming for parents and families

8–9 p.m. Nuts and Bolts of Living on Campus
House living rooms
Gather with your fellow housemates for this multifaceted information session. House representatives will cover:
- Campus life resources—Heads of New Students (HONS)
- Academic resources and policies—Student Academic Advisers (SAA)
House Life: House Community Adviser (HCA) and House President (HP)

All first-year students should attend.

Friday, September 2

7:30–8 a.m. | Breakfast for residential board-paying students
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

8:30–9:30 a.m. | Meet Your Student Academic Adviser
House Living Rooms
Your Student Academic Advisers (SAA’s) will be invaluable to you as you chart your academic path through registration. This is required for all first-year students.

8:30–9:30 a.m. | *Ada Comstock Scholars Registration Q&A
Hopkins Lounge
Have questions about your classes? Come to the lounge to explore your academic possibilities. Optional session for Adas.

9:30–10:30 a.m. | How to Be an Effective Advisee
John M. Greene
The faculty director of liberal arts advising Professor Sarah Moore will discuss the academic advising system, providing perspectives on partnering with your faculty liberal arts adviser in exploring the many learning opportunities at Smith. Required for all new students.

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Group Advising Meeting
Various locations shared by advisers
Faculty liberal arts advisers will meet with their cohort of liberal arts advisees in a group. Location will be shared directly with students by their adviser during their individual advising meeting and with a follow-up email.

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Lunch for residential board-paying students
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

12:45–1:45 p.m. | Conversations With Faculty
Virtual
Zoom links for departments and programs will be on your academic Moodle course. Individual academic departments and programs will hold synchronous Zoom sessions for entering students to join during this time. These sessions are designed for the student to discuss with faculty members the particulars of their programs and departments.

1:45–3 p.m. | Online Registration Opens
Students will register for courses through Workday. For student support, check in with your house SAA or go to the Office of the Registrar, College Hall 102.

3–4 p.m. | Summer Reading Discussions
House Living Rooms
Adas: Hopkins Lounge*
A faculty facilitator will join you and your fellow first-year house residents for a conversation about The Book of Form and Emptiness, our summer reading. Required for all new students.

4:30–5:30 p.m. | Library Information Session
Online–Zoom Link in your Campus Life Moodle Course
Welcome to your exclusive sneak-peek of the Smith College libraries. This virtual orientation, hosted by libraries staff members, will introduce key libraries services, resources and spaces, including the Learning Commons, media production spaces and the rare books and archives.

Please gather with your house’s other new students and your house’s Student Academic Adviser to watch! The SAAs will give their house a tour of the Smith College libraries’ spaces during the first few weeks of school.

5:30–7 p.m. | Dinner for residential board-paying students
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

5:30–7 p.m. | ASSETS Pizza Party
Campus Center 102
Meet and greet opportunity for students with all types of disabilities such as mobility, chronic health and mental health. Get to know other students and meet returning students and alums! We are a community at Smith and want to welcome you, share ideas, interests, offer support, suggestions and do everything
we can to get you connected and make sure your time at Smith is the best.

7– 8:30 p.m. Smith To Do
Carroll Room, Campus Center 208
Join the Office of Student Engagement for an evening of crafts and making friends. You will create an original origami work of art to be displayed in the Nolen Art Lounge during orientation weekend. Stop by on Saturday or Sunday to see what your fellow students create! All supplies are provided.

Saturday, September 3

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Orientation Groups
Orientation groups are designed to be fun and informational. Get to know other Smithies and learn a few things along the way. Program locations will be made available to you before you arrive on campus. Check the time for your group, as beginning or end times may vary. Sign up now for the group of your choice. Ada Comstock Scholars, transfer students, AEMES Scholars, and preseason athletes will be pre-assigned to a group and will receive information about the schedule in mid-August.

noon– 1:30 p.m.
Lunch for residential board-paying students
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5:30–7 p.m.
Dinner for residential board-paying students
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7– 9 p.m.
Drag Bingo
Davis Ballroom
Not your grandmother’s bingo! Drag Bingo is a louder, rowdier and spicier version of an old favorite. New students are invited to join us for the chance to win prizes and meet new friends!

7– 9 p.m.
Movie Night—Encanto!
Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
Close out an eventful day in the cool and calm Weinstein Auditorium. Fill up on snacks and treats while you enjoy the award-winning film Encanto with your fellow new students.
3– Smith Reads
4:30 p.m. John M. Greene
Ruth Ozeki ’80, author of The Book of Form and Emptiness, along with her editor, Carole DeSanti ’81, will offer an onstage exchange about our summer reading. As Smith alumnae, both Ozeki and DeSanti are current Smith professors of English language and literature with extensive literary backgrounds. We anticipate a lively conversation that will be built primarily around questions posed over the course of the summer by incoming students.

5–7 p.m. Dining in the houses—student favorites.
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

7– 8:30 p.m. House Programs with your HONS (Head of New Students)
House Living Rooms
Meet up with other new students and your HONS for a little fun.

7– 8:30 p.m. Ada Comstock Scholars*—Ice Cream Social
Meet in the Ada Lounge in Hopkins
Meet returning Adas and walk downtown for the best ice cream in the area.

Monday, September 5

7:30– 9 a.m. Breakfast for residential board-paying students
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

9– noon PVTA Tour of the Valley
Meet in front of of John M. Greene Hall (JMG)
Want to become more familiar with the valley? Join your Orientation Leaders for a PVTA bus tour and find out where to shop and how to get to the other colleges in the area.

noon– 1:30 p.m. Lunch for residential board-paying students
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1:30–3 p.m. Resource Fair
Seelye Lawn
Can’t wait to find out more about the Jacobson Center? Have a question for Dining but have been too busy to ask? Join us on Seelye lawn for an informal look at offices, departments and programs that are here to enhance your Smith experience.

Tuesday, September 6

Classes Begin!
Open Dining Rooms

Students may dine in any open dining room by using their OneCard IDs. Check for meal times and menus at: smith.edu/diningservices. Unless noted otherwise, meal times are:

**Friday and Monday**
- Breakfast, 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- Lunch, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Dinner, 5–7 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday**
- Expanded Continental Breakfast, 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- Brunch 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- Dinner 5–7 p.m.

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*Special dinner featuring “student favorites” served in all dinner locations!*