



SMITH COLLEGE.

# *Orientation*

FOR NEW STUDENTS

# 2023

Remote orientation sessions can be found on the [campus life Moodle course](#) and the [academic Moodle course](#).

### Departmental Placement Exams

Links to placement exams and information can be found on the [Registrar's Office website](#). Please note the due dates of placement exams, as they vary by department.

Entering students are expected to attend all sessions unless otherwise indicated.

## Tuesday, August 22– Wednesday, August 30

### Individual Advising Appointments via Zoom (Required)

Beginning at 10 a.m. ET, on Tuesday, August 22, and closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, advisers will arrange to meet for one half hour with each student advisee via phone or Zoom. Students **will be contacted by their liberal arts adviser prior** to the advising time frame noted above to schedule their individual appointment.

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 exploring your interests this fall and this coming academic year.

## Thursday, August 31

### For Students Interested in Health Professions Career Paths

**9–10 a.m. or 8–9 p.m.**

### Health Professions Advising Program Information Session

**The Online Zoom links 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.

## Friday, 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 prior to arriving at their house to move in. In addition to receiving your room keys and college ID card, you will have the opportunity to connect with various campus departments and services.

**11–11:30 a.m.**

### Settle In

Take time to check out your new home away from home.

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### Lunch for All New Students and Families

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open 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.–12:30 p.m.**

### Welcome Lunch for Incoming Adas With Ada Coordinator

#### Chase House Special Dining Room

*This is for Ada Comstock Scholars.*

**12:45 p.m.**

### President's Welcome Assembly

#### John M. Greene Hall (JMG)

All entering students and their families are invited to the president's first community address of the academic year.



**1:45–2:45 p.m.**

### **Welcome Reception**

**Chapin lawn (Rain Location: ITT)**

*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 2:45 p.m., when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

## **Family Orientation**

**3– 5:30 p.m.**

### **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall**

See the Family Orientation schedule for details and locations. These sessions are intended for family members only. Students are expected to attend their dean's welcome session at this time.

**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 2027 into the Smith College academic community. This meeting is critical to your academic success at Smith! *All first-year students are required to attend.*

**3–4 p.m.**

### **Class Dean's Welcome for Transfers, Adas, and Visiting and Exchange Students (Students Only)**

**Graham Hall, Hillyer Hall**

Class Dean Andrea Rossi-Reder and Associate Registrar Karen Sise welcome new transfers, Adas, and visiting and exchange students into the Smith College academic community and share important academic information. The meeting will conclude with the official Ada Comstock Scholars class photo. *All transfer, visiting, and exchange students and Ada Comstock Scholars are required to attend.*

**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. See you there!

**4:30–5:30 p.m.**

### **Accessibility and Accommodations (Parents and Students Welcome)**

**Seelye Hall, Room 106**

Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, and EJ Seibert, associate director of disability services, will help students 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 student'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. *Optional information session for those interested.*

**4:30–5:30 p.m.**

### **Lawn Games**

**Seelye lawn**

Come and meet your orientation leaders (OLs) on the lawn for some lawn games. It's time to play! *(Optional activity)*

**5:30–7 p.m.**

### **Dinner Time/Family Time**

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. Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**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. *This is for Ada Comstock Scholars.*

**5:45–7:30 p.m.**

### **Welcome-Back Dinner for Smith's Indigenous Community and Special Welcome for Incoming Native and Indigenous Students**

**Bodman Lounge in the basement of the Chapel**

Please join us for dinner and greet our new students and welcome back all returning Indigenous-identified students, staff, and faculty. Families are welcome. *(Optional activity)*

**7 p.m.**

**This concludes the programming for parents and families.**

**7–8 p.m.**

**Meet your OLs**

**Various locations provided at check-in**

This is chance to meet your OLs and find out what to expect from your orientation experience.

**8:15–9:30 p.m.**

**Nuts and Bolts of Living on Campus**

**House living rooms**

Gather with your fellow housemates for this multi-faceted information session. House representatives will cover:

- Campus life resources—heads of new students (HONS)
- Academic resources and policies—student academic advisers (SAAs)
- House life—house community adviser (HCA) and house president (HP)

## Saturday, September 2

**8–9 a.m.**

**Meet Your OLs for Breakfast**

**Various locations**

Your OLs will tell you where to meet them.

**9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Taste of Smith: Group Programs With Campus Partners**

These workshops are designed to be fun and informational. It is a chance to get to know other Smithies and learn a few things along the way.

**Noon–1 p.m.**

**Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students**

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**7:30–9 p.m.**

**Smith To-Do: Felt Banners**

**Carroll Room, Campus Center 208**

Looking to get crafty? Join us to make the coolest dorm decoration and meet some new friends! The Office of Student Engagement team will be on hand with supplies to help you get creative. All are welcome, no craft experience required.

*(Optional activity)*

## Sunday, September 3

**7:30–9:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**8:15–8:45 a.m.**

**Meet Your SAAs for Breakfast**

**House living rooms**

Your SAAs will be invaluable to you in terms of navigating registration and charting your academic path. Meet them for breakfast and they will take you to your next session.

**9–9:30 a.m.**

**Library Information Session**

**John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

Meet your first-year librarian and learn what you need to know about the libraries at Smith College.

**9:30–11 a.m.**

**Living in a Diverse Community**

**John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

Smith is a global community right here in Massachusetts! You are joining a community of people who are diverse in every sense of the word. This is a chance to meet Floyd Cheung, vice president for equity and inclusion, and engage in community-building activities led by current students in the Leaders for Equity-Centered and Action-Based Design (LEAD) program. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on your own experiences and make some new connections!

**11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**Playfair for All New Students**

**Chapin lawn (Rain Location: ITT)**

It's time to play! Join together on the lawn for some fun and festivities. *(Optional activity)*

**Noon–1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**

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**1:45–3 p.m.**

**The Care and Keeping of You—Smith College Edition**

**John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

This workshop affirms that well-being in a diverse community requires many kinds of support. We will specifically review the services available to students through the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness, the Office of Disability Services, and in the surrounding community. Students will gain key skills around medical self-advocacy and will be offered a tool for designing their initial road map for health and wellness for their time at Smith.

**3–5:30 p.m.**

**Free Time/Me Time**

How about some “me time”? Take this time to settle in, get to know your housemates, or reflect on your experience so far.

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students**

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**7–9 p.m.**

**Drag Bingo**

**Scott Gym**

Not your grandma’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! (*Optional activity*)

**7–9 p.m.**

**Spirits of Smith—Ghost Tours**

**Meet on Chapin House front porch**

**Tour group leaves every 30 minutes between 7 and 9 p.m.**

Discover what haunts the halls at Smith College! Dare to journey through one of the most haunted campuses in America. Your OLs will guide the way, sharing “scary” stories with an emphasis on silliness. (*Optional activity*)

## Monday, September 4

**7:30–9:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**9:30–10:30 a.m.**

**Meet Your SAAs**

**House living rooms**

Your SAAs will work with you and your housemates in anticipation of forthcoming advising and registration sessions. Following this meeting, your SAAs will guide you to John M. Greene Hall (JMG) for a faculty member’s perspective on advising.

**10:30–Noon**

**How to Be an Effective Advisee**

**John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

Kate Queeney, professor of chemistry and past director of faculty liberal arts advising, will help you learn about our academic advising system and provide perspectives on partnering with your faculty liberal arts adviser in exploring the many learning opportunities at Smith.

**Noon–1 p.m.**

**Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**

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**1–3 p.m.**

**Scavenger Hunt**

**Chapin lawn**

Meet your OLs for an adventure, where you will learn about the Smith campus and maybe even win some prizes.

**3–4 p.m.**

**Being a Member of the Smith Community**

**John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

Interim Dean of the College Alex Keller and Provost Michael Thurston will discuss the overlapping sites and spaces in which the Smith community exists (from the classroom to the living room, with the public spheres in between). While each kind of space is defined by its own distinct expectations and practices, all are joined by the specific values of an academic community—a community of free and open inquiry. Dean Keller and Provost

Thurston will touch on some important aspects of students' responsibilities within the community and describe the modes of integrity required of all community members. Additionally, conversation as the vital practice for building, enacting, and improving community in all campus spaces and areas of campus life will be addressed.

**4–5:30 p.m.**

**Team Time**

**Various locations**

Meet up with your OLs for fun and festivities.

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**7–8:30 p.m.**

**House Programs With Your HONS**

**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.

*This is for Ada Comstock Scholars.*

## Tuesday, September 5

**7:30–9 a.m.**

**Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**9–10 a.m.**

**Group Advising Meeting**

**Various locations shared by advisers**

Faculty liberal arts advisers will meet with their cohort of advisees in a group context. Location will be communicated directly to students by advisers during their individual advising meeting, with a follow-up email thereafter.

**10:15–11:45 a.m.**

**Conversations With Faculty**

**Chapin lawn (Rain Location: ITT)**

Join faculty members from each department and program for informal discussions regarding course content and selection. Bring your questions! This session is recommended for all students regardless of intended major.

**11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**1–2:30 p.m.**

**Resource Fair**

**Seelye Lawn Tent**

Can't wait to find out more about the Jacobson Center? Want to learn about our centers and concentrations? Join us on Seelye lawn for an informal look at offices, departments, and programs that are here to enhance your Smith experience.

**2:45–3:45 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.

**4–5:30 p.m.**

**Team Time**

**Various locations**

Meet up with your OLs for fun and festivities.

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Dining in the House**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Office of Disability Services—Disability Justice Dinner**

**Campus Center 103-104**

Meet-and-greet opportunity for students with all types of disabilities such as mobility, chronic health, mental health, or other conditions. Get to know other students and meet upper-class students and alums! We are a community at Smith and want to welcome you, share ideas and interests, offer support and suggestions, and do everything we can to get you connected and make sure your time at Smith is the best. (*Optional activity*)

**7–8:30 p.m.**

**Trivia Night**

**Carroll Room**

Connect with your fellow entering students and faculty at Trivia Night! Join us to collaborate, test your knowledge, and take home the trophy.

*(Optional activity)*

**7:30–9:30 p.m.**

**Relaxation Lounge**

**Campus Center 102, 103, 104**

Unwind and indulge in an evening of self-care. Join us for nail polish, custom tea, face masks, and more! *(Optional activity)*

**1–2:30 p.m.**

**Summer Reading Discussions**

**Seelye Hall classrooms for first-years and transfers; Hopkins Lounge for Adas**

A faculty and/or staff facilitator will join you and your fellow first-year house residents for a conversation about *The Book of Delights*, our summer reading.

**2:30–4:30 p.m.**

**End-of-Orientation Celebration and Team Farewell**

**Seelye lawn**

Come celebrate the end of orientation and the beginning of your time at Smith. Prizes and accolades will be given out for teams. *(Optional activity)*

**5:30–7 p.m.**

**Dining in Houses—Student Favorites**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**7–9 p.m.**

**Welcome Carnival**

**Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)**

Join the Office of Student Engagement, the Student Government Association, Dining Services, the Dean of the College, and the Division of Student Affairs as we kick off the beginning of another wonderful academic year! The evening will be filled with games, music, and of course, lots of food as we celebrate our community together. *(Optional activity)*

## Wednesday, September 6

**7:30–9:30 a.m.**

**Breakfast for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

**9–11:30 a.m.**

**PVTA Tour of the Valley**

**Outside John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**

Meet your OLs and jump on a PVTA bus to tour the valley. Familiarize yourself with places you will certainly want to revisit throughout your time at Smith. Tour groups will leave at 30-minute intervals starting at 9 a.m. The last group will leave at 11:30 a.m. *(Optional activity)*

**11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**

Please refer to the end of this program for a link to the list of open dining rooms for students.

# 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](https://smith.edu/diningservices).

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