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A close-up photograph of several autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, set against a soft, blurred background of a blue and orange sky. The leaves are the central focus of the image, with one large red leaf in the upper right and several orange and yellow leaves extending downwards and to the left.

Orientation for New Students 2019

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Program

Friday, August 30

8– 11:30 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 arriving at their houses to move in. Here you will receive your room keys, course registration materials and college ID card; meet representatives from various campus departments; and learn about services.

11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m. **Lunch for New Students and Families**

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

New students and families are invited for a buffet-style lunch. Come at any point during this time.

1 p.m. **President's Welcome**
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, President, Student Government Association

1:30– 2:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Chapin lawn (Rain location: Davis Ballroom)
New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, staff and 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.

Family Orientation

2:30– 6 p.m.

Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall

See family orientation schedule for details and locations.

2:30– 3:45 p.m.

Class Dean's Welcome—Required for First-Year Students

Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall

Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, welcomes the class of 2023 into the Smith College academic community. This meeting is critical to your academic success at Smith! **For students only.**

Class Deans' Welcome—Required for All Transfer, Visiting and Exchange Students and Ada Comstock Scholars

Graham Hall, Hillyer Hall

Class Deans Andrea Rossi-Reder and Tina Wildhagen will share important academic information, joined by Sid Dalby, associate director of admission/Ada Comstock adviser, and by student leaders. The meeting will conclude with the official Ada Comstock Scholars' class photo. **For students only.**

3:30– 5 p.m.

Team Time—All First-Year Students Should Attend

Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall

Meet and hang with your new team members.

5–6 p.m. Choice Sessions

ASSETS (Advancing Student Success in Educational Transitions at Smith) Disability Information Session

Stoddard Auditorium, Stoddard Hall
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 and chronic health conditions—and discuss disability access and inclusion at Smith. This session will cover navigating academic and residential requirements, social expectations, academic and nonacademic support services and programs. It 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.

Lawn Games

Chapin lawn

Don't miss your chance to fully embrace the art of play. Orientation leaders will lead us in play time.

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students and Families

Open dining rooms

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

6–7:30 p.m. Free Time/Family Time

Grab some dinner at the dining hall with your family or take time to settle in and relax before the evening activities.

7:30 p.m. Parents and Families Depart

8–9 p.m. Nuts and Bolts of Living on Campus—All First-Year Students Should Attend

House living rooms

Gather with your fellow housemates for this multifaceted information session. House reps will cover:

- Campus life resources—Heads of New Students (HONS)
- Academic resources and policies—Student Academic Advisers (SAA)

- Residential policies and procedures—Head Resident (HR)
- House Life—House Community Adviser (HCA) and House President (HP)

Saturday, August 31

7:30–9 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 a.m.–4 p.m.

Orientation Group Programs

Check the orientation folder you received at central check-in for program times and locations.

11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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

4–5:30 p.m. Learn About Club Sports/Free Time (your choice)

Chapin lawn (Rain Location CC Lower Level)
Want to stay active and have fun, but don't want to play a varsity sport? Find out what club sports at Smith have to offer. From ultimate disc to synchronized swimming, rugby to equestrian, ice hockey to squash—Smith offers many ways to find friends and play competitive club sports. **Optional.**

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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

7–9 p.m. Smith 2 Do—Crafts and Cake Campus Center 208 (Carroll Room)

Looking to get a little crafty? The Office of Student Engagement Programming Team and your orientation leaders will have supplies and snacks to stimulate your creativity and help personalize your new Smith space.

Sunday, September 1

7:30–9 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 a.m.–noon

Orientation Group Programs

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11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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**1:30–3:30 p.m. Team Activities
Chapin lawn**

Meet with your team for crafts, trips, walks, speed friending and ice cream and discover the hidden spaces at Smith. Activities will vary each time.

3:30–5:30 p.m. Living in a Diverse Community performance—Required for All Students

John M. Greene Hall

At Smith, you are joining a global community of people who are diverse in every sense of the word. This live performance will introduce you to the responsibilities, respect and understanding that entails. Learn how you can participate in and enjoy the benefits of the Smith experience.

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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

7–9 p.m. Dialogue With the Actors

Various spaces in the Campus Center

Want to talk with the actors about the *Living in a Diverse Community* performance? Join a conversation with actors and other Smithies to

reflect, ask questions and discuss what it is like living in a diverse community. **Optional.**

Dialogues/Open Chats

Living rooms

Want to talk to other house members about living in a diverse community? Join an informal chat in your living room to discuss the performance. **Optional.**

9–11 p.m. Outdoor Movie

Chapin Lawn (Rain Location: Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall)

Come for popcorn and a movie on the lawn. **Optional.**

Monday, September 2

7:30–9 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.

9–10 a.m. Departmental Placement Exams

The schedule of placement exams, auditions and portfolio reviews can be found on the Registrar's Office website at www.smith.edu/about-smith/registrar/exams.

10–11 a.m. Class of 2023 Photo—All First-Year and Transfer Students Should Attend

Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)

Gather with your classmates for your class picture.

11 a.m.–noon

Choice Sessions

Introduction to Health Professions Advising at Smith

Stoddard Auditorium, Stoddard Hall

Interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare profession? This session includes a brief overview of the resources and advisers available to help you achieve your goals, and a stimulating brainstorming activity to put your ideas into action.

Study Skills Workshop and Introduction to the Jacobson Center

McConnell, room 103

Reinforce your learning habits and strengthen your study skills! As you transition to this new environment, learn about important practices to help manage your time, maintain focus and handle a heavy reading load. Offered by the learning specialist from the Jacobson Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning, this discussion will help you find ways to stay organized and maintain a healthy life-work balance.

Ada and Transfer Student Information Session—Required for All Transfer and Ada Students

Seelye 201

noon–1:30 p.m. Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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

1:30–4:30 p.m. Teams Activities

Chapin lawn

Crafts, trips, walks, speed friending, ice cream and finding hidden spaces at Smith—your activity will differ each time!

4:30–5:30 p.m. Meet your SAAs

House living rooms

5:30–7 p.m. Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students

Open dining rooms

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

ASSETS Pizza Party

Dewey common room

Meet and greet opportunity for students with all types of disabilities, such as mobility, chronic health, mental health and other conditions. Get to know other students and meet upper-level students and alumnae. We welcome you to our community and want to share ideas and interests, offer support and suggestions, and do everything we can to make sure your time here is the best.

7:30–9 p.m.

Bingo and Snacks

Campus Center Carrol Room

Swing by the Campus Center for some Bingo! Loads of great prizes too!

Tuesday, September 3

7:30–8:30 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. Liberal Arts Advising: How to Be an Effective Advisee —All Students Should Attend, Regardless of Intended Major

Sweeney Auditorium, Sage Hall

A Smith education has many components that require important decisions—from choosing major course work to developing cultural competency. Lauren Duncan, director of faculty advising, and Jane Stangl, dean of the first-year class, will lead this informational meeting to help students learn to make the most of academic advising and the open curriculum to determine what path is best for them.

9:45–11 a.m. Group Meetings With Academic Advisers —All Students are Required to Attend

Various locations

All first-year, transfer, visiting and exchange students and Ada Comstock Scholars will meet with their academic advisers at the designated locations listed in the course registration materials you received at central check-in. **This meeting is for students only.**

11 a.m.–noon Conversations With Faculty —Recommended for All Students, Regardless of Intended Major

Indoor Track and Tennis facility (ITT)

Join faculty members from each department and program for informal discussions regarding course content and selection. Bring your questions!

noon–
1:30 p.m. **Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

noon–1 p.m. **AEMES (Achieving Excellence in Mathematics, Engineering and Sciences) Lunch (by invitation only)**
Chase/Duckett Special Dining Room C

1–3 p.m. **Information Fair**
Chapin lawn (Rain site: Campus Center)
Can't wait to find out more about the Jacobson Center? Have a question for Dining Services? Join us for an informal look at offices, departments and programs that are here to enhance your Smith experience.

1–4:30 p.m. **Individual Advising Appointments**
Various locations
You will meet with your academic adviser for a half hour during this time frame to discuss your interests and prepare for course selection.

4:30–
5:30 p.m. **Smith Reads: *How Culture Shapes the Climate Change Debate***
John M. Greene Hall
Author Andrew J. Hoffman will join all students for a conversation about the first-year reading.

5:30–7 p.m. **Dinner for Residential Board-Paying Students**
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

7– 8 p.m. **Smith Reads Discussions**
House Living Rooms
Join the faculty and fellow students for a conversation about the first-year reading.

Wednesday, September 4

7:30–9 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 a.m.–
1:30 p.m. **Individual advising appointments**
Various locations
You will meet with your academic adviser for one-half hour during this time frame to discuss your interests and prepare for course selection.

noon–
1:30 p.m. **Lunch for Residential Board-Paying Students**
Open dining rooms
Please refer to the end of this program for a list of open dining rooms.

1:30–
3 p.m. **Online Registration**
Seelye 212 is reserved for students who need computer access.

3–5 p.m. **Team Activities**
Chapin lawn and various locations
Will it be crafts, walks, speed friending, ice cream—or finding secret spaces at Smith?

5–7 p.m. **Celebration Dinner Picnics**
Two Locations: Davis lawn and Quad lawn
Picnic on the lawn. Students living in the Quad should plan to eat on the Quad lawn. All others should dine on Davis lawn.

7:45 p.m. **Convocation**
John M. Greene Hall
Students and faculty gather together to signal the start of the academic year.

Weinstein Auditorium
Convocation will be livestreamed in Weinstein Auditorium for students looking for a quieter space to celebrate the start of the academic year.

7– 9:45 p.m. **Smith College Convocation Kick-Off Carnival**
Chapin lawn (Campus Center in the event of rain)
Join the Office of Student Engagement, Student Government Association, Dining Services, the Dean of the College and the Division of Student Affairs as we kick-off another wonderful academic year! The evening will feature games, music and, of course, lots of food, as we celebrate our community. Families should use discretion when deciding whether to bring children; we expect more than 2,000 very excited, sometimes rowdy, Smith undergraduates to be in attendance.

Open Dining Rooms

Students may dine in any open dining room by using their OneCards. Check for meal times and menus at www.smith.edu/diningservices. Unless noted otherwise, meal times are: breakfast, 7:30–9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; dinner, 5:30–7 p.m.

Friday, August 30

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Chase/Duckett	lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Northrop/Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	lunch, dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner

Saturday, August 31

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner

Sunday, September 1

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch dinner
Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner

Monday, September 2

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch dinner
Northrop/Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner

Tuesday, September 3

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Northrop/Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Wilson	dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner

Wednesday, September 4: Convocation

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, lunch
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch
Tyler	breakfast, lunch
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch
Northrop/Gillett	lunch
Lamont	breakfast, lunch
Hubbard	breakfast, lunch
Dawes	lunch

Dinner will be a BBQ on the Quad and Davis lawn for all students

Thursday, September 5: First Day of Classes

King/Scales	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Cushing/Emerson	breakfast, dinner
Chase/Duckett	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Tyler	breakfast, lunch dinner
Cutter/Ziskind	breakfast, lunch dinner
Northrop/Gillett	lunch, dinner
Lamont	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Wilson	dinner
Dawes	lunch, dinner
Chapin	grab and go lunch, dinner
Hubbard	breakfast, lunch, dinner
Comstock/Wilder	dinner

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