

June 2018

Dear Entering Ada Comstock Scholar:

Welcome to Smith! I am pleased that you are joining the Smith community and the other Ada Comstock Scholars. We have planned **Orientation from August 31 – September 5** to help you learn about the college and each other. Please clear your schedule so you are able to attend the events listed in the orientation schedule. The schedule is updated often, so keep checking it: www.smith.edu/student-life/orientation.

As part of Orientation, all entering students are asked to read a book over the summer months. This year's book is *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. You are invited to join a discussion group about this book on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Smith offers online course registration from July 30 – August 3 for entering Ada Comstock Scholars. If you would like to schedule an advising appointment with a dean prior to summer registration, please call our office at 413-585-4920. Advising appointments are available on weekdays from July 23 - August 3. To access registration use your 9-digit Banner ID from the Admission process. At the end of June, you will receive more information about credit and registration from the Registrar's Office.

Mark these important dates:

- **Friday, August 31:**
 - **Central Check-In (CCI)** - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Indoor Track and Tennis facility (ITT), in Ainsworth Gymnasium. *You must attend Central Check-In for keys and ID.*
 - **President's Welcome** - 1:00 p.m. in John M. Greene Hall. President, Kathleen McCartney, and members of the administration and faculty welcome new students and their families. A reception with faculty will follow.
 - **Required meeting with Class Deans** - 2:30 p.m. in Graham Hall, Hillyer. We will give you important information about registration, academic policies and regulations.

- **Tuesday, September 4:**
 - **Group meeting with faculty adviser from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** You will meet your assigned faculty adviser and their other new advisees.

You will be scheduled to meet with your faculty adviser for an individual advising conference on one of the following days.

- **Tuesday, September 4 or Wednesday, September 5:**
 - **Tuesday - Individual advising appointments** take place in faculty offices on the half-hour from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - **Wednesday - Individual advising appointments** take place in faculty offices on the half-hour from 9:00 to 1:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 5:**
 - **Online registration** takes place from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
 - **Opening Convocation**, at 7:00 p.m. in John M. Greene Hall. At this rowdy event, the entire community comes together to celebrate the start of the academic year.
- **Thursday, September 6:**
 - **Classes begin - 8:00 a.m.**

Orientation is a busy, unique, once in a lifetime opportunity to get to know Smith. Please make every effort to be on campus from August 31 – September 5!

Call the Class Deans Office with any questions: (413) 585-4930 or (413) 585-4920.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely yours,



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Dean of the Sophomore Class

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