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Welcome to Smith College! I am pleased you will be joining our Smith College community this fall. I am sure you will enjoy much success during your time here. In my role as Associate Dean of the College/Dean of Students my team and I support students’ co-curricular lives. Student Affairs includes counseling services, new student programs, medical services, multicultural affairs, student engagement, religious and spiritual life, residence life and wellness. Student life at Smith offers a rich array of activities designed to assist you in your academic endeavors, to extend your learning beyond the classroom, and to develop your talents, skills and interests. The information contained on the For New Students page on the website is important and will begin to acquaint you with these numerous opportunities. Please take some time to review this material prior to your arrival.

We know that new students arrive on campus with many questions. In order to assist you, we have prepared an orientation program, which begins on Friday, August 30, 2019. Orientation contains essential information that all new students need for academic and personal success and addresses topics of importance to the entire Smith College community. During this time, you will also meet with your academic adviser and select your courses for the fall semester. In addition, Orientation offers many informal opportunities to help you become acquainted with other new classmates, returning students, and Smith faculty and staff.

Over the summer you will hear from various deans from Smith College. Please watch for information from your class dean, who will oversee your academic experience, and our assistant dean of students, who works specifically with our orientation programs. In the meantime, here is some important information for you to note:

- As a reminder, we will be using your Smith email address EXCLUSIVELY from this point on. Please check it regularly for important messages.
- Your Smith ID (also known as your “99 number”) was sent to your Smith email address from Student Financial Services and from Information Technology Services. If you have misplaced this information please retrieve it from this login page. Each new student will also need to select an Orientation group program, to participate in during your first weekend at Smith. These are small group
experiences that are interest-specific and will enable you to get to know your classmates who share a similar interest. Information about these groups and how to register for a program is available on this Orientation page.

- The First-Year Experience is a unique program designed especially for new students. Through workshops and other events, the FYE provides numerous opportunities to interact with new students, faculty and staff throughout the first few weeks of school. A schedule of FYE events will be posted in August.
- If you submit your Residence Life Information Form prior to the June 15 deadline, you will be receiving your room assignment via Smith email by August 1. This email will include your house, room number, and your roommate’s name and email address, should you be assigned to a double room. I encourage you to communicate with your roommate prior to arriving on campus. Should you have any questions concerning your room assignment, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 413-585-4940, or by emailing reslife@smith.edu.

I look forward to welcoming you to Smith in the fall. If you have any questions about student life prior to or after your arrival on campus, please do not hesitate to contact me at 413-585-4940, or come to the Student Affairs Office located in Clark Hall. In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

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