Smith College

FAMILY WEEKEND

2020
SCHEDULE

Sessions marked with an asterisk will be recorded and made available online. Links to sessions can be found on the schedule emailed to families or on the Smith Social Network.

Friday, October 23

7:40 a.m.– Classes Open to Visitors
A list with links to join classes was sent to parent and family email addresses. Virtually attend one of your student’s favorite classes or any other class open during this time. Classes not listed are unavailable. Classes will not be recorded.

4:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

10– 11:30 a.m.
Official Smith Ring Sales

Drop-In Virtual Sessions
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12:15– 1 p.m.
Open Office Hours: Drop in to any or all sessions to ask questions and meet administrators.

Office of Student Affairs
Julie Ohotnicky, associate dean of the college and dean of students, offers an opportunity to transition to college and the co-curricular experience.

The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life
Meet College Chaplain Matilda Rose Cantwell and staff from the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life to hear about our programs and initiatives, including strategies for connecting in a remote environment and finding hope in hard times.

Office of the Registrar
The registrar’s office maintains the permanent academic record for students. If you have questions about pre-matriculation, advanced placement, transfer credit and declaring a major, or for general inquiries, please “stop by.”

Schacht Center for Health and Wellness
Representatives from the Schacht Center will be available to answer questions about medical, wellness, counseling, and testing and tracing services. With Kris Evans, interim director and director of Counseling Services, and other staff members.

Office of Student Engagement
Discuss how you can “Find Your Fit” with student organizations at Smith. With Tamra Bates, director of student...
engagement, and Katie Wing, coordinator of organization advising.

**Lewis Global Studies Center**
Students and their families are welcome to join us to learn about the Lewis Global Studies Center, services for international students and scholars, and study abroad. With Lisa Johnson, assistant dean for international study, and Caitlin Szymbowicz, associate dean of international students and scholars.

**Wurtele Center for Leadership**
Learn how the Wurtele Center for Leadership helps students develop collaborative leadership skills. We’ll also tell you about Amplify, an exciting new initiative in public voice that includes a speaker series and a competition where students can earn up to $1,000 in prizes. With Annie Del-Busto Cohen, leadership development designer.

**Office for Equity and Inclusion**
Meet some of our staff (Amy Hunter, director of equal opportunity and compliance/Title IX coordinator; Raven Fowlkes-Witten, program and outreach coordinator; Floyd Cheung, vice president for equity and inclusion; and Queen Lanier, assistant to the vice president), ask questions or simply hear what this office does to support all students and to foster a just and inclusive campus community based on respect and trust.

**Office of the Class Deans**
Class Dean Jane Stangl will answer your questions about academics at Smith.

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Class Dean Andrea Rossi-Reeder will answer your questions about academics at Smith.

1:30 p.m. **Storytime Tour With a Smithie**
Though we cannot be on campus in person, take this virtual tour around Smith’s campus with current Smith students. They will share their stories about the college to illustrate the experiences that their Smith education has provided. The interactive campus map will provide a visual guide to accompany their stories.

2:15 p.m. **Botanic Garden Tour**
Join Smith’s own Professor Sprout, Gaby Immerman, senior laboratory instructor in biological sciences, for a virtual visit to our renowned botanic garden and a chance to learn how Smith students can dig in. The conservatory consists of 10 greenhouses (presently closed to the public due to COVID-19 concerns), housing more than 2,500 species of plants selected from a variety of families and habitats. It comprises one of the best collections of tropical, subtropical and desert plants in the country.

3 p.m. **Outdoor Adventures Program Tour**
Whether you’re new to Smith or wanting to see some familiar sights, please join us for a virtual tour of the athletics facilities, concentrating on the Outdoor Adventure program offerings. These programs include on-campus facilities such as the Ainsworth gym climbing wall and Paradise Pond Boat-house, as well as the remote MacLeish Field Station with its extensive trail system, Adirondack-style shelter campsite and challenge course. Outdoor Adventure staff will be available to answer your questions about this unique program.

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4:30 p.m.  **House Tea: Join your student for afternoon tea**

*Students have the links to join their house tea. Join them to experience this Smith tradition.*

Various members of the house leadership will welcome family and friends and answer questions about living and learning in our house communities, as well as about college resources.

4:30–5:30 p.m.  **Smith College Dance Department**

All Smith dancers and arts-interested families are invited to the Smith College Dance virtual open house. Whether you are a veteran or new to dance, our classes are a healthy, community-oriented addition to your Smith experience. Meet the dance faculty and chat with our student dance ambassadors. We will be previewing Smith’s spring 2021 courses and performance opportunities. Find out how the dance department is adapting dance to Zoom and in-person classes (see a demo of our skycam and footcam) and more.

5:45 p.m.  **Keynote Speaker: Rachel Simmons, “Parenting Your Virtual Learner”**

*Parenting during a pandemic requires you to guide your child through some of the same challenges you are learning to face yourself. Parenting a Smithie during a pandemic also means helping your learner manage sky-high expectations of themselves while they navigate uncertainty and change. Former Smith leadership development specialist Rachel Simmons will discuss tools to help you—and your learner—confront fluctuating circumstances, discomfort and self-criticism while striving to succeed in college. Bring your questions.*

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**Saturday, October 24**

10–10:45 a.m.  **President’s Welcome**

Join Smith College President Kathleen McCartney to hear about what is happening at Smith today and what Smith is doing in the world. You received a google form by email to submit questions for President McCartney. Please submit your questions by October 14.

10:45–11:15 a.m.  **Neilson Library Open House Tour**

Join Susan Fliss, dean of libraries, and Charlie Conant, senior project manager, to learn about new services and spaces for students in Neilson Library along with current photos of the spaces under construction.

10:30 a.m.–noon  **Official Smith Ring Sales—Drop-In Virtual Sessions**

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noon–1 p.m. **Family Fitness**

Come as a family or on your own. See what one of our fitness classes looks like and be ready to Zumba. Zumba is a type of cardio-dance exercise based on Latin dances like salsa, bachata, merengue and raggaeton. These classes are a mix of favorite African and Latin music from around the world and the instructor’s home, Ethiopia. Learn some new moves while also getting a good workout. No experience necessary. This year we will also be doing HIIT (high-intensity interval training) to music.

1:30–4 p.m. **Fall Fest: Hosted by Office of Student Engagement**

1:30–2 p.m. Flash Craft Hosted on the Smith College Office of Student Engagement Facebook page. Grab your friends and family and join the OSE for a Flash Craft event using ordinary items from around the house!

2–2:45 p.m. **Couch Concert Series**

Hosted on Smith College Office of Student Engagement Facebook page. Join the Office of Student Engagement for a jam session with a special guest musician. The recorded event will be uploaded to the Office of Student Engagement YouTube Channel.

3–4 p.m. **Cooking With Chef Dino**

The Office of Student Engagement and Dining Services are collaborating to bring you Chef Dino, who will be cooking a perfect family meal for the fall— butternut squash soup, whole herb roast local chicken (with roasted garlic and rosemary jus), and roasted brussel sprouts with local apples and bacon.

4:30–5:15 p.m. **Saturday Afternoon Concert: Montage**

**Montage: Across the Airwaves**

The Department of Music invites you to a special live-streaming concert for Family Weekend to celebrate student musicians. **Preregistration required for live-streaming**—Register at the link above, and you will receive the YouTube link in an email 24 hours before the event. Featuring virtual performances by the Smith College Orchestra, Glee Club, Chamber Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Wailing Banshees, and student a cappella groups including Groove, the Smithereens and the Noteables.

Unable to watch us live? A link to the recording will be available on the Department of Music web page.

8 p.m. **Trivia Night: Hosted by the Office of Student Engagement**

Password: OSEvents

Check out the Smith Social Network for Zoom information. Gather your friends and family and join Magical Memories for a night of quizzical fun.
Notice of Nondiscrimination
Smith College is committed to maintaining a diverse community in an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation of differences.

Smith College does not discriminate in its educational and employment policies on the bases of race, color, creed, religion, national/ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic information, age, disability, or service in the military or other uniformed services.

Smith’s admission policies and practices are guided by the same principle, concerning applicants to the undergraduate program who identify as women, and all applicants to the graduate programs.

For more information, please contact the adviser for equity complaints, College Hall 302, 413-585-2141, or visit www.smith.edu/diversity.