



# Family Orientation

**September 1, 2023**

*Smith College ~ Office of Student Affairs*

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## **11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

**Lunch for all new students and families**

**Chase/Duckett, Cushing/Emerson, Cutter/Ziskind (includes Kosher), Dawes (gluten-free), King/Scales, Lamont, Northrop/Gillett and Tyler house 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.

## **12:30 p.m.**

**Soccer Game**

**Smith versus University of Massachusetts Boston**

Come out and support the soccer team as they take on a non-conference rival in their home opener. The soccer team plays on the natural grass field, in between the turf and the softball field.

## **12:45 p.m.**

**President's Welcome Assembly**

**John M. Greene Hall**

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

## **1:45 p.m.**

**Welcome Reception**

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

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 when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

## **3:00 p.m.**

**Meet the Campus Life Staff**

**Wright Hall, Weinstein Auditorium**

Discuss the joys and anxieties of sending your student to college. Join members of the Campus Life team and others for a lively discussion of what to expect in your student's first year at Smith. Our focus will be on your questions.

## **4:15 p.m.**

**First Year Athletes and Families - Welcome Event with Athletics**

**Ainsworth Gym**

## **4:30 p.m.**

**Family Orientation Sessions**

**as listed below – please choose one**

## **Campus Tour**

Departing from the front doors of Seelye Hall, these walking tours will end at the Campus Center.

### **Welcome to the Smith College Libraries**

#### **Neilson Library, Browsing Room, Room 102**

- **Susan Fliss, Dean of Libraries**
- **Jean Ferguson, Director of Learning, Research and Technology**
- **Additional members of the SCL team**

When your student asks for your help doing research or working on a course project, send them to us! Learn about the spaces, services and collections at the Smith College Libraries (SCL), including our recently renovated Neilson Library.

### **Engaging in Co-Curricular Life**

#### **Seelye Hall, Room 201**

- **Tamra Bates, Director of Student Engagement**
- **Madeleine DeVicario, Jandon Center**

Join Tamra Bates from Student Engagement and Madeleine DeVicario from the Jandon Center for Community Engagement as they answer your questions about getting and staying engaged on campus and off. With events and games to attend, clubs and organizations to join, and a community to engage in, there is something for everyone here at Smith.

### **Smith's Student Support Resources**

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

- **Becky Shaw, Associate Dean of Students**
- **Kris Evans, Director of the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness**

Join Becky Shaw from Student Affairs and Kris Evans from the Schacht Center for Health and Wellness to understand the college's support resources and how students can reach out for help if they are having a difficult time.

### **Accessibility and Accommodations Information Session -**

#### **Seelye Hall, Room 106**

- **Jane Stangl, First Year Class Dean**
- **EJ Seibert, Associate Director of Disability Services**

Jane Stangl, Dean of the first-year class, and EJ Seibert, Associate Director of Disability Services will help students and families 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.

## **5:30 p.m.**

### **Dinner and 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.

## **7:00 p.m.**

### **Field Hockey Game**

#### **Smith versus University of Maine Farmington**

Come out and support the field hockey team as they take on a non-conference rival in their home opener. The field hockey team plays on the turf field, located near the outdoor track.