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Family Orientation  
August 26, 2020

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**Family Orientation 2020**  
**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

***Welcome to Smith College: Understanding the support services available to your student***

August 26, 2020, 1:00pm EST

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In this session, you will meet a number of campus partners that support students both in their classroom experience and in their co-curricular engagement. Together we will share with you the various offices and services available to your Smith student as they transition into their college experience. Introductions and program highlights will be followed by a question and answer period.

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***Parenting Your Remote-Learner***

August 26, 2020, 3:00pm EST

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In this session, learn strategies to support your student as they navigate an age-old rite of passage at an unprecedented moment. How will this year be different for your Smith first-year student? How can you best support them during this transition? When should you intervene, and when you should step back? Join us for a conversation followed by a question and answer period.

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***President's Welcome***

August 26, 2020, 4:30pm EST

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

Kathleen McCartney, President of the College

Sarah Paquet, Lecturer, Music Department

Baishakhi Taylor, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of the College

We hope that you will join in at home singing ***Gaudeamus Igitur***, our traditional College song.

[PDF of College song](#) available at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yCD\\_X2C29KPN\\_8IY8frR9FtPIRkAI83p/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yCD_X2C29KPN_8IY8frR9FtPIRkAI83p/view?usp=sharing)

**Additional Opportunities:**

**ASSETS**

August 25, 2020, 9:00am EST

<https://smith.zoom.us/j/92172675991>

In this session, you will meet Laura Rauscher, MS, our director of the Office of Disability Services. The session focuses on opportunities for supporting students with disabilities and specific learning challenges. Ms. Rauscher and other learning specialists will share the colleges' approach to services that address more specific student needs.

**Smith Reads - *Educated*, Tara Westover Presentation**

August 25, 2020, 4:30pm EST

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Tara Westover, author of "Educated," will be interviewed by Dean of the College, Baishakhi Taylor. Dean Taylor will engage in a conversation with Tara Westover that is formulated from questions offered by new students directed to the author, about her memoir. This synchronous event will be recorded for those that are not able to attend.

[Virtual Resource Fair](#) - Video FlipGrid

## Fall 2020

### **Monday, August 24–Wednesday, August 26**

Liberal arts advising and registration  
(online/remote)

### **Friday, August 28**

Last day to add a Five College course (Mount Holyoke)

### **Friday, August 28–Saturday, August 29**

New students arrive

### **Sunday, August 30–Monday, August 31**

Returning students arrive

### **Monday, August 31**

Opening convocation, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 1**

Fall 2020 Instruction begins, classes begin at 7:45 a.m.

Last day to add a Five College course (Amherst, Hampshire)

### **Monday, September 7**

Labor Day—classes scheduled

Last day to add a Five College course (UMass)

### **Monday, September 14**

Last day to drop or add a course online

**To be announced by the president: [Mountain Day](#)**

Mountain Day is a surprise break from classes. The president chooses a beautiful fall day and announces the holiday by ringing the college bells. *Classes scheduled before 7 p.m. are canceled.*

### **TBA: [Family Weekend](#)**

Students and their families are invited to participate in remote programming

### **Monday, November 2–Friday, November 13**

Advising and course registration for the spring 2021 semester

### **Tuesday, November 10: [Cromwell Day](#)**

Cromwell Day is an annual slate of workshops, lectures, films and entertainment held to honor Smith's first African American graduate. *All classes are canceled.*

### **Tuesday, November 24**

Last day of on-campus instruction

### **Wednesday, November 25**

Fall 2020 residential move-out deadline

### **Wednesday, November 25–Sunday, November 29**

Thanksgiving recess

### **Monday, November 30**

All-remote instruction begins

### **Friday, December 4**

Last day of instruction

### **Monday, December 7**

Mountain Day make-up

### **Tuesday, December 8–Friday, December 11**

Review period

### **Monday, December 14–Thursday, December 17**

Final examinations

### **Friday, December 18, 2020–Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Winter recess

### **Monday, January 4**

Fall 2020 grades due at noon

## Interterm 2021— Extended (6 weeks/28 days)

### **Monday, January 4**

Interterm instruction begins

### **Friday, January 8**

Last day to drop or add a course online; last day to add a course with permission via waiver form

### **Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—all classes canceled

### **Tuesday, January 19**

Last day to drop an interterm course

### **Thursday, February 11**

Interterm ends

### **Friday February 19**

Interterm 2021 grades due by noon

# Spring 2021

## **Thursday, February 11–Sunday, February 14**

Orientation for entering students

## **Monday, February 15**

Spring 2021 instruction begins, 7:45 a.m.;  
beginning of add/drop period

## **Thursday, February 18: [Rally Day](#)**

Rally Day is highlighted by an all-college convocation at which distinguished alumnae are awarded the Smith College Medal, with a reception to follow. *Afternoon classes are canceled.* Note: Afternoon classes to be made up on Saturday, February 20

## **Friday, February 26**

Last day to add or drop a course online; last day to add a Five College course

## **Monday, April 19–Friday, April 30**

(Tentative) Advising and course registration for the fall 2021 semester

## **Friday, May 14**

Last day of instruction

## **Saturday, May 15–Monday, May 17**

Pre-examination review period

## **Tuesday, May 18–Friday, May 21**

Final examination period

## **Saturday, May 22–Friday, May 28**

Senior week

## **Monday, May 24**

Senior grades and graduate student grades due by noon

## **Sunday, May 30**

Commencement

## **Tuesday, June 1**

Non-senior grades due