



**Quotes Referenced in *Creative and Dynamic Ways to Engage Alumnae Through Events Presentation*,  
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"Giving without love is nothing..." Sophia Smith's Journal, 1861-1870, May 1866

"It is my wish that the Institution be so conducted that during all coming time it shall do the most good to the greatest number. I would have it a perennial blessing to the country and the world." Sophia Smith, A Codicil for a Woman's College, March 1868

"We have to behave as if everything we do matters, because sometimes it does."  
Gloria Steinem '56 from her new memoir, *My Life on the Road*

"...Imagination is a form of planning..."  
Gloria Steinem '56, LTD '88; Commencement Address, Smith College, May 20, 2007

"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." Madeleine L'Engle '41

"Stories make us more alive, more human, more courageous, more loving." Madeleine L'Engle '41

"Why can't I try on different lives, like dresses, to see which one fits me and is most becoming?" Sylvia Plath '55

"I feel we are all islands - in a common sea." Anne Morrow Lindbergh '28

"It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded." Anne Morrow Lindbergh '28

"It doesn't take much to serve but grace and love!" Yolanda King '76

"Drama is very important in life: You have to come on with a bang. You never want to go out with a whimper. Everything can have drama if it's done right. Even a pancake." Julia Child '34

"Someone may offer you a freshly caught whole large fish, like a salmon or striped bass. Don't panic - take it!" Julia Child '34

"This is not about going back. This is about life being ahead of you and you run at it!  
Because you never know how far you can run unless you run." Penny Chenery '43

"Whatever you do, don't give up. Because all you can do once you've given up is bitch.  
I've known some great bitches in my time. With some it's a passion, with others an art." Molly Ivins '66

"You must do something to make the world more beautiful." From *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney Porter '38

"An adult life...is a slowly emerging design, with shifting components, occasional dramatic disruptions,  
and fresh creative arrangements." President Emerita Jill Ker Conway

"Whatever you do when you leave this place, do it in the full spirit of who you are and what you care about. Be open-minded, fight for those who haven't the means to protect themselves, work to preserve the spirit of this college as a place for the free exchange of ideas—however much those ideas elicit discomfort, challenge and debate. Be kind and forgiving to those you love and who love you, and, most of all, take good care of your voice." President Emerita Ruth J. Simmons LHD; Commencement Address, Smith College, May 18, 2014

"Alumnae, think about the Smith friendships that have sustained you to this day; the lessons you learned here that continue to shape your lives; the power of this place and its enduring spirit; the doors Smith opened for you. You see - there is always much for which to be grateful. Thank you, alumnae of Smith College, for keeping Smith forever in your hearts, for caring about our students, for your leadership and passionate pursuit of fairness and equality in the world and for believing in the value of women's education."

President Kathleen McCartney, Ivy Day, May 16, 2015

- Clubs provide meaningful ways for alumnae to connect.
- Events are the heart of Smith clubs and allow special opportunities for alumnae to:
  - ❖ Honor College and Club traditions
  - ❖ Support and promote local Smith College & Office of Alumnae Relations Events
  - ❖ Meet notable Smith alumnae and learn about their respective journeys/careers post-graduation
  - ❖ Network and share common interests through art/cultural, food/wine, wellness/ health, and career/life-skills events
  - ❖ Engage in salon discussions, book groups, and Smith faculty presentations
  - ❖ Meet new friends through a casual picnic, brunch, or potluck dinner
  - ❖ Connect with young alumnae/young-at-heart meet-up, allowing mentorship and fun between classes
  - ❖ Promote local alumnae events
  - ❖ Support the respective Club’s scholarship fund by sponsoring scholarship benefits with notable alumnae and/or keynote speakers affiliated with Smith and selling pecans
  - ❖ Listen to the needs of the alumnae membership and get creative with event planning
  - ❖ Be renewed, supported, and motivated by Smith alumnae – you will thank yourself afterwards!
  
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  - ✓ Visit the “About Smith” Section for Great Resources: <http://www.smith.edu/about-smith>
  - ✓ Visit the College Relations News Office Page: <http://www.smith.edu/collegerelations/news-office>
  - ✓ Grécourt Gate – News and Events for the Smith College Community, <http://www.smith.edu/news/>
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  - ✓ See Smith through Students’ Perspectives: Smith by Smithies: <http://smithbysmithies.tumblr.com/>
  - ✓ Look at the 2015 Smith College Viewbook: <http://www.smith.edu/viewbook/>
  - ✓ Watch fantastic Smith Videos about everything from its history, academics, student life, campaign, and the campus: <http://www.smith.edu/multimedia>
  - ✓ YouTube has some amazing videos, this gem is my favorite: Smith College - Design for Learning “Why Did I Pick Smith College” set to Paul Simon’s Heart and Bones Song, April 21, 2013, <https://youtu.be/ZEifBZZ4dNo>
  
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  - ✓ Notes from Paradise, <http://alumnae.smith.edu/enews/enews-10-2015.php>
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