Seasons greetings from Northampton! We at the Office of Alumnae Relations want to close out 2017 with a brief update on a few upcoming events and webinars, some good news from campus, and a cheerful note of thanks.

**Smith College Women of Color Conference** Registration is now open for next spring’s “Women of Color Conference: Persistence, Possibilities and the Power of Our Voices,” being held on campus April 13-15, 2018. For, about, and by Smith women of color, the conference will feature presentations, discussions and workshops from more than 20 presenters. Topics range from “surviving to thriving in the workplace” to “unlocking your own leadership style.” The conference is an incredible opportunity to celebrate the leadership, skills and talents of alumnae of color.

**Innovation Challenge Grants Awarded** Smith College has awarded 16 Innovation Challenge grants that will fund a range of campus programming—from cross-cultural coalition building to global wellness programming and body-positive workshops—in support of inclusion, diversity and equity. The grants were established last year by President Kathleen McCartney. This year, 24 grant applications were received from faculty, students and staff.

**Honored Professors** This year’s Kathleen Compton Sherrerd ’54 and John F. Sherrerd Prizes for Distinguished Teaching went to three faculty members who have displayed uncommon skill in fostering learning and achievement in and out of the classroom. Recipients—all of whom were honored at a ceremony on campus last month—are Mark Brandriss, senior lecturer in geosciences; Ginetta Candelario ’90, professor of sociology and Latin American and Latina/o studies; and Laura Katz, Elsie Damon Simonds Professor of Biological Sciences.

**Drive to Win** Congratulations go to engineering major Gracie Hackenberg ’18 and her teammates Alysha de Silva ’18 and Jessica Wert ’18. They came in seventh overall in a field of 40 teams at this fall’s Grassroots Motorsports Challenge, which includes an autocross obstacle course, drag racing and concours judging. They were the first all-female team to compete in the race and also won the Editor’s Choice award for Grassroots Motorsports magazine’s favorite entry.

**EVENTS** Smith is coming to NYC & LA! You’re invited to join us for an exciting afternoon celebrating Smith volunteers.

- **New York City**
  - Sunday, January 21, 2018, noon ET
  - The New York Academy of Medicine
  - 1216 Fifth Avenue
  - New York, NY 10029

- **Los Angeles**
  - Sunday, February 25, 2018, noon PT
  - Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel & Spa
  - 1600 S. Disneyland Drive
  - Anaheim, CA 92802

**UPCOMING WEBINARS** Register now.

**Reunion Planning 101** Wednesday, January 17, noon ET
Explore the ins and outs of Reunion: the role of college staff and Reunion chairs, the Reunion planning committee, Reunion attendance, class headquarters, meals, housing, programming, souvenirs, themes, and registration.

**Audience:** All Reunion chairs and class presidents planning for Reunion in 2019 (classes ending in 4 or 9)

**Presenter:** Annie Croteau, Assistant Director for Reunions, Classes, and Clubs

**Neilson Renovation Update** Tuesday, January 30, 2-3 p.m. ET **Presenter:** Katherine Rowe, Provost and Dean of Faculty
With construction under way, you’ll hear about progress on the Neilson Library renovation project.

**Engaging Current and Prospective Students** Thursday, February 1, noon ET
Hear how the Smith Club of Central Massachusetts includes and supports prospective and current students with their programs, including admissions activities.

**Audience:** Club and Admission volunteers  **Presenters:** Jennifer Wiza ’90, AAC, and Rachel Gerstein ’84, NAAC, Region 1

**The Phoebe Reese Lewis Leadership Program**  Thursday, March 30, 1-2 p.m. ET
**Presenter:** Ana Devlin Gauthier, Senior Leadership Coordinator at the Phoebe Reese Lewis Leadership Program
Hear about the Phoebe Reese Lewis Leadership Program, Smith’s highly acclaimed, innovative program designed to provide undergraduate women with hands-on learning experiences and training in practical leadership skills.

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