

Smith College Class of 1961

Note from the Class President:

Hello again. Sending a quick follow-up from our class email of last week. So many of you have read our email, which makes me very happy! I wanted to share some important news from Smith that was not included in the original email as planned.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a great New Year!

Betsy

Smith News:

Smith is coming to cities near many of us this year. [Click here](#) to see the schedule and register for events. All are welcome! I attended one this week in Washington, DC. It was great fun – the food and conversation were delightful and presentations very informative.

President Kathleen McCartney highlighted several things for us.

There has been incredible progress in the **Neilson Library** renovation project. Check on the status by [viewing the webcam](#). And if you think that's amazing, check out these [webcams from other areas around campus](#). We're hoping to schedule some of our 60th reunion events at the library. We'll be the first class able to do so!

One of President McCartney's highest priorities is **equity and inclusion**.

[Floyd Cheung](#) has been appointed the college's vice president for equity and inclusion. Cheung is a professor of English language and literature and of American studies at Smith. He also currently serves as director of the college's Sherrerd Center for Teaching and Learning. A 20-year member of the Smith community, Cheung is beloved by current and former students. [You can read more here](#).





[Denise Wingate Materre '74](#) has been named the college's vice president for alumnae relations. With more than 20 years of experience as a consultant to for-profit, nonprofit and educational organizations, Materre has a strong focus on developing women leaders, advancing diversity and inclusion, and helping to enhance and grow organizations. [You can read more here.](#)

To catch up on other Smith news:

- Access every issue of the [Smith Alumnae Quarterly](#), going back to 1909, on the SAQ digital archive.
- Past issues of *Notes from Paradise* can be found [here](#).
- [Calendar of Smith Events](#)

Mini Reunion encore:

Marion Ballard and I enjoyed our recent DC area gathering. Thank you again Nancy Eaton Smart, Marjorie Seiger Zapruder, Carolyn Kinder Carr, Susan Nair Cohen (name missing from first email), Toni Russin Stackpole, Susan Kulp, Sally Hand Herren, Peggy Barker Christie, Laura Reed Werner. Marilyn Schiff also joined us but left before the picture was taken. What fun we had and looking forward to next year's 60th reunion!

Think about reaching out to classmates in your area for your own mini-reunion. You could arrange one near the visit of President McCartney or separately. Our Reunion Chairs will be happy to assist and coordinate. Email Anne Gagnebin Coffin at annecoffin2@gmail.com or Mary Tison Wheeler at mwmarywheeler89@gmail.com for more information.

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