



SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1994

Message from the Class Presidents

Rachel: I loved my time at Smith, but life conspired that I did not return until our 25th Reunion in 2019. That reunion, especially with the “not what I expected” recurring theme, reminded me how much I needed amazing women in my life, and that I was valuable and amazing. As such, I vowed to return for our 30th (which I did, serving on the Reunion committee and acting as class house connector chair). I’m going even more “all in” by committing to the co-presidency with Carla (who I look forward to getting to know) over the next five years. THANK YOU, Class of ‘94 for being so amazing and supportive. You truly have helped me to remember my intrinsic value in the world. I’m excited to be a more integral part of our next five years.

Carla: How excited was I to be able to say “yes” to serve as co-president for our fabulous class?! I’ve spent several years saying “no” to serving on committees and boards, protecting my time for self-care, but this was one role I felt would “fill my cup” and I had to say yes! While at Smith, I lived in three different houses, spent my junior year abroad, danced with Celebrations, and participated briefly in Nosotras, and I think that all helped me meet a lot of classmates. However, at each Reunion, I keep meeting fabulous women and wishing I’d known them when I was a student. By serving in this role, I am looking forward to getting to know more of you. Thank you for this opportunity!

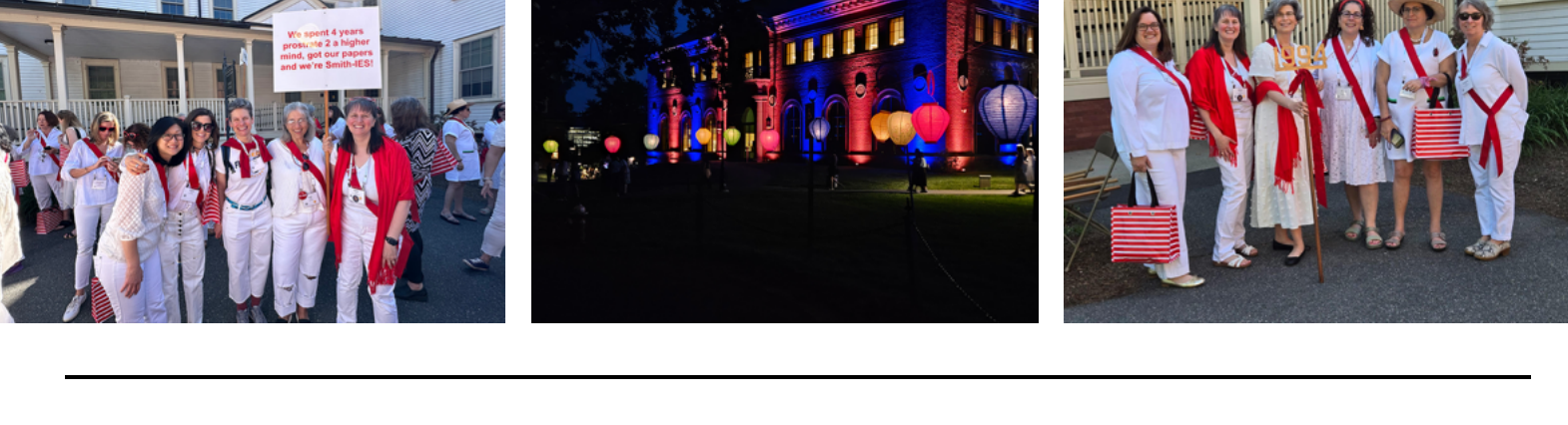
Reunion Update



1994 Smithies Share Their 30th Reunion Feedback!

Someone described the Reunion as ‘camp with intelligent women’ and I totally agree. I didn’t have a boring or bad conversation with anyone. I love that I come to Reunions and make friends with people I never knew when I was at Smith.

- From the moment I arrived, to the moment I left, I felt welcomed and valued. The class gifts were amazing (I LOVE my mug!), the cocktail hours were the perfect chance to reconnect with classmates I hadn’t necessarily expected to see but loved talking to, and there was plenty of time built into the schedule so we could tour the new library, go downtown, and explore campus.
- Film *Where I Became* was powerful! I think it should be shown every year and not limited to the class of 1994.
- The movie screening of *Where I Became* was amazing—inspiring and gave more depth of information for me to connect with Smith.
- Getting to know people from my class that I didn’t know while on campus and having the chance to meet people from classes before and after the time I was at Smith. I love the connections and learning how things were before I got there and what it was/is like for those who came after.
- The Ivy Day parade. It was so inspiring to see the alumnae from classes much older than mine! I also loved the cocktail hours/dinners with my class as it gave me a chance to connect with others.
- Being with friends, being light-hearted in reminiscing, and in exploring the VERY DIFFERENT campus!



Class Spotlight

“Not What I Was Expecting” –Please submit stories to your leadership team to go into the class newsletter, as this theme seems to resonate with our classmates. 🥰 We’d love to have a couple short submissions for each newsletter!

Rachel (class co-president): I did not expect I would ever consider being a class president. I didn’t see myself as a leader, but I know now that my time at Smith, and my renewal of connections through the past two Reunions, has shown me how important Smith was to my foundation as an adult woman in this world. When I am supported, I can support others, and that, to me, is the essence of what a leader can/should do. Lots of life things have happened over the years, too many to count, many of which I clung to for a long time before releasing them. Thank you, Class of ‘94, for being there for me in so many ways. I look forward to the future with you amazing women.

Vigie (class treasurer): I didn’t expect to be in grad school at 52 (same age as the B52’s song “Love Shack”). I don’t think I even knew social work was a thing when I was at Smith, so I definitely didn’t think I would be getting my masters in social work. (Yes, I now realize that Smith has a great SW program but when I was there, I was oblivious). It was nice to do an international fellowship, which harkens to what I was interested in while at Smith. Maybe I will take this MSW and do something on the international stage, but as most of what I end up doing are not things I expect, who knows.

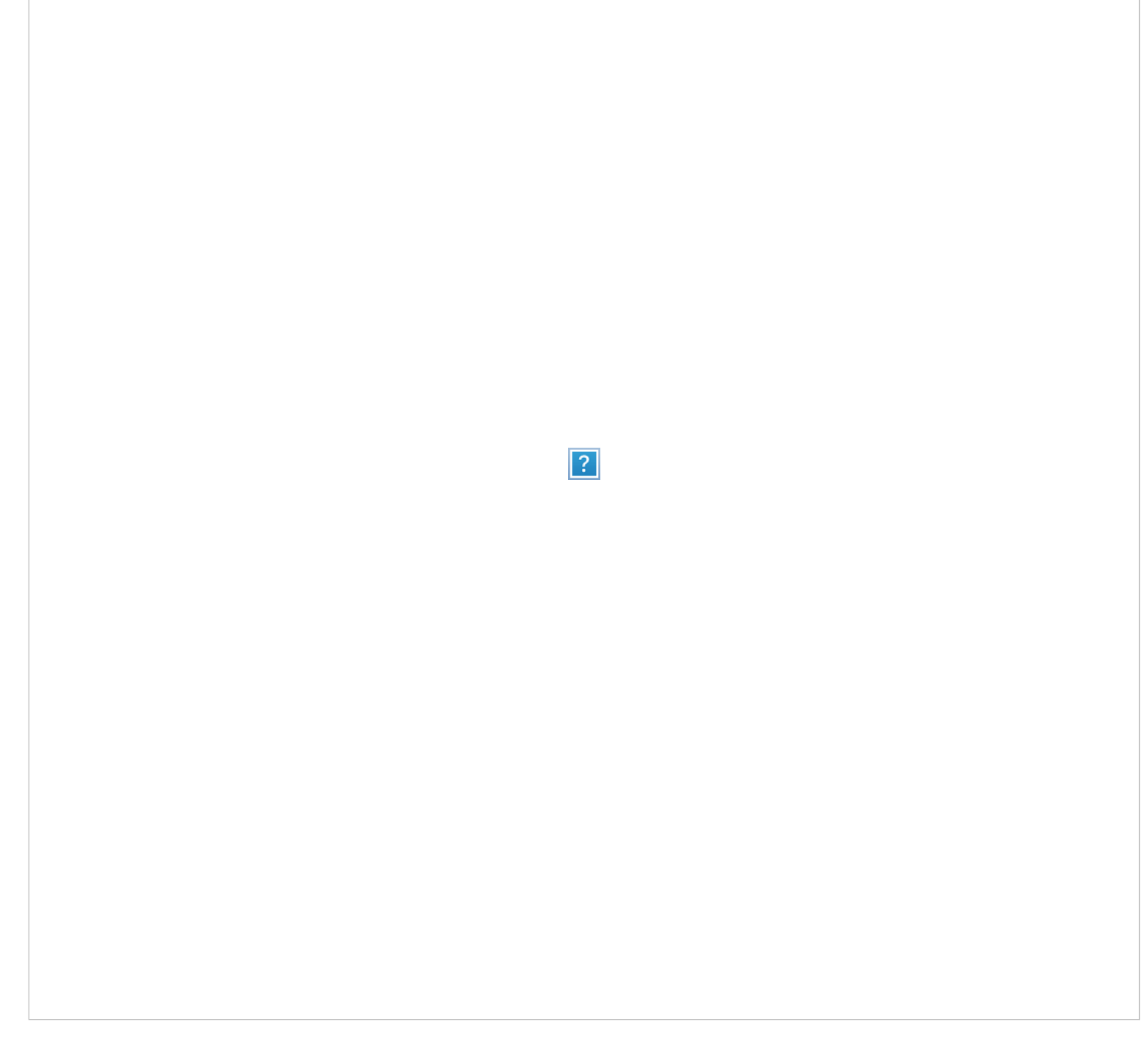
Call for Class Notes

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the *Smith Quarterly* to our class secretary [Alexa Kontes](#). You can also use the [Smith Quarterly Class Notes form](#). Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

News from Smith

Smith Votes – will boost civic engagement on campus by helping students register to vote, learn about candidates and issues, and become more involved in local, state and national elections. [Scroll down on this page to learn more](#) and to see the election-related courses being taught this fall.

Smith Quarterly – a magazine for the Smith of today. [Learn more](#) about the complete redesign, try the crossword puzzle and read archived issues.



Fundraising Update

Hello 1994 Smithies! Here’s the latest scoop on our Fall 2024 Fundraising update! 🎉 BIG thanks to those who gave to Smith in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, this is where we ended up:

- We raised \$253,402 for Smith, and with a goal of 26%, we reached 30% class giving participation with 175 donors!
- We would love to keep up this momentum from our Reunion year and hit the goal of 20% participation this year! With your help, we will hopefully hit our goal! 🎉

Each of our donations, no matter the size, matters. We have the power to transform lives, shape the future, and ensure that our love of Smith continues to thrive.

Giving Opportunities: You decide where your donation goes! Whether it’s for faculty support, scholarships, curriculum, equity & inclusion, the library, career services, or sustainability, your choice matters!

- **Become a Smith Star!** 🌟 Donate for 5+ consecutive years to earn this special recognition and be celebrated at our Reunion!
- Want an easy way to give? **Become a sustainer** by breaking your gift into monthly or yearly payments. 🎁

Where do our Class Endowed Funds go?

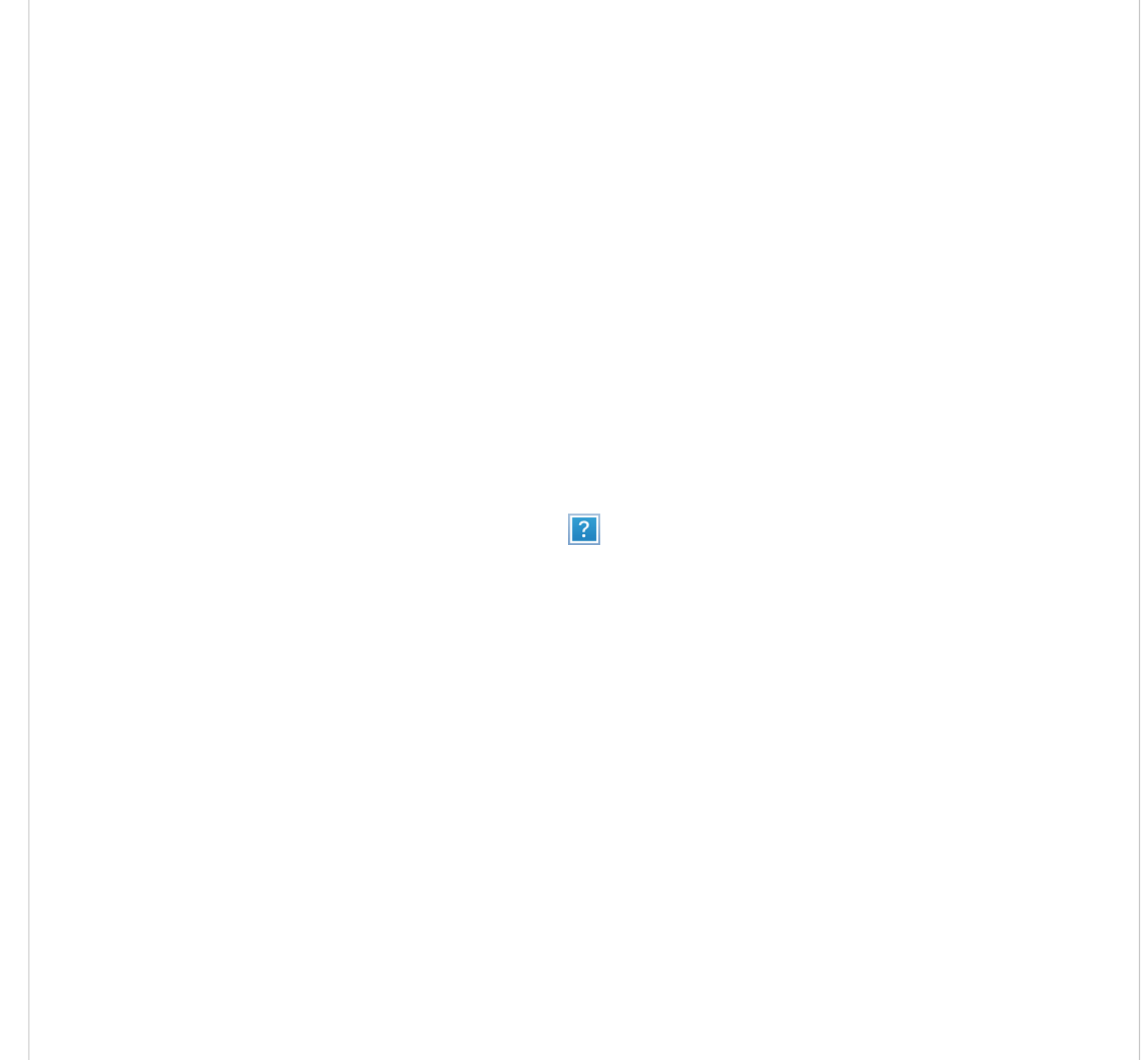
They generate income to support students with financial need throughout their time at Smith, breaking down financial barriers for bright, promising students. Our fund will grow as part of the College’s endowment, creating a lasting legacy of support from the Class of 1994. 🌱

Curious about the impact? Check out the profiles of student recipients and donor stats [here](#).

Class of 1994 Giving Page:

Ready to contribute? Visit our giving page below.

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Gift Planning Update

Class of 1994: It’s Our 35th Reunion Cycle!

As we look forward to this special milestone, it’s the perfect time to celebrate our connection to Smith.



Join The Grécourt Society!

Right now, 15 of our classmates are members of The Grécourt Society. Let’s see how many more we can add! Imagine a strong showing of light blue ribbons and Grécourt Society lapel pins representing the Class of 1994 at the Alumnae Parade during our 35th Reunion.

It’s easy to join, and there’s no minimum requirement!

You can name Smith as a beneficiary in your will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. What’s most important is letting Smith know if you’ve already done so. As a member, you’ll also be invited to The Grécourt Society’s reception at Reunion.

Visit Smith’s [Gift Planning website](#) for resources, including:

- A [gift calculator](#) to see what your quarterly payments for life would look like with a deferred payment gift annuity.
- Suggested [language](#) for including Smith in your will.
- Advantages of naming Smith as a beneficiary of your [retirement account](#).

How to join The Grécourt Society.

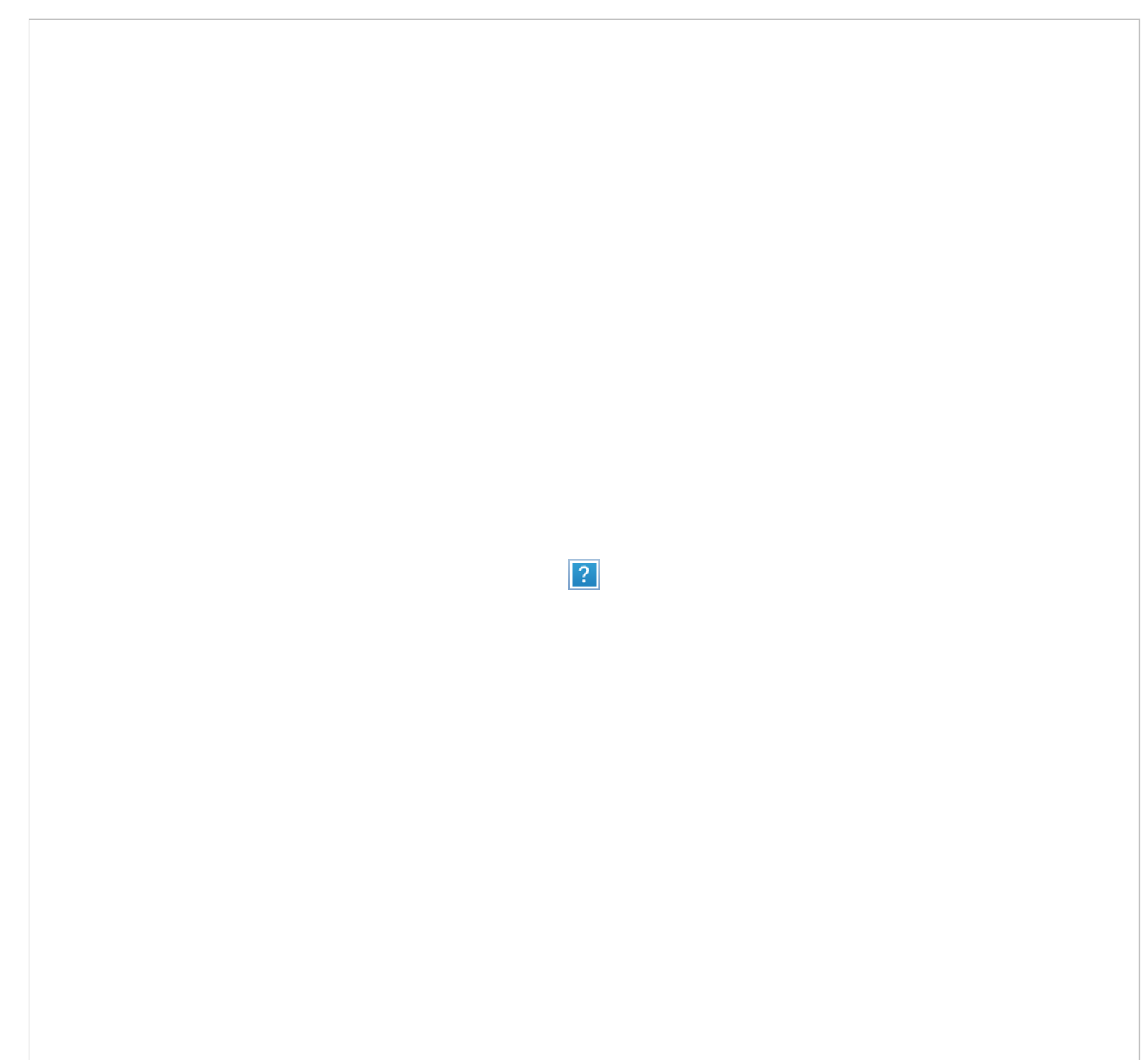
Now is a great time to join, thanks to The Grécourt Match – Round 3!

A generous widower, whose wife was in the Class of 1959, has committed \$1.8 million in matching funds to Smith. For every \$1,000 you document as a planned gift, Smith receives \$100 (10%) for immediate financial aid, up to \$10,000 per match. This is a wonderful way to give back, both now and in the future!

– Elizabeth Foley ‘94, Planned Giving Chair

Questions? Reach out to the helpful staff in the Office of Gift Planning at 413-585-2051 or [gift_planning@smith.edu](#).

[MORE INFO](#)



Keep in Touch & Stay Informed

- [Connect with Smith in your city!](#) Join fellow alums for a festive evening of connection and conversation, hosted by President Sarah Willie-LeBreton.
- Visit [Stay Connected to Smith](#) for the latest campus news
- Log into [The Network](#) (password protected)—find alums, update your info, and access Career Hub resources
- [Update your contact information](#)
- Follow Smith on [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Access every issue of the [Smith Quarterly](#), going back to 1909, in the magazine’s digital archive
- View past issues of [Notes from Paradise](#)
- [Be A Friend](#) (of the Libraries, Botanic Garden, Athletics, or Museum of Art)
- [Volunteer for Admissions](#)
- Join a [Smith Club](#) in your area

Class Leadership Team

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