Class Updates and Important Smithie Resources! Email not displaying correctly? Class Newsletter **SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1994 Message from the Class Presidents** A note from Rachel: The difference between self-care (or "pre-care") vs. aftercare (or "trying to recover from the meltdown") has been resonating in my life lately, along with the recognition that I am privileged to be able to consider the difference. With all of the upheaval going on—I'm in higher education and our University is reorganizing everything for a July 1 start—it's really important that I recognize when I'm starting to do things outside of my scope/purview and to prioritize making sure that things which bring me joy are in my regular life. To that end, I signed up for a Master Gardener online course this January and am now in week 7 – I'm planning a vegetable container garden (first time ever planning on my own)! That brings me joy. Something else resonating with me is a message recently seen from <a>@Erica Thomas: "What if we motivate ourselves from compassion rather than criticism and harsh words?" Perhaps that is the self-care we can give ourselves today in this topsy-turvy environment where we don't necessarily know what's going to happen next. Utilizing the power to care for ourselves, in part so that we have the ability to care for those around us, can be a strong statement in these times when those in power seem determined to grow their influence. - Rachel Day, Class of 1994 Co-President A Note from Carla: By now, you probably know that Smith is celebrating 150 years since its founding. One of my favorite features on the special anniversary website is the timeline. It's so fun to look through and read about the many "firsts." Since I was a member of Celebrations, I was happy to see it listed (established in 1983.) The college recently hosted a hybrid event that included a panel with current members and one of the founders, and videos of some current dance pieces. It was a fun way to stay connected and it also brought a smile to my face. Important at a time when I'm dealing with the effects of extreme weather, aging parents, significant loss of funding to my organization, and several other challenges which I'm sure many of you are also facing. Mirroring what Rachel mentions above, words I heard recently that resonate with me: Lead life with love, hope, and creativity, and accept life's pain and suffering with grace. - Carla Lineback, Class of 1994 Co-President **Class Spotlight** Erinn McGurn Baron and Erin O'Neil Bradbury came out to visit me in Granville, OH March 6-9. We had a blast catching up, running around the Columbus area, and watching Smith beat SUNY Cobleskill and Amherst in the first rounds of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. It was so fun to catch up with them! – Karla Baldikoski Long **Call for Class Notes & News** 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. "Not What I Was Expecting" continues to resonate with this class. Please submit your stories or reflections to smithclassof94@gmail.com or to your leadership team to include in future class newsletters. We'd love to have a couple short submissions for each newsletter! **News from Smith** Rally Day 2025! On Thursday, February 20, the college celebrated Rally Day 2025! One of Smith's most enduring and exuberant traditions, Rally Day celebrates the power of the Smith community and the remarkable contributions Smith alums have made to our world. Watch the Rally Day 2025 Convocation here! View the Medalists and award recipient bios here! Livie Johnson '25 (left), a literature major, shows off their Rally Day hat A Note from the Smith College Alum Career Program Happy Spring! Check out these enriching opportunities through the Smith College Alum Career Program. This year, we're offering valuable programs to help you reach your career goals, including salary negotiation tips, guidance on non-traditional career paths, flexible group coaching options, and much Keep in mind that you have free access to all of LinkedIn Learning through the Smith Network Career Hub so that you can invest in your growth on your own time. Start the spring off with a commitment to your professional development – we are here to support you every step of the way! **Celebrating 150 Years of Smith** On March 8, the Smith community marked Founder's Day with a spirited celebration of Sophia Smith's visionary gift when signing her will. From service projects to inspiring lectures, the day honored her legacy of generosity and the powerful impact of Smithies around the world. See all the festivities! **Submit Your Love Story to Smith** Let us know what you love about Smith – a challenging course that stayed with you through the years, an invaluable friendship forged on campus, or anything else that defined your time at the college. No matter your role alum, current student, faculty, staff, family, or community member—we want to hear from you! Submit your story here! Do you know Smith is looking for a new mascot? Submit your ideas here! Spring bulbs bloomed at the 2025 Bulb Show at the Smith College Botanic Garden What's blooming Watch spring emerge at Smith through one of our campus webcams. ? **Fundraising Update** Keep to the second in the seco year. We are currently at 16% class participation with a goal of 20% by June 30th! With your help, we will hopefully hit our goal! 6 **Giving Opportunities** • 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. • 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! To Donate for 5+ consecutive years to earn this special recognition and be celebrated at our Reunion! • Want to set it and forget it? The Become a sustaining donor by clicking the "Monthly or Yearly Sustaining Donor" checkbox on the giving form to set up your recurring gift. \$5 or \$10 per month adds up to \$60 or \$120 annually and it might feel easier coming out of your account that way. • Our class established the Class of 1994 Endowed Scholarship **Fund** one year ago, thanks to 24 generous classmates and the work done by former class volunteers, Liz Rugaber and Jen Beachell. Now you ask, "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. 🦟 **GIVE TO SMITH Notes from the 1994 Memorial Chair** "Everyone must leave something behind when [s]he dies, my grandfather said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you're there. It doesn't matter what you do, he said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away." — Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451 If you are interested in honoring a Smith classmate with an In Memoriam gift and have not made such a gift before, it is easy to do. Please go to the Class of 1994 giving page, and complete the "In Memory Of" section with our classmate's name and 1994 (class year). Then, an annual fund staff member will write a note to the next of kin, sharing with them that a gift has been made in the Smithie's honor and memory. Thank you, - Karla Baldikoski Long '94, Memorial Chair ? **Gift Planning Update** We're officially in our 35th Reunion ONE SIMPLE WAY TO **cycle** – a perfect time to consider **naming** JOIN GRÉCOURT any Grécourt Society members have named Smith as a beneficiary of Smith in your estate plans! an IRA or other retirement plan. This requires no lawyers and ├── Right now, we have 13 classmates can save significant taxes. For (plus one spouse!) in The **Grécourt** Janet leaves her \$100,000 IRA to her children. After estate and income taxes **Society** – but wouldn't it be fantastic to see that number grow? they may re-ceive as little as \$37,800. a. 40.0% Estate Tax b. 22.2% Income Tax c. 37.8% To Children Match news – the Grécourt Match III Janet instead leaves the IRA to Smith. The college is tax-exempt and receives the entire \$100,000. has funds available! 💰 I was moved by the pledge below, which shows how much of an impact Smith has a. 100 % Smith College on those we spend our lives with. On July 1, 2024, a generous widower (whose late wife was a Class of '59 alum) pledged \$1.8 million to financial aid as a matching fund pool. That means 10% of your planned gift will be matched by a current gift to Smith's scholarship endowment! An easy, tax-savvy way to give back? Naming Smith as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement plan! Simply update your Beneficiary **Designation Form** (ask your plan administrator) and designate Smith for **any** percentage of your plan. 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. Questions? Reach out to the helpful staff in the Office of Gift Planning at 📞 413-585-2051 or 📧 gift_planning@smith.edu. Let's make an impact together! 💙 -Elizabeth Foley, Planned Giving Chair **MORE INFO Keep in Touch & Stay Informed** • Celebrate Smith's 150th anniversary! • Visit Stay Connected to Smith for the latest campus news • Log into The Network to find alums, access Career Hub resources, update your info, and more • <u>Update your contact information</u> • Follow Smith on X (formerly known as Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, and <u>LinkedIn</u> • Access every issue of the Smith Quarterly, going back to 1909, in the magazine's digital archive View past issues of <u>Notes from Paradise</u> • Be A Friend (of the Libraries, Botanic Garden, Athletics, or Museum of Art) • Volunteer for Admissions • Join a Smith Club in your area

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