

The North Shore Smith College Club

The North Shore Smith College Club (NSSCC) Annual Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Annual Meeting 2023

The 2022-2023 Annual meeting of the NSSCC was held at the home of Chris Bancheri in Ipswich on June 11th. We enjoyed delightful desserts from [Pure Pastry](#), a small business owned by Kim Gregory in Beverly, and an assortment of hot teas from around the world and iced teas.

During the meeting, we heard reports from the chairs of various committees and thanked Adeline Lutts, '05, Dolly Christopher, '71, Sarah Bates, '80, and Roker Schenck, '84 for their wonderful contributions to the club and for completing their terms on the board. Board members were elected unanimously from both online and in-person votes. For a complete list of 2023-2024 board members, please see page 2.



NSSCC Events

Harvest Supper October 2022

It was absolutely wonderful to gather in person this year for our annual Harvest Supper. We enjoyed a delicious meal at the Village Restaurant in Essex and had a wonderful time listening to our guest speaker, Jessie Banhazl, '06, a recipient of the 2022 [Smith College Medal](#). Jessie is the founder of Green City Growers, a mission-driven urban farming company which transforms underused spaces into biodiverse and productive landscapes. One of Jessie's most enjoyable projects was at Fenway Park where she worked to establish [Fenway Farms](#) for the Boston Red Sox.

Spring Luncheon April 2023

We enjoyed a lovely luncheon this year at the Beverly Depot with our guest speaker, Kelsey Hunter. Kelsey graduated from Smith in 2017 and went on to attain a Master of Science in Sport and Exercise Psychology at Loughborough University in

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The North Shore Smith College Club recognizes and embraces the breadth of experiences and diversity among its alumnae.

We welcome all Smith alumnae on the North Shore of Boston to join the North Shore Smith College Club.

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2023-2024 NSSCC Board

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Book Club Chair

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Technology Committee

Kimie Matsudo Kester, '88
Jessica Lane-Quinquis, '93
Sarah Pedicini, '11

England. She is now the Assistant Athletic Director for Equity, Inclusion, and Student-Athlete Well-Being. We learned about the many ways that Smith is encouraging student athletes and heard about the exciting run the Smith basketball team made to reach the Final Four of the NCAA Division III championship for the first time in school history.



Submitted by Christina Bain, '00 and Kimie Kester, '88

We took a photo with Kelsey and several of us who played sports at Smith.

Walking Group

In this past fiscal year, we have taken nine walks and had only one walk cancelled due to weather. Our pace is more of a stroll which gives us time to walk and talk. Our group size ranges from three to ten and sometimes includes spouses and children. We are always happy when Sarah Pedicini, '11, brings her dog Wilson, who is named after Wilson House, and has become our group's mascot.



Here is a list of the beautiful locations we have enjoyed together:

- Appleton Farms
- Chebacco Woods
- Ravenswood Park
- Crane Beach
- Singing Beach
- Winterlights at the Stevens-Coolidge House & Gardens
- Beverly Commons Conservation Area
- Maudslay State Park
- Devereux Beach to Chandler Hovey Park

Join us for our next walk on **Saturday, August 5 at 11 am at Tompson Street Reservation** (Eagle Rock Trail/Bray Street Gateway), Gloucester. The trail is moderate-to-challenging. Visit our [website](#) for details and our full calendar of walks.

Submitted by Kimie Kester, '88

Meetups

Getting together at cafés around the North Shore has been a fun way to get to know one another better. We have had four meetups so far. We will be trying something a little different for our next one. It will be with [Essex River Cruises](#) on **Sunday, August 20 at 3:30 pm**. Board members Sarah Pedicini and Kimie Kester will be there to greet you. Please [purchase your ticket](#) in advance and let us know you're coming by sending an email to nssmithcollegeclub@gmail.com. See you soon!

Submitted by Sarah Pedicini, '11 and Kimie Kester, '88

Book Club

The book club met in person every month this fiscal year. We welcomed two new members, Caitlin Featherstone, '96 and Rachel Dean, '13. Following the pattern set more than 20 years ago, we discussed a book in each of 11 months and held a holiday potluck and Yankee book swap in December. We had two outings this year. In September, the book club traveled to Walden Pond for a tour, walk, lunch and discussion of "Walden". In May, the book club was joined by Patricia Hanlon, author of "Swimming to the Top of the Tide", and met at Farnham's in Essex.

We look forward to the coming year of good reading and good company. The book club is open to dues-paying and honorary NSSCC members.

Submitted by Ronna Woodward, '72

North Shore Smith College ClubBook Club List 2023

	Soup & Stew Recipes and Cookbooks	JAN 9
	Mercury Pictures Presents by Anthony Marra	FEB 6
	Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus	MAR 6
	The Rose Code by Kate Quinn	APR 10
	Swimming to the Top of the Tide by Patricia Hanlon	MAY 1
	Hamnet By Maggie O'Farrell	JUN 5
	Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson	JUL 10
	The Last Gift by Abdulrazak Gurnah	AUG 7
	Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid	SEP 12
	Still Life by Sarah Winman	OCT 2
	Alice Roosevelt Longworth by Stacy A. Cordery	NOV 6
	Holiday Party	DEC 4



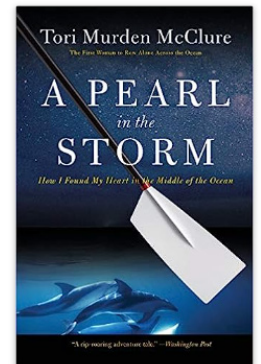
Girl Reading In The Orangery
by Charles Edward Perugini, c.1870

Book Awards

The book award is presented to *...an outstanding junior who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that characterize the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College.*

This year we presented "A Pearl in the Storm - How I Found my Heart in the Middle of the Ocean" by Tori Murden McClure. Tori graduated in 1985 and is a 2023 [Smith College Medalist](#).

We ask the guidance counselors at local high schools to nominate a student from the top tenth of the junior class.



Book awards have been given at the following high schools:

- Andover
- Lynn English
- Beverly
- Lynnfield
- Bishop Fenwick
- Manchester-
Essex
- Danvers
- Marblehead
- Gloucester
- Masconomet
- Hamilton-
Wenham
- Peabody
- Haverhill
- Rockport
- Ipswich
- Saugus
- Lawrence
- St. Mary's
- Lynn Classical
- Swampscott

Salem High School and Revere High School chose not to award a book award this year.

Submitted by Iris Sheinhait, '86

AAC Report

Sarah Pedicini, '11, is the Alumnae Admissions Coordinator (AAC) for the North Shore. The following figures show the outreach that was accomplished this past club year. If you have questions or are interested in assisting with interviews, please email: smithnorthshoreAAC@gmail.com.

Application/Admissions Numbers				
	Apply	Admit	Enrolled*	Percent Admit
Early Decision I	5	3	3	60%
Early Decision II	2	1	1	50%
Regular	92	19	≤18	21%
Fall Ada	0	0	0	N/A
Fall Transfer	0	0	0	N/A
Total	99	23	≤22	23%

*Could only confirm ED students and 1 RD student

Fun Facts	
While I don't know how many students applied ED 1 and ED 2 last year, we definitely had a jump in applicants! At least 63 students applied last year vs 99 this year!	
Our admissions rate also increased. Last year's was no greater than 14%, compared to 23% this year.	
Students from 49 different schools applied this year (only 37 last year)	
5 students from Urban Public Schools were admitted this year! The schools are Chelsea, Lynn English, Revere, and Winthrop	

Interview Notes	
Total Interviews Completed	5
Total Students Contacted	9
App has Smith Sr. Interview Instead	1
Total North Shore Alum Volunteers	4

Sarah's Other Notes	
1. Students must reach out to admissions to request interviews	
2. Regional coordinator is always looking for help with interviews for students in regions without clubs/AACs	
3. I set a calendar reminder to email club re: Admissions Volunteering	
4. Be on the lookout for College fairs, not just at schools but scholar programs	
5. Still would like to bring back the "admissions rose" or other treat!	

Admissions Stats by School			
School	Apply	Admit	ED Notes
Amesbury High School	1	0	
Andover High School	5	0	1 ED 2 App
Beverly High School	1	0	
Boston Latin Academy	1	0	
Brooks School	2	1	
Central Catholic High School	1	0	
Chelsea High School	1	1	
Danvers High School	1	0	
Essex Technical High School	1	0	
Fusion Academy - Burlington	1	0	
Georgetown Middle-High School	1	0	
Gloucester High School	3	1	
Hamilton-Wenham Regional HS	6	2	1 ED 1 Admit
Haverhill High School	2	0	
Homeschool	2	0	1 ED 1 App
Ipswich High School	1	0	
Kipp Academy Lynn Collegiate	1	0	
Lawrence High School	1	0	
Lynn Classical High School	6	0	
Lynn English High School	5	1	
Lynn Vo-Tech Institute	1	0	
Lynnfield High School	2	2	
Manchester Essex Regional HS	1	0	
Methuen High School	1	0	
Newburyport High School	2	1	
North Andover High School	5	1	1 ED 1 Admit
North Reading High School	1	0	
Notre Dame Cristo Rey High Sch	1	0	
Peabody Veterans Memorial HS	2	0	
Pentucket Regional Senior HS	2	1	1 ED 1 Admit
Phillips Academy	6	4	
Pingree School	3	2	
Pioneer Charter Of Science 2	1	0	
Pioneer Charter School of Science	1	0	
Prospect Hill Academy	1	0	
Revere High School	6	1	
Rockport High School	3	1	
Saint Mary Jr/Sr High School	1	0	
Salem Academy Charter School	1	0	
Salem High School	1	0	
Saugus High School	1	0	
Somerville High School	1	0	
Sparhawk School	1	0	
Suffield Academy	1	0	
Swampscott High School	2	1	
Tec Connections Academy	1	0	
Waring School	3	1	1 ED 1 app, 1 ED 2 Admit
Whittier Rgnl Vo-Technical HS	2	0	
Winthrop High School	2	2	

Technology Recap

Our [private Facebook group](#) has grown from 80 to 97 members while the number of [Instagram](#) followers has risen from 29 to 67. Recently, a [LinkedIn](#) group was created. Please join us!

Submitted by Jessica Lane-Quinquis, '93

Treasurer's Report

Report of the Treasurer for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2022:

TD Bank, Operating Account	<u>\$ 4,972.55</u>
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Revenue and Expenses by Category

Membership Dues, 58 members	\$ 1,530.00	
Harvest Supper		
Reservations (26)	\$ 1,170.00	
Meals	\$ (1,300.00)	
Speaker	\$ (200.00)	
Decorations	\$ (67.53)	\$ (397.53)
Spring Luncheon		
Reservations	\$ 1,575.00	
Meals	\$ (1,500.00)	
Decorations	\$ (104.95)	\$ (29.95)
Annual Meeting		
Food	\$ (154.76)	\$ (154.76)
General Operating Expenses		
IRS Filing	\$ (600.00)	
State of MA Filings	\$ (240.00)	
Postage/shipping	\$ (360.00)	
Printing for mailings	\$ (586.80)	
Checks	\$ (30.75)	
Supplies and Gifts	\$ (45.85)	\$ (1,863.40)
Book Awards (to date)		
Donations (22)	\$ 590.00	
Books (+tax+shipping)	\$ (417.76)	
Postage		\$ 172.24
Scholarship Fund		
Memorial Payments to Smith	\$ -	
Individual Donations (29)	\$ 880.00	
Donation to Smith, June 2023	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (120.00)
Net Change		<u>\$ (863.40)</u>
Ending Balance, June 22, 2023		\$ 4,462.51

Submitted by Angela Williams, '96