



NORTH SHORE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB

JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025



A YEAR IN REVIEW

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Fabulous day in Newburyport with the Walking Group, May 3, 2025

THANK YOU to everyone who joined the **North Shore Smith College Club (NSSCC)** this year!

Your dedication to Smith and participation with the club has been inspiring!

Special thanks to **Jessica Lane-Quinquis, Dr. Sarah Luria, and Sara Sweet Rabidoux-Kelsey** who are rolling off the board this year. We are very thankful for their energy and enthusiasm which has given our club a great boost.

I hope you enjoy this annual report with quick snapshots of our time together this past year. I'm looking forward to the year ahead and **celebrating Smith's 150th with you!**

Kimie Matsudo Kester '88
President, NSSCC



Nearly 40 attended our Spring Luncheon at Heath's Tea Room on March 29, 2025. Our guest speaker co-founded [Afghan Education Student Outreach Project](#) and is currently an Ada Comstock Scholar studying at Smith.

The Harvest Supper was also well attended on October 17, 2024 with Smith physics professor, Dr. Gary Felder, who gave a talk titled, *Black Holes: The Edge of Space and Time*. We were so caught up, we forgot to take photos!



We visited the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum on July 10, 2024 for a storytelling performance. It was a nice surprise to see a former NSSCC member who now lives in Boston.



Sand Sculptures at Revere Beach July 23, 2024



On August 11, 2024 we had a beautiful cruise around the Newburyport Harbor. We headed over to Riverwalk Brewing Company afterwards and enjoyed sitting in the outdoor patio area for drinks and a bite to eat.



We had a meetup at the Cape Ann Museum on September 22, 2024 with docent Leslie Beatty '78 as our guide for the exhibit, *Women Artists on Cape Ann 1870-1970*. Afterwards we went to the Beauport Hotel for drinks on the deck.



Sunset at Salem Willows August 27, 2024



On October 20, 2024 we met up at the Head of the Charles with alums from the greater Boston area. We had a potluck picnic and after the race we headed down to the finish line to meet the Smith Rowing Team and coaches.



Young alums met for a game night at Double Bull on November 9, 2024 as well as at other times throughout the year. Some of the activities included an outdoor movie night, coffee & coworking at cafes, and a paint night.



Following the pattern set more than 20 years ago, the Book Club discussed a book in each of 11 months and held a holiday potluck and book swap on December 2, 2024. A list of our book club selections is available on our [website](#).



The NSSCC raised over \$350 for our Scholarship Fund through the sale of S'mints. We sold dark mint, dark plain, dark orange, milk chocolate, and white chocolate. Thanks for your purchases and support of this fundraiser!



The Walking Group met once a month at beautiful locations around the North Shore. Our group size varied and sometimes included children. On February 1, 2025 we went to Moraine Farm and warmed up afterwards at Panera Bread.



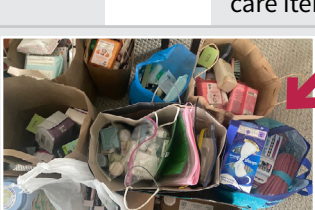
We joined alums on February 22, 2025 to cheer on the basketball team in their game against Wellesley. Members of the NSSCC also traveled to Bowdoin and attended Smith's Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight tournament games.



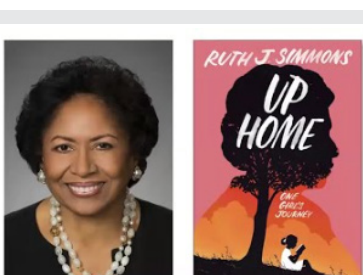
We celebrated "Founder's Day" on March 8, 2025, the day Sophia Smith signed her will establishing Smith College. In the spirit of generosity club members donated personal care items to women who are survivors of trafficking.



On April 27, 2025 we had a tour of the Yin Yu Tang House at the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) with curator Yao Wu who worked at the Smith Art Museum for 8 years before joining the PEM. Afterwards we enjoyed dinner at Su Chang's.



A small example of a huge collection of donations!!



This year's book award was *Up Home: One Girl's Journey* by Ruth Simmons, Smith's ninth president. Two additional books were also awarded: *A Pearl in the Storm* by Tori Murden McClure '85 and *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern '00

Book Awards were given to outstanding juniors at 20 high schools on the North Shore. Thanks to your generous gifts over the years we now have a surplus of funds for Book Awards. Thanks so much for your support of this program!



Alums from the NSSCC walked as a group in this year's North Shore Pride Parade held in Salem on June 28, 2025. This was a great opportunity to get together and celebrate diversity within our Smith community.

Membership in the NSSCC has been growing. Four years ago we had 61 members and **this year we had 84**. We look forward to growing and connecting more alums with one another in **Smith's 150th year!**

The **Treasurer's Report** for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 will be available soon on our [website](#).

Our **Annual Meeting & Potluck** was held on June 18, 2025. We enjoyed visiting with one another throughout the evening, heard brief committee reports, and held our annual board election. **The new list of board members** is posted on our [website](#).

Thanks for looking through this annual report! With your support and participation it has been a great year! Visit our [Meetups](#) page on our website to see a complete list of all of our fun outings.

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

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