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Come celebrate our 55th Reunion May 21-24, 2026!

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SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1971



Reunion Update

Come celebrate our 55th Reunion with a new logo and gathering (in person!)

May 21-24, 2026

As the Class of 1971, we have woven together an extraordinary tapestry of life – each of our journeys a unique thread in the fabric of our collective experience. From our very first days at Smith and through the winding of time, we have joined together friendships and families, lives and legacies. At our 55th we will celebrate and share the vibrant, varied patterns of our paths, and continue our remarkable journey together,

Our theme

The theme of our Reunion, beautifully depicted in our new logo is *Weaving Lives Together*. Reunion programs will build on the work of our classmate Kiki Smith, as well as college events and traditions. Kiki's book and [exhibit](#), *Real Clothes, Real Lives, 200 Years of What Women Wore*, suggested to us a look at topics including the sociology of clothing over time, the environmental impacts of fast fashion and textile waste, and the labor and ethical implications of where and how our clothing is made.

Can't wait to see you in May!

Logo Design: Noble Erickson Inc.

Reunion App

The [Reunion App](#) (entitled Smith College Reunion, downloadable from your app store) will be necessary for registration and logistical information. It's up and running and will soon include relevant information for us.

Calling All House Reps

Classmates, we all know a reunion is like a wedding – It's only as good as the people who are there. Think how much more fun our 55th will be if you have your own gang of friends there to celebrate.

That's why we have our team of House Reps.

Hoping to reach as many classmates as possible and pique their curiosity and enthusiasm, we've reinstituted the system of House Reps that worked so well for our 50th. It is not a tough job. We send you a list of your housemates and their emails. All you need to do is send messages you'll receive directly onto them. You can also help set up Zoom calls or come up with other fun ways for your housemates to connect.

For everyone who has already volunteered to be a House Rep – thank you!

And with Reunion coming right up, we still need House Reps for the following houses: Capen, Clark, Cushing, Haven, Hopkins, Hubbard, Lawrence, Morris, Morrow, Park, Talbot, Tenney, Washburn and Ziskind

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If you'd like to step up, be a connector, and join the team please contact our 55th House Rep Coordinator, [Holly Darzen](#).

Call for Class Notes

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the *Smith Quarterly* to our class secretaries [Suzanne Ross McDowell](#) and [Ana-Maria Zaugg](#). You can also use the *Smith Quarterly* [Class Notes form](#). Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

Simply Give and Consider Painless Giving

This year in honor of our 55th we are asking classmates to make a gift to Smith College, so we have a substantial Reunion gift. Giving is what matters, not how much. By achieving our Reunion goal, we are broadcasting to all that our Smith Education mattered to us and through our scholarship we provide this gift to more young women of promise.

Our Reunion goal is to increase the endowment of the Class of 1971 Scholarship so it will cover room and board as well as tuition. Today our fund stands at \$987,256. We need to raise \$513,000 to grow the endowment to \$1,500,000. Remember, you can give in honor of a classmate. In addition you can direct your gift to the Art Museum, the Botanical Garden, the Library, or wherever you like.

GIVE TO SMITH

Gift Planning Update



Deb Lans reminds us to remember the benefits of making a donation straight from your retirement funds. If you direct the distribution to Smith



College (rather than to yourself) you won't be taxed on it. Making your gift this way, versus using your after tax income, benefits you and Smith at the same time. It is simply a wonderfully painless way of giving.

As part of our milestone Reunion celebrations, we are pleased to invite you to the upcoming 55th & 60th Milestone Planned Giving Webinar Series. This special session will explore how you can make a lasting impact at Smith through your legacy plans.

Your Smith College Legacy
Thursday, October 23, 2025
4 p.m. ET

This program will highlight meaningful ways to include Smith in your estate planning, ensuring your values live on through future generations of Smith students.

Please save the date – additional details and registration information will be shared closer to the event.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Smith and for considering how your legacy can shape the college's future.

MORE INFO





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