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CLASS NEWS



Smith College Class of 1965 Spring 2022 Class Newsletter

Message From the Class President

Greetings to classmates and spring! On February 18th, after an odd but fierce overnight rainstorm removed all our snow, I found tulip nubs peeking out of the ground

so I know spring will return. Smith is in full operation, having had minimal Covid positives in the fall and winter. The new Neilson dazzles. Smith is one of only seven schools to have replaced loans with grants, and the only women's college! At a time when there is so much troubling news, this is all such positive news.

We are about to have a class Zoom account, thanks to Barbara Taylor who has offered to be the "manager" of the site for a trial of one year. There are already eight houses participating in their own regular zoom meetings via personal accounts. Having a class account means that we can have all-class virtual programs, mini-reunions, house gatherings—we are only limited by our imaginations! Barbara's role will be to keep the calendar because we can only have one meeting going on at a time. Details to follow, and thank you, Barbara!

You will be hearing more from the Fund Team about **The Class of 1965 Endowed Scholarship Fund** as planning for our 60th starts to pick up steam. This is the fund we established in December, 1964, that has grown from \$15,659 to \$411,409 as of June 30, 2021, despite no gifts since 1974 AND the distribution of over \$350,000 in financial aid. Currently, we are providing support to two members of the class of 2024.

Our class website, www.smith65.org (password, mendenhall) has wonderful things to share, and Pat Manning keeps it up-to-date with information. She has recently added links to work done by Carol Rosenbaum and Barbara Steiner Dowler as well as the link to a moving tribute to Posy Lombard by her son George Lombard.

Good links to the college website:

[Staying Connected](#) where updates and resources are shared regularly.

[Smithie Snapshots](#) offers great profiles of Smith students from around the world.

Best wishes for a healthier world,

Gardi Pedersen Hauck

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Reunion Update

It's hard to believe, but '65 will celebrate our 60th in three short years! As your reunion co-chairs, we're thinking ahead about what needs to be done in that time. We're delighted that some classmates have already stepped forward to help. The latest among these are Book Editors Liz Matthews Rath and Pam Pelton Plumb, House Connectors Chair Jóna Hammer, Class Questionnaire Penny Wise Kerns, and Memorial/Service of Remembrance Chair Jane Rockman. Thank you, Liz, Pam, Jóna, Penny and Jane— we're on our way!

There are still plenty of opportunities left to help with Reunion. Most of them don't start until 12-18 months ahead, so there's time to think about how you might like to participate. Listed below are the committees that need volunteers. If you're interested in one or two of them, you can contact one of us for more information. Fortunately, previous committee chairs have left excellent reports with job descriptions and lots of suggestions. We hope you'll join us to make this a successful, joyful event.

Committees:

Art Exhibit	Parade and Signs
Headquarters	Programs
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Reunion Newsletters	

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Call for Class Notes

We all enjoy reading the class notes. The *Smith Alumnae Quarterly* emails requests for news. You do not have to wait to get the request to send contributions for our column. Whenever I receive news, I start writing our column. Without your contributions, we would not have a column.

Marcia Schofield
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Class Spotlight

After our 55th, it was suggested that we appoint the House Reps at the beginning of the reunion cycle rather than in the year just before reunion, and that we re-name the volunteers the House Connectors. Many, many thanks to Jóna Burgess Hammer, the Baldwin House Connector, for stepping up to bat to serve as the team coordinator. She is doing a terrific job communicating with her fellow House Connectors, passing on news and fun tidbits to be shared with housemates.

Historically, contact by the House Connectors has been the strongest motivator for reunion attendance and maintaining strong Smith connections. Hats off to Jóna!

Fundraising Update

Smart Investing 101

Imagine that upon graduating from Smith in 1965, you had decided to invest a sum of money and just let it grow, virtually untouched, for the next 50-odd years. Do you think that you would have made a good investment decision?

Well, that's just what we, the Class of 1965, did. That year we collected \$15,659 and established the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund, an endowed fund managed by the college. At the end of the last fiscal year (June 30, 2021), our fund has grown to \$411,408! Most significantly, the fund annually spins off thousands of dollars of scholarship money that supports students with financial need.

Your gift to the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund this year enables the fund to grow even larger and even more quickly. For Smith students, it's a gift that keeps on giving.

A good investment indeed!

From the Fund Team:

Just a few weeks ago, Kathy McCartney, Smith's president since 2013, announced that she is stepping down in June 2023. The search will now begin for Smith's 13th president.

As a letter from Alison Overseth '80, chair of the Board of Trustees, pointed out, Kathy's accomplishments are many. To us, none is as significant as her decision to eliminate student loans in favor of scholarships grants. No Smith student will graduate saddled with the kind of debt that constrains and controls so many women and men for years into the future. Imagine how wonderful it is that students can focus on their education rather than worrying about how they will repay their enormous college loans.

Kathy's legacy will endure for years to come. And so will our own, thanks to the support that each of us can give to Smith. Our donations—whether to the Smith Fund, which supports current operations, or to our Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund, which provides thousands of scholarship dollars every year—make sure that we, too, leave our mark on Smith College.

Despite the many years that have passed since we entered Smith, the friends we made at Smith, the accomplished faculty we learned from, the transformative experiences we had at Smith are as vivid as if we lived them yesterday. How fortunate we are to be able to offer those same life-enhancing experiences to the women following in our footsteps.

Please give—and give as generously as you can—to the Smith students of tomorrow. Go to our [class giving page](#) or call the Smith Fund at 1-800-241-2056 (option #1).

Thank you very much!

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Planned Giving Update

Kath Shelton heartily endorses the expertise amongst the staff in our very own Smith College Office of Gift Planning. They are adept at working with prospective donors AND their financial managers and attorneys to craft tax-wise gifts that benefit both Smithies and the college itself.

Whether a gift is for the current fiscal year or an estate gift, strategies abound. Contact Sam Samuels at ssamuels@smith.edu for information.

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Class Volunteers

Gardi Pedersen Hauck, President





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