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Dear Entering Ada Comstock Scholar,

Congratulations and welcome to Smith! As dean of the Ada Comstock Scholars, I work with the [Class Deans Office](#) to oversee your academic progress. We look forward to working with you during your time at Smith.

Typically, Ada Comstock Scholars (Adas) take between 12 and 16 credits in a semester. Smith will offer online course registration for entering Adas **during the week starting July 29**. The Registrar's Office will contact you with more detailed information and dates. Before registration, I will be hosting **advising appointments from July 22 to July 26**. If you would like to schedule an advising appointment with me, please email my assistant, Jose Ferreras, at jferreras@smith.edu. You will receive more information about credits and registration from the Registrar's Office to prepare you for online registration.

In conjunction with Student Affairs, we have planned Orientation from **August 29 to September 2** to help you learn about the college and to meet other Adas. Please clear your schedule so you are able to attend the [events listed in the Orientation schedule](#) which is updated often throughout the summer.

In early to mid-August, you will be assigned an adviser. This information will be available to you in Workday. Shortly thereafter, your adviser will contact you about setting up a meeting to discuss the courses you are interested in taking. I am available to confer with you about choosing classes, but during Orientation you will work with your adviser to make the final decisions about the courses you choose to take.

Our "[For New Students](#)" website offers numerous links to our orientation program and for information to help guide you in your preparation for living in the Smith community, academically, residentially, and socially. The website will be updated regularly throughout the summer.

The *Smith College Course Catalog* defines the liberal arts, includes information about the organization of the curriculum and academic rules and procedures, and offers descriptions and requirements for all majors, minors, and concentrations. For a list of Fall 2024 courses, please refer to the [Course Schedule Search](#).

You should be sure to explore the many services Smith offers all of its students, such as the [Accessibility Resource Center](#), which supports students with disabilities and learning differences; the [Jacobson Center](#), which provides consultation for writing, tutorial services in all fields, workshops, study skills, and time management strategies; the [Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning](#), which assists with math and quantitative skills; and the [libraries](#), which maintains an informative database of media and more.

As part of Orientation, all entering students are asked to participate in the [Smith Reads program](#) by reading this year's assigned text before arriving at Smith. The 2024 selection is *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil.

Smith educates women of promise for lives of distinction and purpose. Everyone at Smith is here to help you achieve that mission and looks forward to meeting you in the fall. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our office staff at classdeans@smith.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Rossi-Reder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Andrea Rossi-Reder
Dean of the Ada Comstock Scholars
and Dean of the Sophomore Class