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FROM OUR
CLASS
PRESIDENT

Dear Class Members,

As writer, Ruth Ahmed noted, *“There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees—as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again.”* Fall is the perfect time for reflection; a time that prompts us to think, take stock, and prepare for the future.

In preparation for our 50th Reunion, I have reflected on the significant role Smith played in my life. I received an exceptional education in an environment where curiosity and critical thinking were encouraged. I not only thrived academically but socially as well. Of equal importance, I developed life-long relationships with many talented and supportive women who remain close friends today.

In my current role as class President, and through our class events leading up to our reunion, I have established new and meaningful relationships with several members of our class I did not know during our years on campus. I am grateful for these new relationships and eager to further broaden my connections as I prepare to celebrate with all members of our class in May.

We have much to celebrate. Our Reunion Chairs have worked tirelessly to strengthen class engagement and connections. They have reached out to members of our class and included them in the programming planned for our time together on campus. Our Book Team is busy working on our class book which will further assist us in maintaining connections with each other. Our Fundraising Team is diligently working to ensure our class meets its goals with several options available to all classmates in support of your gifts to the college. As we reflect on our years at Smith, and all it provided and continues to provide, please consider a gift to the college. Your gift will help eliminate financial barriers and ensure promising students from all backgrounds can benefit from that exceptional Smith experience. Be sure to visit our class website at smithcollege74.org for updates on Reunion 2024, Fundraising, Special Gifts, In Memoriam, Class News, our Virtual Class Events, and more.

Let's use this season of reflection to think about your time on campus and what made Smith special for you. Take those memories, expand your connections to the college and your classmates, and look to the future—to our 50th Reunion—when we will be together celebrating all that makes us the **Great Class of 1974!**

Linda Smith Charles

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On October 21, 2023, **Sarah Willie-LeBreton** was inaugurated as Smith's 12th president. An accomplished scholar, educator, and leader, she has a demonstrated record of addressing social inequality and fostering community. At a time when women's education has become increasingly crucial for challenging the world's problems and injustices, Willie-LeBreton is well positioned to guide Smith through its next chapter.



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FINANCIAL AID IN ACTION

Sena Amuzu '24



Financial aid has created pathways in my life that I never thought were possible. I have been granted fellowships and opportunities that actualize my wildest dreams for my future.

My fondest accomplishment at Smith is conducting data science research and becoming a Mellon Mays Fellow. I came to Smith with no prior experience in data science and independent research, yet I was able to use the open curriculum to explore my passions.

Financial aid is essential to my family as it enables me to attend college without extreme financial stress.

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smith.edu/1974/give

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Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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REUNION UPDATE

COUNTDOWN TO OUR 50TH REUNION: May 16 - 19, 2024

Our 50th Reunion is coming up fast! Whether you've never been to a reunion or you've attended every one, come enjoy the chance to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, revisit old haunts, and explore what's new on campus. Let's set a record and have 50% of our class attend our 50th!

YOUR CURRENT EMAIL

If you are not receiving emails from Class of '74 or Smith, *please* send your current email address to smithierecords@smith.edu. We need your current email so we can share class news and reunion updates, send you our class book submission form, receive your class book submission, and provide info regarding how to register for reunion (this will be online only).

CLASS BOOK

We will be publishing a commemorative reunion book—and we need your help to ensure its success!

The Reunion Book Team (Bobbi Keiler, Cathy Farrington Haukedahl, Mary-Lou Kiley, Kathy Piro, Terry Taylor) is working with MENO REUNION BOOKS, a Smith College approved vendor, to publish this keepsake. You should have received an email from Meno containing a link to an online submission template. If you did not receive the email, let us know and we will have Meno resend it. Expect to receive additional emails from Meno as the project progresses.

Each of you will have your own page on which you can share your thoughts about your time at Smith and your life since leaving college. We have all experienced triumphs and faced challenges in the past fifty years. Whatever path your life has taken, your classmates want to celebrate the journey with you.

When it is completed, the book will be available to everyone in digital form. The digital version will be an easy-to-search resource for locating classmates and discovering common interests. We also plan to publish it in print and will update you regarding availability and cost as plans progress.

If you have questions or did not receive the template, feel free to contact us. We hope you will fill in your templates and return them promptly. Together, we can make this class reunion book a keepsake we will all treasure!

Chris Albright, Anne Wing Hamilton & Cindy Britten Martin

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Giving to Smith is the way that change happens! It's widely accepted that educating women improves the world—plus, we all know how Smith shaped and improved our own lives. We hope you'll join us in working for Smith and contributing to Smith!

Our fundraising goal for our 50th reunion (i.e., the five-year amount that we want to have raised by reunion) is \$7.4M. To date we have raised \$4.9M, with less than eight months to go! We aim to have at least 60% of our class participate by giving a gift of any amount. **Every gift matters: no gift is too small.**

We have identified three class fundraising priorities and your support of these priorities will help us achieve our goal and help Smith provide educational opportunities to students who will change our world!

'74 Fundraising Priorities

The Class of 1974 Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship funding to Smith students. To direct your contribution to our class endowed scholarship fund, specify "Class of 1974 Endowed Scholarship Fund" when you make your gift.

The Emergency Fund for Students of Color was started by members of the Class of 1974 at the 25th reunion in 1999. To direct your donation to this fund, specify "Emergency Fund for Students of Color" when you make your donation.

The Smith Fund sustains the academic innovation, global education, scholarships, and resources that make our alma mater exceptional.

See more details about how you can give to Smith at www.smith.edu/about-smith/giving/giving-opportunities.

Our FY23 Results:

FY23 Smith Fund	\$161,585	Goal: \$250,000
FY23 Comp	\$1,055,359	Goal: \$350,000
FY23 Participation	34%	Goal: 35%
	177 donors	
Class Endowed Scholarship	\$248,000	

We hope you will join us and make a gift to Smith. We also encourage you to become a part of the Class of '74 FUNdraising team! If you'd like to join us, please let us know.

Inez D'Arcangelo & Mary-Margaret Chren Landefeld

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

I joined The Grécourt Society long ago, perhaps at our 5th or 10th Reunion. At the time, I had no idea what I might give, but my friendships and the excellence of our

educational experience compelled me to help ensure the Smith legacy remains a resource for young women through the years. As I enter my 50th year in the "real world", it is time to honor that commitment and name my gift. I know it won't be the most substantial gift the college will receive, but Grécourt welcomes gifts in **any** amount, and modest contributions are essential to any fundraising campaign.

In this reunion cycle, 50% of any planned gifts and non-contingent bequests greater than \$10,000 will be credited toward our class gift at Reunion in May. There are many ways that you can add to our reunion gift through charitable annuities or life income gifts, or by naming Smith as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. Please call me, visit smith.plannedgiving.org or contact the Planned Giving Office at (800) 241-2056 to join 41 classmates and one spouse who have provided for Smith this way.

You can also learn more by attending the college's Planned Giving Webinars:

Planned Gifts by Retirement Assets
November 1, 2023, 4 p.m. ET

Reunion Bequest Intentions
January 10, 2024, 4 p.m. ET

Charitable Gifts Annuities
March 6, 2024, 4 p.m. ET

Thank you to all those who have joined the Grécourt Society already, and welcome to those who join us in the coming months.

Sandy Small Henderson

