



WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE

# WS Book

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*Women Opening Doors for more than 100 Years.*

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Cover photo: The doors of Smith Hall, the first building constructed with William Smith's funds.



To The William Smith Class of 2026,

On behalf of the Alumnae Association, welcome!

The WS Book, known for many years as the William Smith College Hand Book, is a longstanding tradition that serves as a valuable point of reference for every William Smith student. Many of the places in which you will live, study and play during the next four years are filled with rich history and heritage. These pages share the many stories and milestones that have shaped both the place and the outstanding women who have come before us.

From its founding, the women of William Smith have experienced the richness of our strong traditions, rooted values of inclusion, respect, leadership, and community. The William Smith Alumnae Association is proud to welcome you into this special sisterhood. We invite you to fully experience this unique place, to explore and build your identity here, and to contribute your own perspectives to our ever-evolving history.

Four years will go by quickly, but your relationship with William Smith College will last a lifetime. I hope you will reference this book often to enrich your experience here.

Katherine Strouse Canada '98

*President, William Smith Alumnae Association*

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*“It is not what one is, but what  
one is and does that counts.”*

— William Smith, founder of the College

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## Introduction

By Dean Lisa Kaenzig P'22

Since our doors first opened in 1908, William Smith College has been a community of women pioneers. From trailblazers like Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell 1849 to our own Rhodes Scholar, Julia James Zuze '04, William Smith women have been forging their own paths for more than a century. Each woman has a unique journey that continues to inspire future generations. Just like their counterparts in the early 1900s, William Smith students in the 21st century join together with determination and persistence, working and living together with respect for each other as individuals and as a community of women opening doors for other women.

The world and William Smith College have changed since 1908. However, the experience of today's phenomenal William Smith women remains very similar to the founding women in the earliest classes of the College. Discovering new paths for academic interests, developing a sense of their place in the world and growing in self-confidence remains the same for today's William Smith students. The individual trajectory is different for each woman while the collective identity continues to provide a supportive structure for growth at a very important time of development in a woman's life.

The William Smith Dean's Office in Smith Hall has worked for more than a century to help generations of William Smith students make important connections that guide each student forward in her own journey here at the College and in her life as an alumna. All William Smith women work together to make our campus a very special place for students to experience Geneva, the world and to chart their own paths to lives of consequence. With each next step on their path, William Smith women continue to open doors for each other and for the women who will come behind them for generations to come.



## William Smith

1818 – 1912

*“There never lived a man more broad minded and high minded in his regard for women than William Smith.”*

— Anna Botsford Comstock

[Adapted from Anna Botsford Comstock’s account “William Smith – Our Founder”]



A tall, thin man with a quiet sense of humor, William Smith is remembered for his kindness, love of the arts and sciences, and keen business acumen. Above all, he possessed a deep respect for women. Admiration for his mother and friendships with many brilliant and influential women led to a firm belief that women should have every opportunity to develop their minds, and the ability to choose whatever career path they desired. During a time period when women’s education in subjects beyond the domestic sciences was not a high priority, Smith resolved to create an institution for higher education that would encourage women to develop critical thinking skills, and give them every opportunity afforded to men.

At the age of 25, Smith emigrated from England to work in a nursery business in Geneva, NY. He had received very little education, having worked since childhood to support his family after his father’s premature death. Nevertheless, he developed the critical business and horticultural skills to open his own nursery in 1846. Partnered with his brothers, his trademark industry, perseverance and honesty led to an immensely successful business. He used this prosperity to invest back into the community of Geneva, with his passion for the arts inspiring construction of the Smith Opera House in downtown Geneva, and his interest in science and astronomy leading to the construction of the Smith Observatory. These contributions have had a lasting effect on multiple generations, with the Observatory and Opera House still actively being used to enhance and educate the community. After

these and many other philanthropic endeavors, Smith resolved to undertake his greatest venture yet: A college for women.

Smith had accumulated nearly half a million dollars by the age of 85. However, he eventually realized that building an institution from scratch (at the level of quality he wanted), would require a much greater investment. Fortunately, working with Dr. Langdon C. Stewardson, the President of Hobart College, a solution was devised. Hobart was in need of an investment to expand curriculum, hire new faculty and construct modern science facilities. Stewardson and Smith realized that a partnership could make both men's goals a reality, and eventually, Hobart College agreed to open their courses and programs to women. On December 13, 1906, the funds were transferred and William Smith College, a non-denominational, non-vocational, liberal arts school for women was founded.

It was decided that Hobart and William Smith Colleges would be coordinate institutions with separate identities, rather than a combined, co-educational school. As its own distinct institution, William Smith College was able to establish its own traditions, clubs and leadership positions, all designed and occupied by women. This ensured the College's reputation for fostering innovative, trailblazing women, with the confidence and ability to take their progressive mindset and significant leadership experience out into the world.

In 1908, as the charter class of William Smith began their academic careers, Smith's greatest dream was fulfilled. He remained extremely involved in the college, expanding the curriculum to include advanced courses in biology and psychology, and opening his home to visits from the first few classes of students. His hope for all women was that they could live an "abundant life," and he believed that with the tools gained through a liberal arts education, they would be well equipped to do so. William Smith set an example for them with his own "abundant life," and when he passed away in 1912 at the age of 93, it was a few short months away from the graduation of his beloved charter class.

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William Smith and the Charter class of 1908

## WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE TIMELINE

1822 - Hobart College is founded by Bishop Hobart.

1843-46 - William Smith arrives in Geneva, N.Y., and partners with his brothers to start a wholesale nursery business selling trees and plants.

1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell graduates from the medical school of Geneva College (Hobart's precursor) as the first woman in the country to receive a medical degree. (Geneva College was renamed Hobart Free College in 1852 and Hobart College in 1860.)

1888-93 - Smith donates funds to build the Smith Opera House in downtown Geneva. William Smith was a strong supporter of women's education and some of his closest female friends were leaders in the suffrage movement. The Smith Opera House was often used to hold suffragette meetings.

1903 - Smith plans to construct a nondenominational, liberal arts college for women. He and President





Stewardson of Hobart College partner to establish the coordinate system.

1908 - On September 19, the charter members of William Smith College register for classes, and on December 14, William Smith College celebrates its first Founder's Day. They choose dark green (and white) as the college colors.

1910 - Music and lyrics for the William Smith *alma mater* are composed by two students.

1922 - The Colleges hold their first joint Commencement.

1930 - All College Day is instituted to mark the beginning of the Commencement week program and the end of the academic year. Activities include Moving Up Day and Wednesday Class Night on the Hill, when the Classes gather for dinner and to sing class songs.



Moving Up Day, 1930

1933 - William Smith College celebrates its 25th anniversary with the opening of Comstock Hall.

1934 - Sports offerings expand to include field hockey, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, tennis, baseball and archery.

1938 - After much debate and fear of potential disaster, Hobart and William Smith students attend the first combined courses.



1941 - William Smith College institutes a requirement that students, in order to graduate, must pass a swimming test. Much to everyone's relief, this tradition ended in 1994.



1942 - Summer class sessions are developed so students can graduate quickly and join the workforce in support of WWII.

1943 - President Potter learns that the status of William Smith College is as a department of Hobart, and changes the charter to put both colleges on equal footing.



1949 - WEOS, the Colleges' radio station, is founded as an AM station carried by wire across campus.

1952 - William Smith graduates its first African-American woman, Gloria Robinson Lowry '52, L.H.D. '19.

1960 - The William Smith Handbook has the following advice for first-years:

- Chewing Gum: Dean Heath says it's a '*boudoir habit.*' We frown on it in public.
- In the dining rooms, curlers, scarves and outdoor clothing are never worn. Skirts are worn at all meals except for Sunday dinner when dresses and heels are required.



1961 - The swimming team is founded.

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William Smith Students preparing for dance class in 1942.

**1962** - The two college yearbooks are combined to create the *Echo and Pine*.

**1965** - Three clubs form dedicated to expressing political views - the Young Democrats, Young Republicans and the Conservative Club.



William Smith lacrosse, 1965

**1966** - Hobart and William Smith students and some faculty members participate in a 72-hour fast to protest the lack of personal freedoms given to students.

**1967** - Christie M. Hayes '71 is the first William Smith swimmer to compete at the New York State championships. She competes against 12 other colleges and carries William Smith into eighth place.

**1968** - The Geneva Scholarship Associates is formed to help local, financially deserving students attend HWS.

**1969** - Hobart and William Smith introduces its first Women's Studies Program.

**1970** - After much lobbying by students and faculty, the Colleges approve a Black Studies Program. Koshare Dance Collective makes its debut.

**1970** - HEOP First cohort admitted

**1971** - First coed dorm opens in Potter Hall, and a recycling program is created on campus.

**1971** - First student trustee elected to BOT (William Smith Wendy D. Puriefoy '71)

**1973** - From the William Smith Handbook:

- If a student marries during the course of the college year, she must notify the Dean (and show evidence of her parents' knowledge) if she wishes to continue in college.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are permitted in the dormitories, subject to New York State laws.

1973 - Third World Coalition Established: An organization established by students to address racism on campus.

1974 - The William Smith sailing club competes at the national championship level.

1975 - The Colleges begin a thriving tradition of study abroad programs when Associate Professor Emerita of Art Elena Ciletti accompanies 30 students to Italy.

1981 - The Heron is chosen as the official William Smith Athletics mascot.

1983 - Vibeke Hopkinson Swanson '83 becomes the first national champion in any William Smith sport when she sets both meet and school records by winning the 100 backstroke.



1988 Soccer NCAA Champions

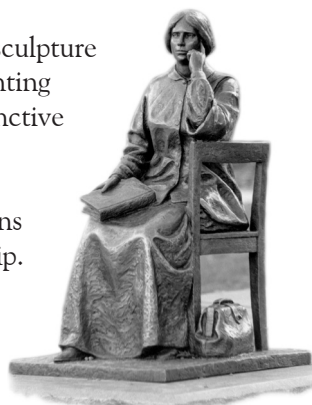
1985 - The William Smith Lacrosse team wins its first ECAC regional championship.

1988 - Under the leadership of legendary Coach Aliceann Wilber P'12, the William Smith soccer team becomes NCAA National Champions – the College's first national championship. William Smith Lacrosse places second in the nation.

1989 - Designed by art students, a large scissors sculpture is installed on Smith Green near the Warren Hunting Smith Library. The sculpture symbolizes the distinctive coordinate system at HWS.

1992 - The William Smith field hockey team earns the program's first NCAA National Championship.

1994 - More than 700 volunteers from the Colleges and local community participate in the Colleges' first Day of Service in Geneva. The event is now held three times each year.



1994 - Professor of Art and Architecture A.E. “Ted” Aub completes the Elizabeth Blackwell statue that stands on the Quad.

1995 - HWS becomes the first college in the nation to offer a minor in men’s studies.

2000 - William Smith College is named one of the top three NCAA Division III intercollegiate programs in the country by *Sports Illustrated for Women*.

2000 - Department of Asian Language and Culture established.

2002 - LGBT Studies at HWS becomes first college or university in the U.S. to offer an undergraduate major or minor in the field of LGBT Studies.

2003 - William Smith Soccer Coach Aliceann Wilber P’12 is the first woman to receive the NSCAA’s prestigious Bill Jeffrey Award for her outstanding achievement and longtime dedication to college soccer.

2004 - The new HWS Master of Arts in Teaching program is launched.

2006 - Beginning in December, HWS kicks off a 21-month celebration in honor of the William Smith College Centennial.

**Between 2006-2007** - First Generation Initiative Launched.

2007 - HWS President Mark D. Gearan L.H.D. ’17, P’21 signs the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, making HWS a charter member of efforts to reduce carbon emissions responsible for global warming.

**Between 2007-2008** - Abbe Center for Jewish Life Established.

2008 - A 6-foot bronze statue of William Smith is unveiled during Centennial Weekend on the Hill. The statue was created by Professor of Art and Architecture A.E. “Ted” Aub. The Centennial Center for Leadership (CCL) is established to commemorate 100 years of William Smith trailblazers and house HWS leadership programs.



William Smith statue

2008 - Cerri Banks becomes the first African American Dean of William Smith.

2009 - Lynn Cutter Morris '09 breaks three 22-year-old records for the William Smith swimming and diving team.

2011 - The 100<sup>th</sup> class graduates from William Smith. The Colleges establish Geneva 2020 to harness the resources of the entire community to support the education of Geneva's children.

2012 - The Alumnae Association introduces the class charm tradition at Moving Up Day.

2012 - At their spring meeting, the Hobart and William Smith Colleges Board of Trustees elects Maureen Collins Zupan '72, P'09 as chair, making her the first William Smith alumna to hold the position.

2013 - The women's studies department and Title IX celebrate 40 years at the Colleges, while the LGBT studies department celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2016 - Alta Boyer, Class of 1936, speaks to the William Smith seniors and revives the tradition of the "Good Luck Tree." This tree is located on the bend of the Hill and touching it is believed to bring good luck.

2017 - Lisa Kaenzig is named William Smith Dean.

2018 - Theta Phi Alpha inducts its first class - becoming the first sorority at William Smith College.



As part of Senior Week, the Alumnae Association hosts the William Smith Senior Welcome, a tradition which includes planting a class tree.



## WILLIAM SMITH HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS

The William Smith Deans are the keepers of William Smith heritage and traditions. In addition, they support the honor societies: Hai Timiai and the Laurel Society, and programs such as the Leadership League of Women (LLOW) and the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN). The WS Deans are also the primary supporters of women-specific leadership programs. The Deans facilitate a four-year experience that supports William Smith's goal of providing an educational opportunity that allows women to live an "abundant life."

**The William Smith Seal:** The seal of William Smith College depicts a lamp, the traditional symbol of enlightenment and education. Greek words meaning "life" and "soul" are placed above the lamp, signifying that the College is concerned with all phases of life and endeavors to meet both physical and spiritual needs of students. The founding date, 1908, is at the lamp's base, and the inner field is surrounded by boughs of laurel.

**William Smith College Colors:** Why dark green and white? As noted in a diary by a charter class member in 1908, the class colors were voted for with the following results: "Dark green chosen as the college color....The other side wanted Golden Brown. That would have been a lovely color no doubt! As it is, the Brown faction are not on very good terms with the Greens just at present." Years later, William Smith students are grateful for the choice of green over golden brown.

**William Smith Class Colors:** Each entering class is assigned a class color handed down by the previous graduating class. William Smith students are encouraged to wear their class colors when attending

William Smith heritage events including Founder's Day, Dean's dinners, Moving Up Day, and Senior Welcome. The colors and their associated meanings are as follows:

**Red** - respect and passion

**Green** - fidelity and friendship

**Blue** - faith and hope

**Yellow** - loyalty and joy

**Class Charms:** In 2012, the Alumnae Association introduced the tradition of class charms. Each William Smith student ends her college career with five charms, which bear important symbols of our College.



- The **pinecone**, which holds the seed of the pine tree, our college symbol, is given to arriving students at Orientation as they begin their journeys at William Smith.
- The **shield**, featuring the “lamp of learning,” is presented at Moving Up Day to first years as they move up to become sophomores and delve deeper into their academic journeys.
- The **Smith Hall doors** were used as the WS Centennial logo. It is presented at Moving Up Day to sophomores – representing the opening of a world of possibilities as they become juniors.
- The **heron** is presented at Moving Up Day to juniors as they prepare to become seniors and “take flight.”
- The **pine tree**, the William Smith College symbol, is presented to graduating seniors at the Association’s Senior Welcome during senior week.



**THE WILLIAM SMITH  
ALMA MATER**

When the lake in silver morning  
brightly gleams all blue and clear,  
When the sunshine floods the  
hillsides, shedding glory far and  
near, Glad are we that we are with  
thee, Alma Mater, ever dear.

When a-stealing o'er the campus,  
soft the dreaming noondays fall,  
And from out the pine trees'  
shadow sings a bird with lilting call,  
Then in pride and joy we praise  
thee, Alma Mater, loved of all.

When the sun behind the hilltops,  
radiant sinks at close of day, And  
the breeze that stirred the pine  
trees, softly sighing, dies away,  
Then our hearts to thee are  
turning, Alma Mater, loved for aye.

*Chorus:*

Oh, William Smith, to thee we sing  
in heartfelt loyalty, For all the days  
that we shall live, we pledge our  
love to thee.

## WILLIAM SMITH HERITAGE EVENTS

### Orientation - August

When students arrive on campus, they're welcomed by the Colleges' President as the first step of the matriculation process. Then, the students proceed to the tent where they meet the Deans, sign their names in the matriculation book, and circulate through the tent to learn more about campus activities and services.

### Dean's Welcome Reception - August

The William Smith Dean's Welcome Reception is an event dedicated to welcoming the first-year class at the conclusion of Orientation weekend. New students receive their pine tree pin in their class color.

### Founder's Day - November

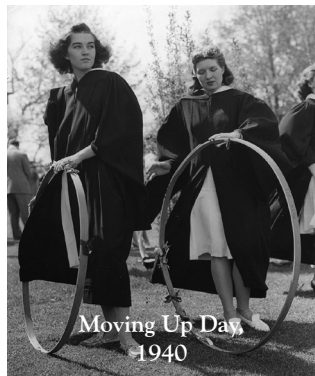
Each year, toward the end of the fall semester, William Smith students come together to pay tribute to William Smith, the founder of the College. The event features a keynote address by an alumna or panel of alumnae.



Lucy Kaylin '81, Editor-in-Chief of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, speaks during 2016 Founder's Day activities

### Celebrating Excellence Dinner - February

The Celebrating Excellence Dinner is dedicated to recognizing the achievements of William Smith students and inducting new members of the Laurel Honor Society.



### Moving Up Day - April

Moving Up Day is a ceremony that acknowledges the progression of each class of William Smith students near the end of the academic year. Students gather by class at the top of the William Smith Hill wearing their class colors and proceed down the Hill carrying class banners. In the past, William Smith students rolled wooden hoops down

the hill to the next class. While that tradition hasn't survived, seniors still process down carrying a laurel rope which they pass back to the juniors at the end of the ceremony. Each class then "moves up." In addition to many major College awards and honors, several Alumnae Association Awards are presented, including the Daisy Weeks Buchholz, Class of 1912 Ring Award presented to a William Smith junior, and the Alumnae Association Award presented to a William Smith junior or senior.



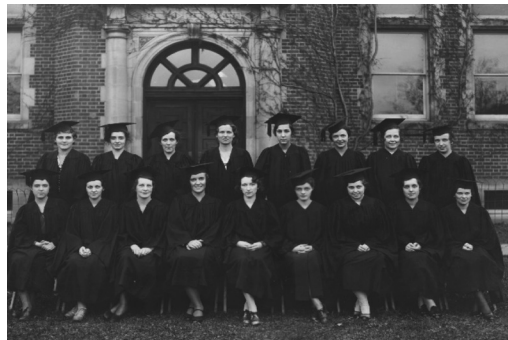
### Senior Welcome Toast - May

During senior week, the Senior Welcome is an annual event to officially welcome William Smith seniors into the Alumnae Association. Each member is presented with their fifth charm, the pine tree. The event features remarks by an alumna and an address by the president of the William Smith senior class, as well as a champagne toast. It ends with the class tree planting.

### Commencement – May

Before Commencement, students engage in a series of activities and celebrations known as "Senior Week."

Commencement takes place on Sunday morning in mid-May, on the Quad in front of Coxe Hall. All students wear black regalia with college specific tassels on their mortar boards,



William Smith Class of 1932

with special gold designations for B.S. degrees along with cords and sashes to symbolize their academic achievements and affinities. The Commencement exercises begin with a procession to the Quad led by bagpipers, followed by the President, Provost, Honorary Degree recipients, Trustees faculty and students. The program includes addresses given by a Commencement speaker, a Hobart senior speaker, and a William Smith senior speaker.

## GROWTH OF THE COLLEGES



Miller, Blackwell, and Comstock dormitories pre 1960

**Blackwell House**, 1863, is located on the Hill and currently houses 32 William Smith students. Named to honor Elizabeth Blackwell, it was the first William Smith residence hall.

**Smith Hall**, 1907, was the first building constructed with William Smith's funds. It is the oldest building that has been used by both Hobart and William Smith students.



Smith Hall

**Miller House**, 1910, was completed, when Smith himself laid the cornerstone of this building in 1909. The house was named for suffragette and abolitionist Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Miller, a friend of Smith's who influenced his ambition to create educational opportunities for women.

**Comstock Hall, 1933**, is one of The Hill's historic residence halls. It currently accommodates 97 students. Comstock Hall was named for a trustee of Hobart College, Anna B. Comstock, a friend of William Smith and proponent of the coordinate system.



**Hirshson Hall, 1962**, is home to 78 William Smith students. It was named after the Reverend Louis Melbourne Hirshson, who served as president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges from 1956 to 1966.

*The Original Hobart Campus*

- Geneva Hall, 1822.
- Middle Building, 1836-1885
- Trinity Hall, 1837
- St. John's Chapel, 1866



Geneva Hall and St. John's Chapel - late 1800s

*Hobart and William Smith Campus Expansions – listed in order of acquisition or renovation*

- Merritt Hall, 1880
- The President's House, 1885
- Demarest Hall, 1888
- Coxe Hall, 1900
- Medbery Hall, 1907
- Williams Hall, 1910
- Gulick Hall, 1951
- Durfee, Hale and Bartlett Halls, 1951
- Sherrill Hall, 1961
- Bristol Gymnasium, 1965
- Jackson, Potter and Rees Halls (J.P.R.), 1967



Coxe Hall, ca. 1942

- Warren Hunting Smith Library, 1976
- Scandling Campus Center, 1984
- Rosenberg Hall, 1994
- Hanley Wildlife Preserve, 1994
- Hellstrom Boathouse for Crew, 1995
- The Village at Odell's Pond, 1996
- L. Thomas Melly Academic Center, 1998
- H.J. McCooey Memorial Field, 2000
- Stern Hall, 2003
- Bozzuto Boathouse, 2003
- The Salisbury Center, 2004
- The Finger Lakes Institute, 2004
- Caird and de Cordova Halls, 2005
- The Thomas Poole Family Admissions Center, 2005
- The Katherine D. Elliott Studio Arts Center, 2006
- Goldstein Family Carriage House, 2006
- Centennial Center for Leadership, 2008
- Caird Center for Sports and Recreation, 2010
- Gearan Center for the Performing Arts, 2016



In 2005, Katherine D. Elliott '66, L.H.D. '08 makes the largest personal contribution to HWS from a William Smith alumna to date, funding the Katherine D. Elliott Arts Center



Gearan Center for the Performing Arts, 2016

## PRESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGE

### GENEVA COLLEGE

1826-28	The Rev. Jasper Adams
1830-35	The Rev. Richard S. Mason

### HOBART COLLEGE

1836-58	The Rev. Benjamin Hale
1858-67	The Rev. Abner Jackson S.T.D. 1859
1868-69	The Rev. James K. Stone
1869-71	The Rev. James Rankine
1871-76	The Rev. Maunsell Van Rensselaer M.A., S.T.D. 1859
1876	The Rev. William S. Perry
1876-83	The Rev. Robert G. Hinsdale S.T.D. 1877
1884-97	The Rev. Eliphalet N. Potter
1897-1902	The Rev. Robert E. Jones

### HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

1902-12	The Rev. Langdon C. Stewardson LL.D. 1913
1913-18	The Rev. Lyman P. Powell
1919-36	The Rev. Murray Bartlett L.H.D. '37
1936-42	William A. Eddy Litt.D. '47
1942-47	John Milton Potter
1947	Walter H. Durfee '08, Sc.D. '59
1948-55	Alan W. Brown
1956	Horace Newton Hubbs P'40, LL.D. '56
1956-66	The Rev. Louis M. Hirshson L.H.D. '61
1966-68	Albert E. Holland
1969-70	Beverly D. Causey Jr. LL.D. '77
1970-82	Allan A. Kuusisto P'78, P'81, L.H.D. '82
1982-91	Carroll W. Brewster L.H.D. '91
1991-99	Richard H. Hersh L.H.D. '99
1999-2017	President Emeritus Mark D. Gearan L.H.D. '17, P'21
2017-2018	Gregory J. Vincent '83
2018-2019	Interim President Patrick A. McGuire L.H.D. '12
2019-2022	Joyce P. Jacobsen HON '20
2022-Present	President Emeritus Mark D. Gearan L.H.D. '17, P'21

## DEANS OF WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE

Milton Haight Turk 1908-1915  
Anne Dudley Blitz 1915-1919  
Marianna Woodhull 1919-1920  
Barbour Walker 1920-1929  
Faye Huntington Klyvar 1929-1936  
Mary Ellen McCormick Scott-Craig  
GP'92, 1936-1944  
Helen Bateman Heath 1944-1967  
Marjorie Jackson 1967-1969  
Mary Lou Thibeault 1969-1970  
Marjorie Cloutier 1970-1971  
Christine Young 1971-1981  
Madeleine Grumet 1981-1982  
Rebecca Macmillan Fox L.H.D. '95,  
1982-1995  
Debra DeMeis P'06, L.H.D. '08, 1995-2008  
Cerri Banks, 2008-2011  
Suzanne McNally, 2011-2014  
Catherine Gallouet 2014-2017  
Lisa Kaenzig P'22, 2017- Present



Dean Mary Ellen McCormick  
(McCormick house is named in  
her honor)

## DIRECTORS OF WILLIAM SMITH ALUMNAE RELATIONS

Elizabeth Herendeen Odell 1922, P'44, P'45, P'56, L.H.D. '81  
1952-1970  
Mary Jane Gindling Lydenberg '67, P'72, P'75, P'76, P'80, P'81  
1970-1978  
Asta Wittekind Farrand '76, P'78  
1978-1986  
Barbara Lynch Springstead '57, L.H.D. '90 (interim)  
1987-1988, 1992-1993  
Elizabeth Gura  
1988-1992  
Laura Sweeney Brophy '86, P'12  
1993-1997  
Kathy Killius Regan '82, P'13  
1998-2019  
Chevanne Graham DeVaney '95, P'21, P'23  
2019-Present



## WILLIAM SMITH ATHLETICS

“Once at a ‘Play Day’ an observer remarked, ‘Isn’t it nice to see the dear girls playing without any desire to win.’ Utter rot – and an injustice to the ‘dear girls,’ who, being normal healthy individuals, presumably had a normal healthy desire to win. The object in any game is to score points while preventing your opponents scoring – in short, to win.

The only way to win a game is to play it better than the other team. This takes conscious disciplined practice. The players must have physical skills, minds to co-ordinate and use these skills, spirit and stamina. This means work, but the dividends are high and reach far beyond the field. Playing games, winning or losing but always playing to win, is a valuable part of our education. Every time we play with fullest energies, every time we work with wholehearted purpose we are, by that much, the stronger.

Obviously life is greater than a game. Its goals are not marked off with painted posts. Its rules we can only try to understand, and the teams we meet may not know the score. But we can know if we have done our best or only second-best; if life has been a pointless ‘Play Day’, or if we have put into it all the intelligence, the spirit, and the healthy energy that it is our heritage to use or lose.”

*– Janet Seeley, Professor of Dance from 1932 – 1971 and Director of William Smith Physical Education Department until 1971*

*– Marcia H. Winn, Professor of Physical Education from 1930-1967 and Director of William Smith Athletics from 1934-1967*

*[Excerpt: From Bloomers to All Americans: The History of William Smith College Athletics, written by Lisa Christina Brown '83, printed in June 1987]*

From its very beginning, the College has been committed to empowering women and enriching their lives. The effect of that philosophy has been repeatedly demonstrated in many ways including the academic



WS Basketball Team, 1912

accomplishments of students, the lifetime achievements of alumnae, and in the quality and success of the William Smith athletics program.

The College currently offers 16 varsity sports: alpine skiing, basketball, bowling, cross country, esports, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, sailing, squash, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball. Coaches welcome and encourage multi-sport participation.

The Herons compete for championships in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Liberty League, United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UCHC), Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA), the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA), and the Collegiate Squash Association (CSA).

William Smith College Department of Athletics is committed to maximizing the potential of Heron student-athletes in a learning environment that values and enhances teamwork, competitiveness, respect, discipline, leadership and personal responsibility. William Smith coaches are high caliber teaching professionals who utilize an ethical approach to training, competing, mentoring and recruiting. In addition, William Smith College and its coordinate partner, Hobart College, strongly support the principles of gender equity.



*Heron logo, 1981-2019*



*Heron logo, 2019- present*

## The Naming of the Herons

Since September 19, 1908, when the charter members of William Smith College registered for classes, many changes have occurred on campus – rules, curriculum, campus buildings, athletic participation opportunities, and in 1981, the school’s nickname. Exasperated with being confused with Smith College “Smithies,” the William Smith Department of Athletics wanted to have a mascot of its own. This led to a campus-wide contest to identify a mascot for William Smith Athletics.

In 1981, on a fall afternoon during a field hockey practice, a heron, taking off from Odell’s Pond, flew over the field. It was fortunate that Head Coach Pat Genovese had separated the team into skill work on opposite ends of the field because as the heron reached midfield it squawked and left a large odoriferous deposit on the field. The team was convinced that the heron and William Smith were irrevocably linked. After that field hockey practice, two players, Mary Stowell Nelson ’82, P’10 and Ginger Adams Simon ’83, entered the heron into the mascot contest. They won the contest which included more than 175 proposals.



### Team Results (as of August 2022)

The Herons’ 15 varsity teams have received over 174 invitations to NCAA or other postseason competition that have resulted in:

- 7 Team National Championships - Field Hockey 1992, 1997, 2000; Soccer 1988, 2013; Sailing 2005 Dinghy, 2005 Team Race
- 15 second place finishes
- 18 third place finishes
- 32 final eight finishes



The Herons celebrating their 2013 NCAA Soccer Championship

#### Individual Athletic Honors (as of August 2022)

- 281 All-Americans
- 13 National Coach of the Year Awards
- 10 National Players of the Year: 8 Lacrosse, 2 Soccer
- 8 Honda-Broderick nominees
- 1 two-time National Champion Swimmer
- 1 National Tennis Rookie of the Year

### THE HERON SOCIETY

The Heron Society is a group that supports William Smith Athletics through annual membership dues. Membership in the Heron Society means that you support an outstanding athletics program whose sphere of influence extends far beyond the sports arena. Founded in 1983 to celebrate the many student-athletes and coaches bringing



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recognition to William Smith College for their accomplishments, the Heron Society works to support the athletics program through financial assistance, increasing visibility for William Smith athletics, and promoting camaraderie among William Smith alumnae, parents, and friends.

At present, William Smith athletics flourishes with numerous championships, All-Americans, and many other awards in sports. The Heron Society has greatly contributed to the support of this outstanding program. Over the years, the generosity of Heron Society members has helped fund a variety of purchases including digital editing equipment, a web-based recruiting tool, practice apparel, recruiting cars and team equipment. The Heron Society also underwrites the Peak Performance Plan, a life skills and leadership development program.

The Heron Society Board of Directors is governed by a constitution and bylaws. The Board is comprised of five officers (president, past president, vice president, secretary and treasurer), the director of athletics, directors, one parent representative and one student representative. The board can appoint up to three advisory members. The Heron Society President chairs the Heron Hall of Honor nominating and selection committees. In addition, the Board selects the Heron, Hurd and Hosking Awards.

## **KEY ATHLETIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Heron Hall of Honor**

**Team of Distinction**

**Heron Award**

**Hosking Award**

**The Joan Hinton Hurd '65 Lifetime Athletic Achievement Award**

**William Smith Athletics Awards Banquet:** Every year, the Heron Society recognizes the outstanding achievements of Herons at the annual William Smith Athletics Banquet in the spring.

## WILLIAM SMITH STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Charter Class established the big sister/little sister program in 1910 and with it the tradition of William Smith women reaching out and supporting one another. That tradition is continued today by a number of student organizations that help women make William Smith a vibrant and caring community. Organizations and programs that exist for the benefit of William Smith students include:



WS students, ca. 1963

### WILLIAM SMITH CONGRESS

All William Smith students are members of Congress, the student government. Congress works to represent and promote women's interests and activities on campus. Every woman is encouraged to attend the weekly meetings, which provide opportunities for classes and interest groups to gather, discuss, and act on important issues. Leadership positions in Congress are voted on by William Smith students, including an elected executive board with a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Each class annually elects a class president to represent their specific needs during the academic year.

### HAI TIMIAI

Hai Timiai is the William Smith Senior Honor Society. The society was founded in 1953, and its name is the Greek phrase for "Honored Women." They are a small group chosen by their members and the Deans to represent all William Smith students.

## **LAUREL SOCIETY**

The Laurel Society is the sophomore and junior honor society for William Smith College. Members of the Laurel Society are a diverse group of women, actively involved in their community and committed to academic excellence.

## **LEADERSHIP LEAGUE OF WOMEN (LLOW)**

The Leadership League of Women is a partnership between the female-identifying students of Geneva High School and members of the Laurel Society at William Smith. The group is dedicated to mentorship, collaboration, and community service in the city of Geneva.

## **STUDENT TRUSTEES**

During the spring semester, the junior class elects a student trustee to serve a two year term on the Hobart and William Smith Colleges Board of Trustees. In the second year of the term, the senior trustee is a full voting member of the Board.

## **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP EDUCATION NETWORK (PLEN)**

William Smith is a member of PLEN. The HWS chapter is led by Dean Lisa Kaenzig who is chair Emerita of its National Board of Directors. The organization aims to increase the number of women in top leadership positions in public policy careers.



HWS PLEN Meeting in the Elizabeth Blackwell Room

## ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE RELATIONS

The Office of Alumni and Alumnae Relations, located in the Office of Advancement, is operation central for all events and activities involving alums throughout the year. Contact the office at (315) 781-3700 or email [alumrelations@hws.edu](mailto:alumrelations@hws.edu).

**Purpose:** To strengthen relations between William Smith College, its students, and its alum and to improve the College by involving and serving alums.

**Mission:** To create an ever-evolving range of programs and services so that all alums will seek to remain connected and engaged with the College and each other; provide opportunities for alum to make meaningful contributions of time, talent, and resources toward the betterment of the Hobart and William Smith community; and to support the mission of the Colleges in all its communications, programs, and initiatives.

**Membership:** All students who have attended William Smith for one year and whose class has graduated or who have earned a degree from William Smith are members of the Association.

**Leadership:** The Alumnae Association leadership conducts the Association's business. This includes the officers of the Association, the Association Trustees, the past presidents of the Association and various subcommittees. The Association meets semi-annually on campus in October and April. All alums are welcome to attend these meetings.



## VOLUNTEERS

You have already met some of our volunteers. Our alumnae are among the College's greatest resources, all of whom believe in the Hobart and William Smith experience. As students, they took away much from their years here. Now, in return, they give generously of their time, talents and financial resources.

- **Admissions:** Throughout the year, alums assist with recruiting promising high school students through outreach projects and at special receptions, often held in their own homes.
- **Career Services:** Alums provide important internships, job shadowing experiences, networking and career connections through the Career Network database of alums across the country. We welcome your participation in career development and networking activities.
- **Fundraising:** Many alums participate in fundraising and act as class agents for the Colleges' Annual Fund.
- **Connecting:** Alums serve as class correspondents for the *Pulteney Street Survey*, the Colleges', and as Reunion volunteers to ensure that the important friendships and memories made here remain alive.
- **Alumnae Association Leadership:** The governing group of The Association provides a variety of leadership and committee opportunities for alums of all ages.



## REUNION

Annually, the Alumni and Alumnae Relations office sponsor Reunions for anniversary classes on a 5-year cycle—5th, 10th, 15th, etc.—although all classes are encouraged to attend every year. The weekend occurs after graduation, typically in early June.

## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION HONORS

The William Smith Alumnae Association has a collection of awards which are presented to alums who have made significant contributions to the Colleges. Be it their time, talent or treasure, these alums have dedicated themselves to the continued growth and vitality of William Smith College. The following are the awards and their descriptions:

**The Alumna Achievement Award** is the Association's highest honor. It is awarded to those who have brought honor and distinction to our alma mater due to outstanding accomplishment in professional or community service.



**The Elizabeth Herendeen Odell Award** is the Alumnae Association's highest honor for service on behalf of the Colleges.

**William Smith Citations** are presented to alums who have given exceptional service and have a history of giving to our *alma mater*.

**Young Alumna Award** is given within 15 years following graduation to alums who have demonstrated volunteer service and giving history and who have professional and/or volunteer performance that reflects well on the Colleges.

**The Distinguished Faculty Award:** The Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA) honors outstanding teachers at the Colleges and is presented jointly with the Hobart Alumni Association.



**Student Awards:**

- The Daisy Weeks Buchholz, 1912 Ring Award
- Alumnae Association Award
- The Elizabeth Herendeen Odell Book '22 Award
- The Judith Haslam Cross '52 Award

# APPENDIX

## THE ELIZABETH BLACKWELL AWARD

In honor of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), the first woman in America to receive the Doctor of Medicine degree, the Elizabeth Blackwell Award is given by Hobart and William Smith Colleges to a woman whose life exemplifies outstanding service to humanity.

Two aspects of Elizabeth Blackwell's own story guide the selections of honorees: first, Dr. Blackwell was a woman whose life opened doors to other women, by conspicuous professional achievement in a previously male-dominated occupation.

Second, she lived a life of service, in which her talents and skills were offered to aid and benefit others. Recipients of the Elizabeth Blackwell Award are women who have achieved and women who have served.



- 2021 - Carla Hayden
- 2021 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- 2015 - Dr. Janet L. Yellen
- 2013 - The Most Reverend Doctor Katharine Jefferts Schori
- 2011 - Eunice Kennedy Shriver
- 2009 - Rabbi Sally J. Priesand
- 2008 - Dr. Wangari Maathai Sc.D. '94, P '94, P '96
- 2007 - Dr. Priscilla A. Schaffer '64, Sc.D. '94
- 2004 - Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris
- 2003 - Loretta C. Ford
- 2001 - Madeleine K. Albright
- 1998 - Billie Jean King
- 1996 - Wilma Mankiller
- 1993 - Barbara Jordan
- 1991 - Margaret Chase Smith
- 1991 - Dr. Antonia C. Novello

1988 - Barbara Aronstein Black  
 1985 - Cicely Saunders  
 1985 - Sandra Day O'Connor  
 1984 - Hannah Holborn Gray  
 1982 - Agnes George de Mille  
 1980 - Mary Douglas Leakey  
 1977 - Mary S. Calderone  
 1975 - Antonia Brico  
 1974 - Frances Keller Harding  
 1973 - Judith Graham Pool  
 1972 - Marian Anderson  
 1972 - Mary Lasker  
 1971 - Mina Rees  
 1970 - Helen Brooke Taussig  
 1969 - Georgiana Sibley  
 1968 - Constance Baker Motley  
 1967 - Catharine Macfarlane  
 1966 - Fe del Mundo  
 1965 - Annette LeMeitour-Kaplun  
 1964 - Margaret Mead  
 1963 - Marty Mann  
 1962 - Frances Perkins  
 1961 - Leona Baumgartner  
 1960 - Miki Sawada  
 1959 - Elisabeth Luce Moore  
 1958 - Gwendolyn Grant Mellon

## ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2021 Sabrina Horn '83  
 2018 Susan R. Strauss '64  
 2017 Chrysa Chin '84, Vice  
 President, NBA Player  
 Development  
 2017 Laura L. Sydell '83, Digital  
 Culture Correspondent  
 for NPR's "All Things  
 Considered," "Morning  
 Edition," "Weekend Edition,"  
 and NPR.org.



Hon. Laura G. Douglas '79

- 2017 Nancy Kelley Hammond '59, Former Director of the Office of Budget and Finance, Michigan Department of Public Health+
- 2017 Hon. Laura G. Douglas '79, Justice of the Bronx County Supreme Court
- 2016 Lucy E. Kaylin '81, Editor-in-Chief of *O, The Oprah Magazine*
- 2016 Kay T. Payne '73, Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Howard University's School of Communications
- 2015 Hon. Shireen Avis Fisher '70, Justice of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone
- 2013 Dr. Roberta Barnes Carey '71, Director, Laboratory Quality Management Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2013 Wendy P. Ettinger '78, Co-Founder and New York Program Director, Chicken and Egg Pictures; Co-Founder, Gamechanger Films
- 2008 Col. Katherine T. Platoni '74, Expert on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Army veteran; Author; Scholar
- 2005 Susan Bondy '70, Columnist; Former investment analyst
- 2005 Trustee Gail Herman McGinn '73, Former highest ranking civilian woman in the Department of Defense
- 2004 Virginia Bacheler '73, Anchor of the PBS show "Assignment the World"
- 2003 Emily Kuempel Dalgarno '52, British literature teacher and Virginia Woolf scholar at Boston University
- 2003 Celeste V. Lopes '80, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Rackets Division and an Assistant District Attorney in the King's County District Attorney's Office
- 2001 Elizabeth Jean Perry '69, Professor of Government at Harvard University; Author; Scholar
- 2000 Dr. Joy Schildkraut Glaser '62, P'89, P'97, GP'19  
Pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases
- 2000 Wendy Puriefoy '71, President of Public Education Network
- 1999 Barbara Maynard Chilson '69, Senior Vice President of Reveo; Former CEO of Globalspec.com; First female president of Grainger Parts+



Col. Katherine T.  
Platoni '74

- 1999 Dr. Priscilla A. Schaffer '64, Expert on the pathogenesis of DNA viruses; Harvard Medical School professor+
- 1999 Dorothy Wickenden '76, Executive Editor of *The New Yorker*

+ deceased

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O'DELL '22 AWARD**

- 2022 Maureen Collins Zupan '72
- 2021 Margaret "Peggy" Bokan Greenawalt '66, L.H.D. '20  
Carol Brown Laufer '71 and  
Lynne Friedlander '80, P'10
- 2019 Sally A. Webster '74
- 2018 Adele F. Schlotzhauer '83
- 2017 Susan Lloyd Yolen '72
- 2016 Katherine D. Elliot '66, L.H.D.'08
- 2014 Classes of 1964
- 2013 Barbara Pedersen Shapiro '63
- 2012 Elizabeth "Taffy" Smith Sibbett '50+
- 2010 Chari Herendeen Briggs-Krenis '60  
and Barbara Tornow '65
- 2007 Worth Douglas '67
- 2006 Nancy Nowak Rutherford '71
- 2005 Stephanie Shires Hooper '65, P'92
- 2004 Barbara Maynard Chilson '69+
- 2001 Katharyn Schofield Martens '46, P'72
- 1997 Barbara Lynch Springstead '57, L.H.D. '90
- 1996 Heather Moden Jones '56, P'90
- 1993 Judith Haslam Cross '52, P'85, L.H.D. '00
- 1988 Marian Costello Witmer '32, P'67, L.H.D. '79+
- 1983 Judith Lowe Hyatt '57+
- 1977 Helen Moore Quigley 1917, P'45, L.H.D. '67+
- 1975 Nancy Stone Wilson '50, P'74
- 1974 Ethel Cermak Tompkins '34, P'68, Sc.D. '51+
- 1973 Helen P. Maney '37, L.H.D. '70+
- 1970 Elizabeth H. Odell 1922, P'44, P'45, P'56, L.H.D. '81+



Katherine D. Elliott '66,  
L.H.D. '08

+ deceased

## HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH QUICK FACTS

**Founding:** Hobart in 1822 and William Smith in 1908

**Campus Size:** approximately 320 acres

**Students:** (Fall 2020) 1,824 undergraduate students

**Enrolled students who applied Early Decision (Classes of 2024):** 41%

**Students hail from:** 40 states and 35 countries

**Faculty:** 201 full-time

**Average Class Size:** 16 students (Student-Faculty Ratio is 9:1)

**Degrees Offered:** Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Management

**Study Abroad:** 60 percent of HWS students study abroad in nearly 50 locations around the world

**Graduates:** more than 22,500 worldwide

**Students receiving some form of financial aid (need and merit):** 96%









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