Welcome to Amherst! We are pleased that you have made the trip for our Overnight Open House Program and trust that your visit will be as enjoyable as it is informative.

This packet of information contains:

- Your room assignment
- A temporary access card (to be used for dorm entry and meals)
- A schedule of events
- A list of Monday classes

You may leave your luggage at Converse Hall, where our student volunteers will keep it secure while you participate in Sunday’s activities. After the panels, please pick up your bags by 5:00 p.m., so you will have time to meet your hosts and have dinner in Valentine Hall.

We encourage you to participate in all the activities planned for the Open House and also in any event that is open to Amherst College students.

Enjoy your stay!
Sunday, April 15

9:30 a.m.  Registration
To
Lobby, Converse Hall
Welcome by Amherst Admission Staff.
Refreshments will be served, and student volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

10:30 a.m.  Opening Session
To
Johnson Chapel
Remarks by Tom Parker, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, and Katie Fretwell, Director of Admission.

11:00 a.m. This Is Amherst
To
Kirby Theater
A discussion with Amherst students on the nature of student life and community within a diverse college campus. All admitted students are encouraged to attend.

11:00 a.m. Students and Parents in Transition: The First-Year Experience at Amherst
To
Stirn Auditorium
A panel discussion with administrators. Session will cover residential life, housing, academic support and career counseling. All parents are encouraged to attend.

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Campus Tours
To
Alumni Gymnasium
A light lunch buffet will be available concurrently with campus tours. Campus tours will depart from the front of Alumni Gym. Please refer to the “tour ticket” included in your registration packet for your assigned departure time.

1:45 p.m. President’s Address and Q&A
To
Johnson Chapel
Remarks by Amherst College President Biddy Martin.

3:00 p.m. The Amherst Classroom: Session I
See handout for classroom locations.
Faculty and students will discuss current work being done in their respective fields. Sessions covering topics in the natural sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, foreign languages, the arts and our pre-health professions programs will be available. Please refer to “The Amherst Classroom” information sheet in your registration packet for the list of scheduled sessions.

4:00 p.m. The Amherst Classroom: Session II
To
See handout for classroom locations.
Repeat of above session. You are encouraged to explore another offering.

5:15 p.m. Dinner for Students
Valentine Hall
Admitted students should retrieve luggage from Converse Hall and meet with student hosts at this time.

5:15 p.m. Dinner for Parents
Parents are encouraged to sample one of the many fine restaurants in Amherst. A list of local establishments is included in your registration packet.
6:15 p.m. Dessert Reception
Lewis-Sebring Commons, Valentine Hall
Students are invited to watch a few of our best a cappella groups perform.
Space is limited for this event, so we ask that parents find other entertainment for the evening.

7:30 p.m. Campus-Wide Events
A schedule is included in your registration packet.

Monday, April 16

7:30 a.m. Student Breakfast
Valentine Hall

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Parents
to
Alumni House
11:00 a.m. Admission Deans will be available to answer questions over a light breakfast.

10:00 a.m. Career Services Panel for Parents: Preparing You for Everything
to
Friedmann Room, Keefe Campus Center
11:00 a.m. A panel discussion with administrators. Session will cover graduate school advising, recruitment on campus, study abroad, internships and post-college preparation both in and out of the classroom. All parents are encouraged to attend. Students are encouraged to visit classes during this time.

9:00 a.m. Monday Classes for Students
to
A schedule of available classes is included in your registration packet.

3:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Office of Financial Aid Hours
to
Office of Financial Aid, Converse Hall
4:00 p.m. Members of the Office of Financial Aid will be available to answer questions concerning financial awards. An appointment is necessary; please call the Office of Financial Aid at (413) 542-2296 to schedule a time.

Departure All students must check out at the Admission Office before departing campus. (Please remember to bring your access card with you.) The Admission Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

The Amherst College Admission Committee wishes you luck in making your final selection of a college. If any of us can be of assistance to you during your stay, please feel free to call us at the Office of Admission at (413) 542-2328.

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**ADDITIONAL MONDAY ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS**

**Mead Art Museum**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The Mead Art Museum holds a world-class art collection—more than 16,000 objects spanning 5,000 years of global culture, all used for teaching and research across the disciplines. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mead Student Docents and staff will be available for quick drop-in tours or to answer questions about museum opportunities for admitted students and parents.

**Emily Dickinson Museum**  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
The Homestead, where poet Emily Dickinson lived most of her life, and The Evergreens, home of the poet’s brother, are just two blocks north of the main college campus. Visitors may take self-guided house and landscape tours and talk with museum docents about one of the world’s greatest poets.

**Beneski Museum of Natural History**  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
The Beneski Museum of Natural History opened in its new, award-winning building in 2006. It houses more than 200,000 specimens collected by Amherst professors and their students over nearly two centuries. On display are over 1,700 specimens, including towering skeletons of a mammoth, a mastodon and dinosaurs, plus a world-renowned dinosaur footprint collection stunningly displayed.

**Additional on-campus options:**
**Campus Tours**  
Tours will leave from the Wilson Admission Office on Monday at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**Schwemm’s Coffee House**  
*Keefe Campus Center*  
Sunday: 6:00 p.m. to midnight  
Monday: 9:00 a.m. to midnight

**Valentine Dining Hall**  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Monday: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Breakfast  $7.00  
Lunch  $9.00  
Dinner  $10.00  
(Meals are half-price for children 12 years old and younger.)

**Lord Jeffery Inn**  
30 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst  
Located on the Amherst College campus, adjacent to the Town Common, the Lord Jeffery Inn is both historic and rejuvenated. Originally built in 1926 and recently reopened after an $18 million renovation, “The Jeff” features a full-service restaurant, 30Boltwood, offering a contemporary menu of farm-to-table cuisine prepared with fresh local ingredients.  
Breakfast: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily  
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday  
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily  
Brunch: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday only

**Additional off-campus options:**
**A.J. Hastings, Inc.**  
45 South Pleasant Street, Amherst  
Sunday: 6:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Monday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
A local newsdealer and stationer, stocking a large selection of Amherst College clothing and merchandise.

**Norwottuck Rail Trail**  
A scenic 8.5-mile path linking Northampton, Hadley and Amherst along the former Boston & Main Railroad right-of-way. Accessible behind the College’s tennis courts, it is a popular destination for joggers, cyclists and those merely out for a stroll.