



News from Simon's Rock

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Keeping the Simon's Rock Commitment and Honoring Betty Hall

"Early college" is not just a beautiful place in Great Barrington. It's a mission. More than 50 years ago, founder Elizabeth Blodgett Hall started a movement on the conviction that curious and independent adolescent students need not be encumbered by the constraints of the traditional path to college in a fast-changing world. Today, even in the midst of a pandemic that has shrunk enrollment and inflated operational costs, we are determined to honor the same Simon's Rock commitment for students who need us most in this moment by offering a safe, creative, and intellectual haven, and awarding more than \$13 million in financial aid and scholarships this year.

Your support makes all this possible. If you participate in our Matching Fund Challenge and donate by November 16—Mrs. Hall's 111th birthday—your year-end gift to the College will help us reach our goal of \$111,000, and will be matched by generous alumni on our board. Please consider donating today. You can [donate online](#) or by contacting the Assistant Director of the Annual Fund, Rebecca Wehry (rwehry@simons-rock.edu).

> **[Make an Online Gift Today!](#)**

P.S. A gift of \$100 or more gets you a special edition Simon's Rock tote bag; gifting \$1,000 or more earns you a personalized brick in the Mods patio. Thank you for your support.



From the Office of Admission: A Simpler Way to Apply to Simon's Rock

Do you know a younger scholar yearning for a bold academic challenge in a safe, creative campus environment? The Simon's Rock application process is now more seamless than ever with the [Simon's Rock application for College applicants](#), and the [Standard Application Online \(SAO\)](#) and the [Gateway to Prep Application](#) for Academy students. We're still accepting College applicants for spring 2021. The fall 2021 Academy deadline is January 15.

Discover all the ways applicants can learn more about us—from virtual open houses to calls with current students and faculty—on our [Academy](#) and [College](#) websites.



Safe Campus Update: Concluding the In-Person Portion of Fall Semester

Next week students will begin to depart campus for November break and will finish the fall semester at home, online. This plan is part of our fall reopening strategy, which has resulted in ours being one of the safest colleges in the state. We look forward to welcoming students back for the spring semester, which will also be conducted primarily on-campus and in-person. View the full [academic calendar for spring 2021](#).



Calling All Rockers: We Want Your Stories

The Simon's Rock Archives is collecting alumni oral histories. Dozens of your fellow Rockers have already told their stories—tell us yours!

Please reach out to Archivist Erin Donahue at archives@simons-rock.edu to arrange for your Storycorps-style interview.



Alumni Zoom

Meet-Up: Wednesday, Nov. 25

Join our host David Segil '00 for a special Thanksgiving Eve Alumni Zoom Meet-up. Rockers from all classes are invited to gather on Zoom to reconnect with classmates from the comfort of home.

For more information and the meeting link, contact advancement@simons-rock.edu.



Pets of Simon's Rock

In honor of Betty Hall's upcoming birthday, we are featuring an original Pet of Simon's Rock, Gypsy!

Got a cute pet pic you want to share? Send it along with your name, entering class year, your pet's name, and your contact info to Rebecca Wehry, rwehry@simons-rock.edu.



Gypsy and Betty, 1964



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