

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students
From: President Mariko Silver
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Important update on the Barn

I am writing to share an update on the fire in the barn.

The fire is completely under control now. The fire department is working on a few small, isolated hot spots. Everyone had evacuated and there were no faculty, staff, or students injuries. There was one injury to a firefighter, who is being treated at a local hospital.

Please do not enter the Barn until further notice, and please give the firefighters and other responders plenty of space to do their work.

We are waiting to assess the status of the building, which will affect long-term plans, but most immediately:

- **Classes**—all Barn classes are canceled for today. We will be making a plan for moving those classes to alternate locations, at the discretion of faculty. Classes outside the Barn will continue as scheduled.
- **Events**—previously scheduled events for this evening will be held or canceled at the organizers' discretion. If you would like to cancel or update an event, please email calendar@bennington.edu by 5:00 pm; all updates will be reflected on the [events listing](#).
- **Staff**—Staff who work in the Barn are released to go home for the day. If you have belongings that were left in the building that you need urgently (e.g., car keys), please go to the Campus Safety booth. More information will come about working spaces moving forward.
- **Faculty**—The Dean's Office will be relocating any who had offices in the Barn and will be in touch with more information.

Thank you in advance for your patience. We will be updating you as we learn more about the condition of the building.