

BENNINGTON WORKS

ADMITTED
STUDENTS
DAY *schedule*
APRIL 10, 2022

8:15-9:00 am / **Registration & Breakfast** / VAPA Newman Court / Greenwall Auditorium

9:00-9:45 am / **Welcome to Bennington!** / VAPA Greenwall Auditorium

Bennington leadership formally welcomes you to BenningtonWorks! *Presented by Laura Walker, President, Tony Cabasco, Vice President for Enrollment, and Dr. Alfredo Medina, Jr., Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer.*

10:00-11:00 am / **Creative Writing at Bennington: A Reading of Student Poetry & Prose** / EAC #1

Eight current students present brief readings of creative literary work they have produced at Bennington, followed by a Q&A about the Literature program. *Presented by Michael Dumanis, Faculty and Director of Poetry at Bennington.*

10:00-11:00 am / **Creative Constraints** / VAPA Galleria & Drawing Studio

This drawing session is structured around the 100 Drawings class, a course inspired by Georges Perec's novel *Life: A User's Manual*, where each of the chapters of the book is constrained by 42 different permutations. Each day of the term, the students must create a new drawing working with a set of five constraints. Examples of each drawing constraint will be shown. Drawing materials provided. *Presented by Donald Sherefkin, Faculty.*

10:00-11:00 am / **Students Endeavoring to Prompt Environmental Action** / CAPA Symposium

Recent Endeavor Environmental Action Fellows Sawyer London '24 and Isabel Harper '24 will present their Field Work Term experiences with Cafeteria Culture and Conservation Law Foundation, respectively. Each will talk about their placement with these nonprofits and how they hope the skills they gained will impact their studies at Bennington. *Presented by David Bond, Faculty and Associate Director of the Center for the Advancement of Public Action.*

11:15 am-12:15 pm / **The Whole Student: Engagement Inside and Outside the Classroom** / EAC #1

Join a group of third- and fourth-year students to learn more about how they engage and work at Bennington, and how their experiences influence their academics. *Presented by Barbara Alfano, Faculty and Director of First-Year Forum.*

11:15 am-12:15 pm / **In Their Element: Scientists at Work** / Dickinson Science Building Reading Room

Students will share their current explorations in science and mathematics in and around the Dickinson Science building. This will include a student using a "bird tunnel" to test strategies for mitigating bird window collisions, students collaborating with a local hospital to use math and statistics to understand the effects of using selective case management for patients and the hospital, and students working to create electronic "gadgets." *Presented by Hugh Crowl, Faculty.*

11:15 am-12:15 pm / **CAPA: Advanced Work Projects** / CAPA Symposium

This session will invite questions and responses about the important issues in the world related to human rights, social justice, public action and the arts, food systems, and the environment. Students who are completing their advanced work in the Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) will share their research and projects that are impacting their local, national, and international communities. *Presented by Susan Sgorbati, Faculty and Director of the Center for the Advancement of Public Action.*

12:15-1:00 pm / **Chill Zones** / Pond, Jennings Meadow, Commons Terrace

The Chill Zones will remain open all day and are designed to engage you in creating informal creative work with your future classmates. These spaces provide an opportunity for relaxation amidst the day's excitement, and highlight the spirit of making on Bennington's campus.

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12:15-1:00 pm / **Affinity Q&A** / Commons Atrium & Classrooms

Students only: Take this opportunity to speak openly with current Bennington students about their experiences as members of BIPOC, queer BIPOC, queer, chronically ill and disabled, international, women's and first generation, low income, and working class communities.

12:15-1:00 pm / **Family & Bennington Leadership Social** / Lower Student Center

Parents, guardians, and guests: While your students learn more about student life through Bennington affinity groups, we invite you to connect with Bennington's leadership. Get acquainted, learn more, and ask questions.

1:00-2:00 pm / **Lunch With Us!** / Commons Dining Hall

Enjoy a chance to eat with your fellow students and their families as we all partake in a tasty lunch together.

2:00-2:45 pm / **Conversation with Academic Services & Accommodations** / Tishman Lecture Hall

Learn about academic services and accommodations at Bennington from members of the Dean's Office. *Presented by Noelle Murphy, Associate Dean of the College, Kate Child, Associate Dean for Academic Services, and Katy Evans, Director of Academic Services.*

2:00-3:00 pm / **Field Work Term Realized** / VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater

Students: Find out more about what Bennington's Field Work Term experiences could look like for you. *Presented by Sarah Krinsky, Field Work Term/Career Development Communications and Engagement Coordinator.*

2:00-3:00 pm / **Building a Meaningful Career** / VAPA Greenwall Auditorium

Parents, guardians, and guests: Learn more about how Field Work Term helps students get a glimpse into what a meaningful career looks like. *Presented by Steven Young, Career Counselor.*

2:00-4:00 pm / **Open House: Student Organizations & Campus Offices** / CAPA Faculty Lounge

Discover student clubs, student organizations, and campus support services in this open house.

3:15-4:15 pm / **CSL Explorative Works: Thinking Critically, Engaging, and Producing Creatively** / EAC #1

Join Spanish faculty member Lena Retamoso Urbano and current Cultural Studies and Languages (CSL) students within the Spanish program for a presentation on Bennington's unique approach to studying languages, innovative course offerings, and student work. Language-specific Q&A discussions will follow the presentation. *Presented by Lena Retamoso Urbano, Faculty.*

3:15-4:15 pm / **Understanding Adolescent Mental Health** / CAPA Symposium

Faculty member in developmental psychology Emily Waterman, Hafsa Zulficar '22, and McKenny McLain '23, with help from Emma Murphy '23, will summarize a recent chapter they wrote for the *Encyclopedia of Mental Health*, including important trends over time and a review of factors that are important to improve adolescent mental health. *Presented by Emily Waterman, Faculty.*

3:15-4:15 pm / **Musical Collaborations at Bennington** / Deane Carriage Barn Fireplace Room

Luke Taylor '22 will present work on string bass along with core music faculty member Michael Wimberly. These musicians will share information about music at Bennington, collaboration, and opportunities for engagement, followed by a Q&A. *Presented by Michael Wimberly, Faculty.*

4:15-4:45 pm / **Closing Reception** / CAPA Courtyard

Come and have a snack with us and ask any final questions, or hit the road if you're ready. *Thank you!*

Ongoing

- **Campus Tours** / Departing from the flagpole across from the Barn / 10:00 am-4:00 pm *hourly, except 1:00-2:00 pm*
- **Chill Zones** / Pond, Jennings Meadow, Commons Terrace / 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- **Bennington College Bookstore** / Commons, Lower Level / 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- **Financial Aid** / Barn 104 / 10:00 am-1:00 pm, 2:00-4:00 pm *by appointment only*
- **Academic Services & Accommodations** / The Barn, Dean's Office Wing / 11:00 am-4:00 pm *by appointment only*