

# College Week

April 28– March 4

College Week is a weekly publication announcing events, up coming deadlines, wellness tips and much more. To add an event to future College Weeks please email [collegeweek@bennington.edu](mailto:collegeweek@bennington.edu) by Monday for publication on Wednesday.

## Announcements

An initiative called [Summon Spring](#) will be ongoing throughout April and May: faculty, staff, and students are invited to share reflective letters with L.E.S.S (Leaders for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability) on the topic of what is popularly known as environmental sustainability as it relates to Bennington College's environmental sustainability initiatives.

There are two ways in which you may contribute to this initiative:

- Write a letter sharing ideas, designs, concerns, criticisms and insights regarding Bennington College's environmental relationship and impact (please cite references, such as [AASHE Report](#)).
- Read and constructively criticize a portion of the [AASHE Report](#) which was filed by members of our community over the past year as a way of aggregating data in order to analyze what needs to be prioritized on campus in terms of environmental sustainability

There is not yet a place wherein information about environmental initiatives are aggregated for community members to review or criticize. Therefore, there is a lack of institutional knowledge regarding what initiatives are present. Letters will be aggregated in a digital commons for fellow community members to read throughout the coming years. Physical copies of letters may be delivered and placed in a folder labelled Summon Spring on the L.E.S.S Resource Library in the Commons first ground floor lobby. When completed with your letter (you may write your name or remain anonymous) please send it as a PDF to [toless@bennington.edu](mailto:toless@bennington.edu) or deliver it to the L.E.S.S Resource Library directly. You may legibly handwrite or type letters. Unless otherwise noted in an email, all letters will be made public domain. If you wish to write a letter or make a criticism, you are encouraged to review the adjacently attached [Suggestions Regarding Letter-Writing](#). Letter writing in the midst of winter thaw and spring blossoming may serve to inspire community members and collaborations between departments and individuals throughout the years.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback about your experience at Bennington College. [This survey](#) was developed with significant input from students, staff, and faculty to ensure that your responses will provide actionable data that can be used to improve the student experience on campus. The survey

will take approximately 15–25 minutes to complete, depending on how much information you provide. Please know that while it is a time commitment, your candid feedback will provide valuable information that we'll use to better support you and your fellow students in your time at Bennington. We are committed to sharing the results for [this survey](#), along with how the data is used with anyone who is interested. Here is [a video](#) about the survey. Please reach out to me at [heatherblizzard@bennington.edu](mailto:heatherblizzard@bennington.edu) if you have any questions, feedback, or would like to have a conversation concerning the data.

Beginning April 20, the IT@Bennington team will begin outfitting external network access points to bring wireless connectivity to Commons Lawn. Four stadium antennas will be mounted on the outside of Canfield, Dewey, Booth, and Kilpat. The goal, longer-term, is ubiquitous wireless to allow students, faculty, and staff to leverage outdoor spaces for work, research, and creative pursuits that require network access.

[Mindfulness Wednesday](#): 9:00–9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; on Zoom (ID: 99079887458). A group container and practice space for cultivating the ability to work with awareness, pay attention on purpose, generate stillness in a busy world/day/mind, find our breath, and just be together before the doing of the day begins. The event is facilitated by Kat Daley, Rage Hezekiah and Penny Owen.

The 2021 Academy of American Poets Prize Submission Deadline: Wednesday, April 28

Submission for the annual Academy of American Poets prize is open to all undergraduate students. The selected Bennington poet will receive an honorarium of \$100 and official recognition from the Academy of American Poets.

Submit three of your poems (one per page) as one document attachment in Word or Google Docs (no pdfs) with the heading Academy of American Poets Prize Submission to Michael Dumanis at [mdumanis@bennington.edu](mailto:mdumanis@bennington.edu) by Wednesday, April 28. Please include your name on each poem. The judge for this year's Academy of American Poets prize for Bennington will be Jennifer Chang. Jennifer Chang is an associate professor of English at George Washington University, and also teaches for Bennington College's MFA program. She is the author of two books of poetry, *The History of Anonymity* and *Some Say the Lark*. For more information on the judge, visit <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/jennifer-chang>. The winner and one honorable mention will be announced in May. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dumanis at [mdumanis@bennington.edu](mailto:mdumanis@bennington.edu).

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, April 28 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines? Feel free to drop in to the weekly Zoom call for evidence-based answers from the medical experts.

[Literature Evenings—Spring 2021 Literature Evening with Paul La Farge](#) on Wednesday, April 28 from 7:00– 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | A reading by Bennington faculty member Paul La Farge, author of *The Night Ocean*; *The Artist of the Missing*; *Haussmann, or the Distinction*; and *Luminous Airplanes*.

[Survivors Support Group](#) on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. A support space for students who identify as survivors. Facilitated by Ali Tartaglia, Director of Student Health Promotion.

Thursday, April 29 | [Half Plan Day | No morning classes; classes will meet beginning at 1:40pm](#)

On Thursday, April 29 at 8 pm EST Bennington and Sarah Lawrence College 7x7 Student Reading Seven undergrad creative writers from Sarah Lawrence College and seven undergrad creative writers from Bennington College each publicly share five minutes of their own writing. Come

hear some of the vibrant work being produced right now by students at these two colleges known for their creative writing. Reading for Sarah Lawrence College: Devi Sastry, Magdala de Santis, Annie Brown, Sofia Aguilar, Becca Frankel, Anna Schechter, and Ash Freeman. Reading for Bennington College: Ashley Escobar, Joey Gawtry, Dabin Jeong, Paloma Saint-Denis-Lopez, Delilah Silberman, Ahwar Sultan, and Bee Waters.

<https://zoom.us/j/98253070899?pwd=Q21rbmtaME5XdDMzVk5NeWVQd2YrQT09>

Meeting ID: 982 5307 0899 Passcode: 549429

#### APPLY FOR SEPC!

The Student Educational Policies Committee (SEPC) is a student-run group focusing on matters of academic policy within the Bennington education. Each discipline representative has the freedom to work with the Dean's Office, faculty, and other student groups on topics they feel are important and need attention. A discipline representative position lasts one school-year. Make sure to check out our website, [benningtonsepc.com](http://benningtonsepc.com)! All positions are open. As a reminder, there are at least two discipline representatives for each of the following disciplines: • CAPA • Dance • Drama • Environmental Studies • Languages • Literature • Music • Science & Mathematics • Society, Culture, & Thought • Visual Arts. Apply at [bit.ly/sepcapply](http://bit.ly/sepcapply) or at [benningtonsepc.com/apply](http://benningtonsepc.com/apply). Applications are due Friday, April 30 at 5pm.

Friday, April 30 | [FWT 2021 summer registration due](#)

[We are Better Together Support Space](#) on Saturdays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Virtual Event. A space for students to connect with Kat Daley (MSW, Student Health Center) and Ali Tartaglia (Director for Student Health Promotions). Drop in and connect or stay the whole time!

["Welcome To Chechnya" Screening](#) on Saturday, May 1 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Tishman Lecture Hall. A screening of "Welcome To Chechnya." Please see trigger warning.

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, May 2 from 2:00– 3:00 pm in VAPA Lester Martin Theater. Weekly club meeting to support independent projects within the drama community. We will read plays, workshop scenes, provide a space for developing advanced work, invite professors and peers for feedback sessions and showcases, and more!

On Sundays at 7pm, EST, the Chronically Ill and Disabled Student Union (CIDSU) Support Group meets and is facilitated by Ali Tartaglia. This group is open to all students who identify as chronically ill and/or disabled and will be a place to come talk, find support, and meet other students. Our Zoom information is the same as other groups facilitated by Ali Tartaglia (Meeting ID: 4424345023, Phone #: +19292056099).

Important Housing Dates! For more information about fall housing, please contact your house chairs and/or [housing@bennington.edu](mailto:housing@bennington.edu).

- Coffee Hour for all other houses: Sunday, May 2

Music Auditions Fall 2021. Email Faculty to schedule an appointment. May 3 – 4 Cello with Nat Parke, May 4 – 5 Bass with Michael Bisio, May 3 – 7 Mallet Percussion with Michael Wimberly, May 4 – 5 Guitar with Hui Cox, May 4 Piano with Chris Lewis, Joan Forsyth, Yoshilo Sato, May 3 – 7 Jazz Piano with Jen Allen, May 3 – 7 Violin & Viola with Kaori Washiyama, May 4 Voice with Tom Bogdan & Kerry Ryer-Parke.

[SCT Colloquium—Spring 2021 Oracular Intelligence](#) on Monday, May 3 from 7:00–

8:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | It is becoming increasingly common to lean on algorithms to determine our individual and collective futures—what to buy, when to sell, who to date, whom to arrest and how to punish them. Artificial intelligence has become Oracular Intelligence, which does not just guess the future but guides the course of forthcoming events.

Tuesday, May 4 | [Plan Day](#) | [No classes](#)

The Bennington Programming and Activity Council (PAC) is hiring for the Fall 2021 academic year! If you have an interest in event planning (Trivia nights, open mics, live concerts, late night and social events) this position could be a great fit! Anyone interested is encouraged to apply via [this link to complete your application now!](#) Feel free to email [Matt Scott](#) in the Office for Student Engagement with any questions.

Just a reminder, Student Parking is available in the Ohio Lot (behind the Student Center) and near the tennis courts and in the Alabama Lot (past the Swan Garage). Parking in front of houses is only for picking up or dropping off passengers or belongings as emergency vehicles need to be able to access these roads. If you have not yet registered your vehicle please bring your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to the Campus Safety booth. Once registered you will receive a parking decal to go in the back, driver's side window. Please reach out to Student Life or Campus Safety if you have any questions.

The Emergency Blue Box phone located at the College's North gate entrance is currently out of order. The college is actively reviewing the repair options and we will report back when it is repaired and functional. In the meantime, please call 9-1-1 from any mobile phone for emergencies or call Campus Safety at 802.447.4250 from any mobile phone. The next closest Emergency Blue Box is located in the Dean Carriage parking lot.

## Virtual Office Hours

All hours are EST.

### STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

Christine Winget: Acting Dean of Students, [email](#) for an appointment.

### OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Sarah Blizzard: Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

Sam Clement: Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

Matt Scott: Director of Student Engagement, [email](#) for an appointment.

### FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Kate Child: Assistant Dean for Academic Services

[Weekly Open Hours in Zoom:](#)

Mondays: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Rage Hezekiah: Assistant Director of Academic and International Student Services

Mondays: 3:00–4:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays: 9:00– 10:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Wednesdays: 3:00–4:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Thursdays: 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom open hour](#)  
Fridays: 2:00– 3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

#### ACADEMIC SERVICES

Katy Young Evans: Assistant Director of Academic Services  
Mondays, Thursdays 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)  
Tuesdays, Fridays 1:00–2:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Xiomara Giordano: Academic Services and Study Away Counselor.  
Mondays, 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)  
Tuesdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)  
Wednesdays, 12:00–1:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)  
Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)  
Fridays, 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom open hour](#)

Noelle Everett Murphy: Assistant Dean for Academic Services  
Mondays, 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom open hour](#)  
Tuesdays 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom open hour](#)  
Thursdays 4:00–5:00 pm – [Zoom open Hour](#)  
Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm – [Zoom open hour](#)

#### DEAN'S OFFICE

Kelly Hayes: Office Coordinator for the Provost and Dean's office, [email](#) for an appointment.

Oceana Wilson, Acting Dean of the College, Dean of the Library. [Email](#) to schedule a Zoom meeting on Mondays–Fridays and in person on Wednesdays– Fridays.

#### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Laura Walker: President, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to schedule an appointment.

This year's JEDI advisors: [Ara Aman '21](#) and [Rojay Bryan '22](#).

#### STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Ali Tartaglia: Director of Student Health Promotion, [email](#) for an appointment.

## Career Development, FWT & Campus Jobs

#### Connect With Us

Questions or concerns – email us at [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu) or [schedule a virtual advising session](#).

Our socials: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Career Convos blog](#) | [Career Convos podcast](#)

#### Virtual Career Counseling Drop-In Hours: New links\*

Tuesdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Faith McClellan, Associate Dean of Career Development and FWT:

Office Hours: Thursdays 1 pm – 2 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

#### Need Help During the Weekend?

Our Student Career Assistants are available on Tuesdays from 5 – 9 pm and Sunday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. [Schedule an appointment](#) for help navigating Handshake and revising your application materials.

#### SUMMER FWT PLANNING

Registration for the summer FWT is due April 30th. You can register your FWT experience [here](#). To learn more, check out [this video](#) where our very own Brenda Mercure walks you through this process. To preview the registration questions,

check out [this document](#). Still finalizing your plans and need a little more time? Be sure to contact [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu) and let us know where you're at in the process.

#### New Career Convos episode: Summer FWT

During [this episode of Career Convos](#), Career Engagement Coordinator Jocelyn Salcedo '18 speaks with members of the Bennington community about their experience searching for and securing a summer FWT experience. Guests: Kelsey Broadfield '20, Phoenix Malanga '22, Alyssa Pong '23, Andrea Tovar '23. Audio engineering: Ako Shergazy '22.

#### Career Launch Program

This summer, the Career Launch program will help 25 Bennington students enhance their professional communication and networking skills. By the end of the program, you will know how to expand your professional network, land informational interviews, and turn these conversations into job opportunities and referrals. [Click here](#) to complete the Interest form and learn more. Update\* The form will close on April 30!

#### Research Experiences for Undergraduates

REUs engage groups of undergraduate students in paid research positions in a wide range of disciplines, funded by the National Science Foundation. Interested? Check out our [Summer REU's Resource](#), and contact us for support!

#### HIRING EMPLOYERS & ON-CAMPUS POSITIONS

Paid Summer Positions with Few Applicants:

- [Application Developer at Zudy Software](#) \$20/hour | Remote
- [Intern at AIP \(American Institute of Physics\) Publishing](#) \$17/hour | Remote | Must be a resident of the tristate area (NY, NJ, CT)
- [Community Asylum Seekers Project \(CASP\)](#) \$15/hour | Remote or On-site (Brattleboro, VT)
- [Summer Enrichment Coordinator at The DREAM Program](#) \$3500 Stipend | On-site (Various Locations)
- [Field Work Term Internships with MITRE](#) Paid (Varies By Program) | Remote and On-site Options Available

#### Student Employment:

As support to students, almost all campus jobs have been restructured as year-long positions, meaning work-eligible students are automatically re-hired to continue their fall campus job(s) in the spring. If you are a work-eligible student who didn't work in the fall, immediate openings are available for 7-8 hours/week in the role of [Dining Hall Food Service Worker](#).

## Student Health Promotion

Feeling a bit down? Keep an eye on our social media for what's happening in our office! Random acts of kindness weeks are coming!!

