

# College Week

Cooper's Corner  
Got questions? Ask Tina  
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Please stop by the Office of Student Life to welcome Austin Bevin, the Student Life Assistant! Austin has lived in Florida, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Vermont! Stop by for information on shuttles, IDs, housing, community engagement opportunities, or just to chat!

From my corner to yours,



## Field Work Term and Career Development

Join students, faculty, and staff in Commons this Tuesday, February 23 from 12:00-1:00 pm for the **FWT Community Debrief Lunch**. We will gather to swap FWT stories and insights and honor the broad range of experiences just completed. Come anytime between 12:00 and 1:00pm, join a table, and share your FWT adventures. Students not on the meal plan who wish to attend, please email [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu) by Monday, February 22.

The following FWT materials are due by this Friday, February 26:

- **FWT Reflective Work:** essays, interviews, and summative 600-word blog posts.
- **Employer Evaluations:** Please be sure your FWT site supervisor fills out your evaluation on time, as failure to do so will impact your FWT grade. If your supervisor needs a new link to the online form, email the FWT Office ASAP at [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu).
- **Timesheets:** Timesheets can be emailed to [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu) or brought to Barn 112.
- **Proof of Supplemental Hours or Projects:** Pay stubs of signed timesheets from unregistered jobs or agreed to final projects need to be submitted. See the FWT Handbook for details.
- **Receipts for Grant Awards:** Bring your compiled and tallied receipts to Barn 112 in the envelope provided to you when you picked up your grant check.
- **Independent Study Work Review with Sponsors:** All final work needs to be reviewed with sponsors by this date in order to give sufficient time for them to submit work evaluations by the March 11 due date.
- **FWT Photo Contest Submissions (Optional):** Post on Instagram with hashtag #fieldworkterm to enter to win \$100 campus cash card. Find more contest details at [www.bennington.edu/](http://www.bennington.edu/) Students under FWT and Career Development.

Join **Alumni Conversations** this Saturday, February 27 from 1:15-2:15 pm. All students are welcome to join one of two thematic conversations with alumni: "The Practice of Innovation" (DownCafé) or "Idealism in Reality: Bringing Your Work to the World" (Down Commons). Then, from 2:15-3:15pm, come to the Student Center to hear more than ten alumni across industries talk about the experimental, adventurous, and surprising trajectories of their work after Bennington. These afternoon sessions are part of Senior Saturday but open to the entire student body.

Students selecting the **Video Reflective Project Option** must submit a final video by March 11.

Students selecting the **Formal Presentation Reflective Project Option** are required to take part in two preparatory sessions from 12:30-1:45 pm on March 2 in EAC 2 and March 9 in EAC 1&2. The due date for signing up for this reflective option was February 12. Final presentations will take place at FWT Night on Tuesday, March 15.

### Announcements for Seniors:

Come to **Senior Saturday** on February 27 for a retreat day designed to allow you to reflect on your time at Bennington, connect with alumni, and get inspired for life after graduation. If you would like to attend the day's events but did not meet the RSVP due date please email [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu)

Please email all College Week submissions to [collegeweek@bennington.edu](mailto:collegeweek@bennington.edu) by Thursday at noon for inclusion the following week.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you interested in learning and thinking more about diversity, inclusion, equity, and structural racism? Lydia Brassard has compiled a **campus reading list** that addresses diversity and inclusion work on college campuses. The reading list is divided into several categories: *Historicizing Whiteness & Structural Racism*, *Pedagogical Considerations*, *Doing Diversity*: *Diversity and Inclusivity Praxis*, and *Exploring Institutional and Individual Identity Development*. Under each tab you will find book titles, recommended chapters, and other resources that have been uploaded for your use. The direct link to the LibGuide is <http://libraryguides.bennington.edu/diversity>.
- Tina Cooper is now a **Notary Public** for students. If you need a document notarized, please email her to set up an appointment.
- Join certified Yoga instructor Tracey Forest for **Vinyasa Flow Yoga** every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Meyer Rec Barn (Upstairs Dance Studio) for a joyful flowing yoga experience. All classes include an opening meditation, a complete, flowing yoga session with sun salutations, standing poses, heart-opening through back-bending, inversions, forward bends and savasana (a deep long final relaxation). Wear comfortable clothing (no jeans) and bring a blanket and yoga mat if you have them. All experience levels welcome!
- Join us in welcoming poet Phillip B. Williams for the first **Literature Evening** of the term on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm in the Franklin Common Room.
- **Drama auditions** are open to the entire student body this Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26, from 6:00-10:00 pm in VAPA D207. For auditions, prepare and memorize a two minute monologue and a short movement piece (dance, clowning, etc.). Sign up in advance in the hall outside D207. For more information, please email Sam Levit.
- **Dance at Bennington**, with support from the Bennington College Office of Alumni Relations, presents a new work by Anna Rogovoy '13, "West" (working title) this Thursday, February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm in Martha Hill. This presentation is the first in a year of events celebrating the 40th anniversary of the opening of VAPA.
- The first **Open Mic Night** of the term is this Thursday, February 25 at 8:00 pm in the Student Center. Bennington welcomes back every singer, strummer, poet and jokester within earshot for an open-mic open to all tastes and talents. A signup sheet will be posted outside the dining hall in the days leading up to the event.
- Bennington College's very own biology faculty member **Betsy Sherman** will be lecturing about the importance of herbivory in coral reefs this Friday, February 26 at 1:00 pm in Dickinson 232.
- **PAC Presents: Stretch and Bobbito, "Radio that Changed Lives" Film Screening & Q&A Session** this Friday, February 26 at 7:30 pm in Tishman. During the 1990s, Stretch and Bobbito introduced the world to an unsigned Nas, Biggie, Wu-Tang, and Big Pun, as well as an unknown Jay Z, Eminem, and the Fugees. Immediately following the film screening and Q&A session, join Stretch & Bobbito for a rare **DJ battle** at 10:00 pm in the Student Center.
- Come see the **ALASH concert** this Friday, February 26 at 8:00 pm in the Deane Carriage Barn. The three musicians who make up Alash – Bady-Dorzhu Ondar, Ayan-ool Sam and Ayan Shirizhik – have won numerous international awards in Tuvan throat singing, a technique which allows vocalists to sing multiple pitches at one time.
- **Peer Writing Tutors** will begin offering tutoring on Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 pm in the Crossett Library Staff Lounge.
- **DODGEBALL!** This term's dodgeball league begins on Thursday, March 10. Rally friends, classmates, club cohorts, and your faculty advisers and sign up your team in the Office of Student Life. Team registration forms are due by Monday, March 7. Teams will compete for prizes and honor. Contact Michiel Considine ([mconsidine@bennington.edu](mailto:mconsidine@bennington.edu)) with any questions...or if you just want him on your team.
- Do you want to increase the availability of FWT grants for students throughout the next 12 years? Join the **Student Gift Program** campaign and help us reach \$5,000 so we can secure more FWT grants for the future. To this date, we have reached 15% of the Senior Participation Goal and have raised a total of \$1,293, (25% of the total dollar goal). This year's gift program is open to all class years. The Student Gift Steering Committee will be collecting donations throughout the term in Down Commons.
- **Amy Dobson** will be working with students on their study away plans, including exchanges, during Kendra Ericson's maternity leave. You can find Amy in Barn 242, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Please email Amy to schedule an appointment.

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FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:00pm Advising and Registration begins on campus

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

All Day Classes begin on campus

12:00pm FWT Community Debrief Lunch, Dining Hall

6:30pm Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Meyer Rec Barn

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00pm Literature Evening: Phillip B. Williams, Franklin Common Room **P**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:45am Bennington ACTS: Burst The Bubble Table, Down Commons

6:00pm Drama auditions, VAPA D207

7:00pm VAPA 40th Anniversary Performance: Anna Rogovoy '13, "West," Martha Hill **P**

8:00pm Open Mic Night, Student Center

10:00pm Karaoke Night, Student Center

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00pm Lecture by Betsy Sherman, "Importance of Herbivory in Coral Reefs," Dickinson 232

6:00pm Drama auditions, VAPA D207

7:30pm PAC Presents: Stretch and Bobbito, "Radio that Changed Lives" Film Screening and Q&A, Tishman **P**

8:00pm ALASH Concert, Deane Carriage Barn **P**

10:00pm Stretch & Bobbito DJ Battle, Student Center **P**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

All Day Senior Saturday, various places (meet at 9:15 am in Dining Hall)

All Day SnowX, Willow Park (\$10) **C**

1:15pm Alumni Conversations, DownCaf and Down Commons

8:00pm New Musical Award Concert: *Bella: An American Tell Tale*, Weston Playhouse (Free) **C**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

All Day SnowX, Willow Park (\$10) **C**

8:00pm Peer Writing Tutors available, Crossett Library Staff Lounge



THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**C** denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college

**P** denotes events open to the public  
student organizations are noted in blue



## Bennington ACTS

This term Bennington ACTS (Achieving Community Through Service) will host a **Burst The Bubble** table every Monday and Thursday from 11:45 am-1:00 pm in Down Commons to discuss ongoing community engagement opportunities and hear how you would like to become involved in the community.

To kick things off, Bennington ACTS is rolling out **ACTS for Food Relief** to meet the rising need of food insecurity in Bennington. Did you know that one in four children in Bennington County are food insecure? Or that 46% of grade school and high school students in Bennington County are eligible for free or reduced lunch? ACTS for Food Relief meets this stress head on by partnering with two local food relief organizations, **HIS Pantry** and **Meals On Wheels**, to mitigate hunger in Bennington County.

For more information or to sign up, visit the Burst The Bubble table, email [acts@bennington.edu](mailto:acts@bennington.edu), or stop by the Student Life Office.



## Dean X-change

Seniors - After talking with recent graduates about how to best assist seniors transitioning to life after Bennington, the offices of FWT & Career Development and Student Life have put together a spring class to help demystify the job search process--a search most of you will find yourself in this spring or shortly after. Holly and Xenia will be co-teaching a 9-week workshop aimed at helping you launch into finding a post-graduation job. Topics to be covered include developing skills on job-search and interview strategies, deciphering job announcements, articulating strengths, representing yourself on paper and online, and focusing on intercultural competency skills required of a global citizen. Spots are limited. RSVP by March 1. For more information, including how to RSVP, visit [www.bennington.edu/Students/senior-programming](http://www.bennington.edu/Students/senior-programming).

## Open Office Hours

### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College:  
Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

### DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College:  
Mon, 12:00-1:00 pm  
DUNCAN DOBBLEMANN, Associate Provost and Dean of Studies: Fri, 12:00-1:00 pm  
LAURIE KOBICK, Assistant Dean for Academic Services: Mon & Wed, 12:30-1:30 pm  
LYDIA BRASSARD, Coordinator for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion: Mon, 9:30-11:30 am (Barn 113)

### ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues & Thurs, 1:00-2:00 pm  
NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Mon & Tues, 12:30-2:00 pm

### ACADEMIC SERVICES CONT'D (BARN 120)

DANIELLE DOHANEY, First Year and International Student Advisor, Wed & Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

### ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 106)

Office open hours: Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

### FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)

HOLLY MCCORMACK, Dean of Field Work Term: Wed, 12:00-1:00 pm  
FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs, 12:00-1:00 pm  
Walk-in hours: Tues & Thurs, 12:00-2:00 pm

### STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN 113)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: By appointment  
JENNA GOLDSTEIN, Assistant Director for Student Life: Thurs, 1:00-4:00 pm

Looking for more information on the events listed here?

Try the online calendar at [www.bennington.edu](http://www.bennington.edu)