



BENNINGTON BULLETIN



Peace Through Leadership Training

With the support of a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant, Ahmed Amar '24 [established](#) Peace Through Leadership Training, an empowerment program for unemployed youth in Senegal.



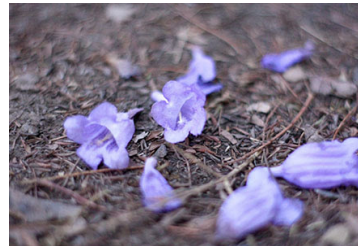
Projection, Protection, and Priestessing

Textile artist and activist Michael Sylvan Robinson '89, who designed the Met Gala outfit worn by theater producer Jordan Roth, [shared their Bennington story](#), with Mary Brothers '21.



Exploring the World

MFA Fellow Divine Bradley MFA '23 [spoke](#) to the *Bennington Banner* about his Fall 2021 course, Play.



"Our Dog Julio"

This short story by Ashley D. Escobar '21, [has been published](#) in *The London Magazine*, the longest running literary journal in the U.K. Escobar's story was chosen as part of the magazine's TLM Young Writers Series.

Celebrating Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

Carlos Mendez-Dorantes '15, now a research fellow at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, [has received](#) several awards for his postdoctoral research into the investigation of LINE-1 biology in cancer research. [Read more](#) about Mendez-Dorantes's work at Bennington, and [learn more](#) about his journey from DACA Dreamer to Ph.D.

Bennington College Sticker Design Contest

Through November 1, students are invited to [submit their artwork](#), which may be used to produce Bennington College [stickers and collectibles](#). Showcase your favorite Bennington spaces, Bennington sculptures or artwork, nature around campus, Bennington quotes, and more! If your design(s) is/are selected, you'll receive \$50 and a free set of Bennington stickers.

Student Town Hall

Students are invited to attend a [Town Hall Meeting](#) with President Walker on Wednesday, October 13 from 12:00-1:00 pm in CAPA Symposium or virtually.

Internet Outages: Sunday, October 17

On October 17 from 10:00 pm to approximately 12:00 am, IT will be performing software upgrades to our network firewalls. During this time there will be intermittent internet and network outages; devices, computers, and phones may be unable to connect to the internet for up to 10 minutes at a time. The main line to Campus Safety—802-447-4250—will continue to work, despite intermittent network outages. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to keep the Bennington network safe and secure.

Fall Weekend Photos

Thank you to all staff, faculty, and students whose work made Fall Weekend possible! [Enjoy photos](#) from the event.

Bennington College Fun Run

The Bennington College Wellness Committee is offering a 5K fun run/walk for all students, faculty, and staff. The event will take place on Friday, October 29. Kick off is at 12:30 pm in front of Tishman. Interested participants should use [this form](#) to register. Light refreshments will be provided by Dining and Catering Services. The route will take us by some of the most haunted places on Bennington's campus, and costumes are welcome! We are collecting cold weather items for students (coats, hats, mittens, boots, etc.); we strongly encourage you to please bring one cold weather item for donation. In addition, participants are welcome to bring a non-perishable item (or items) for donation to student pantries.

Staff Community Seed Grants

Bennington College staff members are invited to apply for funds to support activities that strengthen community-building and foster a sense of connection among staff. These grants are small in size but mighty in potential. The specific intent of these grants is to encourage and facilitate activities that involve gatherings from across various departments. Please submit your [proposals](#) throughout the academic year. Applicants are encouraged to submit as early as possible prior to the event but can expect a response to their application within a week. Grants will be reviewed by a staff-appointed committee, and we are seeking volunteers to join this committee. Please contact [Human Resources](#) if you wish to volunteer.

Tuition Exchange Program: Applications and Information

Bennington College is a member of the Tuition Exchange (TE), a cooperative program that provides an opportunity for dependent children of eligible faculty and staff to receive substantial tuition scholarships at over 670 private colleges and universities in the US. For detailed information, please review the [tuition exchange](#) program material and FAQs. If you meet qualifications and have a child who is applying for admission or attending one of the TE colleges, please complete the [TE application](#). Applications will be accepted starting October 1 for Fall 2022 Tuition Exchange Scholarships. The initial application deadline is October 31; applications will be accepted after this deadline and certified on a space-available basis. If you have a rising junior or senior in high school, we encourage you to listen to the Tuition Exchange information workshop [recording](#).

Share Your Input: Ideas Festival

The President's Office is currently researching ideas for Bennington College's first Ideas Festival to take place in 2022. We are looking to attract outside speakers and visitors, inspired by programs like Chautauqua and the Aspen Ideas Festival. The purpose of this event is to connect the Bennington community with the greater area's networks and ideas to answer pressing issues of our time. In order to make sure that Bennington's voice is a leading factor in the preparations for this event, we kindly ask you to [fill out this short form](#) to help with our planning. We want to ensure the participation of students, faculty, and staff of Bennington College, as well as Bennington county's residents in creating this event. Make your voice heard, and be a part of leading changes in the world straight from Bennington, Vermont!

Promoting Events

To ensure your November event is considered for inclusion in local media listings, be sure to [submit to the online calendar](#) by the middle of this month, noting that the event is open to the public.

Suggestion Boxes

Please share your thoughts about working at Bennington by submitting comments [electronically](#) or in the black boxes marked "Staff Feedback" located in Buildings & Grounds, and the staff kitchen on the second floor of the Barn. Submissions are anonymous, if you choose.

Fall 2021

Event Series

[Check out the series happening this term.](#)

October 11
CAPA Symposium
7:00-8:30 PM

Promoting Youth Development Through Community-Engaged Violence Prevention Part of [SCT Colloquium](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Featuring Emily Waterman, Psychology. The Society, Culture, and Thought Colloquium invites you to explore social questions and problems at the heart of contemporary debates. [More.](#)

October 11
EAC Classroom 2
7:00-8:00 PM

POSTPONED—Italy in a Tin Can: Views from the Strait of Otranto Part of [Cultural Studies and Language Series](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | This event has been postponed. [More.](#)

October 13
CAPA Symposium &
Virtually
12:00-1:00 PM

Student Town Hall with President Walker

STUDENTS ONLY | Students are invited to join in a Town Hall meeting with President Walker. [More](#).

October 13
Virtual Event
7:00-8:30 PM

Cecilia Lopez in Performance

Part of [Carriage Barn Concert Series](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Cecilia Lopez is a composer, musician and multimedia artist from Buenos Aires, Argentina currently based in New York. She works across the media of performance, sound, installation and the creation of sound devices and systems. [More](#).

October 14
CAPA Symposium &
Online
7:00-8:30 PM

The Republican Party's Turn to Extremism

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | The January 6 Project examines the historical, cultural, and political events that led to the attack with the goal of understanding its causes, in all its forms, in order to shed light and expose truths for an informed citizenry to act to prevent this type of assault on democracy. [More](#).