

# College Week

## Cooper's Corner

Do you want to live in Longmeadow, Shingle Cottage, or Welling Town House next year? All of these houses give students the opportunity to live more independently and reduce their meal plan. Here's what to do:

**Longmeadow**- sign up for the Longmeadow lottery at the front desk in Barn North (Barn 113). You may enter for a single room (rising juniors/seniors), or for a double room. If you are entering the lottery for a double room, you and your roommate need to sign up together. Sign-ups are due at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 5.








**Welling Town House**- stop by Barn North (Barn 113) to pick up a Welling Town House application. They will be available at the front desk.

**Shingle Cottage**- the residents of Shingle worked with Residential Life staff last term to create a mission statement and an application for housing selection. You can find the online Shingle Cottage Application on the Residential Life page of the website under Housing Forms. Applications are due at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 5.

If you have any questions about living in these houses feel free to email [housing@bennington.edu](mailto:housing@bennington.edu), talk to the House Chair of Longmeadow and Shingle (Maria Vargas Aguilar), or talk to a Town House Resident.

From my corner to yours,
















*Tina*

-  **FLoW: Reapplying for Financial Aid** each year returning Bennington students must complete specific forms by **March 30** to reapply for financial aid. These forms can be found by logging into My Financial Aid. Your My Financial Aid ID # can be retrieved by emailing [finaid@bennington.edu](mailto:finaid@bennington.edu) or looking on the second page of your 2017-2018 financial aid award. The Financial Aid office understands reapplying for aid can feel complicated so please stop by open hours on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:00- 4:00 pm in Barn 104** to work with a Financial Aid Counselor one-on-one. If this time does not work for you, please stop in **M - F between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**.
-  **The House Chair Application Deadline** is being extended to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 21, so if you haven't filled out an application and are interested, please do so. Go to the Residential Life page on the website.
-  **Mid term papers and plan essays creeping up on you?** Let us help! Schedule an appointment via Genbook with the Writing Tutors. We are in Crossett from 8:00-10:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday. Plus there's loads of good candy.
-  **Alumni Career Networking.** Meet with Alumni Relations staff to learn how to connect with Bennington alumni wherever you go! Find potential contacts for FWT or after graduation from a global network of over 13,000 alumni using the Alumni App, social media, and other resources. **Meetings are by appointment every Wednesday 12-2 pm** (other arrangements can be made on a case-by-case basis). Schedule an "Alumni Networking Appointment" on Genbook, and be ready to tell us a little more about your academic and professional interests, and how the alumni community can help further your goals!
-  **Undergraduate Writing Fellowship Program.** The Bennington Undergraduate Writing Fellowships allow a select group of undergraduate writers studying poetry, fiction, or literary nonfiction to further their craft with a 10-day residency at Bennington's MFA in Writing program. The fellowship covers full participation in the MFA residency, as well as room and board. **Applications are due April 2.**
-  **Interested in working with youth in the Bennington community?** Bennington ACTS is looking for volunteers to work with youth in Bennington through the Alliance for Community Transformation (ACT)'s Youth Appreciation Day. They are seeking mentors to work with youth for a photo voice project, in which Bennington youth will identify spaces in the community where they want to see change. Mentors will work with their youth advisees from the end of March through April. Anyone is welcome to volunteer – a passion for photography or film is a bonus!
-  **ACT also needs volunteers to help run their Youth Appreciation Day** movie night on Saturday, May 5. This is during Sunfest, but volunteers are only needed for about 3 hours (around 6:00-9:00 pm). Volunteers should feel comfortable using AV equipment.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  **FLoW: FREE Tax Help From Monday, March 5 to Tuesday, April 17** AARP is offering free tax help to low- to moderate-income taxpayers at two location in the Bennington: Sacred Heart St Francis Church located at 238 Main Street, Bennington and St John Baptist located at 3-5 Houghton Street, North Bennington. Call (802) 442-9504 to schedule an appointment. If you need help filing your taxes and want to learn more about the tax help stop by First Year Experience, Barn North 113 or email [fye@bennington.edu](mailto:fye@bennington.edu).
-  **Growing Your Own Healthy Food** session on Monday, March 19 at 12:00 pm, in Crossett Library. Did you know that the College has a seed library and a farm? Student members of both organizations will lead a hands-on session with tips on how to plant your own seeds and grow delicious food.
-  **Thinking Feminist Freedom with Hannah Arendt and Simone de Beauvoir** on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 pm, in CAPA Symposium. The guest speaker for this event is Verónica Zebadúa Yáñez, visiting lecturer in gender studies at Mount Holyoke.
-  **Visual Arts Lecture Series: Daphne Brooks** on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm, in Tishman Lecture Hall. Professor of African American Studies and Theater Studies at Yale, Daphne Brooks writes about race, gender, performance and popular music culture.
-  There will be **Public Observing** on Tuesday, March 20 at 8:30 pm. Come out to Stickney Observatory to see the wonders of the universe. Check <http://observatory.bennington.edu> or Twitter (@stickneyobs) around 5:00 pm for updates! Invite your friends!
-  **Robin Coste Lewis in Conversation with Camille Guthrie** on Wednesday March 21 at 12:15 pm, in CAPA Symposium. Join Camille Guthrie in a Q&A with visiting poet Robin Coste Lewis. Buffet lunch will be served.
-  **Master Class: Robin Coste Lewis** on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:00 pm, in Cricket Hill Conference room. Master class with visiting poet, Robin Coste Lewis: "Writing and Photography." Each student should bring a photograph from their childhood.
-  **Poetry Reading: Robin Coste Lewis**, on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm, in Tishman Lecture Hall. Poetry reading and book signing with National Book Award winner, Robin Coste Lewis.
-  **Presentation for Sound Design and Recording Faculty Search Candidate: Senem Pirlir.** Studio as Playground: Exploring Sonic Spaces and Identities on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm, in Jennings 135. Please share feedback with Nick Brooke, search chair.
-  On Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm, in CAPA Symposium author and journalist, Christian Parenti will give a talk: **Our Impending Crisis: Climate Change, Failing Elites and Economic Transformation**.
-  On Friday, March 23 at 1:00 pm, in Dickinson 232, please join us in welcoming Laura MacMannus-Spencer, Ph.D (Associate Professor of Chemistry at Union College) as she discusses the **Environmental Fate of Contaminants of Emerging Concern**.
-  **Latitude**, on Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 pm, in VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater. A new dance work by Dana Reitz, performed in silence by Reitz, Elena Demyanenko and Yanan Yu, with costumes by Charles Schoonmaker.
-  **Silo Submission Deadline (FOR ONLINE & MAGAZINE) is Sunday, April 1!** Submit up to 5 pieces to [silo@bennington.edu](mailto:silo@bennington.edu) to be considered. Check website for guidelines.
-  The wait is almost over as the **Intercultural Festival** happens Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 pm, in Martha Hill! Come enjoy the stunning performances of Sam Mistry, Musa Ghaznavi, Bibek Basnet, Susie Dole, Lulwama Mulalu and many others. Performances will be followed by a dessert reception.
-  **Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Student Gift Program's 2nd Annual Faculty & Staff Karaoke (especially our performers)!** The Student Gift Program will continue to table throughout the term. Mariko will match all student giving up to \$5,000 until May 15! All funds raised go to Bennington Fund scholarships.

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

24 HOURS • EVERYDAY • MAR 19 THROUGH MAR 25

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MONDAY, MARCH 19

**All Day** Plan drafts due to Advisors, Bennington Campus

**11:30 am** SAI Programs tabling with Edna Wilson, Student Center

**P 12:00 pm** Growing Your Own Healthy Food, Crossett Library

**P 7:00 pm** Thinking Feminist Freedom with Hannah Arendt & Simone de Beauvoir, CAPA Symposium

## TUESDAY, MARCH 20

**P 11:30 am** Bard Abroad tabling with Hannah Barrett, Student Center

**11:30 am** Health Promotion tabling, Student Center

**P 7:00 pm** Visual Arts Lecture Series, Daphne Brooks, Tishman Lecture Hall

**P 8:30 pm** Public Observing, Stickney Observatory

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

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**4:00 pm** Master Class: Robin Coste Lewis, Cricket Hill Conference Room

**P 7:00 pm** Poetry Reading: Robin Coste Lewis, Tishman Lecture Hall

**P 7:00 pm** Our Impending Crisis: author & journalist, Christian Parenti, CAPA Symposium

**7:00 pm** Sound Design & Recording Faculty Search Candidate: Senem Pirlir, Jennings 136

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

**12:30 pm** Financial Fluency Series: Health Insurance 101, Dickinson 212

## FRIDAY, MARCH 23

**P 1:00 pm** Environmental Fate of Contaminants of Emerging Concern, Dickinson 232

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24

## SUNDAY, MARCH 25

**P 11:30 am** Second Chance Animal Shelter volunteer trip, Flagpole

**P 2:00 pm** Latitude, VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater

**Did you know? The green earth-choice coffee cups are compostable! Please dispose into composting bins located in the dining hall or student houses.**

**Do you need a bike to get around campus to class, or to go off campus for a little ride?** The Bennington BikeShare program has several bikes, with helmets & locks available to be signed out. Just come to the Campus Safety Office and fill out a form to sign out a college bike. Any questions about bikes or the college BikeShare program, feel free to ask Officer Michael Zhuraw or email [campussafety@bennington.edu](mailto:campussafety@bennington.edu) - Ride safely!

**Women's Health nurse practitioner Kim Ratelle** will be joining us again this term to provide medical care to students who prefer a female provider. She will be in the Student Health Center from 9am to noon, every other **Thursday, beginning March 22nd**. Email [healthservices@bennington.edu](mailto:healthservices@bennington.edu), or call extension 4426 for an appointment.

**Room and house damage charges from Fall 2017 have been added to students' Populi accounts.** Stop by Barn North (Barn 113) to look at the break down of charges for your room and house last term. If you do not think you should have been charged for something, please email [housing@bennington.edu](mailto:housing@bennington.edu) with your appeal. In your appeal, please include your house, room number, what you were charged for, and why you shouldn't have been charged. If you took any photos or videos at the end of last term that you think would help your appeal, please don't hesitate to include them in your email.

**It's maple sugaring season!** We have trees tapped and are collecting sap every day and boiling it during the weekend. Sign up for a shift, learn more about what to do in Vermont this time of year & spend time in the woods by a fire. All volunteers get a jar of syrup at the end of the season. E-mail Joana Santos [jsantos@bennington.edu](mailto:jsantos@bennington.edu) to get involved.

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

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## Bennington ACTS

- **Month of March** - Our campus is participating in the local **PB & Jam Slam** to collect nut butters & jam for 5 local non-profits that distribute food to those in need. Help us collect 250 jars by the end of the month by donating to the boxes in Dining and Barn North near the Student Life offices!
- March 15 through 31st - **Local 14 year old Mount Anthony Middle School student Keanna is donating her Easter to the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless** & you can help! We are collecting donations of the following items to be combined with Keanna's donations: toiletries (especially travel size), toothbrushes, socks. We are also collecting snacks (individually wrapped), crayons, & coloring books geared toward children. Please make sure donations are new & not partially used items. Donation boxes are located in UpCaf and Crossett Library.
- March 25 - **Second Chance Animal Shelter** volunteer trip from 12 to 3pm. Transportation leaves from the flagpole at 11:30am & you can expect to return to campus by 3:30pm.
- April 6 - **an evening with Miss Major Griffin-Gracy** in Brattleboro. Miss Major is a 73-year old Black transgender woman who's been fighting for trans women of color for over 40 years. Transportation is provided & leaving at 3:45pm, but anyone interested in attending must sign up in advance by emailing [acts@bennington.edu](mailto:acts@bennington.edu) or visiting us when we table in Dining.
- Email [acts@bennington.edu](mailto:acts@bennington.edu) to sign up for our "Weekly ACTS" email, with any questions about upcoming events, and/or ideas for events.

## Tech Tip of the Week

The IT@Bennington Team encourages all Bennington community members to set up 2-factor authentication on their Bennington Google accounts. Two-factor authentication requires you to login to your Bennington account on new devices using two methods: first, your username and password, second by confirming your identity through a text message or phone call to a pre-designated phone number. This system helps to harden you as a target against hacking and identity theft. Follow the Tech Tip of the Week collection on Google Plus for more information and access to archived tips.

## Open Office Hours

### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College: Please contact Leanne Brown for an appointment, ext. 4300.

### DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College: Mon., 12:00-1:00 pm.

LAURIE KOBICK, Dean of Studies: Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 pm, contact Kelly Hayes for an appointment, ext. 4400.

### ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 112)

Office hours: by appointment Weds. 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

### ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Mon. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

KATY EVANS, Academic Services & Accommodations Advisor, Tues. & Thurs. 1:00-2:00 pm.

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

FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

WALK IN HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12:00-2:00 pm.

SENIOR WALK IN HOURS: Thur. 12:00-2:00 pm.

### UNDER GRADUATE WRITING INITIATIVES (CROSSETT LIBRARY)

CAMILLE GUTHRIE, Director of Undergraduate Writing Initiatives: Tues. 10:00 - 12:00 pm, Wed. 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Thurs., 9:30-11:00 am.

### STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN NORTH)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for an appointment, ext. 4220.

NATALIE BASIL, Assistant Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for an appointment, ext. 4220.

TINA COOPER, Assistant Director of Residential Life: Thurs., 12:30-2:00 pm.

SAM CLEMENT, Student Life Associate, call for appointment, ext. 4613

SAMANTHA IVERY, Director of Projects in Campus Equity & Inclusion, call for appointment, ext. 4756.

### FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (BARN NORTH)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues. & Thurs., 1:00-2:00 pm.

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

ADRIANA DIAZ, First Year Advisor in First-Year Experience, Mon. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

### OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (UPCAF)

MATT SCOTT, Director for Student Engagement: call or email for an appointment, ext. 4334.

ANYA PIOTROWSKI, Assistant Director for Community Engagement: Mon. 3-5:30 pm, Thurs. 4-5:30 pm.

ALLISON KUHLMAN, Assistant Director of Student Engagement, Fri., 3:00-5:00 pm.

### STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

ALI TARTAGLIA, Director of Student Health Promotion: Mon., 1:00-4:00 pm, room 123.

Looking for more information on the events listed here? Try the online event calendar at

[www.bennington.edu](http://www.bennington.edu)

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## Study Away

### Study Abroad One World Days - Final Week!

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### Reminders

- Schedule a 1:1 advising appointment with the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington to discuss your study away plans.
- Bennington Study-Away Applications are due May 2 for Fall 2018 and AY18-19.

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## Field Work Term and Career Development

### Financial Fluency Workshops

Are you concerned about navigating some of life's financial complexities post-graduation? These workshops may help. All take place 12:30-1:30pm in Dickinson 212.

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- Getting Paid for Work You Value, Thursday, April 5
- Household Budgeting and Financial Planning, Thursday, April 19
- Negotiating Your Salary, Tuesday, May 1
- Paying Off Student Loans, Tuesday, May 15

### Career Advising and Senior Drop-in Hours

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### Looking for work?

WorkLink will list opportunities throughout the term; be sure to check back often to see new additions.

### Summer Jobs and Internships

- Animation Counselor, TIC Summer Camp, Washington, DC (paid)
- Communications Intern, Open Technology Institute at New America, Washington, DC (paid)
- Act 250 Intern, Toxics Action Center, Montpelier, VT

### Post-Graduation Opportunities

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