

# Bennington Bulletin

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## Grocers Go Green

New York's ban on single-use plastic bags took effect on March 1. As part of her Beyond Plastics work, Judith Enck [spoke about](#) the potential effects and benefits of this legislation.

## Beyond the Classroom

This winter, 504 Bennington students completed Field Work Terms with 390 employers in 31 US states and 42 countries. The *Bennington Banner* [highlighted](#) Field Work Term Night, during which Bennington students presented on their work, which ranged from film, to migration, to inclusive theater.

## An Ugly Pairing

A recent *New York Times* opinion piece on the rise of far-right interest in climate change [cites](#) John Hultgren's research into eco-xenophobia.

## Studying New Zealand's Oceans

Ella Simon '22 is [currently studying](#) human impacts on the ocean's environment through Sea Education Association Semester, which has set sail for a six-week voyage from Auckland to Christchurch, New Zealand.

## Nominations Open for Elizabeth Coleman Visionary Leadership Award

[Nominations](#) for the [2020 Elizabeth Coleman Visionary Leadership Award](#) are open through **April 10**. [Nominate](#) a classmate, mentor, colleague, or Bennington College community member for this annual honor, established by the parents of a Bennington College graduate.

## Retirement Planning—Counseling Sessions

The College is offering confidential, one-on-one counseling sessions to assist all employees with retirement planning. TIAA, the College's retirement plan provider, will be offering individual counseling sessions on **Tuesday, March 24**. A session can assist you with such questions as: Are my investments properly allocated? Am I on track to meet my retirement goals? How and from where do I draw retirement income? To register, [visit the website](#) and click "Meet at Work", or contact TIAA directly at 800-732-8353 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm). **Please register by Friday, March 20**. Please note that TIAA also offers a host of [online retirement-planning tools](#).

### Bennington Food Summit on Relocalization

From **April 24-25**, in collaboration with the Bennington County Regional Commission and other local partners, Bennington College [will host a convening](#) on relocalizing the food system in the tri-state area. Join us for a Friday evening keynote panel and reception, followed by morning workshops and afternoon strategic planning sessions on Saturday. The Bennington Food Summit is made possible through a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

### Day on the Slopes

On **Sunday, March 15**, Bennington's SWAG (Social Welcoming Activities Group) invites all faculty and staff to participate in the Bennington College [Mount Snow](#) Ski/Ride/Tube Day. Ski, snowboard, or enjoy eight lanes of all thrills, no skills fun for the whole family at the Mount Snow Tubing Park. Discount packages include a two-hour lesson for snowboarding and skiing, rentals, and lower mountain lift tickets for \$52. Lessons begin at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Full mountain lift tickets are also available for \$43. Mount Snow is also offering discounts on equipment rental (\$37) and helmets (\$10). Tickets for the Tubing Park are \$15 for two hours. Meet your Bennington friends at the tubing hill at 12:00 pm. The fun continues at 2:00 pm—join us in the Main Base Lodge (adjacent to tubing hill) for a little R&R. Family and friends are also invited! Register by Friday, March 13 by contacting Mount Snow's #1 ambassador and Bennington's own snowboarding expert, [Holly Andersen](#) x4369.

### Staff and Faculty Bollywood Dance Fitness

Beginning March 6, all staff and faculty are invited to a lunchtime Bollywood-inspired dance fitness class on Fridays from 12:30-1:15 pm in the Meyer Rec Barn. Led by certified BollyX instructor Gina Deibel, classes are free and attendees have the option to leave before 1:15 pm if needed. The first 6-week series runs March 6 through April 10, and drop-ins are welcome. BollyX cycles between higher and lower intensity dances to ensure a safe and effective total body workout. Bring a water bottle and come prepared to sweat, smile, and rock out to joyful music from around the world. Email [Gina Deibel](#) for more details.

### Staff and Faculty Vinyasa Flow Yoga

The Wellness Committee is pleased to again invite all staff and faculty to a weekly Wednesday yoga class from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Meyer Rec Barn. Classes are free and will be held Wednesdays through May 27. Attendees have the option to leave before 1:00 pm if needed. Certified instructor Tracey Forest will guide the class through the whole arc of yoga, from opening meditation to core cultivation, standing poses, balancing poses, arm balances, inversions, backward bending and savasana—accompanied by great music and Tracey's engaging and healing teaching style.

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### Event Series

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

March 3  
Tishman Lecture Hall  
7:00–8:30 PM

**Adams-Tillim Lecture: Wendy Red Star**  
Part of [VALS](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Wendy Red Star is a multidisciplinary artist. Raised on the Apsáalooke (Crow) reservation in Montana and perhaps best known as a photographer, Red Star's practice also spans video, performance, textiles, and sculpture. [More](#).

March 5  
VAPA Martha Hill  
Dance Theater  
6:30-7:15 PM

**Dance: Michelle Boulé—Presentation**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Michelle Boulé will discuss her dance work. [More](#).

March 6  
Dickinson 232  
1:00–2:00 PM

**Roads to Cell Polarity**  
Part of [Science Workshop](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Elias Spiliotis, PHD from Drexel University will join us for science workshop and discuss "Roads to cell polarity: spatial control of microtubule-dependent traffic by septin GTPases." [More](#).

March 7  
Robert Frost Stone  
House Museum  
12:00–3:00 PM

**Apple Pruning Workshop**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Annual winter pruning of apple trees is a critically important part of maintaining tree health and productivity. In this workshop, we will learn the concepts behind how to prune apple trees, then practice in the orchard at Robert Frost Stone House Museum. [More](#).

March 7  
VAPA Martha Hill  
Dance Theater  
2:00-6:00 PM

**Open Workshop with Michelle Boulé**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Creativity and Abundance: An examination of your financial mindset and its effect on your creative potential. [More](#).

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