



College Week – End of Term Extended Version May 19 – May 28

This is the last edition of College Week for the term. Congratulations to all the Seniors! We hope you enjoy your commencement and wish you the best of luck in your new adventure. To all the underclasspersons, we wish you a restful and healthy summer. We will see you next term!

Announcements

A few End of Term Reminders:

- Check with your House Chairs, soon they will have return key envelopes and copies of the [Move-Out Checklist](#) which is a good list of things to do before leaving Campus.
- Make your shuttle reservation if needed
- Return all borrowed items
- If you have been vaccinated please let us know [here](#).

Soup's On! 100 tickets for true nourishment ! | Yoko Inoue's Make Kitchen Communal Practicum class has been doing some amazing work this term in the Student Center kitchen—creating "free lunch for all program" by making delicious–nutritious soups (all from scratch and ALL local ingredients from area organic farms) weekly for essential/on–campus staff. Next week they will be launching a fundraiser—a soup CSA—where tickets for soup will be available for sale in the Bookstore, starting on Tuesday, May 18th at 9 am, through Thursday, May 20 1:30 pm or until the tickets run out. This project aims to support students remaining on campus who are unable to return home this summer due to the prolonged travel restrictions and other challenges prompted by Covid-19. All proceeds go to the student–led CSA initiative for them to enhance direct relationships with local, small–scale, sustainable farms by purchasing their fresh vegetables, meat and dairy products throughout the summer and to continue meaningful dialog about local foodscape, consumer awareness, nutrition and affordable food access.

[Tickets purchase at Bennington Bookstore](#)

LOGISTICS:

- – Donation to receive soup tickets starting \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff.
- – 100 tickets are available as of Tuesday, May 18th. (Bookstore hours?)
- – One ticket buys either one 32 oz family size soup or three assorted 12 oz soups.
- – First come first serve.
- – 28 varieties which include vegan options, bonestock and foraged ingredients.
- – Soup pick up at the Student Center kitchen (next to the Covid Test Site): Tuesday, May 18th – Thursday, May 20th between 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (or by appointment)

- – Questions? Please contact faculty member, Yoko Inoue – yinoue@bennington.edu

[No classes](#) on Wednesday, May 19, 12:00 am – 11:59 pm. Bennington Campus.

Here is an update on next steps in our provost search in regards to student engagement. We are scheduling candidates and will be organizing a long slate of interview virtual interviews and forums so that our constituencies can meet them. The candidates are also doing dinner with Laura and on campus tour/handful of in-person meetings, prior to these upcoming meetings. We are targeting the weeks of May 10–14 and May 17–21, and we will work with the candidates to match their availability with open student forums (45 min mtgs per candidate with two options provided, and we will be setting up 6 of these forums total during these 2 weeks). Similar to the DEI search, we'll look at times when class isn't in session, as well as try our best to avoid FYF times too.

[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.

Welcome New Alumni! Wednesday, May 19 from 2–4 pm and Thursday, May 20 from 10 am–12pm Alumni Relations will be tabling outside of Commons to give graduating seniors their "welcome to the alumni community" gifts. Seniors, learn how to stay connected with Bennington after graduation and stop by and claim your pint glass, sticker, and maple lollipop!

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, May 19 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.

[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.

[Fierce Poise](#) on Wednesday, May 19 from 7:00– 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. Laura Walker, Alexander Nemerov, and Lise Motherwell '77 discuss "Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York".

[Conversation with Alexander Nemerov, author of Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler & 1950s New York](#) on Wednesday, May 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Join Laura Walker in conversation with Alexander Nemerov, author of Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York and Lise Motherwell '77 about the book and their Bennington connections.

[Literature Evenings—Spring 2021 Literature Senior Projects Reading](#) on Wednesday, May 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please join us in celebrating the work of six graduating Bennington students from the class of 2021 who have completed a senior project in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, or literary criticism. Each student will read for seven

minutes from their senior thesis.

Improvisation Ensemble Class for Dancers and Musicians and the Wearable Prints: Printmaking Class are having a showing of their final class collaboration next Thursday, May 20th at 4:00 PM on Petrie Terrace outside of Martha Hill.

[Senior Theses and Projects Reception](#) on Thursday, May 20 from 6:00– 7:00 pm. Crossett Library. The staff of Crossett Library announce the 2021 Senior Theses and Projects reception. Due to COVID–19 limitations, attendance is limited to the seniors who have submitted theses and projects being honored and members of the faculty.

[Science Workshop—Spring 2021 Advanced Work Presentations](#) on Friday, May 21 from 12:30– 1:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Join us for this week's science workshop: the last of two advanced work presentations in science and mathematics.

[Modular Soft Synth Showcase](#) on Friday, May 21 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. An evening of music by students in Sergei Tcherepnin's Advanced Modular Soft Synths class.

[Works in Progress, in Person](#) on Friday, May 21 from 8:30– 10:00 pm. Student Center. Dance at Bennington presents Dance Works in Progress.

[Animation Showing](#) on Friday, May 21 from 9:00 – 10:00 pm on VAPA Lawn. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Come check out what Seniors and other students have done in Animation!

[Spring 2021 Drag Show!](#) on Friday, May 21 from 10:00 pm – 12:00 am. [See description](#). Join us for a night of music, comedy, and a gay old time!

[SEPC Presents: Bird Watching with Faculty Blake Jones](#) on Saturday, May 22 from 7:30 – 8:30 am. Bennington Campus. The Environment SEPC is hosting their biweekly Bird Watching event with faculty Blake Jones.

We welcome you to participate in our brand new (student-reporter-led, on behalf of Communications) photo contest, Frames. The theme for our first edition is Bloom. You don't need to be a professional to enter, so don't hesitate. We will feature the selected finalists on our official Instagram and website galleries, and most importantly Bennington Magazine. Finalists will also be awarded with a bookstore gift card. Multiple submissions are welcome! On Bloom: Bloom can mean a lot of things--flowering, beginnings, joy, spring. As long as its essence comes through in the photograph, you are encouraged to submit! How to Submit: Kindly email the photo(s) to commsreporter@bennington.edu along with your name, year, and a short statement about the inspiration behind your shot. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 14.

[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!

[Trad Music Frolic](#) on Saturday, May 22 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLI. Music from Appalachia, Québec, Breton, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Ireland, England, Shetland Islands as well as, Telemann, J.S. Bach, Berggren, & Dolly!

[Works in Progress, in Person](#) on Saturday, May 22 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM Student Center Dance at Bennington presents Dance Works in Progress.

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, May 23 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).

The Chechens, by Phillip Christian Smith, directed by Jean Randich. Designed, video recorded, and edited by Sue Rees. Starring Colton Chaney, Brooks Hope, Jelena Mijatovic, Hannah Pereira, and Amanda Tafeen. Costume design by Richard MacPike, lighting design by Dale Doucette, sound design by Hazel Peters, and music design by Robert Cotnoir. Assistant directed by Lane Hill, stage managed by Thomas Finegar. “In modern Chechnya homosexuals are rumored to be held in camps. Can one family protect their brother suspected of being gay, or will they honor kill him to protect the name of the family? What prevails in the end—religion, politics, or love? “

SCREENINGS: Tishman:

Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 7 pm.

Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7 pm. House opens at 6:30 pm.

A zoom talkback will follow the performance on Monday, May 24 at 9:30 pm.

Please register for the talkback by Sunday May 23 at the latest:

<https://bit.ly/2QtyclQ>

We will also be streaming “The Chechens” on Elevator and the Bennington YouTube channel beginning on Sunday, May 23. Content warning: Homophobia, homicide.

SEPC Elections are happening now! If you are a student, please [click here](#) to see the candidates and vote for Discipline Representatives for the 2021–2022 Academic Year! The [Student Educational Policies Committee](#) (SEPC) is an integral part of the Bennington education. Historically it has existed as a vessel for a responsive curriculum, allowing students to shape their academics and experience at the college. We represent the student body on matters of academic policy, working to communicate and collaborate with students, faculty, and administration on academic matters at the classroom, discipline, and institutional levels. If you would like to learn more about SEPC, or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email us at SEPC@bennington.edu!

[Piano Show-Ups: Spring 2021](#) on Monday, May 24 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Virtual

Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Virtual piano recital with the students of Joan Forsyth, Christopher Lewis, and Yoshiko Sato.

[Cultural Studies and Language Series—Spring 2021 Confluencias surrealistas en los poemas 'Había en el fondo del mar' de Luis Cernuda y 'Varios leones al crepúsculo lamen la corteza rugosa de la tortuga ecuestre' de César Moro.](#) on Monday, May 24 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Confluencias surrealistas en los poemas 'Había en el fondo del mar' de Luis Cernuda y 'Varios leones al crepúsculo lamen la corteza rugosa de la tortuga ecuestre' de César Moro.

[“The Chechens” by Phillip Christian Smith, directed by Jean Randich](#) on Monday, May 24 from 7:00– 9:00 pm. Tishman Lecture Hall. In modern Chechnya homosexuals are rumored to be held in camps. Can one family protect their brother suspected of being gay, or will they honor kill him to protect the name of the family? What prevails in the end—religion, politics, or love?

[Jazz Vocal Cabaret](#) on Monday, May 24 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Virtual Event. Members of the Jazz Vocal Workshop will perform blues, ballads, Brazilian bossa-novas and classic selections from the Great American Songbook in a Cabaret-style setting, accompanied by a jazz trio.

The town shuttle's last day will be Tuesday, May 25 and the Paran Creek shuttle's last day will run on Thursday, May 27 from 7:30 am–1:30 pm to accommodate the students that need to get back after class.

[Virtual tour of selected works from the auction Contemporary Vision: Works from the Melva Bucksbaum Collection](#) on Tuesday, May 25 from 1:00– 2:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Join Bennington alumna and trustee Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan '91, Paige Bartels, Director of Art for Access, and Lisa Thomas, Director of Fine Art at STAIR for an exclusive virtual tour of selected work from the Bucksbaum Collection.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, May 26 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.

Wednesday, May 26 | [Commencement rehearsal, 6:00pm](#)

[Literature Evenings—Spring 2021 Literature Evening presents Student Readings](#) on Wednesday, May 26 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. This week's Literature Evening presents Student Readings!

[Funk Ensemble](#) on Wednesday May 26 from 8:00– 9:00 pm. Virtual Event. Funk Ensemble class performs from the Jennings Music Tent.

[Balkan Ensemble](#) on Wednesday, May 26 from 9:00 – 10:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Balkan Ensemble will perform on Wednesday, May 26 at 9pm, keeping the party rolling after Funk Ensemble!

Thursday, May 27 | [Last day of classes on campus—classes end at 12:20pm](#)

Thursday, May 27 | [Last day to add or change a summer FWT position](#)

Friday, May 28 | [Student houses close at 12:00pm for undergraduates not attending commencement](#)

Saturday, May 29 | [Commencement: Conferring of Degrees](#)

Sunday, May 30 | [Student houses close for graduates at 10:00am](#)

American Academy of Poets Prize

We are excited to announce that poet Jennifer Chang has selected the poem "Anti / Violent" by Makenna Sutter–Robinson '21 as the winner of this year's Academy of American Poets Prize Competition out of 78 poems submitted by 26 Bennington students. In recognition, Makenna will receive \$100 and publication on the Academy of American Poets website, poets.org. The poem "Pomonella" by Annalise Lozier '22 has been selected as the official Honorable Mention in this year's contest. Also, Jennifer Chang wanted to recognize "Cedar Water Blood" by Alexander Gallagher '22 as an additional runner–up. Congratulations to Makenna, Annalise, and Alex, and thank you to everybody who submitted their work.

Call for FYF Workshops Fall 2021 and Spring 2022:

First–Year Forum is a 1 credit fall and spring term course that all first–year students are required to take. It is made up of two core components, including an hour long weekly workshop led by faculty, staff, or upper class students on campus. These workshops give students an opportunity to access campus support, meet faculty, staff, and more advanced students, and explore interests and try new things. If you have an idea for a FYF workshop that you would like to offer for the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 terms, please complete [this Google Form](#) by Monday, May 31. If you have questions or concerns you can email kchild@bennington.edu to talk through the FYF workshop structure. We would love to hear from you and hear your ideas. Please note that space to offer FYF workshops is limited, especially in the Spring term.

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 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](#)

New Career Convos Episode!

This summer, the College will partner with the [Career Launch](#) Program, which will provide 25 of you the skills to effectively communicate with professionals in and out of your network, land informational interviews, referrals, and rich internship opportunities. Interested in learning more? Listen to the latest episode of [Career Convos](#), where we talk with Partner & Director of Impact Marieli Rubio about the program, professional relationships, and how to boost your confidence.

SUMMER FWT PLANNING

Registration for the summer FWT was Friday, April 30th. Be sure to contact fwt@bennington.edu to let us know where you're at in the process, and don't forget we are still available for appointments during the summer. When you are ready, register your FWT experience [here](#). To preview the registration questions, check out [this document](#).

Senior Career Advising

Seniors: We are here to help with your post-graduation plans. Our Career Counselor Steven Young and Employer Relations Coordinator Sharon Gonzales are available for advising on career goals, networking, job referrals, interview preparation, resume and cover letter revision, digital profile creation, and more. You don't have to figure it all out on your own! Please continue to utilize our [office and resources](#) and make an appointment on [Handshake](#).

HIRING EMPLOYERS & ON-CAMPUS POSITIONS

Paid Summer FWT Listing Spotlights:

- [Documentary Film Internship \(Half Time\) – Circle T Communications](#) \$15/hour | On-site, NYC
- [Summer Americorps Member – Bennington Food Systems & Food Security](#) \$2,250 Stipend + \$1,311 Education Award | On-site, Bennington VT
- [Summer Field Studies Program Leader at College of the Atlantic](#) \$4500-\$5000 Stipend | On-site, Bar Harbor ME
- [Curatorial Research Intern, The Kitchen](#) Unpaid | Remote Available
- [Illustration Intern, Visualizing the Virus](#) Unpaid | Remote

Summer Student Employment

The College will offer a limited number of campus employment opportunities for students approved to stay on campus this summer. These positions have begun to be posted on [Handshake](#), and are expected in these areas: admissions, bookstore, campus safety, IT, post office, and student life. Typically, positions will be limited to 8–10 hours per week. The College is aware that many students may seek

additional income, and we invite students to consider these [local Handshake listings](#), available by public transportation, as well as a wide range of paid remote freelance listings on [Handshake](#) and [Parker Dewey](#). For support accessing summer work options, please book a career counseling [appointment](#).

PLEASE EMAIL ALL COLLEGE WEEK SUBMISSIONS
TO COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU BY MONDAY AT NOON
FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK.

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Bennington's Community Email

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