

# College Week

March 24– March 30

College Week is a weekly publication announcing events, up coming deadlines, wellness tips and much more. To add an event to future College Weeks please email [collegeweek@bennington.edu](mailto:collegeweek@bennington.edu) by Monday for publication on Wednesday.

## Announcements

Being a Body; 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; on [Zoom](#) (Passcode: E5ZkFe); with Kat Daley, LICSW. Brief, body centered, trauma informed practices that can be embedded into your school/work day to counter the impact of living and working in a mostly virtual world. Techniques and strategies practiced include ways to support digestion, reduce body/joint pain, improve focus, and invite energy to move for overall health and wellness.

[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.

[How to Eat Well Lunch & Learn](#) on Wednesday, March 24 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Virtual Event. Senior Onsite Health Coach Lilly Malardie, MPH, of UPMC Health Plan will provide practical steps to build a healthier diet including how to use the MyPlate model.

[DREAMers come in all sizes!](#) on Wednesday, March 24 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Learn how to create a body-positive space, combat fat phobia, and address unrealistic body standards.

[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.

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

Wednesday, March 24 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.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021The Poetics of Peace and Justice with Philip Metres](#) on Wednesday, March 24 from 3:00– 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | The Poetics of Peace and Justice: exploring how poets and poems can dialogue with and contribute to the conversation that is a social movement, whether for justice, peace, or both.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021Poetry at Bennington: Philip Metres and Valzhyna Mort](#) on Wednesday, March 24 from 7:00– 8:30 pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Poets Philip Metres and Valzhyna Mort read from their recent poetry collections "Shrapnel Maps" and "Music for the Dead and Resurrected," followed by a public Q&A.

Mar 25 | [Plans due to Provost and Dean's Office](#)

Call for First-Year Forum Co-leaders Applications! Are you a 5th or 6th term student who would be a great academic mentor to incoming students? Please consider applying to be a First-Year Forum Co-leader for the Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 academic year. Applications are available in Handshake.FYF student co-leaders work collaboratively with a faculty member to lead inclusive, engaging, and supportive weekly group advising meetings and to develop and lead FYF workshops. Student co-leaders also model what it is to be successful in one's academic work and share their wealth of experience and practical knowledge of how to navigate the College. To excel in this role, FYF co-leaders must be academically strong, making good progress in their Plan and advanced work, and have strong social skills and an interest in strengthening their leadership and teaching skills. Co-leaders will be paid a stipend of \$1,900/year. There will be roughly 25 hours of work expected in preterm training and orientation over the summer, and an average of 4 hours of work per week during the term. Applications are due in Handshake by Friday, March 26 by 5 pm.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021Repeat Carefully/Rewrite Radically: Reading and Discussing Poetry Translation with Valzhyna Mort](#) on Friday, March 26 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Valzhyna Mort is a poet and translator from Minsk, Belarus and an assistant professor of literature and translation at Cornell University.

[Science Workshop—Spring 2021From Molecules to Whole Organisms: Insect Responses to Climate Change](#) on Friday, March 26 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Virtual EventOPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Emily Mikucki, PhD ('13) will be joining us virtually as part of our Alumni Series to discuss Insect Responses to Climate Change.

[Bennington Translates Hosts Jen Hofer](#) on Friday, March 26 from 2:10 – 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. Jen Hofer is a poet, translator, interpreter, educator, book-maker, urban cyclist, and co-founder of the language justice and language experimentation collaborative Antena Aire and the language justice advocacy collective Antena Los Angeles.

[SEPC Presents: Bird Watching with Faculty Blake Jones](#) on Saturday, March 27 from

7:30 – 8:30 am. Bennington CampusThe Environment SEPC is hosting their biweekly Bird Watching event with faculty Blake Jones.

[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!

[SOMETIMES Poetry Chapbook Launch & Reading](#) on Saturday, March 27 from 4:00– 5:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Join Invisible Hand Press on Instagram Live for the launch of SOMETIMES, a poetry chapbook by Ashley D. Escobar '22. Welcome the soft and sweet, the darkness, the light.

[BenningtonWorks: Spring 2021](#) on Sunday, March 28 from 9:00 am– 5:00 pm. Virtual EventBenningtonWorks is a daylong celebration of our collective works–in–progress. This is a unique chance to virtually visit the studios and classrooms where students and faculty have been hard at work this term—and share in their most recent projects.

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, March 28 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).

[Spring Open House Night](#) on Tuesday, March 30 from 7:00– 9:00 pm. Virtual EventInfo session and student–led virtual tour designed for HS students interested in Bennington College.

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.

[Student Event Calendar](#). We had more than 30 (!) new additions to the Student Event Calendar last week including Budget and Events Committee Proposal Deadlines, SEA Deadlines, Dance Workshops, Trivia Nights and SUNFEST! Let's continue to make this platform more inclusive, diversified and representative of the work that gets done on campus. [Follow this link for the student event calendar submission form](#) and get your event/club meeting/one off listed today!

Check out the Active Club List for Spring 2021. New listings and updates are added every week to our [campus club roster](#); find out more about campus clubs and how to reach them directly with this very helpful document!

Take the Spring 2021 Student Interest Survey. Looking for ways to get connected on campus (in the community, through clubs and recreation) or just wondering what new initiatives clubs and orgs have up their sleeve for the term ahead? Fill out a [Student Interest Survey](#) and let the Office for Student Engagement send you a personalized list of opportunities and updates. Think of it like a magic 8 ball for co-curricular opportunities on campus!

From the Programming & Activity Council. SUNFEST 2021 is in the works and we would love to hear your thoughts. We hope that this year's event will feature live performances by many student bands/performers and adjacently in another space – performances from outside musicians on a large projected screen. We want to keep the spirit of Sunfest alive by having different activities that could take place alongside the music, maybe featuring campus clubs (Sunfest dodgeball?). What are your ideas for different activities during Sunfest? What would you like to see? Send your thoughts to [pac@bennington.edu](mailto:pac@bennington.edu) or dm us @pacbennington.

Student Event Calendar Tip of the Week: Submitting to the Wider Calendar + Poster Opportunities If you haven't submitted to the event calendar there are several very practical features you might not be familiar with yet. 1) Did you know you can choose to submit to the SEC alone, or also have that event pushed to the wider (external) community calendar in the same form? It's a very simple way to reach an audience that extends to alumni, community members and the general public. It also increases the likelihood of @atbennington and other campus social media platforms picking up the story! 2) Did you know the SEC submission form also links you directly to poster distribution when you want it? With one simple process you can have student life postering staff print and distribute your posters for you! It's really as simple as that. How do YOU use the student event calendar? We'd love to hear about it! Feel free to email [studentengagement@bennington.edu](mailto:studentengagement@bennington.edu) with your tips and tricks.

DREAM is Looking for Student Mentors! About DREAM: Founded at Dartmouth College in 1999, the DREAM Program builds communities of families and college students that empower youth from affordable housing neighborhoods to recognize their options, make informed decisions, and achieve their dreams. Bennington DREAM works with two communities with kids ranging from age 5 to 18. Mentors and mentees typically meet remotely on Wednesday or Friday afternoons to build community through shared activities, both in groups and one-on-one. Feel free to check out our website for more information: [www.dreamprogram.org](http://www.dreamprogram.org). Do you love spending time with kids? Want to learn more about the Bennington area? Ready to become a part of a fun and rewarding community? THEN YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING A DREAM MENTOR! READY TO APPLY? [Fill out an application!](#) To learn more, feel free to email [dream@bennington.edu](mailto:dream@bennington.edu).

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.

Student Life is once again offering coffee and tea to students, faculty and staff! Please come by the Student Life Office in Barn North Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 5 pm and don't forget to bring your own mug! Please social distance and wipe down pots and the fridge when you are done. We are looking forward to seeing many of you!

#### Dining Hall Update

- Each table has a maximum number of chairs to ensure social distancing, please do not add chairs to any table or move the furniture.
- If you are dining in, please use compostable plates instead of the To-Go containers for your food.
- Make sure that you take all items from your table when you are done eating and place in the compostable receptacles when exiting.
- Everyone is expected to adhere to the dining schedule via the honor system.

#### Dining Schedule

\*Students living in Paran Creek or students living in Welling Town House who hold a meal plan can access indoor seating at the Commons Dining Hall any Friday.

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday*	Saturday	Sunday
3/17-3/21 4/12-4/18 5/10-5/16	Class Year '21 & '22	Class Year '22 & '23	Class Year '23 & '24	Class Year '21 & '24	Housing on 1st Street	Last Name A-L	Last Name M-Z
3/22-3/28 4/19-4/25 5/17-5/23	Class Year '22 & '24	Class Year '21 & '23	Class Year '22 & '24	Class Year '21 & '23	Housing on 2nd Street	Last Name M-Z	Last Name A-L
3/29-4/4 4/26-5/2 5/24-5/28	Class Year '21 & '23	Class Year '22 & '24	Class Year '21 & '23	Class Year '22 & '24	Housing on 3rd Street	Last Name A-L	Last Name M-Z
4/5-4/11 5/3-5/9	Class Year '23 & '24	Class Year '21 & '24	Class Year '21 & '22	Class Year '22 & '23	Freestyle	Last Name M-Z	Last Name A-L

## 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.

Meredith McCoy: Associate Vice President for Institutional Initiatives and Title IX Coordinator, please [email](#) for 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

#### WHAT'S NEW?

- New weekend hours
- Summer FWT Planning
- New opportunities for graduating seniors

#### Connect With Us

Questions or concerns – email us at [fwf@bennington.edu](mailto:fwf@bennington.edu) or [schedule a virtual advising session](#).

Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with upcoming due dates, events, and Field Work Term opportunities. Looking for career advancement resources and external funding opportunities? Visit our [Career Convos blog](#).

#### Virtual Career Counseling Drop-In Hours:

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](#)

Apply to the 2021 Lortel Fellowship!

Applications are open for the Summer 2021. [Lucille Lortel Theatre Foundation Fellowships](#), which provides funded internships with select off-Broadway theatres and drama organizations. Applications are due April 9th by 5 pm EST. \*UPDATE\* The 2021 Fellowship is open to students in all disciplines including and beyond Drama.

Need Help During the Weekend?

Our Student Career Assistants are available on Sunday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. [Schedule an appointment](#) for help navigating Handshake and revising your application materials.

Summer FWT Planning

All students who are planning to do a summer FWT must set up or refresh their Handshake profile following [these guidelines](#). (Your profile will be assessed as part of your FWT evaluation.) Additionally, by this point, students must take one demonstrated action in their search, such as an FWT advising meeting or applying to at least one opportunity. Reach out for assistance in planning.

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

REU's (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) meaningfully engage groups of undergraduate students in paid research positions in a wide range of disciplines, funded by the National Science Foundation. Check out our [Summer REU's Resource](#), and contact us for support or to learn more.

HIRING EMPLOYERS & ON-CAMPUS POSITIONS

Opportunity Spotlights: Jobs for Graduating Seniors\*\*\*

- [Marketing Programs Associate, IHS Markit Inc](#): Work with alum Alessandra Barrett '98
- [Environmental Educator, Radix Ecological Sustainability Center](#): Referred by faculty member Judith Enck
- [Community Outreach Specialist, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services](#): Work with alum Ioanna Katsara '20
- [David Rahr Community Philanthropy Fellow, Vermont Community Foundation](#): Support community development in Vermont
- [Multiple Opportunities, Amazon Robotics](#): Work with alum Sashank Aryal '17

Student Employment:

As support to students, almost all campus jobs have been restructured as year-long positions, meaning work-eligible students are automatically re-hired to continue their fall campus job(s) in the spring. If you are a work-eligible student who didn't work in the fall, immediate openings are available for 7–8 hours/week in the role of [Dining Hall Food Service Worker](#).

\*\*\*Sophomores through seniors with relevant experience are also invited to apply to the role of [Institutional Research Assistant](#). A limited number of other specialized positions are also available and [found in Handshake](#). Contact [campusjobs@bennington.edu](mailto:campusjobs@bennington.edu) with questions.

## Student Health Promotion

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

with Ali Tartaglia

Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 4424345023

(US) +1 929-205-6099

**BETTER TOGETHER SUPPORT GROUP**

with Ali Tartaglia and Kat Daly

Saturdays 2 – 3 pm EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 4424345023

(US) +1 929-205-6099

**(CIDSU) CHRONICALLY ILL and DISABLED STUDENT UNION SUPPORT GROUP**

with Ali Tartaglia

Sundays 7–8 pm EST

Meeting ID: 4424345023, Phone #: +1 929 205 6099

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Bennington's Community Email

**Our mailing address is:**

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