

College Week

Cooper's Corner

Have questions? Ask Tina (tinacooper@bennington.edu).

Student Life is bringing candidates to campus for the Assistant Dean of Residential Life and Community Standards this week. If you care about housing and the conduct process at Bennington you should definitely check out their presentations!

Tuesday, May 24 12:00-12:30 Green room, Dining Hall	Thursday, May 26 12:00-12:30 Cricket Hill Barn	Wednesday, June 1 12:00-12:30 Green room, Dining Hall
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From my corner to yours,

Tina

Bennington ACTS

As a reminder, there is a **food donation box** right outside the Student Life Office. Drop off canned goods, toiletries, or other food you would like to donate to local families in need.

Bennington ACTS trips this week:

Meals On Wheels: Tuesday, May 24 from 12:40 to 3:45 pm | Assisting in the kitchen preparing food and bringing food out to guests. Lunch is included. Please RSVP one day before the trip.



Bookstore Buyback

NEW! The Book Guy will be doing buy-backs this year!

Bring your used books to the Bookstore for buy-backs from **Monday, May 30 through Friday, June 6, from 1:00 pm to 4:15 pm**. Community member and Campus Safety Officer, Randy Banks, also known as The Book Guy, will be handling the book buy-backs this year. Competitive rates will be paid, money stays local, and Randy donates all unsold books to community organizations and groups.

Summer Housing Info Session

Did you apply for summer housing? Then plan to attend the mandatory information session on **Wednesday, June 1 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in Tishman Lecture Hall**. This session is to discuss guidelines and expectations. Please email housing@bennington.edu with any questions.

Please email all College Week submissions to collegeweek@bennington.edu by Thursday at noon for inclusion the following week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Prancercising and Puppies. Bouncy Balls and Bubbles.** All these and other alliterative activities will be happening at Crossett Library this Monday, May 23 to Friday, May 27 for Stress Reduction Week. The full list of activities can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/crossettstress>. #WeDontNeedNoStinkinHashtag
- DIY trail-mix for First Years!** The end of the term can be a high pressure, high stress time and many of you have a great amount of work to wrap up. It's important to take care of yourself during these busy weeks. Join the First Year Experience table in Down Commons from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm this Monday, May 23 to make yourself a late-night study snack.
- Peace Corps recruiter** Zoe Armstrong will host an information table in the Dining Hall Purple Room this Monday and Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:15 pm to discuss the benefits of the Peace Corps. Zoe will also have a table in Down Commons from 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm on Monday and 10:00 am to 12:15 pm, and also from 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesday. Come by to learn more about the Peace Corps and see if it is the right fit for you!
- Join us this Tuesday, May 24 in the Deane Carriage Barn Pit for **Percussion Student's End of Term Concert!** Drums, Gongs & Bamboo, Creative Music Ensemble and several percussion soloists!
- The President's **Task Force on Campus Inclusivity** has drafted a vision statement on Institutional Diversity and Inclusion that they will recommend be adopted by College leadership. The Task Force would like to invite staff, faculty, and students to review the draft and provide feedback online at any time, or in-person this Wednesday, May 25 in Down Commons from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please contact Lydia Brassard (lydiabrassard@bennington.edu) to be sent a copy of the vision statement.
- Join us this Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm in Franklin for this week's **Literature Evening** which will feature senior readings! Refreshments will be served.
- Dancing encouraged this Wednesday, May 25 at 9:00 pm for **Bennington FUNK Ensemble!** Come out to DownCaf to party with the Bennington College FUNK Ensemble, playing a mix of American soul/funk classics and "World Music" grooves. This ensemble (led by faculty members Michael Wimberly & Bruce Williamson) will "hit your hip and make it slip!"
- Jazz Cabaret**, this Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 pm in the Student Center. The Jazz Vocal Workshop (led by Kerry Ryer-Parke & Bruce Williamson) will present a cabaret-style concert of songs exploring the joy & pain of love lost & found, the mystery and humor of life conveyed through blues, ballads, bossa-novas, gospel, and swing music. Come listen, laugh, cry, and perhaps even dance a little. A jazz trio will be a part of the festivities.
- Cello Showcase** is this Friday, May 27 at 1:00 pm in the Deane Carriage Barn Fireplace Room. Students of Nathaniel Parke will be performing highlights of their work from the spring semester.
- Violin Showcase** is this Friday, May 27 at 4:30 pm in Jennings 136. Students of Kaori Washiyama will be performing highlights of their work from the spring semester.
- Silo Release Party!** Silo would like to thank everyone for submitting this term! We will be having our release party for the 72nd print edition this Friday, May 27 at 7 pm at the Jennings back patio. There will be food, drinks, music, and reading! It is sure to be a magical night you don't want to miss.
- If you're starting to pack and sort out unneeded belongings don't throw them away! The **Bennington Environmental Action Group** will visit Coffee Hours in all campus houses this Sunday, May 29 to collect clothes, shoes, and other donatable household items for the Thrift Store.
- Members of the senior class, faculty, and staff are invited to the **Senior Reception** honoring this year's graduates (after commencement rehearsal) on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 pm on Petrie Terrace (rain location is Newman Court).
- It's the end of term! **Strengthen your final papers** by working with a peer writing tutor. They are available Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the Crossett Library second floor staff lounge.
- Psych Service's free group session **Healthy Relationships with Food** is ending for the term. Psych Services will be introducing the group again in the fall. If you have thoughts or feedback, please contact Penny Owen (powen@bennington.edu).
- ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS WITH STUDENT LOANS:** Please log on to <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/whatYouNeed.action?page=counseling> to complete your student loan exit counseling. Graduation will be here before you know it and loan exits are federally mandatory.

24 HOURS • EVERYDAY • BENNINGTON

MAY 23 THROUGH MAY 29

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 12:15pm Peace Corp information table, Dining Hall Purple Room
- 7:00pm Karate class, Meyer Rec Barn


TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 12:15pm Peace Corp information table, Dining Hall Purple Room
- 12:40pm Bennington ACTS trip to Meals on Wheels (sign up in Student Life), Meet at Flagpole
- 7:00pm Pickup basketball, Village School of North Bennington (meet at Flagpole)
- P** 7:00pm Class of 2016 | Usdan Gallery Senior Show, VAPA Usdan Gallery
- P** 8:00pm Percussion End of Term Concert, Deane Carriage Barn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30pm Volleyball, Commons Lawn
- 6:30pm Housing Lottery | Singles, Down Commons
- 7:30pm Housing Lottery | Doubles and Triples, Down Commons
- P** 8:00pm Performance Projects | VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater
- P** 9:00pm Funk Ensemble, Downcaf

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:00pm Soccer, Soccer Field
- 6:00pm Senior Theses and Projects Reception, Crossett Library Conference Room
-  6:00pm Dorset Theatre Festival | Michael Dumanis, Northshire Bookstore Manchester, VT
- P** 8:00pm Jazz Cabaret, Student Center
- P** 10:00pm Sitcom, Downcaf
- 11:00pm Karaoke Night, Student Center

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- P** 1:00pm Cello Showcase, Deane Carriage Barn, Fireplace Room
- 6:30pm Volleyball, Commons Lawn
- 7:00pm Silo Launch Party, Jennings Back Patio
- P** 9:00pm 16mm Screening: Alternative Processes and Handmade Filmmaking, Secret Garden


SATURDAY, MAY 28

- P** 2:30pm Hero, from The Lens to the End of the World
- P** 7:00pm Dance at Bennington | Works in Progress, VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 2:00pm Pick-up ultimate frisbee, Soccer field
- 2:00pm Soccer, Soccer Field
- P** 8:00pm Devising Performance, VAPA D207

P denotes events open to the public
student organizations are noted in blue

 denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college



Dean X-change

Regarding Housing: as your new Dean of Students, I am going through the housing-placement process at Bennington for the first time, observing just how fraught it is for students, and hoping to learn as much as possible to make for less housing-placement-related stress in the future. It's important to note that while there are many student voices who wish for nothing to change, there are students who meet with me quietly to implore me to create a more equitable system in which their living situation is not dependent on the good will of a system they do not recognize as impartial. As with all things, our mission is to be in balance in responding to the needs across the student body. To do that, we will benefit from your good feedback about housing and housing placement, and some houses have already had structured coffee-hour conversations in the past weeks, and we will have more in the Fall term. In the meantime, please email housing@bennington.edu if you have questions regarding a specific circumstance of yours, and if you wish to write feedback on residential life in general, we will appreciate your thoughtful contribution.

Field Work Term and Career Development

Seniors: Get help with next steps, no matter what they are

Do you know where you'd like to be but don't have a job lined up? Do you have a job but aren't sure how to secure housing? Do you simply need help figuring out where to start? From brainstorming potential opportunities to negotiating salaries, we are here to help with all stages of post-grad planning. Make an appointment on Genbook today to start the conversation.

Post-Grad Jobs for Seniors. See WorkLink for more...

- 1. NYC Service VISTA Fellow**, The Center for Economic Opportunity, New York, NY. Due Tuesday, May 31.
- 2. Research Assistant**, Dartmouth College, Rutland, VT. Due Thursday, June 30.
- 3. Program Empowerment Director**, AmeriCorps VISTA, Philadelphia, PA. Due Wednesday, June 1.
- 4. Music Facilitator**, Ethos Music Centers Across Oregon, Portland, OR. Due Monday, June 20.
- 5. VISTA Team Members** (Multiple Positions), The Families in Transition AmeriCorps VISTA Program, throughout New Hampshire. Due July.

Open Office Hours

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College:
Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College:
Mon, 12:00-1:00 pm
DUNCAN DOBBLEMANN, Associate Provost and Dean of Studies: Fri, 12:00-1:00 pm
LAURIE KOBICK, Assistant Dean for Academic Services: Mon & Wed, 12:30-1:30 pm
LYDIA BRASSARD, Coordinator for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion: Mon, 1:00-3:00 pm (Barn 113)

ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues & Thurs, 1:00-2:00 pm
NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Tues & Wed, 12:30-2:00 pm

ACADEMIC SERVICES CONT'D (BARN 120)

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

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 106)

Open office hours: Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)

HOLLY MCCORMACK, Dean of Field Work Term: Wed, 12:00-1:00 pm
FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs, 12:00-1:00 pm
Walk-in hours: Tues & Thurs, 12:00-2:00 pm

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN 113)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: By appointment, email Tina Cooper to schedule
MICHAEL THOMSON, Kilpatrick Fellow for Community Engagement: Fri, 2:30-4:00 pm
HOUSING, there are no longer open office hours for housing. Please email housing@bennington.edu to set up an appointment for any/all housing questions.

Looking for more information on the events listed here?

Try the online calendar at www.bennington.edu