

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

Message from the President

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Planning for the Barn's next chapter will begin over the summer and we would like your input regarding the future of this important space. The heroic efforts of firefighters and first responders — including some from our own campus — saved the historic building from catastrophe and we are now looking ahead to its rehabilitation.

What untapped potential do you believe the Barn holds? What does it mean to you as both a symbol of Bennington's history and a meeting place for learning and working?

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#) to let us know your thoughts.

And please join us on Monday, May 20 at 12:00 pm in DownCaf for informal conversations about the space and opportunities for additional input.

Thank you all for your extraordinary level of patience, adaptability, and creativity in working to ensure that this final phase of spring term unfolds as smoothly as possible under challenging circumstances. The Barnfire was a great loss, but the strength and optimism that you have shown in its wake will be forever imprinted on the building in its next iteration. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Thank you,

Mariko Silver and Isabel Roche