

## College Week

May 12 – May 18

College Week is a weekly publication announcing events, upcoming 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

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.

An initiative called Summon Spring will be ongoing throughout April and May: faculty, staff, and students are invited to share reflective letters with L.E.S.S (Leaders for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability) on the topic of what is popularly known as environmental sustainability as it relates to Bennington College's environmental sustainability initiatives.

There are two ways in which you may contribute to this initiative:

- Write a letter sharing ideas, designs, concerns, criticisms and insights regarding Bennington College's environmental relationship and impact. You may certainly defy the prompt! If using the [AASHE Report](https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/bennington-college-vt/report/2021-01-26/) please cite sections of the report in your letter <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/bennington-college-vt/report/2021-01-26/>
- Read and constructively criticize a portion of the [AASHE Report](https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/bennington-college-vt/report/2021-01-26/) which was filed by members of our community over the past year as a way of aggregating data in order to analyze what needs to be prioritized on campus in terms of environmental sustainability

There is not yet a place wherein information about environmental initiatives are aggregated for community members to review or criticize. Therefore, there is a lack of institutional knowledge regarding what initiatives are present. Letters will be aggregated in a physical and digital commons for fellow community members to read throughout the coming years. Physical copies of letters may be delivered and placed in a folder labelled Summon Spring on the L.E.S.S Resource Library in the Commons first ground floor lobby. When completed with your letter (you may

write your name or remain anonymous) please send it as a PDF to [less@bennington.edu](mailto:less@bennington.edu) or deliver it to the Resource Library directly. You may legibly handwrite or type letters. Unless otherwise noted in an email, all letters will be made public domain. If you wish to write a letter or make a criticism of the AASHE Report or "sustainability" at Bennington in general, you are encouraged to review the adjacently attached [Suggestions Regarding Letter-Writing](#). Letters will be reviewed by college administrators and available for review by the general public.

[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.

Housing lottery (scheduled for May 12–15) is an opportunity for students who were unable to secure a room during Housing Coffee Hour to secure a room assignment for Fall. Traditionally, Housing Lottery is done in person; however, due to restrictions around gatherings related to COVID 19, Lottery will be conducted virtually. Here is an overview of how it works:

- Rising Juniors will be invited to complete a Google Form indicating their top 3 choices of available houses/rooms beginning at 12pm (noon) ET on May 12 and by 11:59am ET on May 13.
- Rising Sophomores will be invited to complete a Google Form indicating their top 3 choices of available houses/rooms beginning at 12pm (noon) ET on May 14 and by 11:59am ET on May 15.
- Rising Juniors and Sophomores will be asked to identify a roommate. If you do not have a roommate in mind, Housing will assign a roommate during the summer.

It is our preference that you are able to select a roommate of your choice, so we encourage you to utilize the Roommate Finder Channel in the Spring 2021 Discord.

[The Plastic Invasion on Reproductive Health](#) on Wednesday, May 12 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | In honor of Women's Health Month in May, Beyond Plastics will host a conversation on the effects of plastics on human health and reproduction.

Wednesday, May 12 | [2000-level registration for Fall 2021 begins, 1:00pm \(up to 8 credits\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, May 12 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.

Thursday, May 13 | [4000-level registration for Fall 2021 begins](#)

[Staff Shared Governance Open Forum](#) on Thursday, May 13 from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Virtual Event. The staff representatives on the College's Shared Governance committee would like to invite you to an open forum/Q&A discussion. The committee members will (very briefly) share a bit about the work being done on the Shared Governance Task Force, and then open up a discussion with staff members to solicit their thoughts, ideas and suggestions, which will be shared

with the Task Force as a whole.

[Student Town Hall with President Walker](#) on Thursday, May 13 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Tishman Lecture Hall President Walker will host a Student Town Hall in Tishman (and remotely).

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](mailto: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.

[Science Workshop—Spring 2021 Advanced Work Presentations](#) on Friday, May 14 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Join us for this week's science workshop: the first of two advanced work presentations in science and mathematics.

Friday, May 14 | [2000-level registration for Fall 2021 continues, 1:00pm \(up to 18 credits\)](#)

[Salt Off A Bird's Tail](#) on Friday, May 14 from 8:30 – 10:00 pm. Bennington Campus. A Play by Ruby Lee Lowenstein. Directed by Joshua Goldberg.

[Plant Walking with Kerry Woods](#) on Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Identify Spring Blooms with our Ecology Professor, Kerry Woods! Meet us at the Observatory at 9:30 am on Saturday to learn to walk and talk with plants.

[Bennington Local Food Summit](#) on Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. As part of Bennington College's three-year grant from the Mellon Foundation to address food insecurity in Bennington County, the College will be hosting a Bennington Local Food Summit. The day will begin with a virtual keynote address, followed by panel discussions with gardeners, regenerative agriculture experts and local food advocates, and an art installation.

[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!

[The Amish Project](#) on Saturday, May 15 from 8:30 – 9:30 pm. Bennington Campus. The Amish Project tells the story of the fictionalized aftermath of the 2006 Nickel Mines, PA, Amish schoolhouse shooting.

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, May 16 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!

[Faculty Recital: Spring Songs](#) on Sunday, May 16 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Jennings Lawn. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Joseph Alpar, baritone and Yoshiko Sato, piano will perform vocal works by Alban Berg, Hacı Arif Bey, Gabriel Fauré, Charles Ives, Faiz Kapancı, Saadettin Kaynak, Robert Moran, and Franz Schubert.

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).

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[Solo Performance](#) on Monday, May 17 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. VAPA Newman Court. Original solo performance works by Martha Bennett, Larry Dembski, Asa Lowengard, Amanda Tafeen, and Christopher Robin Wamsley.

[Senior Show in Visual Arts](#) on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. VAPA Usdan Gallery. The Senior Show features projects in a range of media by graduating students in the Visual Arts. Works are installed in Usdan Gallery, as well as other campus locations including the landscape.

[VALS—Spring 2021Untitled Queen](#) on Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. This week's VALS guest is Matthew de Leon, also known as Untitled Queen, an artist, a child of Boriquen and the so-called Philippines, drag queen, poet, decolonizer, and community organizer based on the stolen land of the LenapeHoking, so-called Brooklyn, NY.

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

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](mailto:SEPC@bennington.edu)!

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!

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.

Planning Ahead: 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

#### Need Help During the Weekend?

Our Student Career Assistants are available on Tuesdays from 5 – 9 pm and Sunday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. [Schedule an appointment](#) for help navigating Handshake and revising your application materials.

#### SUMMER FWT PLANNING

Registration for the summer FWT was Friday, April 30. Still finalizing your plans and need a little more time? Be sure to contact [fwt@bennington.edu](mailto:fwt@bennington.edu) and let us know where you're at in the process. 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:

- [Summer Americorps Member – Bennington Food Systems & Food Security](#) \$2,250 Stipend + \$1,311 Education Award | On-site, Bennington VT
- [Application Developer at Zudy Software](#) \$20/hour | Remote
- [Cabin Counselor at Traveling Players Ensemble](#) \$180–\$300/week + room and board | On-site, Leesburg VA
- [Summer Field Studies Program Leader at College of the Atlantic](#) \$4500–\$5000 Stipend | On-site, Bar Harbor ME
- [Summer Wellness Camp Counselor at Sage Street Mill](#) \$12.50/hour | On-site, Bennington VT

#### 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](#).

## Student Health Promotion

Feeling a bit down? Keep an eye on our social media for what's happening in our office! Random acts of kindness weeks are coming!!

PLEASE EMAIL ALL COLLEGE WEEK SUBMISSIONS  
TO [COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU](mailto:COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU) BY MONDAY AT NOON  
FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK.

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Bennington's Community Email

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