



College Week

November 11 – November 17

College Week is a weekly publication of virtual events, academic reminders, job opportunities, clubs & organizations happenings and much more. Submissions to College Week can be sent to collegeweek@bennington.edu on Mondays for that week's edition.

Announcements

All current Bennington students (on campus and remote) should have received an email from the National College Health Assessment asking to complete a health survey. Ali Tartaglia and the office of student health promotion, uses this survey to shape programming in a responsive way to current student needs around mental and physical wellbeing. When you complete the survey (in which your data remains anonymous) you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Hannaford Gift Card. If you have not received an email please reach out to Ali Tartaglia at alisontartaglia@bennington.edu.

As you know, the coronavirus is [surging](#) around the country and [college campuses](#) have been among the hardest hit. We continue to detect no COVID-19 at Bennington College, thanks to your ongoing attention to masking, distancing, testing, and reporting symptoms, but our chances of contracting it elsewhere are on the rise. Given the extraordinary risk at this moment, we have amended the policy for Thanksgiving travel:

Students

- If you leave Bennington county over the break, you will not be permitted to return to campus this term. This means you will need to complete your courses remotely. All students traveling for Thanksgiving and finishing the term remotely should fill out this brief [form](#).

Faculty and Staff

- Faculty and staff should continue to follow the [Vermont Cross State Travel Information](#) for personal travel. This does not include work commutes from outside the county. We strongly recommend limiting your social gathering size to reduce your chance of exposure to the virus.

We will provide more detail on the travel policy in the days ahead. Above all, I implore you to keep the health of this community in mind as you make your Thanksgiving plans. I know this season will be hard on many of us as we are forced to reimagine holidays without loved ones and favorite traditions, but our safety must be a priority today. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wednesday, November 11, [Veterans Day | Classes in session.](#)

Wednesday, November 11, [Deadline for advisors to submit registration exception requests for Spring 2021.](#)

[Mindfulness Wednesdays](#) at 9:00–9:30 am, a Virtual Event. Kat Daley, Penny Owen, and Rage Hezekiah are hosting Mindful Wednesdays every week via Zoom. This space is intended to support our community in their efforts to find breath, practice resilience and enjoy a few moments of quiet to start the day.

Come and join the Fencing Team. We meet on Wednesdays from 12–1:30 pm and Saturdays from 6–8pm. If you are interested please email [Gianna Rodriguez](#).

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING | The Investment Committee of the Bennington Board of Trustees oversees the funds invested in the College's endowment with the help of an outside firm, Glenmede. The Committee has continued to pursue the topic of Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)—the concept of aligning your investments with your values—in its investment practices. In 2016, sessions were held by Glenmede to provide information on the various forms of socially responsible investing and to gather input on what practices the College should adopt. As a result of these sessions, the College adopted the incorporation of environmental, societal and governance factors (ESG) into the investment decision process. The College will be revisiting its decision and is seeking to provide updated information on SRI as well as educate and receive input from the entire College community on this important subject. You are invited to attend an SRI open forum session on Wednesday, November 11, which will be facilitated by representatives from Glenmede. There will be three sessions held via Zoom at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 4:00 pm. Glenmede will provide information on the topic at the beginning of each session, then open the floor for discussion and comments.

Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

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[Literature Evenings—Fall 2020](#) [Reading: Jenny Boully](#) on Wednesday, November 11 from 7:00– 8:00 pm, Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Jenny Boully, a poet and essayist, is a 2020 Guggenheim Fellow in General Nonfiction. Her latest book is "Betwixt-and-Between: Essays on the Writing Life."

[Matt Wilson Performance & Free Improvisation Master Class](#) on Wednesday, November 11 from 7:00– 8:30 pm, Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Join us for a virtual performance and master class on free improvisation entitled "The Allower: Welcoming Your Inner Improvising Super Hero" with master musician Matt Wilson.

On Thursday, November 12 from 7:00–8:00 pm, Virtual Event for the Campus

Community. Brontez Purnell will give an artist's talk on Zoom, at Dance Workshop. [More](#).

Science Workshop on Friday, November 13 at 12:30 pm: [Unraveling Climate Change Mysteries from Space](#): The testimony of Earth-reflected radiation. Yolanda Shea, PhD a Research Physical Scientist at NASA Langley Research Center will discuss Unraveling Climate Change Mysteries from Space: The testimony of Earth-reflected radiation.

[Saturday Fall Visits](#) on Saturday, November 14 from 12:00– 4:15 pm, Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Admissions is offering Saturday visits for prospective students and their families to learn about Bennington.

In [this edition](#) of the Office of Diversity & Inclusion newsletter, learn more about the J.E.D.I. Community Building Challenge Grant—up to 10 awards of \$500 each for student projects focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Applications are due by November 16. Students are invited to learn more and [submit their proposals](#).

[Music Mondays from the Carriage Barn | Fall 2020](#)[Alexandro D. Hernández | Colonial Transgression to the Fandango Fronterizo: The Son Jarocho as Music of Struggle and Protest from México to the U.S.](#) on Monday, November 16 from 7:00– 8:00 pm, Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Alexandro D. Hernández is an Assistant Professor of Chicana/o Studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills in Los Angeles. Dr. Hernández is an ethnomusicologist and an active performer of punk and Mexican traditional music.

FLoW Panel Discussion on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm EST over [Zoom](#). Are you a first-generation, low-income, or working-class (FLoW) member of the Bennington community? Are you someone interested in learning more about this student population and how to support them? If so, join us for a FLoW Panel Discussion where FLoW faculty, staff, and students will share their experiences. This space will be used for sharing stories, forming connections, and supporting one another. Come with your questions, stories, or supportive thoughts.

[VALS—Fall 2020](#)[Kahlil Robert Irving](#) on Tuesday, November 17 from 7:00– 8:00 pm, Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | A presentation by San Diego-born sculptor and ceramist Kahlil Robert Irving.

The Bennington College COVID-19 rolling testing site will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 25, 26 and 27. If you would ordinarily test on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, but plan to travel home and want test results prior to travel, you may test on the 23 or 24. Please schedule an appointment on those days using CoVerified as usual. If you plan to stay on campus during the holiday, you may skip those days and wait to test until the following week.

If you haven't checked out the [Bennington Beacon](#) yet here is your chance. It has great articles covering everything from Admissions' anti-racism initiative to what your classmates are creating and are passionate about and of course Dodgeball.

Have you taken the [Student Interest Survey yet](#)? Take 5 minutes and get a personalized roster of student engagement (club/org/intramural/community) opportunities direct to your email inbox!

Follow the [OSE on Instagram](#) and stay up to date with programming, club opportunities and new events as they surface.

For a comprehensive list of campus clubs and organizations (updated daily) [follow this link](#).

Looking to start a new campus club? Complete [this quick application](#) and the Budget & Events Committee will get back to you with a follow up and/or approval within 72 hours.

Make sure to check for our new Student Health Promotion [newsletter](#)! Also, remember that we deliver safer sex supplies right to your mailbox!

Remember...if you are looking for someone to speak to about health related topics such as sleep, sex, alcohol and drugs, nutrition, or stress management you can reach out to [Ali Tartaglia](#). And check out our new addition of our [biweekly newsletter](#)!

The Wellness Committee is pleased to invite the entire campus community to the "It's the End of the Term as We Know It" fun walk or run a 5k (3.1 miles) "virtually" beginning December 3 through December 9, in celebration of the end of term. We encourage everyone to participate! If you plan to run or walk, please [register](#) by December 2. [Read more](#) about this 5k. As in last term, we have set up a [GoFundMe](#) for donations for the Little Extras Pantry. We're happy to accept donations even if you don't intend to participate in the event (but really, sign up and participate—December is a beautiful month for a run!).

The construction fence is now up around the section of the Barn that was damaged by fire last year. All of the parking between the Barn, Cricket Hill, and Cricket Hill Barn parking is now for the contractor's use. Beginning in the next few weeks, the section of the Barn that was structurally damaged by the fire will be coming down. If anyone would like to walk through that section of the Barn one last time, please contact [Holly Andersen](#) at x4369.

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

Mondays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Tuesdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Thursdays 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Fridays 9:00 am – 10:00 am [Zoom open hour](#)

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, Tuesdays 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom open hours](#)

Wednesdays 4:00–5:00 pm – [Zoom open hours](#)

Thursdays & Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

DEAN'S OFFICE

Kelly Hayes: Office Coordinator for the Provost and Dean's office.

Mondays –Fridays 10:00–11:30 am – [Zoom open hours](#)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 3:00–4:00 pm – [Zoom open hours](#)

Wednesdays 2:00–3:00 pm– [Zoom open hours](#)

Laurie Kobik: Dean of Studies, email [Kelly Hayes](#) 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

Connect With Us

Email us at fwt@bennington.edu

Follow us on [Tumblr](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#)

[Schedule an appointment](#)

Virtual Drop-In Hours:

Tuesdays 11:30 pm to 12:30 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Winter Field Work Term Registration

The listed due date to register a winter Field Work Term site is next Friday, November 6, but we understand this is an extraordinary time on many levels, and we can offer flexibility. If you plan to complete field work over the winter and your plans are finalized, please [register here](#). Otherwise, we encourage you to be in touch with us if you need support in your planning—see above ways to connect with us. Need help registering? [Preview the registration questions](#) and gather your information ahead to expedite the registration process. You may also schedule a [Handshake Navigation appointment](#) and an SCA will walk you through registration. FAQ's and more information can be found on our [website](#).

Handshake Tips and Tricks

Did you know that all jobs posted under the job type "Co-Op" are specifically for Bennington students for Field Work Term? If you're planning to do your field work this winter, there are currently [89 fully-remote winter FWT listings](#) still hiring! For more Handshake tips and tricks, watch our Intro to Handshake [video](#) or check out the student [Handshake Guide](#).

Independent Study as FWT – Next Steps

If your Independent Study proposal was approved, you should have received a link to complete the Content Study outline. The Content Study outline is due by this Friday, November 13th. For application related questions please contact kellyh@bennington.edu, in the Dean's Office. You do NOT need to register this in Handshake.

This week's listing spotlights—paid remote internships:

- Technical Outreach Editor Intern at [Wolfram](#)
- Field Work Term Internships at [MITRE](#)
- 826DC Educational Programming Internship – Spring 2021 at [826DC](#)
- Virtual HBOMax UX Research Intern, Spring 2021 at [WarnerMedia](#)
- Graphic Design Intern at [GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders](#)

*** Multiple Remote Winter FWT openings:

[Educational Communications/ECONews TV/Ecology Center of Southern California](#). Dance Internship, Ecotourism Internship, Computer Database, Archival Interns, Environmental Non-Profit Interns. A variety of positions are available with this organization. Currently there are zero applicants!

Resume and Cover Letter Review available 7 days a week

Yes, you read that correctly. Our [Student Career Assistants](#) are available 7 days a week to meet with you to review your resume or cover letter and to also show you how to navigate Handshake and register your FWT experience. Just log into Handshake to [make an appointment](#) with an SCA today.

**FREE Resources*

Only until December 2020 – free access to [GoinGlobal](#). GoinGlobal features worldwide job and internship resources, including location-specific career guides, key corporate profiles, a proprietary H1B visa search engine and 16 million-plus job and internship postings.

Don't forget you also have free access to: [Big Interview](#), which offers solid advice about communicating with employers to best showcase your unique value and helps you develop your interviewing skills through videos and mock interview

exercises. You can find interview playbooks based on industry, position, and experience.

Student Employment

If you are a work-eligible student looking for a first or second campus job, positions are currently available for in the role of Dining Services Worker, Costume Studio Monitor, and Library & Literacy Aide. If you have any questions about student employment, or if you are a work-eligible student and need assistance securing a campus job, please contact campusjobs@bennington.edu. For questions about your work award status, please contact finaid@bennington.edu or review your aid award on My Financial Aid.

Student Health Promotion

BENNINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT GROUPS FALL 2020

FLOWING WITH YOUR POWER: SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT GROUP FOR FLOW STUDENTS

WITH KAT DALEY AND JOCELYN SALCEDO
MONDAYS 12:00-1:00 EST
[HTTPS://BENNINGTON.DOXY.ME/KAT](https://bennington.doxy.me/kat)

MINDFULNESS WEDNESDAYS

START YOUR DAY WELL WITH KAT DALEY, RAGE HEZEKIAH, AND PENNY OWEN
OPEN TO STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY
9:00-9:30AM EST ON WEDNESDAYS
ZOOM: ID: 99079887458, PASSWORD: 340246

SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

WITH ALI TARTAGLIA
WEDNESDAYS 7PM TO 8PM EST
ZOOM MEETING ID: 4424345023
(US) +1 929-205-6099

SUPPORT GROUP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING ON CAMPUS AND REMOTELY

WITH RAGE HEZEKIAH AND HEIDIE VAZQUEZ-GARCIA
FRIDAYS 3:00 - 4:00 PM EST
ZOOM MEETING ID: 941 9234 3786, PASSCODE: 424564

BETTER TOGETHER SUPPORT GROUP

WITH ALI TARTAGLIA AND KAT DALEY
SATURDAYS AT 2PM-3PM EST
ZOOM MEETING ID: 4424345023
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ALL ZOOM MEETINGS AT [HTTPS://BENNINGTON.ZOOM.US](https://bennington.zoom.us) ENTER ZOOM ID AND PASSCODE IF REQUIRED.

OFFICE OF STUDENT HEALTH PROMOTION



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The DREAM Program

Help close the opportunity gap for children from low-income housing communities!

- DREAM boosts educational expectations and aspirations!
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- DREAM provides summer enrichment programming to prevent the summer slide in youth development!

EMAIL THE YOUTH SERVICES MANAGER FOR THE BERKSHIRES AT AMYLES@DREAMPROGRAM.ORG TO SIGN UP



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