



BENNINGTON BULLETIN



The Best of the Best

The Princeton Review and the *U.S. News* [released their rankings](#) for the top colleges in America, with Bennington featured on lists for Most Innovative Schools, Great Professors, Great Classroom Experiences, and more.



Kinetic Identity

Vogue [highlighted](#) the story behind theater producer Jordan Roth's Met Gala coat, designed by Michael Sylvan Robinson '89. In 2019, Robinson served as a costume designer for the 2019 production of *The 24 Hour Plays*, [sharing a piece](#) created in memory of Eric Ginman '92.



Getting Back to the Garden

Tatiana Abatemarco [published this paper](#) exploring the trope of pastoral harmony in environmental literature, art, and media.



"Last year, I didn't learn nothing"

In *Psychology Today*, Özge Savaş [writes about](#) the pandemic's toll on English learners.

Celebrating Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

At Bennington College, [GANAS](#) connects Bennington students with volunteer opportunities to engage with the predominantly undocumented Latinx migrant worker population in the Bennington region. For students interested in getting involved with the group, faculty member Jonathan Pitcher will be offering a [GANAS tutorial](#) in Spring 2022.

The Health of the Sick

Bennington Review—a national biannual print journal of innovative, intelligent, and moving poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and film writing housed at Bennington College—[has released](#) its ninth issue, around the theme of “The Health of the Sick.”

Staff Welcome: Admissions

Brenna May, the Admissions team’s new Associate Director of International Admissions, joins the Bennington community remotely from central New York, where she most recently spent four years at Hamilton College focusing on both domestic and international recruitment. Prior to Hamilton, Brenna began her admissions career at Wagner College where she also earned her MBA, in addition to a Bachelor’s degree in math & theater from Lafayette College. Please join us in welcoming Brenna.

Staff Welcome: Health Services

Please join us in welcoming Allory Relf to Bennington College as the Administrative Assistant to Health and Psychological Services! Allory will be supporting the campus community by being a first point of contact for students with medical and psychological needs, as well as liaising with parents, faculty and other College departments. She’s already made an impressive mark, and you are going to love working with her.

Sports News

Congratulations to the Bennington College teams who won both the Maple Leaf Half Marathon and the Kotler 5k. High fives to team captain Sarah Harris, and to runners Zeke Bernstein, Alex Dery Snider, Carly Rudzinski, Timothy Schroeder, and Wade Simpson. ([Email Sarah](#) if you’re a runner and want to be involved in the next race.)

FLoW Collective

FLoW Student Collective Meetings will be held biweekly starting Thursday, September 23 at 6 pm in Upcaf. Our collective is the perfect space to check-in with yourself and other FLoW students, relax, enjoy snacks, and discuss our experiences, upcoming events, and campus climate for FLoW students! This week, we are going to order pizza. If you are dairy or gluten free and plan to attend, please [email FLoW](#) so we can plan accordingly.

Retirement Planning: Virtual Counseling Sessions

The College is offering confidential, one-on-one virtual counseling sessions to assist all employees with retirement planning. TIAA, the College’s retirement plan provider, is holding virtual individual counseling sessions on **Wednesday, October 13**; additional sessions will be held on Thursday, November 11 and Wednesday, December 1. A session can assist you with such questions as: Are my investments properly allocated? Am I saving enough to meet my retirement goals? How and from where do I draw retirement income? To register, [visit the website](#) and click “Schedule” under the “Your Employer” section, or contact TIAA directly at 800-732-8353 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm).

If you are unable to schedule an appointment on one of the listed dates, individual appointments can be scheduled with TIAA Financial Consultant [Michele Waite](#).

Please note that TIAA also offers a host of [online retirement-planning tools](#) as well as regular webinars on a host of topics (Social Security Basics, The Power of Savings, Strategies for Staying on Track and more). Log into the [Live Webinar Lounge](#) to view upcoming webinars and register.

Fall 2021

Event Series

[Check out the series happening this term.](#)

September 22
Virtual Event
7:00-8:00 PM

Kofi Agawu: Finding the Beat in African Music Part of [Carriage Barn Concert Series](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Bennington College continues its virtual and remote concert and music lecture series featuring influential and boundary-pushing guest performers and scholars. The heart of the Carriage Barn Music Series will be performances and research that highlight music and lives of Black, indigenous, people of color, queer, female-identified, and non-binary performers and artists. [More.](#)

September 23
CAPA Symposium &
Online
7:00–8:30 PM

Religion, Race, and American Politics

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | The January 6 Project examines the historical, cultural, and political events that led to the attack with the goal of understanding its causes, in all its forms, in order to shed light

and expose truths for an informed citizenry to act to prevent this type of assault on democracy. [More](#).

September 24-26
Bennington Campus
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Fall Weekend

CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY | Fall Weekend is a wonderful opportunity for parents, families, and friends to enjoy the Bennington experience and to sample the stimulating artistic, cultural, and recreational experiences that students enjoy. [More](#).

September 24
Dickinson 232
1:00-2:00 PM

Scientific Writing: A Guide for Writing Well in the Sciences Part of [Science Workshop Series](#)

CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY | Writing is the most common form of scientific communication. However, scientists receive little to no formal training in how to write well. This workshop will focus on simple but effective guidelines that can increase the clarity, cohesion, and concision of your scientific writing. [More](#).

September 24
Sage Street Mill
5:00 -7:00 PM

***Las Tres Hermanas (The Three Sisters)* Exhibit Opening Reception**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Opening reception for *Las Tres Hermanas (The Three Sisters)* exhibit at Sage Street Mill. [More](#).

September 24
Bennington Museum
7:00 -8:30 PM

Robert Frost and the Road to Poetry

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | *New York Times Book Review* poetry critic David Orr presents "Robert Frost and the Road to Poetry." [More](#).

September 24
Tishman Lecture Hall
8:00 -11:00 PM

Latine Heritage Month Event: Movie Night

CAMPUS COMMUNITY ONLY | Available for all Latine students on campus to join and have popcorn! This event is hosted by the Latine Student Association and is part of a series of events this month to celebrate ethnicity, identity, and culture across campus for the Latine community on campus. [More](#).

September 27
CAPA Symposium
7:00 -8:30 PM

In Search of a More Stable Union: The Travails of Federalism in Nigeria Part of [SCT Colloquium](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Rotimi Suberu's research on Nigerian government and politics and international relations have prompted invitations to consult for the Nigerian government, the World Bank, the National Endowment for Democracy, Freedom House, and the Forum of Federations. [More](#).

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