

Bennington Bulletin

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Sharing Staff Appreciation

The Dining Services staff uses a napkin notes system to express gratitude for one another's actions. On March 4, Dining Services held their first monthly staff appreciation get-together, including a snack break with homemade cookies from Roz's Cafe. During the party, they randomly drew from these gratitude notes to select student employee and staff prizewinners. Xuan Bach Le won a snack basket, Sboobo Ndlangamandla won a week of specialty coffee, Gianna Rodriguez won a pizza party, Jupiter Kalinowski won a Saturday morning breakfast delivery, and Giuli Speranza won the chance to create a latte to add to the Roz's Cafe menu. Among Dining staff, Joel Roper won a Hannaford gift card. How does your department show appreciation for each other's work? Tell [Communications](#), and your department's initiative may be featured in an upcoming *Bulletin*.

Finding Her Place in the World

The world premiere of *Queens Girl: Black in the Green Mountains* by Caleen Sinnette Jennings '72 [runs](#) at Everyman Theatre in Baltimore, MD, through April 12.

Reflect, Rebuild, & Rise Conference

On March 19, Bennington College students, faculty, and staff [are invited to participate](#) in Reflect, Rebuild, & Rise: Social Practice of Inclusion Conference. This first annual event is the culmination of creativity, advanced work, and collaboration on the part of members of the Bennington College Community Builders (BCCB), a student group committed to creating a more diverse and inclusive community within Bennington College. Learn more and register for sessions on the conference's [webpage](#).

Notes From the Field

From expanding Population Health research at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center to supporting refugees resettling in Idaho to creating puppets for stop-motion films in Denmark, Bennington students [made a worldwide impact](#) across many disciplines this Field Work Term.

Staff Welcome—Dining Services

Please join us in welcoming Erica LaFlamme to Bennington College as Food Handler #2/Cook's Helper within Dining Services. Erica will be supporting our Dining team in a variety of capacities, starting with garde manger and dining room support.

Staff Welcome—Provost and Dean's Office

Please join the Provost and Dean's Office in welcoming Xiomara Giordano as Bennington's new Academic Services and Study Away Counselor. In this role, Xiomara will be the primary point of contact for students looking to study away; she will also provide general academic advising for sophomores, junior, and seniors, with a particular emphasis on working with incoming transfer students. Xiomara has most recently worked at the Sage Colleges in Troy, NY. She's currently completing her Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration at the University at Albany. She earned a BA in Spanish with a minor in Studio Art from Smith College and studied abroad in Mexico.

Send Us Your Writers

[Undergraduate Writing Fellowships](#) offers select undergraduate writers the chance to attend a 10-day residency at the MFA in Writing program. Applications are due **April 1**.

Call for First-Year Forum Co-leaders Recommendations

Do you know a current 5th or 6th term student who would be a great academic mentor to incoming students? We are looking to recruit and hire a diverse group of students to serve as FYF co-leaders for the 2020-21 academic year. The FYF student co-leader works collaboratively with a faculty member to lead inclusive, engaging, and supportive weekly group advising meetings and to develop and lead FYF workshops. Student co-leaders also model what it is to be successful in one's academic work and share their wealth of experience and practical knowledge of how to navigate the College. To excel in this role, FYF co-leaders must be academically strong, making good progress in their Plan and advanced work, and have strong social skills and an interest in strengthening their leadership and teaching skills. In past years, we have found that our strongest FYF co-leaders are students who faculty and staff have identified and recommended. If you have students in mind, please email [Katie Montovan](#).

Volunteers Needed

Bennington College is excited to host [Take Your Child to Work Day](#), which will be held on **April 23**. The program, developed by the Ms. Foundation over 25 years ago, was designed to create an enriching educational experience for our nation's daughters and sons. We encourage faculty and staff to join the planning committee for this event; if interested, please contact hroffice@bennington.edu by **March 13**.

Workplace Accommodations

The College is [committed to complying](#) with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), Vermont Fair Employment Practices Act ("VFEPA"), and all applicable laws providing for nondiscrimination in employment against qualified individuals with disabilities and other protected characteristics. The College will work with employees who have disabilities and other

protected characteristics as necessary to develop reasonable accommodations that allow an individual the opportunity to perform the essential functions of their job in a safe and efficient manner. Employees in need of accommodation may contact [Human Resources](#) and suggest appropriate methods of reasonable accommodation. All information concerning disabilities will be considered confidential and will be released only in accordance with the requirements of the ADA and the VFEPA.

Celebrate Holi

Join Bennington students, faculty, and staff to celebrate [Holi](#) on **Saturday, March 14 from 12:00-2:00 pm** outside of the Wooley House on Commons Lawn (weather permitting). Holi is also known as the Hindu "Festival of Spring" or "Festival of Colors." Spring is the season of hope and joy, and this festival traditionally celebrates the arrival of spring, fertility, color, love, and the triumph of good over evil. (Please wear clothes that you don't mind being covered in color, which, on rare occasions, does stain clothes.)

Day on the Slopes

On **Sunday, March 15**, Bennington's SWAG (Social Welcoming Activities Group) invites all faculty and staff to participate in the Bennington College [Mount Snow](#) Ski/Ride/Tube Day. Ski, snowboard, or enjoy eight lanes of all thrills, no skills fun for the whole family at the Mount Snow Tubing Park. Discount packages include a two-hour lesson for snowboarding and skiing, rentals, and lower mountain lift tickets for \$52. Lessons begin at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Full mountain lift tickets are also available for \$43. Mount Snow is also offering discounts on equipment rental (\$37) and helmets (\$10). Tickets for the Tubing Park are \$15 for two hours. Meet your Bennington friends at the tubing hill at 12:00 pm. The fun continues at 2:00 pm—join us in the Main Base Lodge (adjacent to tubing hill) for a little R&R. Family and friends are also invited! Register by Friday, March 13 by contacting Mount Snow's #1 ambassador and Bennington's own snowboarding expert, [Holly Andersen](#) x4369.

Promoting Events

To ensure your April event is considered for inclusion in local media listings, be sure to [submit to the online calendar](#) by the middle of this month, noting that the event is open to the public.

Suggestion Boxes

Please share your thoughts about working at Bennington by submitting comments [electronically](#) or in the black boxes marked "Staff Feedback" located in Buildings & Grounds, and the staff kitchen on the second floor of the Barn. Submissions are anonymous, if you choose.

Spring 2020

Event Series

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

March 9
CAPA Symposium
6:30–8:00 PM

Conversation about Diversity and Racial Justice In Vermont

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | A conversation with Senator Dick Sears, Chair of Senate Judiciary; Xusana Davis, Director of Racial Equity for the State of Vermont; Skyler Nash, student activist at the University of Vermont; and Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan. Moderated by Senator Brian Campion. [More.](#)

March 11
Meyer Recreation Barn
12:00-1:00 PM

Vinyasa Flow Yoga

FACULTY AND STAFF | All staff and faculty are invited to attend flow yoga classes with Tracey Forest - free and held Wednesdays through the end of term. [More.](#)

March 11
Franklin
7:00-8:00 PM

Nicolette Polek '15 Part of the [Literature Evenings](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Nicolette Polek '15 studied literature and music at Bennington College before pursuing her MFA degree at the University of Maryland. She is the author of the short story collection *Imaginary Museums* (Soft Skull Press, 2020). [More.](#)

March 13
Meyer Recreation Barn
12:30-1:15 PM

BollyX—The Bollywood Workout

FACULTY AND STAFF | Friday lunchtime dance fitness class for faculty and staff—sweat, smile, and rock out to joyful music from around the world. [More.](#)

March 13
Dickinson 232
1:00-2:00 PM

Science Workshop with Emily Mikucki Part of the [Science Workshop](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Emily Mikucki PhD candidate at UVM and Bennington Alumni will be coming back to Bennington to give a talk. [More.](#)

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