

↓ Bennington Underground

Translations

Alabama. The parking lot closest to First Street.

B&E. The Budget and Events Committee is a way clubs and organizations ask for funding to create events that enhance the Bennington campus community.

BAD. Bennington Athletic Department, which is the umbrella organization for all recreational and intramural sporting events.

Bennington ACTS (Achieving Community Through Service) The community engagement program that provides volunteer opportunities in the surrounding communities, a database of local nonprofits with volunteer opportunities, and advising on how to get involved in town to meet local needs and your personal and academic goals.

Bennington Card. Your ID card gives you access to the Dining Hall, Meyer Recreation Barn, Crossett Library, laundry, and cashless purchases on and off campus.

BFP. *Bennington Free Press*, the student-run newspaper.

Cage. The video editing room in VAPA.

Coffee Hour. A tradition that occurs in each house every Sunday night. Run by House Chairs, it is a time for house communities to gather in their living rooms to announce upcoming events, discuss house issues, and connect before a busy week. Residents sign up in pairs to cater each week's meeting for their house. Good Coffee Hour food is a communal bragging right.

College Week. The weekly printed calendar produced by Student Life and placed on all Dining Hall tables.

Costume Shop. Located on the ground floor of VAPA at the end of the photo hallway, the Costume Shop rents out clothing for performances and projects.

Cricket Hill. The Admissions Office.

Cricket Hill Barn. The small white building, featuring a conference room, located next to the Admissions Office.

Dinging. If you have an event or an announcement, you can "ding" in the Dining Hall. Take a glass, gently tap a knife against it, and announce your event to people in each of the dining rooms.

DownCaf. The Downstairs Café, located directly next to the Student Center. A place for performance rehearsals and a variety of student productions.

End of the World. The vista at the end of Commons Lawn.

House Chair. A residential leadership position similar to a resident advisor (RA) at a large college. House Chairs are different from RAs at other colleges in that they focus on community development and are mentors, helpers, liaisons, mediators, and friends.

Key List. Some spaces on campus have key lists that allow approved students access even when the space is closed or unmonitored. Speak to the appropriate faculty member or technician to be added to the list. If you are approved, you will get the key from Campus Safety.

Kinoteca. The video theatre in VAPA.

Late Night Breakfast. Twice a year, at the end of each term, students are summoned at midnight by sirens from fire trucks. This is when you drop everything and head to the Dining Hall, where faculty and staff are waiting to serve you eggs, bacon, donuts, and other breakfast treats. Be prepared for music and dancing.

Ohio. The parking lot behind the Student Center.

PAC. The Program Activity Council is made up of selected representatives who plan social events for the campus.

Pioneers. The College's first group of graduates.

POD. The computer lab in VAPA. It is equipped with digital imaging and video software, but not word processing programs.

Rec Barn/MRB. The Meyer Recreation Barn is the campus gym. It houses cardio and weight-lifting equipment, fitness and yoga rooms, and a sauna.

Rollerama. A twice-a-year roller-skating extravaganza in Greenwall. PAC provides the skates and the candy.

SEA. Student Endowment for the Arts is a board of students who review applications from students seeking grant money for independent art and performance projects.

SEPC. Student Educational Policy Committee. Each discipline has two elected student representatives who act as liaisons between faculty and students.



Silo. The student-produced and designed art and literary magazine. Anyone can submit work to *Silo*; work that is included in *Silo* is selected by art, literature, music, and video/performance panels comprised of students. The publication is distributed at the end of each year.

Studies. The Student Center.

Study Break. Like manna from heaven, free food is always a part of study break and is brought to an advertised location during midterm and finals. These are a great way to take a deep breath and pause what you are doing to relax!

UpCaf. The Upcaf is home to the Office for Student Engagement. Among other things, the space houses a curated gallery of student art work, a dedicated meeting room for campus clubs and organizations, and is the central location for all poster and materials printing for campus clubs and organizations. Additionally, this space houses the offices for the Director and Assistant Director for Student Engagement and the Kilpatrick Fellow for Community Engagement. The Upcaf is a 24-hour space equally appropriate for group meetings or a game of ping pong between study sessions.

Heading For Here?

Getting Around

Cars are allowed on campus, but they must be licensed, registered, insured, and legal (but you already knew that). Get a parking sticker at Campus Safety—it is \$140 per year. Once you have your sticker you can park in student lots on campus. Be warned, without a sticker you will get

tickets and may be towed if you park on campus.

The Green Mountain Express operates a shuttle into town, as well as to Manchester and Williamstown. The shuttle operates daily. GMX vans leave from the Flagpole (in front of the Barn). Schedules are in your house. When GMX doesn't run, the College provides a shuttle service. You can reach the service by dialing 0.

Eat-In

On-campus you **can grab a bite** in the Student Center, or snag some Grab-n-Go from the Bookstore, located in the Barn.

Bring a mug. Student Life offers **free coffee** to students with a mug. The Bookstore, Crossett, and the Student Center offer coffee, but you'll have to pay.

Grocery stores in the area include Aldi (affordable, generic food brands); Price Chopper (open 24 hours and home to a great bakery, Starbucks, and sushi shop); and Hannaford (located close to campus). These sell traditional groceries, as well as bulk and organic items. Spice 'n Nice (a natural foods store located in town) sells organic and health foods including bulk nuts, spices, and grains. The Walloomsac Farmers' Market runs year-round (friend them on Facebook to keep up with their locations and times).

It's All Happening

Find out what's going on or promote your own **events** by visiting the College's online calendar (click on Events in the main menu). If you're planning an event, please visit www.bennington.edu/event-submission. Also check

out *College Week*, Coffee Hour minutes, web/weekly announcements, and posters.

You can **work out** in the Meyer Recreation Barn, which has cardio and weight lifting equipment, an aerobics and yoga studio, rock climbing wall, and sauna. Or get in shape by playing a sport: Student Life organizes basketball, volleyball, tennis, dodgeball, ice skating, laser tag, ultimate frisbee, and fencing. During the fall our coed soccer team plays against colleges from Vermont and Massachusetts. All levels of skill are welcome. Contact Student Life to get involved.

If you're interested in joining a **student organization**, or if you would like to become more involved in the Town of Bennington, the Village of North Bennington, or other surrounding towns, check out the Bennington ACTS program. Bennington ACTS oversees an online database of volunteer opportunities, brings community leaders to campus to talk about their work, and organizes volunteer trips to animal shelters, food banks, Habitat for Humanity sites, and much more. Email acts@bennington.edu or stop by the Office for Student Engagement for more info.

↑ Connections



Be sure to bookmark these pages: they will help you find everything you need to know.



STUDENTS PAGE

www.bennington.edu/students

Everything you will ever need and want to find on the Bennington website, in a single, organized space.



CALENDAR

www.bennington.edu/event-calendar

Find and post Bennington-related events.



DIRECTORY

www.bennington.edu/directory

Find the phone number, location, and email address for anyone or any office on campus.



DINING HALL

www.bennington.edu/dining-services

Every week the Dining Hall will post an updated, weekly menu.



THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

www.bennington.edu/student-handbook

Rules, regulations, and legal obligations.



THE BENNINGTON CARD

www.bennington.edu/bennington-card

Add money to your account.



HANDSHAKE

bennington.joinhandshake.com

Find a job.

Bennington: The Insider's Guide



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I'm Looking For...

24/7 SPACES

VAPA, CAPA, Jennings, Dickinson Reading Room, the Upstairs Café (second floor of the Student Center complex), and the Crossett Library meeting room.

COMPUTERS + PRINTERS

Computer labs can be found in Dickinson, Crossett Library, EAC, VAPA, CAPA, and Jennings. You can print in the EAC or Crossett.

DOCTORS

Health Services is located in the Student Health Center, near the Meyer Rec Barn and the EAC. There you will find a doctor, registered nurses, and a nurse midwife. The office also offers free condoms. You can pretty much expect the same services here that you would be accustomed to in a family doctor's office.

Psychological Services is located in the Student Health Center, near the Meyer Rec Barn and the EAC. Services offered include medication management, individual and couples therapy, and consultations. Most insurances are accepted and a sliding scale is offered.

Remember to bring your insurance card along. Depending on your health insurance plan, there may be a co-pay due at time of service. You can pay by cash, check, credit card, or your Bennington card.

Health and Psychological Services have on-call staff 24/7 and can be reached after hours via Campus Safety: dial 767 from any campus phone.

JOBS

Handshake is a new tool to search and apply for campus jobs, Field Work Term positions, summer opportunities, full-time entry-level jobs, community engagement opportunities, and other work-learning experiences. All returning Bennington students have Handshake accounts already created for them in spring 2018, and all new students will receive Handshake accounts and a welcome email during Orientation. Check out our Handshake Guide for Students for quick tips on getting started.



THE BENNINGTON CARD



HANDSHAKE

LAUNDRY

Each house on campus is equipped with at least one set of washer and dryers. A wash costs \$2 depending on the cycle, and the dryer costs \$1.50. All machines on campus take quarters and most use the Bennington Card system.

MONEY

ATM. An ATM machine is located near Student Life.

Banking. There are several banks in town. Check the Bennington Chamber of Commerce website for an up-to-date directory of banks.

Check cashing. Students may cash payroll or personal checks in the Campus Bookstore up to \$200 with ID.

The Bennington Card. By putting money to use as a declining balance on your Bennington Card, you will be able to purchase items from the Bookstore, buy food outside of the meal plan, use the campus laundry facilities, rent outdoor equipment from the Meyer Recreation Barn, pay for Health and Psych Services, make on-campus shuttle reservations, and pay for student trips and other activities. You can also make purchases off-campus at CVS, Pangaea, and Powers Market.

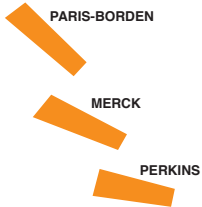
Find us. Talk to us.

House Life, Room Assignments, and Amenities

House communities are shaped by whoever lives there, and these communities (and resources) change and grow each term as students move in, move out, enter, and graduate. What you bring to your house has a tremendous impact on the community you're joining. Although certain houses may have different expectations regarding set quiet hours, all student houses are courtesy houses, meaning that residents are expected to respect requests made by fellow residents (about noise levels, for example, or use of the common areas). Smoking is prohibited in all houses.

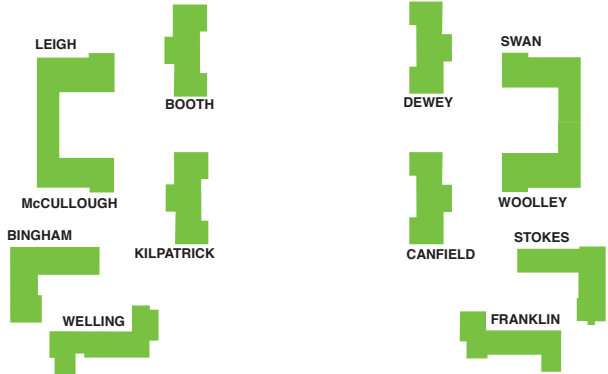
Woo Houses

The Woo Houses, one half of Third Street, were built in 2001. They are Merck, Paris-Borden, and Perkins. Each Woo House has three floors with elevators, laundry facilities, living rooms with a fireplace, and kitchens with dishwashers. The walls are soundproof, and the rooms get great sunlight and offer sunset views from off the balconies. These award-winning houses have been featured in *Architectural Record* magazine. Residents in the Woo houses should note that they must fully move out of their rooms during Field Work Term, between Fall and Spring term.



Barnes Houses

The Barnes Houses, also known as the '70s Houses or Milk Crate Houses, make up the other half of Third Street and boast some of the biggest rooms. The Barnes Houses include Fels, Noyes, and Sawtell. Included in all Barnes Houses are a kitchen with a dishwasher, a laundry room, and a regularly used living room. Residents in the Barnes houses should note that they must fully move out of their rooms during Field Work Term, between Fall and Spring term.



Colonial Houses

The Colonial Houses were part of the original Bennington campus and make up First and Second Streets. They include Bingham, Booth, Canfield, Dewey, Franklin, Kilpatrick, Leigh, McCullough, Stokes, Swan, Welling, and Woolley. The Colonial Houses have hardwood floors, fireplaces in the living rooms, and kitchens; some feature porch swings or courtyards, and others open onto Commons Lawn. There are four floor plans, which means that there are a variety of rooms and layouts. Students appreciate the unique personalities of the rooms. Bingham residents should note that they must fully move out of their rooms during Field Work Term, between Fall and Spring term.

We are your house chairs.

House Chairs 2017–2018

Bingham	1	Adi Kang	2	Lili Espanola
Booth	3	Zachary Bull	4	Lucy Blue Swenson
Canfield	5	Edie Salas-Miller	6	Sarah Tiffin
Dewey	7	Gillian Cone	8	Colin Jones
Fels	9	Phoebe Grace	10	Rob Ascher
Franklin	11	Ronan Canty	12	Tonie Grisanti
Kilpatrick	13	Rebecca Mitzner	14	Kaiya Kirk
Leigh	15	Ahmad Yassir	16	Michael Hitzelberger
Longmeadow and Shingle Cottage	17	Chiara Brandi	18	Maddie Shepardson
McCullough	19	Cierra Cassano	20	Kayla Nicholls
Merck	21	Nick Hennessy	22	Gwenyth Kenrich
Noyes	23	Maddie Peterson	24	Lily Withington
Paran Creek	25	Alex Briseno	26	Maria Laura Joa Dominguez
Paris-Borden	27	Valeria Sibrian Quijada	28	Sitashma Parajuli
Perkins	29	Maxwell Fry	30	Kari Ostensen
Sawtell	31	Sebastian Carrillo	32	Nick Williams
Stokes	33	Maria Morelos	34	Delilah Silberman
Swan	35	Sbobo Ndlangamandla	36	Aleyah Austin
Welling	37	Abbey Starling	38	Kelsey Broadfield
Woolley	39	Carling Berkhout		

Shingle Cottage

A small cottage located on campus about a five minute walk from Commons. Shingle houses five seniors every year who are selected on a lottery basis.

Longmeadow

The residents of Longmeadow are dedicated to living in an intentional community on campus. Longmeadow gives upperclass students the opportunity to form and shape their own community standards and to design the type of community in which they would like to live. Students apply to live in the house each year and are accepted based on space availability.

Welling Townhouse

Welling Townhouse is the off-campus co-op in North Bennington, about a 20-minute walk to Commons. The Townhouse is home to 14 people who share house responsibilities, such as cooking and cleaning. With the exception of room charges, the Townhouse is financially independent from the College—residents manage a shared house budget for food and other house supplies over the course of the year. The Townhouse has laundry facilities. The rooms are spacious, the food organic, and the people cooperative.

Paran Creek Apartments

The Paran Creek Apartments are an off-campus College-operated facility in North Bennington. The apartments are in a newly renovated historic mill that spans the river. A walking/cycling path leads from the campus soccer field directly to the Paran Creek Apartments and takes about 15 minutes to walk. Each apartment offers a full kitchen, a large living room, two private bathrooms, and houses 3-5 students. Students living here have the option to go onto a reduced meal plan. The Paran Creek Apartments have two House Chairs, laundry facilities, and a spacious common room with a pool table.

