



# BENNINGTON BULLETIN



## Gardens for Apartment Residents

Erin McKenney, director of the Robert Frost Stone House Museum at Bennington College; faculty member Tatiana Abatemarco; and Lindsay Vajda, Public Housing Program Director at the Bennington Housing Authority dropped off tools and plants, so, for the first time, residents at Willow Brook and Beech Court can grow their own gardens at these apartments.



## Applying Science, Serving the Community

Charles Dong postbac '18, now entering his second year at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Science, discusses how Bennington's Postbac Premedical Program prepared him for medical school.



## CASE Honors Bennington's Fundraising

Bennington College has been awarded a 2020 CASE Educational Fundraising Award for Overall Performance in Private Liberal Arts Institutions with Endowments Under \$150 Million. Winners are not selected based solely on total funds raised—this award is also a testament to Bennington's patterns of growth in total support, overall breadth of fundraising, giving areas, alumni participation, and numerous other factors. Especially given the budget strains caused by COVID-19, we wanted to thank our Institutional Advancement team for their



## Faculty Publication

Mirka Prazak's article "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in East Africa" has been published in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*.

ongoing efforts to support the College.  
Congratulations, and thank you.

### Visitors on Campus

As Vermont begins its phased reopening, Bennington College is pleased to announce that visitors will once again be allowed in public outdoor spaces on campus, including walking trails. However, all campus buildings—including the Usdan Art Gallery, Commons Dining Hall, and Crossett Library—remain closed to the public. Visitors are asked to observe recommended social distancing guidelines. More information is available in June's [Public Events Newsletter](#).

### 3R Conference

In the final installments of this year's 3R Conference, [Delia Saenz](#) and [Ahmad Yassir '20](#) offer their wrap-up reflections.

### On-Campus Lawn Care Pilot

In coordination with Efficiency Vermont and Green Mountain Power, Bennington College is installing two [Husqvarna robotic lawn mowers](#) on both Commons lawn and the Soccer field, a change that comes at no additional cost to the College. We will be watching them all summer and evaluating their operation and effectiveness. Review of this type of lawn mower operation is in an effort to shift away from use of loud, fossil fuel-powered lawn care equipment over to quiet, electric lawn care equipment to continue our work toward our sustainability goals. Please do leave these pieces of equipment alone and in place doing their job if you happen to see them. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [Holly Andersen](#) and/or [Angel Kwasniak](#).

### Plastic Pollution Virtual Act-Athon for Kids

Beyond Plastics and Green Ivy Schools invite youth ages 7-13 to participate in a virtual plastic pollution act-athon on Thursday, June 25 from 2:00-3:30 pm. [Register your student](#) to participate in this act-athon, and share this information with other parents and students in your network.