

College Week

Cooper's Corner
Got questions? Ask Tina
(tinacooper@bennington.edu)

Student Life wants to help students make healthy choices by offering less caffeine heavy beverage options in the Student Life lounge. We currently have a selection of Wellness teas and need your help deciding which one to stock up on. Stop by the Barn to vote on your favorite wellness tea!

From my corner to yours,

Tina

Field Work Term and Career Development

Want to talk about what's next after this FWT? Book an appointment on Genbook to plan your upcoming summer job or internship. You can also visit us in Barn 112 during weekly walk-in hours every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00-2:00 pm.

Optional FWT self-evaluations and site evaluations are due March 4. Because of the importance of reflection at Bennington, we are inviting you to complete a self-evaluation using the same form that was sent to your employer. The link to your self-evaluation was sent via email on February 12. We also encourage you to take a couple minutes to evaluate your FWT site, helping other students who may consider this site in the future. The link to the site evaluation can be found next to your registered site on WorkLink.

Reflective project videos are due on March 11. If you have selected this option, please refer to the guidelines listed under Reflective Project Options on the student resource page.

Independent Study sponsor evaluations are due on March 11. Please confirm with your sponsor that they will complete your evaluation by this date, as late receipt may impact your grade.

Students who signed up for the formal presentation reflective project option must take part in two prep sessions on March 2 and 9 from 12:30-1:45 pm in the EAC. Final presentations will take place at FWT Night on March 15.

Save the date: FWT Night is on March 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm in CAPA. The evening begins with a half-hour FWT Gallery, where students have a table of artifacts that represent their FWT (e.g., poster, pamphlets, photos, work completed) and informally explain their work to attendees. This is followed by a series of short FWT student presentations. Contact fwt@bennington.edu by **March 1** if you wish to participate.

Come to Martha Hill Theatre this Friday, March 4 at 7:00 pm for a performance of **THE BYSTANDER**. THE BYSTANDER is a multi-character educational one-man show addressing bystander intervention, affirmative consent, and sexual assault prevention. THE BYSTANDER depicts a range of compelling characters and illuminates a spectrum of cutting-edge issues including personal and social responsibility, the "how to" of intervention, and the true meaning of community.













Tim Collins is a nationally touring solo theater performer who has been writing and performing one-man shows since 2000. He is a two-time winner in the United Solo Theater Festival (NYC), winner of the Dialogue ONE Solo Theater Festival (MA), recipient of numerous grants including a Wallis Foundation Grant, is a member of the United Solo Academy, has been published in PLAYS & PLAYWRIGHTS and INDIETHEATERNOW.COM, and has appeared on ABC, YNN, and NPR.

Please email all College Week submissions to collegeweek@bennington.edu by Thursday at noon for inclusion the following week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  Arguing with your roommate? Having trouble communicating an issue with a friend? Consider trying the **Bennington Mediation Process**, a free, voluntary, confidential conflict resolution process available to all students. If you would like to request a mediation, refer someone to mediation, or simply learn more about the process, email bmp@bennington.edu.
-  Interested in rock climbing? Want to stay active and try something new? The Meyer Rec Barn's **climbing wall opens** for the term on Monday, February 29. Climbing hours will be from 7:00-9:00 pm Monday through Friday for the remainder of the term. All experience levels are welcome!
-  Come to Tishman Monday, February 29 at 7:00 pm to listen to Italian novelist, playwright, essayist, and activist **Dacia Maraini's** talk: "Women Writers, from Convent to Brothel."
-  Want to stay fit and mindful in an exciting way this term? **Karate classes** are now being offered at the Meyer Rec Barn! Classes meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm in the upstairs dance studio and are led by certified Shotokan karate instructor Joe Schoenig. Wear comfortable athletic clothes and be prepared to develop both physical and mental discipline in a comfortable environment. Contact Joaquin Contreras (nathanielcontreras@bennington.edu) or Michiel Considine with any questions!
-  **Literature Evening** this week hosts Christine Smallwood and will be held in the Franklin Common Room this Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Christine is a writer and reviewer, and has had her work published in The New York Review of Books and the Paris Review among other publications.
-  Join us for the **Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon at Bennington College** in the Crossett Library this Saturday, March 5 from 2:00-6:00 pm. There will be a communal updating of Wikipedia entries on subjects related to art and feminism. We will have suggestions of pages to edit related to Bennington, but feel free to bring your own ideas along with a laptop and power cords if you can. Some loaner laptops will be available if needed. No Wikipedia editing experience is necessary to attend, and tech support will be available at the event. There will be snacks!
-  Molly Kirschner will be presenting a reading of her play, **VAGABONDS**, this Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in VAPA D207. VAGABONDS reimagines the life of the prolific French writer Colette (1873-1954) and has the flavor of Shakespearean comedy!
-  **The Bennington Card Access System Pilot** will be launching Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 pm. Your House Chairs will be discussing this in Coffee Hour, and you will receive an email from Student Life with more information. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please direct them to your House Chairs.
-  **DODGEBALL!** This term's dodgeball league begins on Thursday, March 10. Rally friends, classmates, club cohorts, and your faculty advisers and sign up your team in the Office of Student Life. Team registration forms are due by Monday, March 7. Teams will compete for prizes and honor. Contact Michiel Considine (mconsidine@bennington.edu) with any questions or if you want him on your team.
-  **The Purple Carrot Farm** is hiring three interns for this growing season! This is an opportunity to creatively manage and experiment with our small farm, as well as be a part of food education at Bennington. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life and due by March 13. For more information, contact Dane Whitman or Lauren Brady, or come to a Bennington Sustainable Food Project meeting Tuesdays at 9:00 pm in Down Commons.
-  **Leave your legacy.** Each senior is invited to submit the title of the book, movie, or other piece of media which you feel has been the most pivotal in shaping the way you work or engage with the world. Your recommendation, along with those of your classmates, will be compiled into a document to be given to the incoming first-year class and put on display in Crossett Library. To submit, see the email which every senior should have received in their school account on February 29. The deadline to submit is April 1. Email raystevens@bennington.edu with questions.
-  **The E&R Laundry** pick up and drop off room is now located in the lower level of Noyes in the closest room to South Studio. You can pick up or drop off your laundry Monday from 12:00-2:00 pm and Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Noyes dark room.

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FEBRUARY 29 THROUGH MARCH 6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 11:45am** Bennington ACTS: Burst The Bubble Table, Down Commons
- 6:00pm** Water contamination meeting, Bennington Fire Facility 🚌
- 7:00pm** Town Meeting, Bennington Fire Facility 🚌
- 7:00pm** Climbing wall open, Meyer Rec Barn
- 7:00pm** Dacia Maraini talk: "Women Writers, from Convent to Brothel" P
- 7:00pm** Karate class, Meyer Rec Barn

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- All Day** End of add registration period
- 7:00am** Polls open for local elections and Presidential Primary, North Bennington Train Station 🚌
- 6:30pm** Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Meyer Rec Barn
- 7:00pm** Climbing wall open, Meyer Rec Barn
- 7:00pm** Polls close for local elections and Presidential Primary, North Bennington Train Station 🚌
- 7:00pm** Literature evening: Phillip B. Williams, Franklin Common Room P
- 7:30pm** Magic Players Club, Upcaf

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

- 7:00pm** Literature evening: Christine Smallwood, Franklin Common Room P
- 7:00pm** Social psychology candidate talk: Alexandra Chong, CAPA Symposium
- 7:00pm** Climbing wall open, Meyer Rec Barn
- 7:30pm** Fitness at Bennington, Meyer Rec. Barn

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- 11:45am** Bennington ACTS: Burst The Bubble Table, Down Commons
- 7:00pm** Foreign Language Series presents: Luis Gonzales-Barrios talk: "Direct Democracy in Spain," EAC 1
- 7:00pm** Climbing wall open, Meyer Rec Barn

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- 1:00pm** Science Workshop: "Why we die when we die: the evolution of human mortality," Dickinson 232 P
- 7:00pm** Climbing wall open, Meyer Rec Barn

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- 2:00pm** Art+Feminism Wikipedia Eit-A-Thon at Bennington College, Crossett Library P
- 7:00pm** Play reading: VAGABONDS by Molly Kirschner, VAPA D207
- 8:00pm** Chess Club, UpCaf
- 9:00pm** PAC Presents: Dougie Poole & Cigarette concert, DownCaf

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- 1:00pm** Varsity Backgammon Club, Down Commons
- 2:00pm** Silo, Crossett Library (reading room)
- 8:00pm** Peer Writing Tutors available, Crossett Library Staff Lounge
- 8:00pm** Bennington Singer Songwriter Circle, DownCaf
- 11:00pm** Bennington Card Access System Pilot begins on campus



🚌 denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college

P denotes events open to the public
student organizations are noted in blue

Bennington ACTS

Did you know that one in four children in Bennington County are food insecure? Bennington ACTS is rolling out **ACTS for Food Relief** to meet the rising stress of food insecurity in Bennington by partnering with two local nonprofit food relief organizations, HIS Pantry and Meals on Wheels. There will be two weekly trips to Meals On Wheels, one on Tuesday afternoons and one on Friday mornings, as well as a trip to HIS Pantry every third Wednesday of the month. For more information and to sign up, look for Bennington ACTS's Burst The Bubble table every Monday and Thursday during lunch or email acts@bennington.edu.

There is a meeting to discuss **PFOA contamination** in the North Bennington water supply (municipal water, including all water on Bennington College campus, is not contaminated) this Monday at 6:00 pm at the Fire Facility in downtown Bennington. This will be followed at 7:00 pm by the annual **Town Meeting**. The Bennington Town Meeting tradition, started in 1762, brings voters in Bennington together to discuss the town budget and local elections. There will be a shuttle running continuously from 5:30-8:30 pm to take you to and from both the water meeting and the Town Meeting at 7:00 pm. Sign up in Student Life.

This Tuesday, polls will be open in Bennington from 7:00 am-7:00 pm for the Vermont Presidential Primary, local elections, and the town budget. If you are a registered voter in Bennington, go to the North Bennington Train Station to vote! If you are unsure whether you are registered to vote, visit mvp.sec.state.vt.us to find out. Questions? Visit the Burst the Bubble table or email acts@bennington.edu.

Dean X-change

Do you wish to influence decisions regarding the student experience? **Join Dean Xenia's advisory group** to have your voice heard on a regular basis, and to work with her to create mechanisms to engage all students. Anticipated commitment is a weekly (or bi-weekly) meeting over dinner. If you are interested in student life concerns, such as inclusive practice, social life, housing and residential life, conduct and discipline, health and wellbeing, transparency and communication, please join us. Please send a brief note of interest to xeniamarkowitt@bennington.edu indicating what you plan to contribute to this group. Spots are limited, and depending on interest, may call for further qualifications.

Open Office Hours

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

MARIKO SILVER, President of the College:
Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm* Cancelled 3/4

DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

ISABEL ROCHE, Provost and Dean of the College:
Mon, 12:00-1:00 pm* Cancelled 2/29
DUNCAN DOBBLEMANN, Associate Provost and Dean of Studies: Fri, 12:00-1:00 pm
LAURIE KOBICK, Assistant Dean for Academic Services: Mon & Wed, 12:30-1:30 pm
LYDIA BRASSARD, Coordinator for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion: Mon, 9:30-11:30 am (Barn 113)

ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues & Thurs, 1:00-2:00 pm
NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Director of Grants and Fellowships and Associate Director of Academic Services: Mon & Tues, 12:30-2:00 pm

ACADEMIC SERVICES CONT'D (BARN 120)

DANIELLE DOHANEY, First Year and International Student Advisor, Wed & Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE (BARN 106)

Office open hours: Fri, 1:00-2:00 pm

FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)

HOLLY MCCORMACK, Dean of Field Work Term: Wed, 12:00-1:00 pm
FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Thurs, 12:00-1:00 pm
Walk-in hours: Tues & Thurs, 12:00-2:00 pm

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN 113)

XENIA MARKOWITT, Dean of Students: By appointment, email Tina Cooper to schedule
JENNA GOLDSTEIN, Assistant Director for Student Life: Thurs, 1:00-4:00 pm

Looking for more information on the events listed here?

Try the online calendar at www.bennington.edu