

College Week

April 14– April 20

College Week is a weekly publication announcing events, up coming deadlines, wellness tips and much more. To add an event to future College Weeks please email collegeweek@bennington.edu by Monday for publication on Wednesday.

Announcements

This is your opportunity to provide feedback about your experience at Bennington College. [This survey](#) was developed with significant input from students, staff, and faculty to ensure that your responses will provide actionable data that can be used to improve the student experience on campus. The survey will take approximately 15–25 minutes to complete, depending on how much information you provide. Please know that while it is a time commitment, your candid feedback will provide valuable information that we'll use to better support you and your fellow students in your time at Bennington. We are committed to sharing the results for [this survey](#) along with how the data is used with anyone who is interested. Here is a [video](#) about the survey. Please reach out to me at heatherblizzard@bennington.edu if you have any questions, feedback, or would like to have a conversation concerning the data.

With these spring like days more students are heading outside for hikes, bike rides, basketball and soccer games. If you are socializing with others outside please continue to wear your mask and maintain 6 feet of distance. We understand that it is challenging and uncomfortable especially when it is hot outside but we need to continue to be vigilant.

Happy to announce that we can finally open Roz's is finally OPEN! Everyday except Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

House Chair Application

Want to apply to be a House Chair? The House Chair application is now open, and [available here](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, April 16th @ 5pm. Contact [Sam Clement](#) if you have any questions.

[Mindfulness Wednesday](#): 9:00–9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays; on Zoom (ID: 99079887458)

A group container and practice space for cultivating the ability to work with

awareness, pay attention on purpose, generate stillness in a busy world/day/mind, find our breath, and just be together before the doing of the day begins. The event is facilitated by Kat Daley, Rage Hezekiah and Penny Owen.

The search committee for the next Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-College Diversity Officer has reserved sessions for current students to interview with candidates on [April 14th from 12-12:45pm](#); and [April 15th from 12-12:45pm](#). You can click on the dates here to register for each session. Details on the search and how to register for the sessions were also sent to your Bennington email on Friday, April 2nd. If you have any questions about how to register, or about the process, please contact search committee chair and director of admissions, Tonya Strong, at tonyastrong@bennington.edu or via her mobile at +1-802-753-6133.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, April 14 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines? Feel free to drop in to the weekly Zoom call for evidence-based answers from the medical experts.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021 Craft Talk with Mark Wunderlich: The Posthumous Voice: how poets bring the dead back to life](#) on Wednesday, April 14 from 3:00– 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | The rather gothic title of this talk describes a stance taken by many poets over the centuries who have chosen to imagine themselves as having departed from this world, but still capable of speech. Others have chosen to perform literary ventriloquism, by giving voice to the dead. What is behind this impulse, and how does it work? In this talk, we will look at poems by Whitman, Dickinson, Rilke, Clifton, MacLeish, Plath, CD Wright and others, all of whom have performed versions of this great magic trick.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021 Poetry at Bennington: Mark Wunderlich](#) on Wednesday, April 14 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Poet Mark Wunderlich reads from his new book of poems "God of Nothingness," followed by a public Q&A.

[Survivors Support Group](#) on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. A support space for students who identify as survivors. Facilitated by Ali Tartaglia, Director of Student Health Promotion.

Friday, April 16 | [Add/Drop deadline for second 7 week Spring 2021 courses](#)

Ecology & Evolution Lecture Series Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bennington-Sci-Workshop> Anna Talucci, on Friday, April 16 at 12:30pm. Boreal forest disturbance dynamics in a warming world.

[We are Better Together Support Space](#) on Saturdays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Virtual Event. A space for students to connect with Kat Daley (MSW, Student Health Center) and Ali Tartaglia (Director for Student Health Promotions). Drop in and connect or stay the whole time!

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, April 11 from 2:00– 3:00 pm in VAPA Lester Martin Theater. Weekly club meeting to support independent projects within

the drama community. We will read plays, workshop scenes, provide a space for developing advanced work, invite professors and peers for feedback sessions and showcases, and more!

On Sundays at 7pm, EST, the Chronically Ill and Disabled Student Union (CIDSU) Support Group meets and is facilitated by Ali Tartaglia. This group is open to all students who identify as chronically ill and/or disabled and will be a place to come talk, find support, and meet other students. Our Zoom information is the same as other groups facilitated by Ali Tartaglia (Meeting ID: 4424345023, Phone #: +19292056099).

Important Housing Dates! For more information about fall housing, please contact your house chairs and/or housing@bennington.edu.

- Mock Coffee Hour for Paran Creek: Sunday, April 18
- Mock Coffee Hour for all other houses: Sunday, April 25
- Coffee Hour for Paran Creek: Sunday, April 25
- Coffee Hour for all other houses: Sunday, May 2

Being a Body; 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. on Mondays; on [Zoom](#) (Passcode: E5ZkFe); with Kat Daley, LICSW. Brief, body centered, trauma informed practices that can be embedded into your school/work day to counter the impact of living and working in a mostly virtual world. Techniques and strategies practiced include ways to support digestion, reduce body/joint pain, improve focus, and invite energy to move for overall health and wellness.

[Music Mondays from the Carriage Barn | Spring 2021 Talking Gong featuring Claire Chase, Susie Ibarra, and Alex Peh](#) on Monday, April 19 from 7:00– 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Music Mondays presents a concert and Q&A with composer, percussionist, and sound artist Susie Ibarra with her trio. "Talking Gong", featuring Claire Chase, Alex Peh and Susie Ibarra, perform solos, duet and trio compositions and conducted improvisations by Ibarra from their recently released album, "Talking Gong" on New Focus Recordings.

[CAPA Conversations: Climate Change, Race, and Displacement—Spring 2021 White Nationalism from Trumpism and Beyond](#) on Monday, April 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. This talk will explore the 21st century expansion of the far right in the United States, with attention to the emergence of the alt-right on the internet in the 2010s, and to the growing presence of white nationalism, the recent intensification of paramilitary groups, and the dissemination of dangerous conspiracy theories.

[Development of a strengths-focused family-based program to prevent adverse childhood experiences](#) on Tuesday, April 20 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Faculty member Dr. Emily Waterman, along with colleagues, will describe the initial stages of a project to prevent adverse childhood experiences.

[Bennington Translates hosts Mona Kareem](#) on Tuesday, April 20 from 2:10– 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. Mona Kareem is a writer, literary scholar and literary translator working between Arabic and English. She is the author of three poetry collections, and most recently, the trilingual chapbook "Femme Ghosts."

She has held fellowships with the Arab-American National Museum, Poetry International, BANFF Center, Norwich Center and Forum Transregionale Studien. Ecology & Evolution Lecture Series, Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bennington-Sci-Workshop> with Kattia Palacio-Lopez, on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30pm. Effects of plasticity and hybridization on life history traits in *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

Just a reminder, Student Parking is available in the Ohio Lot (behind the Student Center) and near the tennis courts and in the Alabama Lot (past the Swan Garage). Parking in front of houses is only for picking up or dropping off passengers or belongings as emergency vehicles need to be able to access these roads. If you have not yet registered your vehicle please bring your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to the Campus Safety booth. Once registered you will receive a parking decal to go in the back, driver's side window. Please reach out to Student Life or Campus Safety if you have any questions.

Student Event Calendar. We had more than 30 (!) new additions to the Student Event Calendar last week including Budget and Events Committee Proposal Deadlines, SEA Deadlines, Dance Workshops, Trivia Nights and SUNFEST! Let's continue to make this platform more inclusive, diversified and representative of the work that gets done on campus. [Follow this link for the student event calendar submission form](#) and get your event/club meeting/one off listed today!

Check out the Active Club List for Spring 2021. New listings and updates are added every week to our [campus club roster](#); find out more about campus clubs and how to reach them directly with this very helpful document!

Take the Spring 2021 Student Interest Survey. Looking for ways to get connected on campus (in the community, through clubs and recreation) or just wondering what new initiatives clubs and orgs have up their sleeve for the term ahead? Fill out a [Student Interest Survey](#) and let the Office for Student Engagement send you a personalized list of opportunities and updates. Think of it like a magic 8 ball for co-curricular opportunities on campus!

From the Programming & Activity Council. SUNFEST 2021 is in the works and we would love to hear your thoughts. We hope that this year's event will feature live performances by many student bands/performers and adjacently in another space – performances from outside musicians on a large projected screen. We want to keep the spirit of Sunfest alive by having different activities that could take place alongside the music, maybe featuring campus clubs (Sunfest dodgeball?). What are your ideas for different activities during Sunfest? What would you like to see? Send your thoughts to pac@bennington.edu or dm us @pacbennington.

Student Event Calendar Tip of the Week: Submitting to the Wider Calendar + Poster Opportunities If you haven't submitted to the event calendar there are several very practical features you might not be familiar with yet. 1) Did you know you can choose to submit to the SEC alone, or also have that event pushed to the wider (external) community calendar in the same form? It's a very simple way to reach an audience that extends to alumni, community members and the general public. It also increases the likelihood of @atbennington and other campus

social media platforms picking up the story! 2) Did you know the SEC submission form also links you directly to poster distribution when you want it? With one simple process you can have student life postering staff print and distribute your posters for you! It's really as simple as that. How do YOU use the student event calendar? We'd love to hear about it! Feel free to email studentengagement@bennington.edu with your tips and tricks.

The Emergency Blue Box phone located at the College's North gate entrance is currently out of order. The college is actively reviewing the repair options and we will report back when it is repaired and functional. In the meantime, please call 9-1-1 from any mobile phone for emergencies or call Campus Safety at 802.447.4250 from any mobile phone. The next closest Emergency Blue Box is located in the Dean Carriage parking lot.

Virtual Office Hours

All hours are EST.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

Christine Winget: Acting Dean of Students, [email](#) for an appointment.

OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Sarah Blizzard: Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

Sam Clement: Assistant Director of Residential Life, [email](#) for an appointment.

Matt Scott: Director of Student Engagement, [email](#) for an appointment.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Kate Child: Assistant Dean for Academic Services

Weekly Open Hours in Zoom:

Mondays: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Rage Hezekiah: Assistant Director of Academic and International Student Services

Mondays: 3:00–4:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays: 9:00– 10:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Wednesdays: 3:00–4:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Thursdays: 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom open hour](#)

Fridays: 2:00– 3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Katy Young Evans: Assistant Director of Academic Services

Mondays, Thursdays 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Tuesdays, Fridays 1:00–2:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Xiomara Giordano: Academic Services and Study Away Counselor.

Mondays, 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Tuesdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Wednesdays, 12:00–1:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 pm [Zoom open hour](#)

Fridays, 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom open hour](#)

Noelle Everett Murphy: Assistant Dean for Academic Services

Mondays, 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom open hour](#)

Tuesdays 9:00–10:00 am – [Zoom open hour](#)

Thursdays 4:00–5:00 pm – [Zoom open Hour](#)

Fridays 12:00–1:00 pm – [Zoom open hour](#)

DEAN'S OFFICE

Kelly Hayes: Office Coordinator for the Provost and Dean's office, [email](#) for an appointment.

Oceana Wilson, Acting Dean of the College, Dean of the Library. [Email](#) to schedule a Zoom meeting on Mondays–Fridays and in person on Wednesdays– Fridays.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Laura Walker: President, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to schedule an appointment.

Meredith McCoy: Associate Vice President for Institutional Initiatives and Title IX Coordinator, please [email](#) for an appointment.

This year's JEDI advisors: [Ara Aman '21](#) and [Rojay Bryan '22](#).

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Ali Tartaglia: Director of Student Health Promotion, [email](#) for an appointment.

Career Development, FWT & Campus Jobs

Connect With Us

Questions or concerns – email us at fwt@bennington.edu or [schedule a virtual advising session](#).

Our socials: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Career Convos blog](#) | [Career Convos podcast](#)

Virtual Career Counseling Drop-In Hours: New links*

Tuesdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Faith McClellan, Associate Dean of Career Development and FWT:

Office Hours: Thursdays 1 pm – 2 pm EST: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Need Help During the Weekend?

Our Student Career Assistants are available on Tuesdays from 5 – 9 pm and Sunday evenings from 6 – 9 pm. [Schedule an appointment](#) for help navigating Handshake and revising your application materials.

SUMMER FWT PLANNING

Summer 2021 Independent Study

Please [review the IS webpage](#) to learn about the eligibility criteria and application process. Don't forget the [proposal form](#) is due April 16!

Registration deadline for the summer is April 30. You can register your FWT experience [here](#). To learn more, check out [this video](#) where our very own Brenda Mercure walks you through this process. To preview the registration questions, check out [this document](#).

New Career Convos episode: Summer FWT

During [this episode of Career Convos](#), Career Engagement Coordinator Jocelyn Salcedo '18 speaks with members of the Bennington community about their experience searching for and securing a summer FWT experience. Guests: Kelsey Broadfield '20, Phoenix Malanga '22, Alyssa Pong '23, Andrea Tovar '23. Audio engineering: Ako Shergazy '22.

Career Launch Program

This summer, the Career Launch program will help 25 Bennington students enhance their professional communication and networking skills. By the end of the program, you will know how to expand your professional network, land informational interviews, and turn these conversations into job opportunities and

referrals. [Click here](#) to complete the Interest form and learn more. The form will close on April 23!

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

REUs engage groups of undergraduate students in paid research positions in a wide range of disciplines, funded by the National Science Foundation. Interested? Check out our [Summer REU's Resource](#), and contact us for support!

HIRING EMPLOYERS & ON-CAMPUS POSITIONS

Paid Summer Positions with Few Applicants:

- [AIP \(American Institute of Physics\) Publishing](#) \$17/hour | Remote | Exp. date: April 30
- [Community Asylum Seekers Project \(CASP\)](#) \$15/hour | Remote or On-site | Exp. date: April 30
- [Berkshire Interns \(IT, finance, marketing, other industries\)](#) Paid (\$400–\$720/week) | Remote and On-site positions | Exp. date: April 30
- [Remote Internship with Leading Renewable Energy Companies](#) \$25/hour | Remote | Exp. date: April 30
- [Summer Environmental Education at Lake Paran](#) \$15/hour | On-site | Exp. date: April 30

Opportunity Spotlights: Jobs for Graduating Seniors***

- [Technical Theater Director with Kingswood Oxford School](#): Work with alum Heidi Hojnicky '95.
- [Teaching Positions with Kingswood Oxford School](#): Work with alum Heidi Hojnicky '95.
- [Client Services Manager with Two Twelve](#) (design firm): Referred by faculty member Judith Enck.
- [HR/Office Coordinator with Two Twelve](#) (design firm): Referred by faculty member Judith Enck.
- [Civics and Community Stewardship Coordinator, Riverkeeper](#): Referred by faculty member Judith Enck.

Student Employment:

As support to students, almost all campus jobs have been restructured as year-long positions, meaning work-eligible students are automatically re-hired to continue their fall campus job(s) in the spring. If you are a work-eligible student who didn't work in the fall, immediate openings are available for 7–8 hours/week in the role of [Dining Hall Food Service Worker](#).

Student Health Promotion

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

with Ali Tartaglia

Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 4424345023

(US) +1 929-205-6099

BETTER TOGETHER SUPPORT GROUP

with Ali Tartaglia and Kat Daly

Saturdays 2 – 3 pm EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 4424345023

(US) +1 929-205-6099

(CIDSU) CHRONICALLY ILL and DISABLED STUDENT UNION SUPPORT GROUP

with Ali Tartaglia

Sundays 7–8 pm EST

Meeting ID: 4424345023, Phone #: +1 929 205 6099

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TO COLLEGEWEEK@BENNINGTON.EDU BY MONDAY AT NOON
FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK.

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Bennington's Community Email

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