

College Week

May 5 – May 11

College Week is a weekly publication announcing events, upcoming 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

We are pleased to share that we are piloting storage on campus for the summer this year. Storage will be available on campus in the form of six, 40' storage containers which will be located in the Ohio parking lot. The hope is this will be easier, more convenient, and less expensive for students than using local storage facilities. Please note the following:

- Fill out the [Summer Storage 2021](#) form (this is required prior to storing any items) by Tuesday, May 11.
- Only store items in plastic storage bins (no cardboard boxes are allowed)
- Bins must be labeled securely with your full name on the top and short sides
- Storage containers will be labeled alphabetically and you store your bins according to your last name
- Once you put your belongings in the storage containers we cannot retrieve any forgotten belongings
- Our hope is to have one storage container designated for non college-issued furniture and mini fridges
- Please take as much stuff home with you as possible as space is limited
- The fee for storage for the summer is \$20.00 payable to the Student Life Office

Storage will be available: Friday, May 21 – Friday May 28: Monday – Friday 3:00 – 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12:00 – 6:00 pm.

A reminder about staying on campus this summer. We know that there are a number of students who are unable to leave campus for a number of reasons and are pleased to be able to offer housing in Paran Creek and the Welling Townhouse. While we will not be hosting Middlebury on campus, the College is working with a number of other groups to arrange for time on campus and Buildings & Grounds needs access to the houses for repairs and maintenance. We ask that you fill out this [form](#) by Thursday, May 6 at noon if you intend to stay on campus for the summer. The College will offer a limited number of campus employment opportunities this summer in these areas: admissions, bookstore, campus safety, IT, post office, and student life. Typically, positions will be limited to 8 hours per week. The College is aware that many students may seek additional

income, and we invite students to consider these [local Handshake listings](#), available by public transportation, as well as a wide range of paid remote freelance listings on [Handshake](#) and [Parker Dewey](#). For support accessing summer work options, please book a career counseling appointment on [Handshake](#). The cost of summer housing will be on a sliding scale based on each individual student's financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid. Unfortunately, Dining Services will not be open this summer, so students will need to purchase and prepare their own food. Please make sure to read the entire application as you are filling it out.

An initiative called Summon Spring will be ongoing throughout April and May: faculty, staff, and students are invited to share reflective letters with L.E.S.S (Leaders for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability) on the topic of what is popularly known as environmental sustainability as it relates to Bennington College's environmental sustainability initiatives. There are two ways in which you may contribute to this initiative:

- Write a letter sharing ideas, designs, concerns, criticisms and insights regarding Bennington College's environmental relationship and impact. You may certainly defy the prompt! If using the [AASHE Report](#) please cite sections of the report in your letter <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/bennington-college-vt/report/2021-01-26/>
- Read and constructively criticize a portion of the [AASHE Report](#) which was filed by members of our community over the past year as a way of aggregating data in order to analyze what needs to be prioritized on campus in terms of environmental sustainability

There is not yet a place wherein information about environmental initiatives are aggregated for community members to review or criticize. Therefore, there is a lack of institutional knowledge regarding what initiatives are present. Letters will be aggregated in a physical and digital commons for fellow community members to read throughout the coming years. Physical copies of letters may be delivered and placed in a folder labelled Summon Spring on the L.E.S.S Resource Library in the Commons first ground floor lobby. When completed with your letter (you may write your name or remain anonymous) please send it as a PDF toless@bennington.edu or deliver it to the Resource Library directly. You may legibly handwrite or type letters. Unless otherwise noted in an email, all letters will be made public domain. If you wish to write a letter or make a criticism of the AASHE Report or "sustainability" at Bennington in general, you are encouraged to review the adjacently attached [Suggestions Regarding Letter-Writing](#). Letters will be reviewed by college administrators and available for review by the general public.

Beginning April 20, the IT@Bennington team will begin outfitting external network access points to bring wireless connectivity to Commons Lawn. Four stadium antennas will be mounted on the outside of Canfield, Dewey, Booth, and Kilpat. The goal, longer-term, is ubiquitous wireless to allow students, faculty, and staff to leverage outdoor spaces for work, research, and creative pursuits that require network access.

[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.

Music Auditions Fall 2021. Email Faculty to schedule an appointment. May 4 – 5 Bass with Michael Bisio, May 3 – 7 Mallet Percussion with Michael Wimberly, May 4 – 5 Guitar with Hui Cox, May 3 – 7 Jazz Piano with Jen Allen, May 3 – 7 Violin & Viola with Kaori Washiyama.

[Senior Music Fest](#) from MAY 4 – MAY 7 from 7:00– 10:00 PM. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | During Senior Music Fest, seniors will present their artistic work ranging from jazz quartets to audiovisual pieces to Mariachi-influenced singer-

songwriter compositions to documentary screenings.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Open Hour with Drs. Tartaglia and Anselmo](#) on Wednesday, May 5 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 "Ghost in the Machine: The Poetics of Computation," a Craft Talk with Lillian-Yvonne Bertram](#) on Wednesday, May 5 from 3:00– 4:00 PM. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Lillian-Yvonne Bertram is the author of four books of poetry and the recipient of an NEA fellowship and director of the Chautauqua Institution Writers' Festival. They are an associate professor of English at the University of Massachusetts–Boston, where they direct the MFA program in creative writing.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021 Poetry at Bennington: Lillian-Yvonne Bertram and Catherine Barnett](#) on Wednesday, May 5 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Poets Catherine Barnett and Lillian-Yvonne Bertram read from their poetry collections "Human Hours" and "Travesty Generator," 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.

[Brooks Hope | Senior Concert 2021](#) on Wednesday, May 5 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Jennings Music Building. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Brooks Hope's senior show that will be streamed and presented live to the audience in the tent outside Jennings.

[Joshua Goldberg | Senior Concert Preview 2021](#) on Thursday, May 6 from 12:00 – 12:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | A preview of original musical theatre compositions. The full filmed revue will be available late May.

[Science Workshop—Spring 2021 Parking Functions: Choose your own adventure](#) on Thursday, May 6 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | For this week's Science workshop, Pamela Harris, PhD, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Williams College, will speak about parking functions.

[Ben Watson | Senior Album Release 2021](#) on Thursday, May 6 from 4:00 – 4:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Album of songs by Ben Watson, performed on guitar. All were written by Ben Watson, except one ("Noise Machine" by Chris Thile).

[Andha Yug: A Staged Reading](#) on Thursday, May 6 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Jennings Lawn. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | A staged reading of Soumya Rachel Shailendra's translation of Dharamvir Bharati's Hindi play, Andha Yug.

[Colin Jones: "Miracle" | Senior Concert 2021](#) on Thursday, May 6 from 9:30 – 10:15 pm. Jennings Music Building. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Colin Jones' senior show in music. An audiovisual performance for Synth, Guitars and Projection. There will be flashing/strobing lights.

[Last day to withdraw from second 7 week Spring 2021 courses](#) on Friday, May 7 from 9:00am – 5:00 pm. Bennington Campus.

[Ako Shergazy | Pre-Senior Work Release 2021](#) on Friday, May 7 from 12:00– 12:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | This is a sound only pre-release of Ako Shergazy's upcoming senior installation!

[Jann Moreno/ SAD JUAN | Album Release 2021](#) on Friday, May 7 from 1:00 – 1:30 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | An album of various genres, yet constant in developing Jann Moreno's identity.

[Poetry at Bennington—Spring 2021 "Testimony, Knowing, and Not-Knowing," a](#)

[Craft Talk with Catherine Barnett](#) on Friday, May 7 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | In this craft class we'll read poems that enact varieties of knowing. We'll also do one or two brief exercises to bring more forgetting, wondering, self-correction, and simple questioning—authentic questioning—to our poems.

[Amy Anders | Senior Album Release 2021](#) on Friday, May 7 from 4:30 – 5:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | B-Rad will broadcast Amy Anders' senior work: a ten track album of original songs.

[UnMuted](#) on Friday, May 7 from 8:30 – 10:00 pm. Student Center. UnMuted is the first live dance concert of original work created by Bennington Students after a year of lock down.

[SEPC Presents: Bird Watching with Faculty Blake Jones](#) on Saturday, May 8 from 7:30 – 8:30 am. Bennington Campus. The Environment SEPC is hosting their biweekly Bird Watching event with faculty Blake Jones.

[Native Women Running](#) on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 am– 12:00 pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. | Join us as Cambridge comes together to walk, run or bike in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirits, grieving families, and individuals working on the frontlines to end this epidemic of violence against Indigenous people. All profits from this virtual event will go directly to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, USA.

Sunfest is Saturday May 8 and will be a day of great live music, fun club activities including a communal mural project with the Comics Club, a powerlifting club competition, a performance by the drag club, disk golf, giant jenga, film screenings, screen printing and more! For additional information about the day, feel free to email pac at PAC@bennington.edu and be sure to follow their Instagram account for updates throughout the day and leading up to the weekend: IG @PACBennington.

Live Music/Performances – Daytime (Commons Lawn)

Bark Dog @ 1:30 pm

Izzy Iofreda & Annabel Hoffman @ 2:00 pm

Drag Club Live Performance @2:30 pm

Maddy Wood @ 3:00 pm

Beautiful Girls by Sean Kingston @3:30 pm

Spit/Kiss @ 4:00 pm

BLAPH @ 4:30 pm

DJ BESTFRIENDS @ 5:00 pm

The Bennington Funk Ensemble @ 5:30 pm

Live/Projected Performances – Evening (Commons Lawn, Downcaf Lawn, Tishman Auditorium)

Jordan Fletcher @ 8:30 pm

Ron Gallo @ 9:00 pm

Tank & the Bangas 9:30 pm

[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!

[Brunch with President Walker](#) on Sunday, May 9 from 11:00 am– 12:30 pm. Commons Dining Halls. Students may sign up to have lunch with President Walker in Commons Dining Hall.

[Independent Works Club](#) on Sunday, May 9 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).

Housing lottery (scheduled for May 10–15) is an opportunity for students who were unable to secure a room during Housing Coffee Hour to secure a room assignment for Fall. Traditionally, Housing Lottery is done in person; however, due to restrictions around gatherings related to COVID 19, Lottery will be conducted virtually. Here is an overview of how it works:

- On May 10, rising Seniors will be invited to complete a Google Form indicating their top 3 choices of available houses/rooms. Selections must be made between 12pm (noon) ET on May 10 and 11:59am ET on May 11.
- Rising Juniors will be invited to complete a Google Form indicating their top 3 choices of available houses/rooms beginning at 12pm (noon) ET on May 12 and by 11:59am ET on May 13.
- Rising Sophomores will be invited to complete a Google Form indicating their top 3 choices of available houses/rooms beginning at 12pm (noon) ET on May 14 and by 11:59am ET on May 15.
- Rising Juniors and Sophomores will be asked to identify a roommate. If you do not have a roommate in mind, Housing will assign a roommate during the summer.

It is our preference that you are able to select a roommate of your choice, so we encourage you to utilize the Roommate Finder Channel in the Spring 2021 Discord.

Here is an update on next steps in our provost search in regards to student engagement. We are scheduling candidates and will be organizing a long slate of interview virtual interviews and forums so that our constituencies can meet them. The candidates are also doing dinner with Laura and on campus tour/handful of in-person meetings, prior to these upcoming meetings. We are targeting the weeks of May 10–14 and May 17–21, and we will work with the candidates to match their availability with open student forums (45 min mtgs per candidate with two options provided, and we will be setting up 6 of these forums total during these 2 weeks). Similar to the DEI search, we'll look at times when class isn't in session, as well as try our best to avoid FYF times too.

[Walk with Walker](#) on Tuesday, May 11 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Flagpole (in front of Barn) A time for students to get to know President Walker and to share thoughts and ideas about Bennington.

[VALS—Spring 2021 Susette Min](#) on Tuesday, May 11 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Virtual Event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | This week's VALS guest is Dr. Susette Min. Professor Min's critically acclaimed first book, "Unnamable: The Ends of Asian American Art" centers attention on the categorical imperatives of Asian American Art.

Planning Ahead:

- Wednesday, May 12 | [2000-level registration for Fall 2021 begins, 1:00pm \(up to 8 credits\)](#)
- Thursday, May 13 | [4000-level registration for Fall 2021 begins](#)
- Friday, May 14 | [2000-level registration for Fall 2021 continues, 1:00pm \(up to 18 credits\)](#)

We welcome you to participate in our brand new (student-reporter-led, on behalf of Communications) photo contest, Frames. The theme for our first edition is Bloom. You don't need to be a professional to enter, so don't

hesitate. We will feature the selected finalists on our official Instagram and website galleries, and most importantly Bennington Magazine. Finalists will also be awarded with a bookstore gift card. Multiple submissions are welcome! On Bloom: Bloom can mean a lot of things--flowering, beginnings, joy, spring. As long as its essence comes through in the photograph, you are encouraged to submit! How to Submit: Kindly email the photo(s) to commsreporter@bennington.edu along with your name, year, and a short statement about the inspiration behind your shot. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 14.

The Bennington Programming and Activity Council (PAC) is hiring for the Fall 2021 academic year! If you have an interest in event planning (Trivia nights, open mics, live concerts, late night and social events) this position could be a great fit! Anyone interested is encouraged to apply via [this link to complete your application now!](#) Feel free to email [Matt Scott](#) in the Office for Student Engagement with any questions.

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.

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.

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

Registration for the summer FWT was Friday, April 30. Still finalizing your plans

and need a little more time? Be sure to contact fwt@bennington.edu and let us know where you're at in the process. When you are ready, register your FWT experience [here](#). To preview the registration questions, check out [this document](#).

Career Launch Program

This summer, the Career Launch program will help 25 Bennington students enhance their professional communication and networking skills. [Click here](#) to complete the Interest form and learn more. The application deadline has been extended to May 7! Apply now to secure your spot.

Senior Career Advising

Seniors: We are here to help with your post-graduation plans. Our Career Counselor Steven Young and Employer Relations Coordinator Sharon Gonzales are available for advising on career goals, networking, job referrals, interview preparation, resume and cover letter revision, digital profile creation, and more. You don't have to figure it all out on your own! Please continue to utilize our [office and resources](#) and make an appointment on [Handshake](#).

HIRING EMPLOYERS & ON-CAMPUS POSITIONS

Paid Summer FWT Listing Spotlights:

- [Application Developer at Zudy Software](#) \$20/hour | Remote
- [Summer Wellness Camp Counselor at Sage Street Mill](#) \$12.50/hour | On-site, Bennington VT
- [Community Engagement Intern at Bennington Museum](#) \$15/hour | On-site, Bennington VT
- [Cooking Video Intern at Ellen Ecker Ogden Kitchen Garden Designs](#) \$100/day | On-site, Manchester VT
- [Robotics Technical Artist Intern at Amazon Robotics](#) Paid | On-site, Westborough MA | Alumni Connection

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

Feeling a bit down? Keep an eye on our social media for what's happening in our office! Random acts of kindness weeks are coming!!