

College Week

Study Away

Staff Updates

We're happy to welcome Amy Dobson as Interim Study Away Counselor! Amy will be working in the Academic Services Suite (Room 120C). Students interested in studying away should email Amy at amydobson@bennington.edu to schedule a time to meet.

Considering Studying Away?

Stop by the study away office in Barn 120C to learn more about opportunities available to you! Our Fall 2019 hours are **Mondays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm; Tuesdays, 12:00 noon-4:00 pm; Wednesdays, 9:00 am-11:00 am; Thursdays, 11:00 am-4:00 pm; Fridays 11:00 am-4:00 pm**. You can also visit our website to learn more about our exchange and affiliated programs.

Sweet Brair College Junior Year in France Visits Bennington!

Stop by the information table in Commons **Tuesday, September 17 between 11:30 am-1:30 pm**, to learn all about JYF. The program focuses on helping students achieve fluency in French to prepare for success in the global workplace.

Learn About Opportunities From The Education Abroad Network!

TEAN will be visiting Bennington on **Wednesday, September 18 between 11:30 am-1:30 pm**. The Network focuses on programs in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand in a whole host of study areas, such as marine ecology in Australia.

CIEL Exchange Spotlight: New College of Florida

Located in Sarasota, Florida, New College of Florida offers a liberal arts education of the highest quality in the context of a small, residential public honors college with a distinctive academic program which develops the student's intellectual and personal potential as fully as possible. Study is available in 35 areas of concentration.

Application Deadline Approaching for Spring 2020 programs!

- Bennington Study Away Application - **due October 31**

Scholarship Deadlines Approaching!

- Gilman Scholarship - **due October 1 at Midnight**

Check out more Study Away news and updates at **Bennington Study Abroad** on Facebook!

Health Promotion

Our groups have started! Please join us!

Men's Group Mondays at 8 pm, in Commons

Mindfulness Group Wednesdays at 8:45 am, Resource Room in the Student Health Center

Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group, Wednesdays at 8 pm, Resource Room in the Student Health Center

Sober Pizza, Saturdays at 1:30 pm, in the Student Health Center

Recovery Group, Saturdays at 2:30 pm, in the Student Health Center

Dialectical Behavior Therapy Group, Saturdays at 3:30 pm, in the Student Health Center

- **Budget and Events Committee Is Hiring for Fall Term!** Interested in getting more involved in campus event planning and budget process? The Budget & Events Committee (the central budgetary committee responsible for allocating funding to campus clubs and organizations) will be hiring for several open positions in the coming term! Anyone interested in more information is encouraged to email Matt Scott in the Office of Student Engagement via mscott@bennington.edu for more information.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Translators Without Borders: Language as a Means of Survival in Humanitarian Crisis** on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm, in CAPA Symposium. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** | What happens when no one who might help you speaks your language?
- **Drama Forum will host an Information Session** on Tuesday, September 17 at 1:00 pm, in VAPA D207. For students interested in finding out more about the Lortel FWT Fellowship - with Dina Janis and previous Lortel Fellowship Recipients discussing the program and application process.
- **Extinction Rebellion Presents** on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30pm, in VAPA Margot Tenney Theater. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** | Extinction Rebellion presenters are coming to give a presentation about the riveting UK-founded grassroots movement which has been growing internationally as an immediate response to October 2018 Climate Crisis reports.
- **VALS—Fall 2019 presents Cosmo Whyte '05** on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00pm, in Tishman Lecture Hall. **OPEN TO PUBLIC** | Cosmo Whyte '05 (b. 1982) is a Jamaican-born transdisciplinary artist. His practice includes drawing, performance, and sculpture, and "explores how notions of identity are disrupted by migration.
- **Public Policy Forum @ CAPA—Fall 2019: Protecting Our Ponds, Lakes, Rivers, and Drinking Water** on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm, in CAPA Symposium. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** | Join us for a conversation with Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Association; Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Center; Peter Lowell, Founder, Lakes Environmental Association (Maine).
- On Friday, September 20 at 1:00 pm, in Dickinson 232, **What Part of •NO Don't You Understand?: The Chemistry of Nitric Oxide Derivatives and Their Pharmacological Properties**. Susan M. Mitroka, Ph. D. an associate professor from Worcester State University will be joining us to discuss The Chemistry of Nitric Oxide Derivatives and Their Pharmacological Properties. Snacks Available.
- **Fall Admissions Saturdays** on September 14 - October 26 at 11:00 am, on Bennington Campus. At Bennington we learn by experiencing, and we invite you to do the same. Join us on select Saturdays during the fall for an in-depth look at how Bennington students live, learn, and create.
- **Bookstore's Extended Hours:** Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- **Follow PAC!** Keep up to date with campus events, rollerskating events, bands, trivia nights and more by following PAC on instagram and facebook! FB: @PACATBENNINGTON, IG:PACBENNINGTON -- or always feel free to e-mail us at pac@bennington.edu.
- **The B-RAD radio station** is taking applications for new and returning shows. The forms can be found on benningtonradio.com. Deadline for returning shows is September 15, deadline for new shows is September 23! All students, faculty, staff and Bennington town's community members are welcome to apply! If you have any questions about the application process/the radio station, ask one of the co-station managers: Gabriela and Sydnie, Co Station Managers, Neil L., Music Rep., Luci, Talk Rep., Jann, Tech Manager, Andreea, PR Manager.
- **FLow is still seeking donations for the Little Extras Pantry.** If you would like to donate non-perishable food items and/or supplies, including VA supplies or toiletries, there will be a dropbox in Barn North (Barn 113). In addition, we ask that toiletries and food items be unopened and unused. We also ask that you do not place any items in the pantry yourself as we need to check every item prior to stocking. If you have any questions or concerns, please email flow@bennington.edu.

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

24 HOURS • EVERYDAY • SEPT 16 THROUGH SEPT 22

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 pm Social Justice Leadership & Change Workshop, Commons 201

P 7:00 pm Translators Without Borders, CAPA Symposium

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

1:00 pm Lortel FWT Fellowship Information Session, VAPA D207

P 6:30 pm Extinction Rebellion Presents, VAPA Margot Tenney Theater

P 7:00 pm Cosmo Whyte '05, Tishman Lecture Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

All Day End of drop registration period for full term and first 7 week courses, Bennington Campus

All Day Last day to request letter grades, Bennington Campus

🚌 12:30 pm Collective Care Hike, North Bennington

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

P 7:00 pm Protecting Our Ponds, Lakes, Rivers and Drinking Water, CAPA Symposium

10:00 pm PAC Presents: , Karaoke Night, Student Center Lower Level

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

🚌 11:00 am Bennington Climate Strike, People's Park, Bennington

P 1:00 pm What Part of NO Don't You Understand, Dickinson 232

9:00 pm PAC Presents: Stand Up Comedy Night

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

🚌 8:00 am OSE Trip to Hartford, CT

11:00 am Fall Admissions Saturdays, Bennington Campus

🚌 12:00 pm Bennington Litter Clean Up & Brand Audit, various locations around Bennington

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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Ways to make your phone battery last longer - from the moment we get up in the morning and unplug our cell phone, we have the nagging timer in the back of our mind about how long our phone will go before we need to find an outlet. There are a number of things that you can do to extend that last charge; turn-off Location Services, turn off vibrations, and turn down the brightness to just name a few. Here is a longer list: <https://medium.com/@lauren.c.stephen/13-tips-to-extend-the-lifespan-of-your-phone-battery-16c2af-5ca59f>.

One thing that can help is taking care of the battery from day one, to give your battery a longer life-span, check out these tips: <https://www.lovefone.co.uk/blogs/news/10-ways-to-make-your-phone-battery-last-longer>.

Reminders & Planning Ahead

Room Change period starts on Monday, September 16. If you are looking to move out of your room and/or House you need to talk to your House Chairs and roommate first. Then please come to the Student Life Office, Barn North 113 to fill out a Room Change Request form.

Student Engagement

- **Social Justice Leadership & Change Workshop** - Mondays in September from 6 to 7 pm in Commons 201 - Club & Org Budget Transparency, Equity, & Planning. All club & org leaders must have one representative present at one of the Monday meetings, all students interested in learning about club & org budgets at Bennington are welcome to attend.
- **Collective Care Hike** - Let's take a lunch break at Mile Around the Woods in North Bennington on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Email adrianadiaz@bennington.edu to sign-up.
- **Bennington Climate Strike** - Friday, Sept. 20, 11:00 am meet at Flagpole, rally at People's Park at 1:00 pm, March at 2:00 pm to Four Corners.
- **OSE Trip to Hartford, CT** - Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8am to 9pm - spend the day exploring Talcott Mountain State Park and the Hartford, CT area. No cost to attend, spend what you wish throughout the day. Sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/osetrips>.
- **Bennington Litter Clean Up and Brand Audit** on Saturday, Sept. 21 various locations https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMxfHaYcyjV7om-n0qNp-KDPYpAm0Jdg39yLM8f23sq_mTg/viewform to register to volunteer.
- **NEW OSE Trip to Burlington, VT** - Saturday, October 12 from 8am to 9pm - a conference was cancelled this year so we've opened up a new trip to Burlington, VT to explore downtown, sit by the water, and just generally enjoy this lovely city. Sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/osetrips>.
- Keep up to date on trips, events, & more by liking us on Facebook - **Bennington College OSE** - and following us on Instagram - @benncollegeose.
- Need an event or meeting space for your club or organization? **Check out the Office for Student Engagement page** on the college website to access the OSE Space Reservations form for UpCaf, DownCaf, Student Center, the soccer field, and tabling in Dining!

Open Office Hours

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (BARN 125)

ISABEL ROCHE, Interim President of the College: Please contact the President's Office at ext. 4300.

DELIA SAENZ, VP for Institutional Inclusion, Equity and Leadership, call for appointment, ext. 4306.

DEAN'S OFFICE (BARN 123)

JOHN BULLOCK, Acting Provost: contact Meredith Meurs for appointment, ext. 4406.

LAURIE KOBICK, Dean of Studies: Thurs. 12:30-1:30 pm.

ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

By appointment: alumnirelations@bennington.edu

ACADEMIC SERVICES (BARN 120)

NOELLE EVERETT MURPHY, Assistant Dean for Academic Services: Tues. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

KATY EVANS, Academic Services & Accommodations Advisor, Tues. & Thurs. 1:00-2:00 pm.

AMY DOBSON, Study Away Counselor, call or email for appointment, ext. 2490.

FWT & CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BARN 112)

FAITH MCCLELLAN, Director of Field Work Term and Career Development: Mon., 1:00-2:00 pm.

FWT Planning, Senior Career Advising, Campus Employment Assistance - Walk-in Hours: Tues. & Wed. 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE (BARN NORTH)

NATALIE BASIL, Dean of Students: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for appointment, ext. 4220.

CHRISTINE WINGET, Associate Dean of Student Life: Contact Christine Congelosi-Lulla for appointment, ext. 4220.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (BARN NORTH)

KATE CHILD, Director of the First-Year Experience and International Student Services: Tues. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

RAGE HEZEKIAH, First Year & International Student Advisor: Tues. & Fri., 1:00-2:00 pm.

ADRIANA DIAZ, First Year Advisor in First-Year Experience, Mon. & Wed., 1:00-2:00 pm.

OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (UPCAF)

MATT SCOTT, Director for Student Engagement: call or email for appointment, ext. 4334.

ANYA PIOTROWSKI, Assistant Director for Student Engagement: call or email for appointment, ext. 4370.

SAM CLEMENT, Assistant Director of Residential Life, call for appointment, ext. 4613

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

ALI TARTAGLIA, Director of Student Health Promotion: call or email for appointment, ext. 4755.

🚌 denotes off campus events not affiliated with the college

P denotes events open to the public

Looking for more information on the events listed here? Try the online event calendar at

www.bennington.edu

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Come see us!

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Adjusted Hours for Field Work Term 2020

Starting with FWT 2020, students are now required to complete 200 hours over 6 weeks of the Field Work Term, a reduction of 10 hours. This can be broken down into 140 primary hours and 60 supplemental hours. Please review the Field Work Term Requirements for more detail.

Field Work Term Funding

Students with high financial need (as determined by Financial Aid) received an email last week indicating eligibility for a \$500 FWT grant if they register an unpaid FWT internship. Students who are not automatically eligible may still apply for a need-based FWT grant of up to \$500 via a simple grant application, which will be reviewed following receipt of their FWT registration. Both the grant application and FWT registration are due on November 8. (As explained here, students who secure paid internships will not be eligible for grants.) For support in thinking through your Field Work Term funding options, please book an appointment with a FWT advisor on Handshake or email fwt@bennington.edu. If you have broader questions about financing your Bennington education, please email financialaid@bennington.edu.

Added Field Work Term Fellowships

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