

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULE–FALL 2012

*A final schedule with locations noted will be provided in your Orientation folder which you will receive when you check in on Friday, August 31. This schedule is provided to give you a sense of what's to come once you are on campus.*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31:

**9:00 am–4:00 pm**

#### **Check-In**

*Welcome to Bennington! Pick up your Orientation materials and sign up for your faculty workshop. You will also pick up your room key, Bennington Card, and get other important information about the College.*

**12:00–1:30 pm**

#### **Lunch**

*Available for students, families, and friends*

**2:00–3:30 pm**

#### **Program for Parents**

*A session for parents featuring a welcome from Isabel Roche, Dean of the College, Duncan Dobbelmann, Associate Dean of the College, and Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Dean of Students as well as a talk from faculty member David Anderegg.*

**4:30 pm**

#### **Reception with President Elizabeth Coleman**

*A brief word from the president of the College to “officially” welcome new students and parents to the Bennington community.*

**5:30 pm**

#### **New Student Orientation Welcome**

*Isabel Roche, Dean of the College, Duncan Dobbelmann, Associate Dean of the College and Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Dean of Students will add their welcome to the Class of 2016 and kick-off the New Student Orientation program.*

**6:00 pm**

#### **Dinner**

*Join your orientation group for your first dinner on campus.*

**8:00 pm**

#### **In the Place Where you Live**

*Join your House Chairs and house mates for your first activity with your new community followed by ice cream in the Student Center with your class.*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

**8:00 am**

#### **Breakfast ☒ (☒–denotes meals which require your Bennington ID)**

**9:30 am**

#### **Orientation group meeting**

*A brief check in to answer any questions and regroup after your first night on campus.*

**10:00 am**

#### **A History of Bennington**

*This archival footage of Bennington's early days provides a brief but thorough introduction to the fascinating history of the place you now call home. This film was the work of a class taught by faculty member Eileen Scully in 2007 called “Bennington Past & Present”.*

**10:45 am**

#### **Conversation with President Elizabeth Coleman**

*Using the traditional commencement address of the College, read at every commencement since the inception of the College, participate in a conversation with your peers and the President about education at Bennington.*

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| 12:00 pm                    | <b>Lunch ☿</b><br><br><b>Transfer Student Lunch</b><br><i>Transfer students will meet with Duncan Dobbeltmann, Associate Dean of the College, Laurie Kobik, Assistant Dean of Academic Services, Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Dean of Students and upper-class transfer students over lunch to discuss academics and co-curricular life at Bennington.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1:30 pm                     | <b>Everything you always wanted to know...about Health and Safety at Bennington</b><br><i>A panel discussion of resources, services and expectations featuring Ken Collamore, Director of Campus Safety; Dr. Randy Anselmo, Director of Health Services; Dr. April Stein, Director of Psychological Service; and Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Dean of Students.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:30 pm                     | <b>Student Panel: Bennington Student Experiences</b><br><i>Bennington students share their experiences. Learn more about Field Work Term, classes, houses, getting involved, and anything else you might want to know. Come with questions!</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5:00 pm                     | <b>Dinner ☿</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7:30 pm                     | <b>Faculty Panel: What is Original Work?</b><br><i>In whatever we do, whether our work is in the arts, sciences, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, history, or in almost any other field one could name, we inevitably draw upon the work done by others in the past, and by our peers in the present. By what process do we arrive at that thing to which we sign our own name? What makes what we do our own?</i><br><br><i>Invited faculty members from a range of disciplines will make brief presentations relating this question, in whatever way they choose, to their own work.</i> |
| 9:30 pm                     | <b>House meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30 pm                    | <b>Bennington Myths and Legends</b><br><i>Bennington College has its share of strange tales and ghost stories. Learn about all the hidden lore passed down through the years and then enjoy a dance party in the most “haunted” building of them all!</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 am                     | <b>Breakfast ☿</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:00 am                    | <b>Campus and area tour</b><br><i>Tour the ins and outs of campus buildings, as well as some local off-campus attractions!</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:00 am                    | <b>Brunch ☿</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:00–5:00 pm                | <b>Faculty Workshops</b><br><i>A taste of the Bennington curriculum—Bennington faculty offer workshops to provide an opportunity to sample a course offering. Sign up for workshops will happen at orientation check-in, under the tent. Confirmation of your workshop will be emailed to you on Saturday</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 6:00 pm                     | <b>Class Picture</b><br><i>An Orientation tradition with a twist—stick around after the Class of 2016 picture for a picture with your Orientation group.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6:30 pm                     | <b>Dinner</b><br><i>An Orientation tradition; dinner tonight is semi-formal in honor of the class picture and performance.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 pm                     | <b>Student Works Performance</b><br><i>*Student visual art work will be displayed in Newman Court<br/> Samplings of drama, dance, music, and art work by Bennington students.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

9:30 pm                      **Movie on the Lawn**  
*Jurassic Park!*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:**  
*Returning students check in today*

8:00 am                      **Breakfast** ☒

10:00 am                      **An Introduction to Crossett Library**  
*Familiarize yourself with the library spaces, resources and staff over a delicious bagel buffet.*

11:00 am–1:00 pm              **Vocal and Instrumental Placement Auditions**

12:00 pm                      **Lunch** ☒

1:00 pm                      **“Fireside” Chats with Faculty**  
*An informal conversation with two Bennington faculty members. How do things work here? What is this thing called “the Plan process”? What is the role of faculty advisors?*

3:30 pm                      **FWT Stress Reduction**  
*Reduce anxiety and increase excitement around FWT. We will review the requirements, process and resources available to you and get you started on thinking of the possibilities FWT could hold for you!*

5:00 pm                      **Dinner** ☒

6:30 pm                      **Lawn Games & Yoga Workshops**  
*A sampling of offerings from the Bennington Athletic Department. Come try out a yoga class or play wiffle ball, bocce, kickball and other games on the lawn.*

8:00 pm                      **Faculty Works Concert**  
*This performance features the current work of both new and veteran faculty members, including readings of recently published poems, dance performances, coral reef research, and more.*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:**

8:00 am                      **Breakfast** ☒

8:00–9:30 am                      **Language Placement Tests**  
*If you are continuing study in a language and did not take the online placement exam in June, sign up for a placement test (10 minutes) outside of faculty offices. If you are interested in an introductory course and have never studied the language before, you can add the course directly during add/drop. Placement Tests will be administered by faculty in the following locations:*  
*French: Barn 213b*  
*Japanese: Barn 217*  
*Spanish: Barn 216a/b*  
*Italian: Barn 211*  
*Chinese: Barn 230*

**Music Auditions**

9:30–11:30 am                      **Meeting with Faculty Advisors**  
*Your initial meeting with your faculty advisor to start the process of getting to know him/her, to discuss your academic interests, and to review your course schedule.*

11:30 am–1:30 pm                      **Open hours with Academic Services Staff**  
*If you are planning to participate in add/drop and have questions about the process or anything related to the curriculum, stop in and see an advisor. Students will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**12:00 pm**

**Lunch** ☒

**12:30 pm**

**Student Employment Information Sessions**

*Required for FWS students, but open to all students interested in working on campus.*

**2:00–4:00 pm**

**Registration completion (aka Add/Drop)**

*Following meetings with faculty advisors earlier in the day, students can make changes to their class schedules, as needed, in faculty offices. All students will be provided add/drop forms, which course instructors and faculty advisors will need to sign in order to add or drop a course from your schedule.*

**4:30 pm**

**Convocation**

*A community tradition in celebration of the start of the academic year*

**5:45 pm**

**Community Picnic** ☒

**6:00 pm**

**Evening Recreation**

*Join B.A.D. (Bennington Athletic Department) for a game of volleyball or ultimate Frisbee on the lawn, or attend the first soccer practice of the season on the soccer field (no experience necessary).*

**8:30 pm**

**Campus Band Performance**

*A concert featuring a selection of Bennington student bands*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:**

**8:00 am**

**Classes Begin**