

College Week

September 21 – September 27

College Week, as the name implies, comes out once a week. Please do make a point to read College Week as it is one of the ways in which we communicate to you important timelines, events, and upcoming beginning-of-term or end-of-term reminders. [College Week](#) submissions are due Mondays at noon for Wednesday's editions.

Announcements

Let the Student Government begin!

The Student Council is starting off this year to resume an official student government at Bennington, serving to consolidate student representation on campus and provide a platform for students to directly engage with the President and Board of Trustees, sending policy proposals and advocating for student interests.

Any student can nominate themselves to be on the Student Council. **Please fill out this self-nomination [form](#) by Saturday, September 24 to nominate yourself for the Student Council.** Five spots on the Student Council will be filled following a ranked-choice election, one of which has been reserved for freshmen. Note that this commitment will involve a biweekly meeting that is open to all the student body and, potentially, more internal/ad-hoc meetings on a case-by-case basis.

The ranked-choice elections are tentatively planned for the last week of September and first week of October. Four of the Council seats have been filled by representatives from existing bodies of student representation on campus: Mohammad Tanvir Anjum '25, Student Educational Policy Committee (SEPC); Ahmed Amar '24, House Chairs; Ahmed Shuwehdi '25, Programs and Activities Council (PAC); Mohit K C '23, Budget and Events Committee (B&CE).

This process is being facilitated by Muhammad Ammar '24 (Shared Governance Task Force; Co-Facilitator on Group Tutorial: Reimagining 21st Century Campus Governance). Please forward any queries to muhammadammar@bennington.edu.

Vermont Voters

[Prop 5](#) has passed the House and the Senate, and goes to the voters this November. Prop 5 puts reproductive liberties into the Vermont State Constitution. Don't forget to register to vote! All on-campus students qualify as a Vermont resident and can register in Vermont.

Events

[Dance @ Bennington presents: Sound Bath by Stephen Earnhart](#) on Wednesday, September 21st, from 7:45 PM – 9:00 PM in VAPA Martha Hill Dance Theater. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Please join sound healer Stephen Earnhart for his signature “SOUND SPIRAL”, a deeply immersive and relaxing sound journey for the mind and body.

[Democracy in America: How to Protect Our Democracy](#) on Thursday, September 22 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in CAPA Symposium. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | This series invites guest speakers from the private and public sectors to address a range of important topics in the current national dialogue. Facilitated by CAPA director Susan Sgorbati and Vermont State Senator Brian Campion.

[Science Workshop—Fall 2022](#)

[The Earliest History of Eukaryotes: Integrating Biological and Geological Data](#) on Friday, September 23rd from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM in Dickinson 232. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | Phoebe Cohen, PhD is the Chair and Associate Professor of Geosciences at Williams College. Dr Cohen will be joining us to discuss The earliest history of eukaryotes: integrating biological and geological data.

[Fall Saturday Visit](#) on Saturday, September 24 from 11:15 AM – 2:00 PM, in The Barn. Info session, student-led campus tour, and optional interviews designed for high school students interested in Bennington College.

Bennington College Community Shuttle [Weekly Schedule](#)

SUNDAY: 12pm to 4pm

MONDAY: No Shuttle

TUESDAY: 11 am to 6pm

WEDS: 12pm to 4pm & Medical Shuttle, 9am to 3pm

THURSDAY: 4pm to 10pm

FRIDAY: 8am to 12pm & 3:30pm to 10pm

SATURDAY: 9am to 12pm, 12pm to 6pm, 7pm to 9pm

(Note: additional hours will be added as more drivers are hired)

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Crisis Support:

If you need immediate mental health assistance and it is after hours, please contact Bennington College's on call therapist at (802)447-4250 or the local community crisis service (UCS) at (802)442-5491.

If you are off campus and this is an emergency, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

Additional resources:

-National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800)273-8255

-The Trevor Project's 24-hour LGBTQ hotline is (866)488-7386 for phone support if you are 24 years old and under. Check their website or chat and text options.

-The Trans Lifeline suicide hotline is (877)565-8860.

-Additional online therapy and free text/chat counseling and coaching: www.timelycare.com/bennington.com

Health and Wellness Workshops and Group Spaces– Fall 2022

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION – Group practice for staff, students, and faculty
Wednesdays, 9:00–9:30 AM; Virtual: ZOOM Meeting ID: 99079887458, PW:
340246

SEXUAL TRAUMA SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP – with Ali Tartaglia
Tuesdays, 7:00 PM; Barn North Waiting Area

KORU MEDITATION – with Li-Chen Chin for staff, students, and faculty
Two – 4 class series; pre-registration suggested, email
lichenchin@bennington.edu. In person: Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 &
27, 12:30 – 2:00 PM; Location TBA Virtual: Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15,
& 22; 4:00 – 5:30 PM. <https://bennington.zoom.us/j/9963171446>

FOOD AND BODY IMAGE – with Lisa Carton and Penny Owen
Mondays, 4:00 PM; Virtual: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/8023795456](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8023795456)

DBT SKILLS SERIES – with Kat Daley
Sundays, September 25 (Mindfulness), October 2 (Emotional Regulation), 9
(Distress Tolerance), 16 (Interpersonal Effectiveness), 2:00 – 3:00 PM – drop
in or commit to the whole series; Student Health Center Waiting Room

**I ♥ YOU (I THINK...) – A GROUP FOR FORMING & SUSTAINING
RELATIONSHIPS THAT FEEL GOOD** – with Samia Abbass. On Wednesdays,
Sep 28 – Nov 2 (6 meetings), 7:00 – 8:00 PM; Location TBD (In person). This
group will be closed after a pre-registration period. (There might be a
second session if there's enough interest). Email
Samiaabbass@bennington.edu with any questions or to sign up!

ALL RECOVERY MEETING – with Ralph Bennett from Turning
Point, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. starting 9/27; Commons, room 201

Virtual Office Hours

All hours are EST.

STUDENT LIFE OFFICE: Barn North

Dr. Li-Chen Chin: Dean of Student Life, open office hour: Wednesdays 4 – 5 pm,
or [email](#) for an appointment.

Cathy Anthofer-Fialon: Campus Safety Director

If my door is open, please feel free to step in to chat. If you want to arrange a time

to meet, please [email](#).

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

Donnie Redd: Director of Residence Life and Community Standards, [email](#) for an appointment.

Christine Congelosi-Lulla: Assistant Director of Housing Operations, [email](#) for an appointment.

Bailey Fox '21: Interim Assistant Director for Residential Education, [email](#) for an appointment.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Jack de Loos '22: Student Engagement Fellow, [email](#) for an appointment.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Kate Child: Associate Dean for Academic Services

On Campus: Monday & Tuesday

Open Hours: Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30 Barn 113 and Thursdays 3 – 4 pm [Zoom](#)

ISS Intern Open Hours: TBD

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Katy Young Evans: Director of Academic Services. Open hours are:

Mondays & Fridays 10:00–11:00 am Barn 120 or [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Tuesdays 2:00–3:00 pm Barn 120 or [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Thursday 4:00–5:00 pm [Zoom Open Hour](#)

Noelle Everett Murphy: Associate Dean of the College: [email](#) for an appointment.

Jennifer Burg: Assistant Director of Academic Services and Student Grants Counselor. [Virtual Open Hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30pm – 1:30pm](#) or email jenniferburg@bennington.edu for an appointment.

Stephanie Meyer: Assistant Director of Academic Services and Study Away Counselor

Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 11:00am

Or [email](#) for an appointment.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Dr. Maurice Hall, Provost: Contact [Kelly Hayes](#) to schedule an appointment.

Financial Aid Office

Office Hours on campus:

Tuesday – 9:30am –12pm

Thursday – 1pm–4pm

For Virtual appointment please contact Finaid@bennington.edu

Amy Starr: Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am – 4pm

Tuesday & Thursday – Remote 8:30am – 4pm

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Laura Walker: President

Please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to schedule a private appointment. We welcome invitations for President Walker to join events being hosted by students. We'd love to hear from you! If you have an event you'd like for President Walker to attend, please contact [Shannon Howlett](#) to coordinate.

Dr. Alfredo Medina: Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer, open office hours on Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm in Barn 101. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment please [email](#).

Xiomara Giordano: Associate Director of the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Fridays, 9:00–10:00 am [Zoom Open Hour](#) or to schedule an appointment please [email](#).

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Ali Tartaglia: Director of Student Health Promotion, [email](#) for an appointment or call or text, 24/7, 802-440-4444.

Kat Daley, LICSW: Director of Counseling and Psychological Services

(CAPS), email CAPS@bennington.edu to receive a link to reserve a drop in session or just walk in to the Student Health Center for more immediate support available every weekday between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

Career Development and Field Work Term

[Career Development staff](#) are ready to help you with every stage of your career

exploration journey; from your first Field Work experience, to your campus job, to your senior career search. We hope you reach out early and often.

Ways to Connect With Us

Have a quick question? Come chat with us during our drop-in hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00–3:00 pm.

Key Dates for Academic and Winter FWT

- September 24: FWT 2023 academic term/campus job registration due on Handshake
- November 4: FWT 2023 winter registration due on Handshake
- December 12: Last day to add or change a FWT position

Workshops: 9/22, 9/27, and 9/29 – FWT/Fellowship Prep, Resume, Cover Letter, and Budget Session in Commons 318 from 5pm–5:45 Register to attend on [Handshake](#).

Student Employment

All currently-available campus jobs for Fall 2022–Spring 2023 are posted in [Handshake](#). As previously announced, most jobs will continue to offer 7–8 hours/week so that students can meet their full allotment through a single job. Jobs offering fewer hours are clearly noted. Students who wish to pursue a second job may do so, but must remember that no student is allowed to surpass 20 hours of work per week on their campus job(s). Students with work awards have been given advance access to apply for jobs, but all students gained access to all available jobs on August 22, regardless of their work award status.

Please feel free to [schedule an appointment](#) with us, or come to Barn 112 during our drop-in hours on Wednesdays, 10:00 am–12:00 noon and 2:00–4:00 pm.

Housing Matters

Welcome to Housing Matters. Here we will post reminders, events and information. Please reach out to [Housing](#) at any time with any questions. Our offices are located in the UpCaf.

Please allow each other some space and grace as the term gets going. Many of us are on campus for the first time and trying their best to find their way and to find their friend group. Being patient and kind to one another will go a long way in making these challenges easier.

REMINDERS

- If you have not picked up your room key yet please do so at the Campus Safety booth.
- Free Piles in houses will not be allowed. There are blue bins available in the Student Center. Please feel free to bring your free pile items to the Student Center and drop them in the blue wheelie bins.