

April Career Month Bennington County Activities 2023

Bennington Career Month Proclamation

Join the Bennington Select Board at their regular meeting on **Monday, March 27** at the Bennington Fire Facility to proclaim April as Bennington Career Month. The Select Board first signed the proclamation in 2019 in honor of the local career exploration and workforce development efforts for youth and adults by the Bennington County Workforce and Education group. The group is one of four working groups of the Bennington County Regional Commission.

Bennington County Works (For Us)!

Bennington Banner columns by area small business owners describing why their businesses and Bennington County are great places to work.

College Fair

The annual College Fair will be held on **Thursday, April 6** from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at Mount Anthony Union High School gym. The event is open to all area students and parents. Representatives from over 75 colleges will be available to share information.

Business Open Houses

Bennington County Regional Commission invites the public to two open houses at area businesses during April.

VDOL Career Workshops

The Vermont Department of Labor in Bennington holds a range of convenient virtual workshops each month. The schedule for April includes:

Resume Writing: Mondays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 1 pm

Interview Skills: Tuesdays at 9 am and Fridays at 1 pm

Re-employment Strategies: Wednesdays at 9 am

Northshire Career Fair

Local Employers! Please join us for the Northshire Career Expo at Burr & Burton Academy on **Monday, April 10** from 11 - 2:30. From 11-1:30, be prepared to share the outlook of local career options with 9-11 graders who are in the exploratory phase. From 1:30-2:30, feel free to stay for the job fair portion of the event if you have positions to fill at your company.

Molly Stark Career Week

During the **week of April 10th**, learners in grades pre-k – 5th will gather throughout the day in the Molly Stark Library to hear career presentations from local professionals.

The line up for presenters is as follows:

- Monday, April 10th, Bennington Police Chief, Paul Doucette will be visiting Molly Stark along with Chief Owens, Manchester Police Department, and Officer Benjamin Doucette.
- Tuesday, April 11th, Mike Lane and Preston Hayes will be presenting the important work that they do for the Town of Bennington Wastewater Department.
- Thursday, April 13th, Ray Berumen, owner, and guide of Taconic Guide Service will be teaching learners all about the fundamentals of fly fishing the waters in Southern, VT.
- Friday, April 14th, Karen Rose, licensed Vermont wildlife rehabber who owns and operates Monty's House Wildlife Rehabilitation, a 501c3 non-profit, in Shaftsbury, VT, will be presenting her volunteer work with mammals, and the wildlife she typically intakes which are squirrels, chipmunks, eastern cottontail rabbits, opossums, woodchucks, and porcupines.

Throughout the week, Molly Stark teachers, Chrissy Burr, Kristina Strouse, and Allyson Hoffman will be teaching learners the importance of financial literacy while integrating fun activities and books!

CSI: Career Scene Investigators

Southwest Tech and 5th grade students from Bennington Elementary are teaming up **April 11** for a pilot program "CSI: Career Scene Investigators"! Students will be on SWT campus to explore a wide range of careers that interest them.

CCV Open House and Information Night

Visit CCV-Bennington at 324 Main Street on **Wednesday, April 12** at 5pm to learn more about CCV's degrees, certificate programs, and pathways to employment. A financial aid counselor will also be available to share information about financial aid, scholarships, and other grant opportunities. RSVP recommended but walk-ins are welcome. 802-447-2361

Tutorial Center Sneak Peak

On **Wednesday, April 19** from 4:00 – 6:30 pm the community is invited to a sneak peak of The Tutorial Center's new space at 451 Main Street. Architectural renderings and information on TTC programs will be available. Parking available in lot behind building on Union Street. For more information, call 802 447-0111.

Earn your LNA certification at SW Tech

Southwest Tech's spring LNA (Licensed Nursing Assistant) class begins on **Monday, April 24**. Register by April 10, financial aid available. For more information, please contact Rob Bahny at rbahny@swtech.org.

Bennington Elementary School Career Week

During the **week of April 24**, Bennington Elementary will host visiting speakers to present about their careers.

Youth Robotics Demonstration

Join local youth on April 25 from 6:30-8:30 at the MAUMS Makerspace for a Robotics open house featuring Lego robotics and the local First Tech Challenge Team #18650 The Cookie Clickers and Chip (the robot).

SW Tech Program Fair and Community Open House

In celebration of April Career Month, Southwest Tech invites all 9th grade students, their parents, any interested students who have never toured campus, and the community to see what SWT offers. Southwest Tech's "Program Fair/Community Open House" will be held on Thursday, **April 26th** from 11:35-1:05 at Southwest Tech and will include demonstrations, hands-on activities, the chance to see all 14 programs with their labs and the chance to win some great prizes! Contact Lisa Harrington at 445-4943 for more information.

MAUMS Career Fair

Mount Anthony Union Middle School will host their annual career fair on **Wednesday, April 26** from 8-10 am in the gymnasium at MAUMS. All students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to learn about careers in the Bennington community and reflect on the experience in their Personalized Learning Plan (PLP). In addition to the in-person fair, students will have the opportunity to explore additional careers available in the state of Vermont and beyond through the MAUMS virtual career fair.

Financial Reality Fair

Area high school students explore the connects between education and careers and have an opportunity to examine the financial implications of their choices. This interactive event will be held on **Friday, April 28** at MAUHS from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Open to all area juniors and seniors in Bennington Co. All participants will receive a copy of the *Promising Pathways* booklet that outlines pathways to high paying careers in Vermont.

Coming up in May

VDOL Job Fest

Connect with local employers and learn about career opportunities on **May 18**, 11 am - 2 pm