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SPOTLIGHT



BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES SEA-PHAGES RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Biology Department is excited to announce a new partnership with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) as we join the SEA-PHAGES Program—an innovative, two-semester research experience for undergraduates. The program aims to increase undergraduate interest and retention in the biological sciences through immediate immersion in authentic, valuable, yet accessible research.

The department will purchase new lab equipment to support this program in our Microbiology course. thanks to a $20,000 grant. Students will collect local soil samples to discover and study new viruses, using advanced microbiology and bioinformatics techniques.

One of the fun highlights is that students get to name the virus they discover, contributing real data to ongoing global research. Due to this, students develop a sense of project ownership and have a readymade personal research project at a fraction of the cost of traditional apprentice-based research programs.

This is an exciting step in bringing hands-on, meaningful scientific research into our classrooms. Stay tuned for updates as our students begin their phage-hunting journey!

For more information on the program, contact Dr. Alex Jordan at alexjordan@bennett. edu.

DR. WILLIAMS RECEIVES 2025 APSA SPRING CENTENNIAL CENTER RESEARCH GRANT

We are thrilled to congratulate Dr. Robert Williams on being awarded the prestigious 2025 Spring Centennial Center Research Grant from the American Political Science Association (APSA) for his project, “The Classroom's Place in Pedagogy: W.E.B. Du Bois at Atlanta University.” This highly competitive grant supports innovative research projects that advance the field of political science and contribute to scholarly development across the discipline. For more information on the program, contact Dr. Williams at rwilliams@bennett.edu .

BUILDING BALANCE: WELLNESS ACTIVITIES WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

As part of Welcome Week, the Wellness Team hosted a yoga and sound bath experience to help incoming students ease into campus life with tools for grounding and stress management. In addition, Dr. Roseina Britton led a creative three-course series during Freshman Orientation, using Legos to spark conversations about the transition into college and the importance of balancing mental and physical health.



Yoga and sound bath experience



Dr. Roseina Britton’s series

Each of these efforts was rooted in one theme: destigmatizing getting help and normalizing the use of mental health resources on campus. The Wellness Team remains committed to providing innovative, holistic, and culturally responsive support for the Bennett College community.

BENNETT COLLEGE WELLNESS TEAM EXPANDS SERVICES AND TRAINING IN SUMMER 2025

Bennett College Wellness Team has had an impactful summer full of growth, training, and student engagement.

In June, the team's two full-time counselors completed advanced training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy in Charlotte, NC. This nationally recognized, evidence-based treatment will significantly enhance the mental health services available to Bennett students.



Another highlight of the summer was the onboarding of three Peer Health Advocates. These student leaders completed Mental Health First Aid training and will serve as vital bridges between their peers and the Wellness Team—working to reduce stigma, foster open conversations, and encourage early support-seeking.

Coming Soon!

Wellness Resource Center



Renovations also began on an exciting new addition to campus—the Wellness Resource Center. Designed as a warm, inclusive space, this room will offer students access to mental health tools, self-care strategies, and direct connections to trained wellness staff. For more information, please contact Ryanne Peterson at ryanne.peterson@bennett.edu.

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