

Subject: West House NEWS: Discussion with Federal Emergency Expert, Mural Contest Winner, Seeking Volunteer Experts
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Hi Westians,

Hello to everyone and I hope you're looking forward to an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with your families. For those who are able to get outside, please do enjoy the (hopefully sunny) weather! And as we face a time of great national challenges, please also take a moment to reflect over the weekend on those who have given their lives for their country.

And of course, good luck with your courses as we head toward the end of term. I'm looking forward to teaching Astronomy 2 this summer!

This week we have:

- [Westians in the News](#)
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Enjoy!

Best,
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as always, for more see sites.dartmouth.edu/west-house/



To **add the West House calendar** to your own calendar applications, you can use [this iCal link](#).

- Westians in the News

- Westian **Mallory Byrd '19, Thayer '20**, contributed to a [Thayer project producing a high-performance PPE facemask](#).



- West House faculty affiliate **Russell Muirhead (Government)** has [co-authored a piece in the New York Daily News](#) about partisan conspiracy theories and our response to the coronavirus.



If you know of a Westian whose accomplishments should be highlighted in the Westletter, please suggest them at dartgo.org/westian_news.

- Discussion with distinguished guest Natalie Grant on THURSDAY 7pm EDT

West House is delighted to continue our series of Zoom sessions with distinguished guests!

This **Thursday, May 28 at 7pm EDT** we will be hosting a discussion with [Natalie Grant](#), who works for the federal government as Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the Administration for Children and Families in Health and Human Services. Prior to her federal role, Ms. Grant served in public health and emergency preparedness roles in the city of **Boston**, MA and **Miami-Dade** County, FL. Originally from Homestead, FL, Natalie is an **accomplished track and field athlete** and has competed internationally for the **Jamaican National Team**. She received her MPH in International Health from Boston University and AB in Biology from Harvard College.

So we have a sense of numbers, **RSVP** at dartgo.org/west_grant
Friends and family are welcome to join!

The Zoom link is in the poster below. Hope to see you Thursday!

Disasters, Children, and Government in the era of COVID-19

A discussion with **Natalie Grant**, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the Administration for Children and Families

Natalie Grant joined the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as **director of the Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response** in November, 2018. In this capacity, she **oversees the disaster human service emergency management mission** for the agency and the Department.

Prior to her federal role, Natalie served in public health and emergency preparedness roles in the city of **Boston**, MA and **Miami-Dade** County, FL.

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Thursday, May 28, 2020, 7-8pm

Live on Zoom from the House
Prof.'s Residence and D.C.



RSVP at http://dartgo.org/west_grant

Zoom link is http://dartgo.org/west_grant_zoom

- West House AT HOME STICKERS!



Keep an eye out for your West House stickers! We've now had about 150 orders, but still have some extras, so if you'd like a sticker (plus a bonus West House logo circle sticker) please fill out the order form at dartgo.org/west_home_stickers.

- Staying Connected for Spring (and Summer) Term



Your Exec Board continues to consider a lot of ideas for **staying connected over the spring (and now summer) term**, from virtual game tournaments to online cooking classes. Please go to [THIS FORM](#) and send us your ideas!

- West House Mural Contest WINNER!



Congratulations to **Naomi Valdez '21** who is the winner of our inaugural **West House Mural Contest**! Her mural will be reproduced in large format on the wall in the Fahey Lounge, and she wins an Amazon Echo Dot. Thanks to all who submitted! We can't wait to decorate the walls for when we return to West House.



- West House STUDY GROUPS for 20S: Looking for Volunteer Experts!



We've had a number of Westians sign up to register interest in forming **study groups** to help with remote learning for the spring term. If you're interested a group with your fellow House members (or others!) please fill out the short form at:
dartgo.org/west_study_group

We are also looking for students who might be interested in **volunteer experts** to help out your fellow Westians in courses that don't have extensive tutoring support through the Tutor Clearinghouse or Tas. If you're interested in helping your fellow students, please email me at Ryan.C.Hickox@dartmouth.edu and let me know what subjects/courses you'd be interested in helping with.

- DartWrite Digital Portfolio Project: \$1,750 in prizes!

From our colleagues at RWIT:

The [DartWrite Digital Portfolio Project](#) is hosting a second annual Portfolio Contest this spring. The contest recognizes students building personal portfolios on the Journeys.Dartmouth.edu platform, whether as part of their coursework or on their own.

The contest recognizes different kinds of portfolio work, including **excellent design**, thoughtful **reflection**, and creative **digital compositions**. Students can learn more about the contest, including the judging criteria for each category and how to submit their portfolios for the contest, here: [DartWrite Portfolio Contest](#).

Some key information:

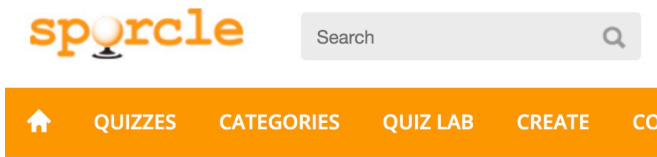
- 4 grand prizes, \$500 each (open to 2nd years and up),
- 7 house community prizes, \$250 each (open to 1st years)
- Deadline for submission: June 9th (link for submissions on our website)

- West House chess tournament!



The West House chess competition has moved onto the next round – keep an eye out for the winner!

- West House Quiz Challenge on Sporcle



For a little diversion during this time at home, your Exec Board will be choosing a quiz challenge each week from Sporcle.com. Try and complete these quizzes, and send us a screenshot of your completed quiz at west.house.dartmouth@gmail.com. The winners will have their screen shot featured in the next Wesletter! (We're all honest here so no Googling...)

Last week's champion on the quarantine crossword was **Julie Bonette**. Nice work!

This week's quiz is a challenging one about geography:
<https://www.sporcle.com/games/Carlwev/borders-china-india-or-russia>

Enjoy!

- “West House @ Home” Spotify Playlist

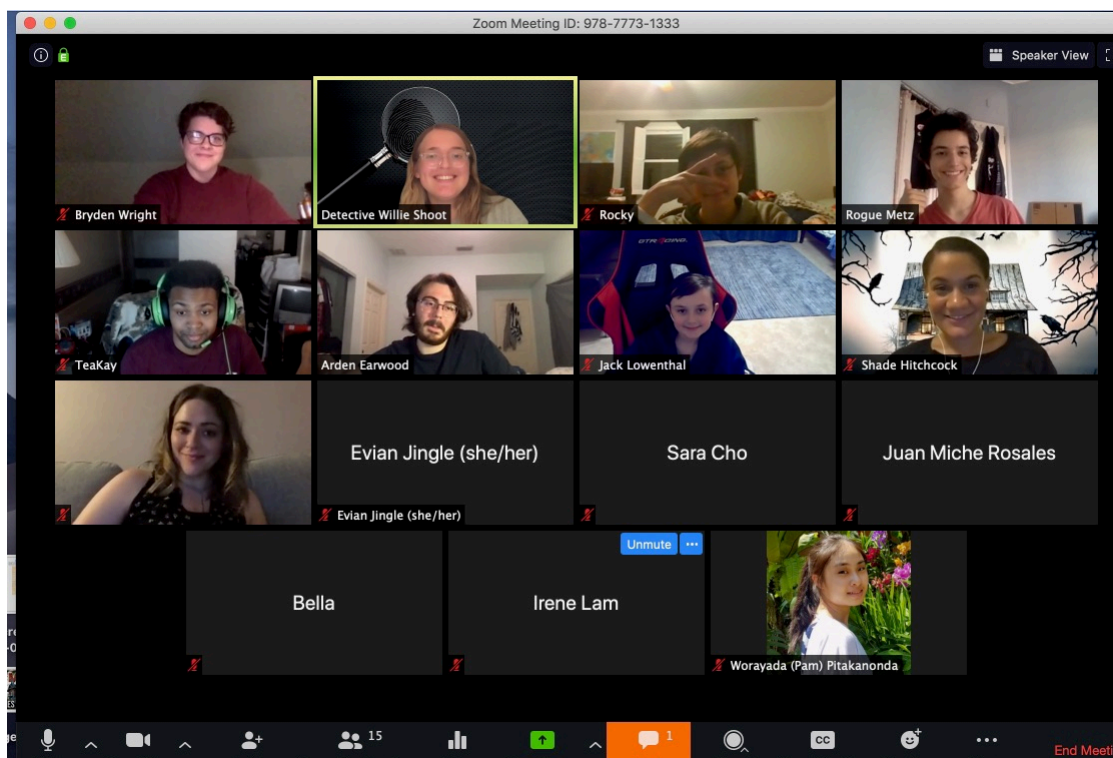


Like many of you, I'm at home now listening to a lot of music on **Spotify**, which is a great way to explore new tunes, but sometimes their algorithms get a little stale. So let's share some favorite songs!

We've made a [collaborative playlist at this link](#). Thanks to those who have added some great tunes! Please go to the link and add more songs – I'm curious to see what you're listening to! (It hopefully goes without saying to make sure that you should avoid posting obviously offensive material – we'll keep a look out 😊)

- Photo from the Week

The West House Exec Board hosted a great Murder Mystery party last Friday!



- West House Exec Board



Your **West House Executive Board** is holding regular meetings over Zoom, on **SUNDAYS at 5pm**. As always, all Westians are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation! If you'd like to join, please shoot me an email and I'll send you the Zoom login info.

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