Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to share an update on several of the recent facilities projects in the College. This fall, several projects will celebrate completion and we encourage you to Mark Your Calendars.

- Tuesday, September 30, 2 pm – Given Bistro Ribbon Cutting, Given Courtyard
- Wednesday, October 22, 11 am – Vermont Department of Health Laboratory Ribbon Cutting, Colchester Research Park
- Wednesday, November 5, 2 pm - Larner Classroom Open House, Dana Library in the Medical Education Center Concourse

“Construction Notices” will be provided as additional notification when planned construction activities will directly impact occupants. More information and updates on facilities can also be found at: [http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/?Page=facilities.html](http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/?Page=facilities.html)

Larner Classroom for Team Based Learning

![Larner Classroom](image)

Supported by a generous donation by alumnus Robert Larner, MD and his wife Helen, this project began construction in May. In alignment with the strategic initiative to transform the Dana Library into a Health Sciences Learning Commons, the Larner Classroom has been constructed in the southwest portion of the Dana Library. The new active learning classroom will accommodate 120 students and contain educational technology including large display monitors, an audience response system, advanced video and sound system, internet connections for each student and capacity to interface with existing learning management systems.

The classroom will be completed in the next few weeks, with an Open House on Wednesday, November 5 at 2 PM.
Given Atrium Cafeteria conversion to the Given Bistro

The $1 million upgrade to the food service facilities in the Given Atrium cafeteria was completed in August. To celebrate the new Given Bistro, a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday, September 30.

State Public Health Lab Collaboration

For the past 2 years the State has been constructing a new 60,000 SF building for the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory, with a connection to our Colchester Research Facility. The project plan creates an integrated complex, with the Health Department and UVM sharing common facilities, such as conference rooms, as well as cooperative arrangements for specialized lab facilities and dedicated office space.

HDR from Boston and Scott and Partners from Essex Junction are the architectural team, and PC Construction is the construction firm. The project is managed by Todd Merchant from UVM Facilities Design and Construction.

The building is nearing completion and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 11 AM.

We recognize that these projects may have resulted in disturbance and displacement for some of our faculty and staff. For those affected we appreciate your tolerance and patience as we move these projects towards completion.