To: UVM Faculty and Staff

From: Tom Sullivan

RE: Staff Appreciation Week

As we begin Staff Appreciation Week on Monday, September 14, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the countless contributions of our talented and dedicated staff. I hope everyone will take time this week to find a special way to express our collective appreciation and gratitude for all that the staff do in support of the mission of the University of Vermont.

I will be hosting the annual Social on the Green on Wednesday, September 16, along with our dining partners, Sodexo Food Services. This year the Social will be held on the Bailey Howe Davis Green. I hope that each UVM staff member will be able to join us for an hour some time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Food service is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) This event is an opportunity for the University to acknowledge staff and affirm the enormous contributions they make to our University. I appreciate those leaders who will join me and several of our Trustees in recognizing the care, commitment, and professionalism that each staff member demonstrates every day.

Also, please note a very special event – the Second Annual Cultural Awareness Expo. The Cultural Expo is designed to celebrate the growing cultural diversity at the University of Vermont. Members of the University community will be creating a display representative of their home culture with items such as flags, photos, artwork, and other mementos. The staff members will be present to talk informally about their culture and the items on display. This will be an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many diverse cultures that make up our wonderful University.

We ask that whenever possible appropriate coverage in offices be arranged during the noon hour so that staff members can be free to enjoy this lunch in their honor. (It would really help us serve this great group if those who must split coverage for their areas could come at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., rather than at noon and 1:00 p.m.)

Please join us for lunch on Monday as the faculty and students express gratitude to the staff during Staff Appreciation Week.

Thank you to all! Have a great Fall Semester.