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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 5/6/25 from 12:05-1:30**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#), at the Jost Foundation Room -422 - Davis.

Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are also available [on our website](#).

President & Vice  
President Elections



Staff Council Officer Elections will take place May 7–14, 2025.

There are two candidates for President, and one for Vice President. Here are short introductory videos from the three candidates. Each are about 3 minutes in length.

- [Richard Cohen- Candidate for President](#)
- [Jennifer Jorgenson - Candidate for President](#)
- [Samantha Dickey - Candidate for Vice President](#)

An open forum will be held at the Monthly Staff Council Meeting on 5/6 for anyone to meet the candidates and ask questions. Meeting details are above.

Ballots will be sent electronically via Qualtrics to all eligible staff for voting starting on 5/7. Click here for additional information at our [Election Website](#).

COMING SOON:  
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Events & Activities

Committee Events - All Invited

- Annual Golf Outing Save The Date, Friday August 8th Williston Country Club. Watch for sign up details
- Reduced price Lake Monster Tickets coming for 6/21 & 7/29, watch for sing up details soon
- 2 non-Fantasy Book Clubs coming up on [May 29th](#), and [June 26th](#).
- [Wednesday Walks](#) - Each Wednesday thru June, 12:15pm Howe Steps
- [Fantasy Book Club](#) - Thursday 5/1 Handy Family Room, 11:30am
- [Friendship Bracelets](#) - Thursday 5/8 Jost Foundation Room, 11:30am

GET INVOLVED  
Be A Staff Council Representative!



Staff Council

Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Strategic Communications
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR

If you are feeling the itch to serve on Staff Council or know of someone you think would be a great representative, [click here](#) for more details or contact [staff.council@uvm.edu](mailto:staff.council@uvm.edu)

CAMPUS NEWS



University of Vermont

Our Common Ground Nominations Deadline Extended to 5/8

Dear UVM community,

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Our Common Ground staff award. This award recognizes staff members who have made extraordinary contributions to our university and who exemplify the values expressed in [Our Common Ground](#). Each recipient is awarded a \$1,000 prize, and the winners are recorded on a permanent plaque in the Waterman Building.

I encourage faculty, staff, and students to nominate staff members for this important award. This year submissions will be collected on a rolling basis between now and May 2. Please visit the [award webpage](#) for more information.

All nominations should be submitted using the [nomination submission form](#). Questions concerning nominations should be sent to [Liv Townsend](#), Retiree and Employee Engagement Coordinator. Recipients will be announced and celebrated this fall after the start of the new academic year.

Your nominations make these special awards possible. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to recognize a member of our staff for their outstanding service to our university.

Warmly,  
Patricia Prelock  
Interim President

Bookstore End Of Semester Sale: May 2-9

Celebrate the end of the semester with our **End of Semester Sale**, running **May 2 through May 9**, both **in-store and online**! Whether you're a proud Catamount, a supportive family member, or just looking for great deals, now is the perfect time to stock up.

**Save 20% on most UVM clothing, gift items, and trade books**—great for graduation gifts, summer wear, or showing off your UVM pride. Shopping online? Use the code **VCAT20** at checkout to unlock your discount!

Shop smart. Celebrate big. Go Cats!



Summer Parking Updates

With the end of the academic year quickly approaching, we are reaching out to share guidance (linked below) for the upcoming summer break regarding transportation and parking on campus. Please be sure to review this important information carefully and reach out to us with any questions.

- [Summer 2025 Student Transportation & Parking Guidance](#)
- [Summer 2025 Employee Transportation & Parking Guidance](#)

Thank you,  
UVM Transportation & Parking Services  
Email: [Parking@uvm.edu](mailto:Parking@uvm.edu)  
Phone: 802-656-8686



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Nutrition Study](#)
- [Dengue Fever research](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 -35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Resources

- [Tuition Remission](#) - You and your family may qualify for tuition remission at UVM or Vermont State Colleges. Check your employee handbook or bargaining agreement to find out more about your eligibility.
- [Professional Development](#) - HR's Talent Development Center for Excellence brings together opportunities from across campus that expand your knowledge and advance skills, competencies, and careers. Find and register for the events that help you grow.
- [Professional & Continuing Education \(PACE\)](#) - Whether you're planning a career change, looking for personal enrichment, professional development, or preparing for an undergraduate or advanced degree, PACE supports students of all ages and backgrounds continue their education. UVM Employees receive a tuition discount.
- [LinkedIn Learn](#) - UVM employees have access to LinkedIn Learning, a platform that offers video courses taught by industry experts on various skills, including business, tech, and creative fields, to help users advance their careers and personal growth.
- [MindEdge at UVM](#) - MindEdge is available through UVM PACE and provides courses that are timely, relevant, and created for 21st-century business, used by more than two million learners seeking to enhance their professional growth. UVM employees receive a discounted rate for MindEdge courses.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



VT211 New Resources

Vermont's comprehensive statewide information and referral resource announced today that it has launched a new, user-friendly online directory. Vermont 211's search tool (<https://search.vermont211.org/>) provides quick access to information about its most commonly requested services and resources. Find connections to child care, free community meals, free tax preparation, crisis hotlines, rent assistance, health care, job training, legal help, state benefits, and much more.

The new and improved directory offers an easier way for the public to connect to resources. Users of the online directory can choose from several search suggestions, type in a specific resource, or choose a category from the list.

Vermont 211 is a confidential, nonprofit program of the United Ways of Vermont that helps connect callers to a wide range of community, health, and human services resources 24/7. Vermont 211 can be reached by calling the number 211, by texting your zip code to 989211, or by visiting its website to search the online directory.

Baby Gear Exchange

The Swap & Sprout, where parents help parents and the planet! Donate or trade in gently-used baby gear like high chairs, pack n plays, swings, and nursing pillows, and pick up new-to-you essentials. It's a sustainable way to save money, declutter, and support local families.

Community partner will also be on site to share information about local services that support children and families. There will be also be a kids activity center where you kids can play while you shop for baby gear.

Requested donation: \$20/ family group, a piece of equipment for the swap, or a box of diapers. This swap is for baby gear and equipment only. Unfortunately, we can not accept car seats, breasts pumps, activity centers, jumpers, toys, clothes, books, or large furniture due to health/safety or storage constraints. A full list of what we can accept is in the FAQs below.

Any leftover gear will be donated to the [Baby Product Exchange](#), a local program supporting low-income families with free baby equipment and diapers.

For questions, or to schedule an appointment to drop off equipment, please contact Wendy Rice at [info@vermontconnector.org](mailto:info@vermontconnector.org). [More details can also be found here](#).



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for all staff at UVM since 1971**

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