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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8/5/25 from 12:05-1:30 (no meetings in July)**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#), at the Chittenden Bank Room - 413 - Davis.

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



Hosted by the Presidents Office, Staff Council held it's annual end of year recognition luncheon on 6/4 at the Waterman Manor. With many senior UVM leaders in attendance, Staff Council recognized all the hard work, dedication and engagement shown by it's representatives, members and appointed members during the year. There are 6 specific awards handed out during this special event. They are as follows:

As selected by each individual committee:

- Community Engagement Exceptional Member Of The Year
 - [Liv Townsend](#)
- Personal & Professional Development Committee Exceptional Member Of the Year
 - [Amanda Duling](#)
- Social Committee Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Susan Sobzak](#)
- Compensation, Benefits & Budget Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Jon Reisenweaver](#)

As nominated by the Staff Council Office and approved by the Executive Board:

- ROCK Award: This award acknowledges an individual who embodies the qualities of the "rock," who exemplified strength and reliability.
 - [Samantha Dickey](#)
- Yearling Award: This award acknowledges the work and dedication of an individual new to Staff Council whose efforts during their first year of service have contributed greatly to our organization.
 - [Richard Cohen](#)
- LEAF Award: LEAF stands for "Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Forward-looking," qualities we value in all our Staff Council representatives, committee members, and colleagues.
 - [Jennifer "JP" Payne](#)



CSA Shares

Catamount Farm has generously donated three Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares to Staff Council for distribution among staff members throughout the season.

The Community Engagement Committee of Staff Council is offering sign ups for folks interested in getting **one** of the three shares for **one week** during the season. If you are interested, please complete the form below. If you need any accommodation to complete this form, please reach out to staff.council@uvm.edu. We are testing out this sign up system for the first few weeks of the season and will make adjustments to this as needed.

CSA shares will be available to pick up each Wednesday on campus at Allen House. Shares must be picked up between 1:30 - 7:30pm.

If your name is drawn for one of the weekly shares, you will be contacted by someone on Staff Council.

[Please submit forms by Monday, June 30, 2025.](#)

The application period for Q1 is now open .

All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.

[Eligibility, Information, & Application \(PDF\)](#)

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q1 Deadline is July 31st!



CatChat Call For Presenters

Do you have a hobby or interest outside of work that might interest other UVMers? Be part CatChat, where UVM staff share 10-minute tales of passion that have enriched their lives.

There will be two CatChat's this coming FY26, 10/8/25 and 3/13/26. [Click here](#) for more information and submit your interest in presenting.



Committee Events - All Invited

- Lake Monsters reduced price [Tickets 7/29, reserved seating](#). .25 Hot Dog Night (2 Tix left)
- Champlain Valley Fair reduced price tickets [available now](#)
- Book Club Date coming up on [June 26th](#).
- Art Walk informed tour of the outdoor sculptures on campus [July 18th](#)
- [Wednesday Walks](#) - Each Wednesday thru June, 12:15pm Howe Steps
- 18th Annual Golf Outing Registration required and now open [August 8th](#)



Door / Cubicle / Workspace / Decorating Contest

Decorate your workspace / door / cubical, in welcoming Dr. Tromp, our new UVM President, to campus. The theme being a welcoming to Dr. Tromp. She is known to be an active, outdoor person, a good story teller and curious. You may wish to incorporate some of these ideas into your theme. Send a photo to staff.council@uvm.edu between now and 6/30. The Social Committee will review the photos and award a winner by mid July.



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

CAMPUS NEWS



Rally Cat's Cupboard Volunteers

Rally Cat's Cupboard is looking for a reliable volunteer, or team of volunteers to share a shift to assist with a weekly food donation pickup. Every **Sunday morning between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM**, we receive a generous donation from **Hannaford** at: **217 Dorset St, South Burlington, VT 05403**

We need your help transporting this donation to **Rally Cat's Cupboard** so we can distribute the food to our community on Monday. At the most this takes about an hour or so. **Even if you can just do one Sunday, one time, it helps so much.**

This is a vital role that helps keep our shelves stocked and supports food security for UVM students and community members. If you have access to a vehicle and a bit of time on Sunday mornings, we'd love to hear from you!

For questions or to sign up, please contact: csands1@uvm.edu (CJ Sands)

Thank you for helping us fight food insecurity, one delivery at a time



Sodexo's Vermont First Program

UVM Dining Services is excited to share some great news: **Sodexo's Vermont First program has been awarded the National Association of College & University Food Services (NACUFS) Gold Award for Sustainable Procurement.**

This national recognition highlights Sodexo's commitment to supporting Vermont's food system by prioritizing local sourcing and partnerships with regional producers. It's also notable that current staff member Nicole Reilly, along with the former Vermont First Facilitator, are UVM alumni. Please find the full press release attached for more details. This is also visible online at [patch.com](#) and the [UVM Dining Services LinkedIn page](#).

If you would like to speak with someone from our team about the award and the program's impact, we'd be happy to coordinate an interview.



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

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

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Empowerment Self-Defense Training

UVM's Empowerment Self-Defense (ESD) program offers faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to learn effective techniques to enhance personal safety and confidence. Led by ESD-certified UVM instructors, these free workshops teach practical self-defense skills while exploring the psychology of violence and conflict de-escalation. The in-person workshops take place from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Mann Hall 005 (July 23). UVM groups and departments can also [request a training workshop](#).

[Read more and register](#) →

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 898211, or by visiting its website to search the online directory.



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