



University of Vermont
Center for Community News

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REPORT

2025

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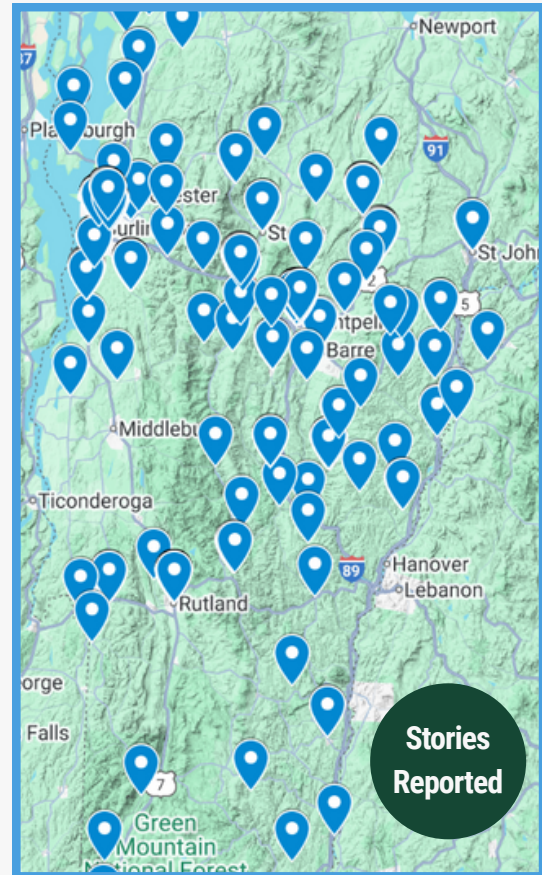
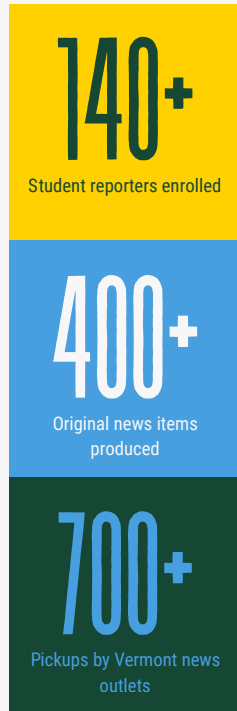
IN VERMONT

Strengthen Vermont communities by providing trustworthy local reporting to news partners across the state as part of UVM's land grant promise to serve Vermonters.

NATIONALLY

Grow and strengthen student-powered reporting at colleges across the country, helping to build a sustainable future for America's news and information ecosystem.

2025 BIG WINS IN VERMONT



New: Arts & Life Reporting Initiative

CCN launched its first student reporting initiative dedicated exclusively to covering art, history, and culture in VT and across the country. The project provides new opportunities for student journalists to explore the under-covered stories of their communities and make them free to local outlets.

New: Vermont Journalism Coalition

In partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation, CCN launched the Vermont Journalism Coalition this year, which will independently facilitate collaboration among local news outlets, marshal resources, and strengthen Vermont's information ecosystem.

2025 BIG WINS

NATIONALLY

- ✦ Doubled the number of news academic partnerships in the CCN network since 2023.
- ✦ Hosted the first national conference of news academic leaders, with more than 140 faculty from 32+ states.
- ✦ Expanded the CCN Champions program to include one-on-one guidance and peer mentoring.
- ✦ Created dozens of new reporting assignments and free classroom materials for news academic faculty.
- ✦ Collaborated with partners to map 1100+ student news outlets and create the interactive www.studentmediamap.com

Launched the **Spanish Language Reporting Initiative**

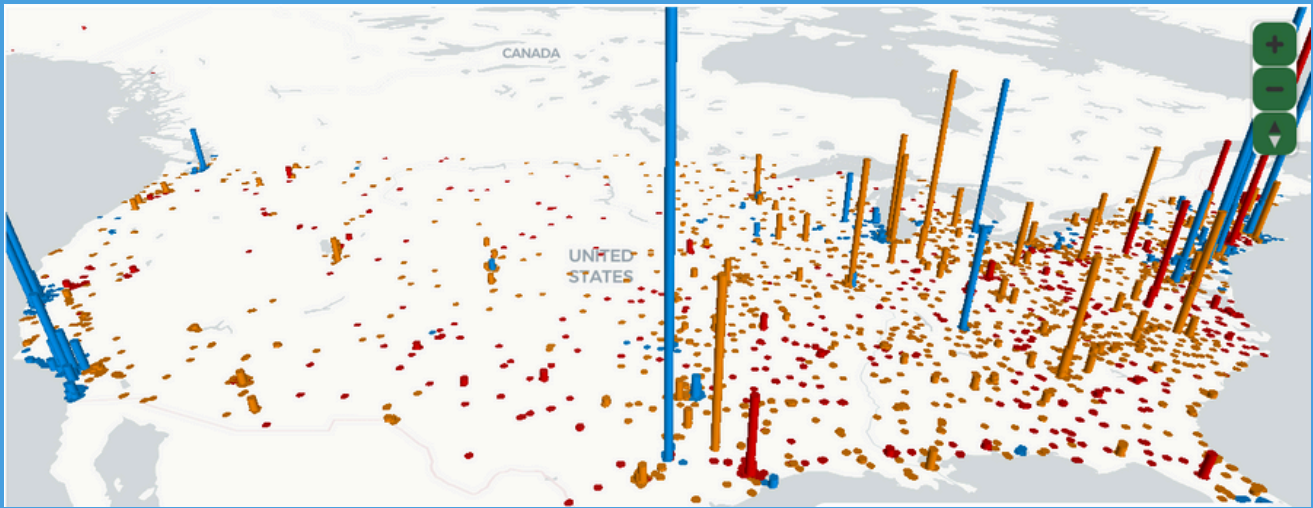
Launched the **National Arts & Life Reporting Initiative**

Grew the **SUNY Institute for Local News** to 18 campuses.

Launched the **California State University Collaboration**

RESEARCH & DATA

In 2025, CCN conducted more original research and data visualization tools than ever, providing deeper insights on the state of student-powered news for the entire field.



ABOUT US

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\$8 MILLION+

Raised since 2019

PARTNERS

Student Press Law Center
Rebuild Local News
Vermont Public
VT Digger
Vermont Community Foundation
Lake Champlain Basin Program

CCN began as a small reporting internship in 2019. Today, CCN reports on communities across Vermont and supports a national network of 200+ schools and thousands of faculty.

LOOKING AHEAD

Accelerating the growth of university-led reporting programs across the U.S., and strengthening our local news laboratory to serve more Vermonters.

In Vermont	Nationally
<p>Grow and strengthen the statewide newsroom at UVM, producing hundreds of community news stories about Vermonters and Vermont towns for news outlets across the state.</p> <p>Expand partnerships with faculty and departments across UVM and grow multidisciplinary opportunities.</p> <p>Help sustain a healthy information ecosystem in Vermont by facilitating collaboration, advocating for the local news sector, and cultivating public support.</p>	<p>Grow and strengthen the entire field of student news reporting by supporting faculty leaders and advocating for this emerging sector.</p> <p>Help to start and grow new student reporting programs through continued site visits, mentorship, free classroom resources, managed cohorts, and educational panels.</p> <p>Facilitate collaboration across schools and regions by managing issue-specific cohorts, hosting events, and forging new connections among peers.</p>
<p>Produce more original academic research on the field of student news reporting across the U.S. and the local news landscape in Vermont.</p>	
<p>Supercharge existing partnership with Student Press Law Center, creating a one-stop-shop for student-powered news programs across the country, and consolidating news research and resources at UVM.</p>	



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