

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FOOD DRIVE

University of Vermont

DECEMBER 3RD 9-3

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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 12/2/25 from 12:05-1:30**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

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

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



Holiday Bazaar - 12/3/25

The Staff Council Social Committee's annual Holiday Bazaar is fast approaching. **December 3rd from 9am - 3pm held in the Davis Center Grand Maple Ballroom.** While the Social Committee does a wonderful job planning and executing the event, the reality is, they can't be successful without your help.

Many on campus have been very generous donating time to helping staff and run the event. There are many different task and jobs to accomplish over the day. Offering as little a 1 hour is a tremendous help. [Click Here To Sign Up](#)

You might consider donating a baked good to the Bake Sale part of the event. Those funds also going toward the ability to lower the cost staff pay to many of the committees events, tickets and activities. [Click Here To Sign Up](#)

[You can click here for a few more details.](#)



Potato Stamp Gift Wrapping - 12/4/25

Join the Community Engagement Committee, drop by any time between 11:00am and 1pm to join us in making handmade wrapping paper using potato stamps, and other items. No prior skill is required. We will provide paint, potatoes, parchment paper, twine, and other fun craft supplies. Please feel free to bring your own additions such as: stamps, special paint, paper bags, or anything else that sparks your creativity!

Free - No Registration Required

When: December 4th, 11:30am-1 pm

Where: Jost Foundation Room - 422 Davis.

[Additional Details Here](#)



Main District Energy Plant Tour - 1/13/26

Join the Staff Council Community Engagement Committee for an exclusive tour of the University's **Main District Energy Plant (MDEP) and the STEM building's mechanical penthouse.**

At the MDEP, you'll explore a highly efficient central facility where massive boilers, chillers, and heat-exchange systems generate and distribute thermal energy to multiple buildings through an underground pipe network. You'll also visit the control room, featuring real-time monitoring screens that showcase the scale of campus-wide heating and cooling.

Next, the tour continues to the STEM mechanical penthouse. Here, you'll see air-handling units, pumps, and ventilation systems that deliver fresh air, heating, and cooling throughout the building. While learning how these systems work, you'll also enjoy unique views of the surrounding area.

Free - [Registration Required](#)

When: January 13, 2026, 12:00pm-1 pm

Where: The tour will begin at the "Cage" or the backside of the Royall Tyler Theater

[Additional Details Here](#)



UVM Cancer Center Tour- 2026 - 2/10/26

Brought to you by the Staff Council Community Engagement Committee, a walking tour of the University of Vermont Cancer Center with the Director, Dr. Randall Holcombe. Dr. Holcombe will give an overview of the four pillars of the UVM Cancer Center - community outreach, research, clinical care, and education. The tour will include an overview of the cancer center labs in LCOM HSRF/Firestone and the clinical outpatient clinics (Hematology/Oncology, Breast Care, and Radiation Oncology) at UVMCC. This will include a ten minute walk (all inside) from the Larner College of Medicine to UVM Medical Center Main Campus. The tour will include an overview of the cancer center funding - including NIH funding, and there will be time for questions and answers with Dr. Holcombe.

Free - [Registration Required](#)

When: February 10th, 12:00pm-1 pm

Where: Given Entrance

[Additional Details Here](#)

Staff Council Professional Development Fund

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FY26 Q2 AWARDEES



Congratulations to our 5 awardees for the 2nd quarter of FY26. Staff Council is honored to have awarded \$2514 total to individuals across campus to pursue their Professional Development. These staff members came from Center For Health And Well-being, Division Of Finance And Administration, UVM Athletics, and the Division Of Compliance And Safety.

See details below to apply for Q3 FY26



The application period for Q3 is now open .

All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.

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

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q3 Deadline is February 28th!

GET INVOLVED

Be A Staff Council Representative!

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

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Grossman School of Business
- 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

Penguin Plunge Team

Penguin Plunge team for UVM Staff and Faculty encouraging clubs, orgs, and teams on campus to participate in this Special Olympics challenge located right on the waterfront.

The team is called "UVM Faculty and Staff" and the link to join is:

<https://give.specialolympicsvermont.org/team/786297>

Reduced price Staff Athletic Tickets

All faculty and staff can get two tickets to the a number of UVM Athletic events at discounted rates by using the link below and the code below:

- 12/14 - Men's Basketball vs Merrimack
- 1/9/26 - Men's Hockey vs Northeastern
- 1/3/26 - Women's Basketball vs New Hampshire

Link: <https://uvmathletics.venue.net/promotions/STAFF>

Promo code: **STAFF**

UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Nutritional and physical activity habits of Vermonters](#)
- [Long Term Dining Study](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Discover UVM's New Performance Evaluation Tool

Join Talent Development and Staff Council for an engaging Lunch & Learn session exploring UVM's new performance evaluation system in **PeopleSoft ePerformance**. We'll cover what's changing, why UVM is moving away from PeopleAdmin, and how the new process promotes clearer goals, meaningful feedback, and a streamlined experience for employees and supervisors.

Event Details

Location: Jost Foundation Room, Davis Center 422 or online

Date & Time: December 5, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch will be provided for in-Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees (*Food available at 12:00 PM; programming begins at 12:15 for online attendees*)

[Registration Required](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

211

Get Connected. Get Help.™

Vermont 211

Vermont 211 provides all people in Vermont with free access to community resources information and referral (I&R). This access includes personal assistance by telephone by dialing 211, by text, and through an online, searchable database of services. [Click Here For More Details](#)



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