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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2/3/26 from 12:05-1:30**

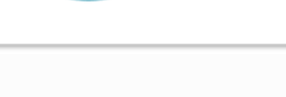
**Guests:** Renee Ross - UVMCares Systems Manager  
Kennedy Connors - SGA President

Jack Dorkey - Talent Development Center of Excellence Leader

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](#).



Stuff Swap - 1/22/26

Join us for **Staff Council's first-ever Stuff Swap!**

Declutter your space, discover new-to-you treasures, and help keep usable items out of the landfill.

- **January 22nd, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM, Davis Center Chittenden Bank Room (Room 413)**

*(Item drop-off must be completed by 12:30 PM.)*

You're welcome to browse and take items even if you don't bring anything—so come see what's available!

**If you'd like to bring items, please observe these limits:**

**Clothing:** Up to 15 items (clean, no stains or tears)

**Household items:** Up to 10 items (clean, functional, and easy to carry)

**Books:** Unlimited

Please only bring items you can genuinely imagine others enjoying, and keep in mind that organizers are responsible for any remaining items at the end of the event.

Questions? Contact [skye.ellicock@uvm.edu](mailto:skye.ellicock@uvm.edu)

MY FRIENDS

by Fredrik Backman

Staff Council Book Club - 2/17/26

The Staff Council Book Club will be meeting at the Fleming in February! Please join us for a

discussion of the art-themed book [My Friends](#) by [Frederik Backman](#), followed by some time to look

around the museum. We will meet at noon in the lobby. Please email [skye.ellicock@uvm.edu](mailto:skye.ellicock@uvm.edu) to

RSVP and to get information on borrowing the book. [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](#)



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



Staff Council

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
- Division of Enrollment Management
- 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

THE DIVISION OF INTERCULTURAL EXCELLENCE

Events and Gatherings

2026 MLK Celebration Keynote

The 2026 MLK celebration keynote features Rosalyn Pelles in *The Power of Resistance and Resilience*. Veteran of the Workers' and Civil Rights movements and survivor of the Greensboro Massacre, Rosalyn Pelles embodies the legacy of Dr. King with a powerful, national voice for social and economic justice.

Join us in person or online for this free event on **Thursday, January 29 from 4- 5:30 PM.**

Musical appearance by Dwight and Nicole

[For more information and registration, click here!](#)



University of Vermont

Office of Sustainability

Become A Sustainability Ambassador

[Sustainability Ambassadors](#) attend quarterly virtual meetings about campus sustainability efforts and communicate programs and opportunities back to their units. Office of Sustainability is welcoming new Ambassadors for 2026 and is specifically interested in staff from unrepresented areas including: CALS, OVPR, CNHS, Athletics, VPAASS, DOSA. If you're interested email

[sustainability@uvm.edu](mailto:sustainability@uvm.edu).



University of Vermont

Sustainable Campus Fund

Sustainable Campus Fund Call For Proposals

Did you know the [Sustainable Campus Fund](#) has \$230k available per year to fund sustainability projects on campus? Staff are eligible to submit proposals if the project has a student connection - meaning it either directly involves students, benefits students or has strong student support. Support is available to advise on proposal development and anyone with an idea is encouraged to reach out to [caseya.smith@uvm.edu](mailto:caseya.smith@uvm.edu).

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

DIVISION OF SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Have A Heart? Save A Life!

Please join us for the 3rd annual event February 11 in the Davis Center to celebrate National Heart Month. Learn to treat cardiac arrest and choking, severe bleeding, and opioid overdoses with CPR and Automated External Defibrillator, Stop the Bleed, and Narcan training. Classes are taught by UVM students and include American Heart Association Basic Life Support certification. Open to all. Please bring items for Rally Cat's Cupboard to fight food insecurity in our community and enjoy discounted registration fee of \$35, \$45 for walk-ins. Fee covers certification costs and student instructor wages.

**When:** February 11, rotating four-hour classes begin every 2 hours starting at 8:00 am

**Where:** Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center

[More information and registration link](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

DIVISION OF SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Catamount Safety Award Nominations

**Consider Nominating Someone for a Catamount Safety Award!**

As we transition into the new year, consider those who have contributed to the safety, security, health and wellbeing, and our culture of safety on the UVM campus. Nominations for the Catamount Safety Awards are open until March 3rd, but don't wait to recognize students, faculty, staff, and other members of the UVM community who make a difference!

<https://www.uvm.edu/dsc/catamount-safety-awards>



2025-26 Vermont Athletics Promotional Schedule

UVM Athletics sponsors many promotions during the athletic season. [Check this link](#) to see the many ways you can participate.



Hero Of The Gut

Do you know of a Hometown Hero who has gone above and beyond in the community and would like to nominate and honor them as a *Hero of the Gut*? We are looking to highlight active or retired military members as well as other Heroes of our community such as police officers, firefighters, EMTs, teachers, doctors and nurses just to name a few at our Men's and Women's Hockey games.

We invite anyone to submit their Hometown Hero to be our *Hero of The Gut*. Recipients will receive tickets to their choice of a UVM Men's or Women's Hockey game, in-venue recognition (optional) and a token of appreciation.

Know someone who should be our Hero of The Gut? [Submit their nomination here!](#) We are excited to be able to recognize our local heroes here in Catamount Country!



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



Staff Career Center Hub

UVM is dedicated to your professional growth. The [Career Center](#) is a resource hub that offers tools and providers to build skills, explore career paths, and advance your professional goals. [Schedule a meeting with Adam Boothe](#), Employee Career Services Partner, to discuss next steps in your career, request support on an application, or prepare for an interview.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Active and Healthy Communities

When the place where we live makes it easy for everyone to exercise and eat well, fewer people will suffer from injury, cancer, diabetes, stroke, heart and lung disease. Our goal is to help shape our communities to support health and well-being. To do this we:

- promote safe, pleasant and accessible places for all people to walk, roll or bicycle
- promote use of public transit
- ensure access to healthy and affordable food
- ensure safe, quality housing

We work with community organizations, municipal and regional planners, schools and health care providers. We begin with conversations to learn what is important to our community. From there, we find ways to weave in health and wellness improvements that fit the priorities of our towns, such as economic development. All Vermonters will thrive when their living conditions help to eliminate differences in health for different groups of people.

[More Details And Information Here](#)



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Hours: In-Person M, T, W 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Remote Th, Fri 8:30AM - 4PM

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