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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](#).

Staff Council President's Report to The Board of Trustees

Members of the Board,



The UVM Staff Council continues its work advocating for and elevating the needs, experiences, and contributions of staff across the university. The Council has engaged deeply with institutional planning efforts, strengthened collaborations with administrative leaders, expanded professional development and engagement opportunities, and advanced multiple committee level initiatives aligned with our mission.

[Full Report Here](#)



Staff Art Show - 2/9 thru 3/6

The Davis Center Art Program and UVM Staff Council are celebrating staff art through our annual Staff Art Show! With artists of varying backgrounds, from lab technicians to housing administrators, we have it all!

With a variety of artistic mediums and perspectives, the Staff Art show is a display of the creative and unique spirit that is cultivated and encouraged here at UVM. The work of our staff on campus and in their artwork encourages students to be true to themselves.

- [Opening Reception 2/9, 4:30 - 6:30](#)

[Details Found Here](#)



CatChat - 3/13/26

Facilitated by UVM Staff Council, Personal & Professional Development Committee, UVM staff share **10-minute tales of passions that have enriched their lives**, from rug hooking to chef at the French Embassy to Fanfiction in the Peace Corps.

- [Sharon O'Neill - Creative Process in designing and hooking rugs for over 25 years](#)
- [Dawn Aubrey - Reflections on her experience as the first female chef at the French Embassy](#)
- [Arminda King - Fanfiction and how it offered entertainment while serving in the Peace Corps in rural Africa](#)

[Details Found Here](#)

We are happy to be offering this in a Hybrid format as well as recording the event.



Skate Night - 3/27/26

The Staff Council Social Committee invites you to come and enjoy an evening of free skating (**bring your own skates**) at the Guttereson Rink. Bring family and friends to this free event. Hot Cocoa and snacks will be provided. Staff, Faculty, Students and Families all Welcome.

[Details Found Here](#)



Door / Cubicle / Office Decorating Contest

Decorate your workspace /door / cubical, in celebration and recognition of your staff colleagues presenting at CatChat, or simply break up the winter blues. See the event above in this edition for some inspiration, or [click this link](#). No matter what your design, CatChat and the date of the event (3/13/26) must be part of the design.

Send a photo to staff.council@uvm.edu between now and 3/13/26. The Social Committee will review the photos and award a winner by the end of March.



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



Fleming Museum Tour - 2/19/26

Explore the spring exhibition and other collections with Phil Morin Fleming Museum's Manager of Campus and Community Engagement. Meet at the Museum's lobby shortly before noon. No pre-registration required.

[Details Found Here](#)

WELCOME to our new Staff Council Representatives!



Heather Winther

Grossman School of Business (GSB)
Marketing & Communications Manager

[BIO](#)

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

CAMPUS NEWS



2026 MARCH Awards

Every year, WAGE and SGA come together to host MARCH! a celebration of the intercultural excellence work happening across UVM. Join us for an evening of inspiring speeches, valuable resources, and fun goodies centered on this year's theme of mental health and self-empowerment. A free dinner will be provided, and all are welcome!

MARCH will take place on March 31, 2026, from 5:00–7:15 PM (doors open at 4:30 PM) in the Grand Maple Ballroom. Please RSVP by March 29.

Additionally, help us recognize the invaluable work our staff members do by nominating them for the Outstanding Staff Award. Nominations close on March 1.

RSVP and Nominate staff, faculty, and students for awards at <https://linktr.ee/wagecenter>

For more information on MARCH, go to <https://www.uvm.edu/e/wagecenter/march-celebration-leaders-awards>



University of Vermont
Sustainable Campus Fund

Winter Bike Day

February 13, 2026 is International [Winter Bike to Work Day](#). The day promotes the health, environmental, and community benefits of biking, even in winter. Participate in UVM's Winter Bike Day celebration on 2/13 from 8-9 am and stop by the breakfast station and raffle at UVM Bikes! (Booth House) on your way to work!



University of Vermont
Sustainable Campus Fund

Winter Biking Commuting Webinar

Interested in winter riding but the idea feels overwhelming? We have plenty of tips and tricks that will help demystify winter cycling – and, bonus, you probably already own a lot of the gear you'll need! This Winter Bike Commuting Webinar will feature 2 panelists who are lifelong cyclists and ride throughout Vermont's coldest months. They'll share information about their winter bikes, favorite gear, and general advice based on what they've learned over the years. Register [here](#) today to attend the meeting on February 5 online from 12-1p!



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.



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
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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>



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



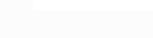
Discounted Skill Development Packages and Courses

UVM Professional and Continuing Education is pleased to offer discounted courses that are timely, relevant, and created for 21st-century business through [MindEdge](#). Courses are being offered at a 50% discount for UVM employees when paid for through a department chartstring.

Choose from a variety of concise, affordable, and self-paced online courses designed to help you enhance your credentials, earn professional credits, or explore an area of career interest while balancing the demands of your busy life.

[More Details Here](#)

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 our living conditions help to eliminate differences in health for different groups of people.

[More Details And Information Here](#)



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Staff Council - serving as a voice and advocate for all staff at UVM since 1971

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