

# STAFFLINE

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## STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

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

**Guests:** Cynthia Barnhart - Chair, UVM Board of Trustees  
Mike Austin - Chief Technology Officer

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](#).

### FLEMING

#### 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](#)



#### 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.

[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.



#### 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](mailto: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.



#### 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](#)

## 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
- 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



#### Waterman Elevator Project

The elevator in the Waterman Building will be unavailable during scheduled maintenance periods throughout the summer. Specific dates and times will be shared as they are confirmed. Employees whose work may be impacted and who may require an accommodation due to a disability are encouraged to contact the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) to discuss available options. Where job duties permit, temporary accommodations may include modified work arrangements, including consideration of remote work.

For questions or to set up an accommodation request, please contact OAS by emailing [access@uvm.edu](mailto:access@uvm.edu), calling (802) 656-8610, or filling out [our online contact form](#).

[All Campus Elevator Info Found Here](#)



#### 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/ie/wagecenter/march-celebration-leaders-awards>



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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).



#### 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



#### Networking Opportunities

UVM's Talent Team is excited to share two new ways to find community, connection and knowledge-sharing at UVM:

- UVM Mentorship Program** - We're currently gauging interest and calling all potential mentors and mentees for an 8-month UVM Mentorship program, requiring 2 hours per month. [Find more info and share interest](#)
- UVM Employee Circles** - Connect with fellow UVM employees to pursue interests outside of work duties with [UVM Employee Circles](#)



#### AI Academy

The University of Vermont will be hosting its first AI Academy on March 4, 2026, a day dedicated to building AI awareness, confidence, and practical skills across our campus community. Main programs generative AI topics for both beginners and advanced users with featured presenter Asim Ali, Ph.D. The day also includes additional breakout sessions and AI work group updates. This event is free to attend and includes lunch.

Link: <https://www.uvm.edu/human-resources/news/announcing-inaugural-ai-academy>

## 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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