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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FY26 Q3 AWARDEES



Congratulations to our 9 awardees for the 3rd quarter of FY26. Staff Council is honored to have awarded \$4500 total to individuals across campus to pursue their Professional Development. These staff members came from Research and Economic Development, Division of Student Affairs, Division of Intercultural Excellence, CAS, and LCOM.

See details below to apply for Q4 FY26



The application period for Q4 is now open .

- All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.**
- [Eligibility, Information, & Application \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Rubric \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q4 Deadline is April 31st!



UVM Fab Lab Tour - 3/31/26

The Staff Council Community Engagement Committee welcomes you to join in for a 1-hour tour of the UVM Fab Lab, an incubator for ideas and a place to engage people's imaginations, the UVM FabLab makes rapid-prototyping tools available to UVM students and faculty. The lab provides the opportunity for interaction in developing and testing innovative products and designs. We encourage projects that support research, innovation and creativity, and student work that is supported by coursework and professors.

We provide digital fabrication technology and services for UVM courses, research, faculty and students. Additionally the facility includes soldering stations and microcontrollers to support student hands-on projects. The lab is staffed daily by student employees who are in undergraduate engineering and STEM programs.

[Space is limited so registration is required here.](#)



Staff Council Book Club - 4/2/26

The Staff Council Community Engagement Committee's Book Club will next meet **Thursday, April 2nd** from noon to 1pm in the Williams Family Room (403 Davis) We will be discussing the 2026 [Vermont Reads](#) pick, [The Light Pirate](#) by [Lily Brooks-Dalton](#)

This is a hybrid meeting, with the option to join via Teams and tea and cookies if you join in person. Thanks to the generosity of the Vermont Humanities Council, we have a limited number of free books available for folks who can attend. Please email skye.ellicock@uvm.edu to RSVP and inquire about getting a book.



UVM Horse Barn Tour - 4/28/26

The Staff Council Community Engagement Committee welcomes you to join in for a 1-hour tour of the Ellen A. Hardacre Equine Center, also known as the UVM Horse Barn. Please wear closed toe shoes suitable for walking on wet or uneven ground. Attendance will be limited to 25 participants, so registration is required to reserve your spot.

[Register 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, 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  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
- OVPB
- PACE

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



Bookstore Spring Patio Sale

It's been a stormy, frigid winter but the UVM Bookstore is here to brighten up your Spring Semester with some scorching hot deals! Don't miss the Spring Patio Sale on **Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00AM to 3:30PM** on the carpeted area of the Olin Atrium on the 1st Floor of the Davis Center (across from Cat Pause).

From UVM apparel and headwear to books and gift items, take advantage of the best bargains of the season—because once they're gone, they're GONE.



Sustainable Campus Fund Call For Proposals - Application Deadline Noon, 3/6

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.



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Long Term Dining Study](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Adult Mental Health First Aid 3/1 - 3/12

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.

This course is for all levels of employees at the University of Vermont. The knowledge gained in this course may be applicable to your personal or professional interactions with friends, colleagues, neighbors, community members, or family.

[REGISTER HERE](#), before Friday 3/6



Our Common Ground Symposium 3/16 - 3/19

This four-day symposium at the University of Vermont will focus on building resilience through connection, featuring inspiring speakers and engaging presentations for our campus community.

[Additional details and registration here](#)



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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