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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8/7/26 from 12:05-1:30 (There are no meetings held in June)**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

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

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



Committee End Of Year Reports

Ever wonder what the Staff Council Committees do all year? Here are their End of Year Reports for FY26. Some of you may be surprised how much is worked on and accomplished during the year.

- Compensation, Benefits & Budget Committee (CBB) - [Report](#)
- Community Engagement - [Report](#)
- Personal and Professional Development, Occupational Environment Committee (PPDOE) - [Report](#)
- Social Committee - [Report](#)

Additionally, Staff Council awarded over \$15,000 to more than 30 staff in [Professional Development Grants](#). Also approved were \$2,800 in [Emergency Loans](#) to staff in need this past year.

If this looks engaging and interesting, consider becoming a representative of your unit/division/college to help make UVM a great place to work. [Get Involved](#)



Staff Council 2025-26

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Hosted by Dr. Marlene Tromp, Staff Council held it's annual end of year recognition luncheon on 6/3/26 at Waterman Manor. Fun fact, Dr. Tromp commented during her remarks, this event was the first repeat annual event to attend since joining UVM in 2025. With many senior UVM leaders in attendance, Staff Council recognized all the hard work, dedication and engagement shown by it's representatives, members and appointed members during the year. There are 7 specific awards handed out during this special event. They are as follows:

- As selected by each individual committee:
- Community Engagement Committee Exceptional Member Of The Year
 - [Skye Ellicock](#)
 - Personal & Professional Development Committee Exceptional Member Of The Year
 - [Sawyer Zundel](#)
 - Social Committee Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Maureen Jennings](#)
 - Compensation, Benefits & Budget Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Perri Schodorf](#)

- As nominated by the Staff Council Office and approved by the Executive Board:
- ROCK Award: This award acknowledges an individual who embodies the qualities of the "rock," who exemplified strength and reliability.
 - [Amy Vile](#)
 - Yearling Award: This award acknowledges the work and dedication of an individual new to Staff Council whose efforts during their first year of service have contributed greatly to our organization.
 - [Laura Selin](#)
 - LEAF Award: LEAF stands for "Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Forward-looking," qualities we value in all our Staff Council representatives, committee members, and colleagues.
 - [Amanda Duling](#)



- Summer Events - All Invited**
- Proctor Maple Research Center Tour **Registration Required** - 7/9/26 [Click For Details](#)
 - Book Club - 7/30/26 Noon - 1 - [Click For Details](#)
 - UVM Garden Tour **Registration Required** - 8/4/26 [Click For Details](#)
 - Golf Outing 19th Annual 8/7/26 - **Register by 6/30 & Save \$10** - [Click For Details](#)
 - Champlain Valley Fair Tickets - [Click For Details](#)
 - Cocktails On The Rails 9/27/26, 1 seat remaining - [Click For Details](#)
 - Monthly Crafting Group - [Click For Details](#)
 - Wednesday Campus Walks - [Click For Details](#)



The application period for Q1 is now open .

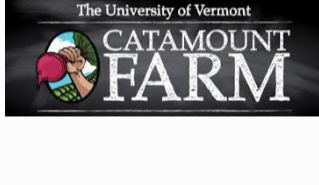
All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.

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

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q1 Deadline is July 31st!



CSA Shares

Catamount Farm has generously donated two large Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares to Staff Council for distribution among staff members throughout the season.

The Community Engagement Committee of Staff Council is offering sign ups for folks interested in getting **one** of the two large shares for **one week** during the season. If you are interested, please complete the form below. If you need any accommodation to complete this form, please reach out to staff.council@uvm.edu.

CSA shares will be available to pick up each Wednesday on campus at the Allen House, 461 Main Street. Shares must be picked up between 1:30pm - 7pm.

If your name is drawn for one of the weekly shares, you will be contacted by someone on Staff Council.

[Please submit forms by Friday, June 19, 2026.](#)

You can read more about the CSA and items that are likely to be included in the shares here: <https://www.uvm.edu/cais/hrec/catamount-farm-csa>



CatChat Call For Presenters

Do you have a hobby or interest outside of work that might interest other UVMers? Be part of our bi-annual CatChat, where UVM staff share 10-minute tales of passions that have enriched their lives.

We have had presentations from a hot air balloon pilot, an indigenous flute player, a mother who shared life lessons from her neurodivergent teenager, dog agility, ski instructor, Executive Chef in France and many more, all staff right here at UVM.

We'll have two CatChat's this coming FY, November 2026 and March 2027. [Click here](#) for more information and submit your interest to present.

CAMPUS NEWS



Employee Discounts

Unlock exclusive savings with for being a UVM employee. As a valued team member, you have access to special offers on a variety of products and services, made possible by local vendors and campus partners. Take advantage of these perks and enjoy the benefits of being part of our team!

[Click Here For Details](#)



- UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers**
- [Vaccine Research Study](#)
 - [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Copilot Café - 6/18 9:30am - 11am

Please join ETS Collaboration Services staff and friends for conversations about Microsoft Copilot, generative AI, and creating effective prompts.

We'll demonstrate ways that Copilot can help save time and make us more effective.

We'll explore regular Copilot Chat as well as the paid Copilot for M365 services.

We'll [try to] answer questions.

Drop by for a quick question or come hang out the whole time. And don't forget your coffee/tea and snacks!

We meet on the first Wednesdays of each month at 12 noon, and the third Thursdays and 9:30 am.

[Join the conversation on Teams.](#)

For more information, please email saa-collaboration@uvm.edu.



Emotional Regulation - Employee Wellness Workshop 6/22, 11am - Noon

Emotional Regulation - Virtual Workshop

[Register Here via TEAMS](#)

Gain practical tools to manage stress, improve communication, and support overall well-being.

- This is one of four virtual workshops this summer
- There are also four in-person skill sessions to choose from
- Learn more and find sign up information for all sessions at [Employee Wellness](#)

About the Series

Employee Wellness in partnership with Talent Development and CESS offers a series of webinars and in-person skill sessions to support your mental health. You can expect to learn and be engaged in subjects that affect all our lives, at home, and in the workplace.

Employees are welcome to sign up and join individually, or you are invited to sign up as a department or sub-division and continue the conversation about mental health during your workday.

Supervisors and employees of all levels are welcome to engage.

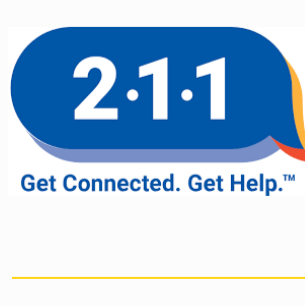
Facilitated by UVM Mental Health Counseling graduate students, Aisha Muktar and Hamdan Ali Khan.

Aisha is a graduate counselling student with a multinational and multicultural perspective on mental health. She's trained in cognitive behavior therapy and wants to help people understand themselves better.

Hamdan is a graduate counselling student with a wealth of experience in healthcare and trauma management. He is especially interested in creating awareness around mental health so people can take action for themselves when they need to.

For all questions, please contact the event organizer at employeewellness@uvm.edu

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

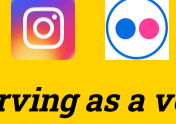


Vermont 211

Vermont 211 provides all people in Vermont with free access to personal assistance 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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