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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 10/6/26 from 12:05-1:30**

Molly Propst, Chief Human Resource Officer will be presenting

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

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

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



55th Anniversary Wordle Contest

Staff Council 55th Anniversary Wordle Challenge

As we celebrate 55 years of Staff Council, we're inviting employees throughout the UVM community to test their word-solving skills and join a little friendly competition. Each Wordle features a five-letter word inspired by appreciation, connection, collaboration, and the values that guide our work. Whether you're a Wordle expert or trying it for the first time, we hope you'll play along and have fun!

Congratulations to **Kelly O'Malley** from **President's Office and Strategic Communications**, our 9/1/2026 UVM Wordle Challenge winner! Kelly solved the puzzle in **one** guess and was randomly selected from this round's top performers. Thanks to everyone who participated.

- Play this issue's Wordle: [9.15.2026 Wordle](#)
- After you complete the puzzle, submit your results here: [Staff Council Wordle - Fill out form](#)

Participants will be recognized in future *Staffline* issues, and we'll be tracking results throughout the semester to build our Staff Council Wordle Leaderboard.



Door Decorating Contest

"Welcome Students" Door/Cubicle/Workspace Decorating Contest

Join us in welcoming back students by decorating your office door, cubicle, or workspace. "Welcome Students" is the theme.

Send a photo of your entry to staff_council@uvm.edu by Tuesday, 9/29/2026. The Social Committee will review the photos, and ribbon prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Staff Council Professional Development Fund

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FY27 Q1 AWARDEES

Congratulations to our 9 awardees for Q1FY27. Staff Council is honored to have awarded \$4200 total to individuals across campus to pursue their Professional Development. These staff members came from Athletics, CALS-Extension, DEM, LCOM, DOIE, and DOSA.

See details below to apply for Q2 FY27



The application period for FY27Q2 is now open .

All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.

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

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Q2 Deadline is November 30th!



Ski Pass Discounts

- Smugglers Notch - [Click Here and select "corporate"](#)
- Sugarbush - [Click Here](#)
- Bolton Valley - May be announced in October



Events - All Invited

- Reduced Price Tickets for Lyric Theater **Elf The Musical** on 11/14/26 - [Click Here To Purchase](#).
- Reduced Price Tickets for Lyric Theater **Cinderella** on 4/10/27 - [Click Here To Purchase](#).
- Staff Council Community Engagement Book Club 10/8 - [Click For Details](#)
- Monthly Crafting Group - [Click For Details](#)
- Wednesday Campus Walks - [Click For Details](#)

[Link To All Events Calendar](#)

CAMPUS NEWS



Bookstore Patio Sale

The start of the school year has been a sprint so far, and now is the time to reward yourself with a sweet treat! Join the UVM Bookstore as they put on the Fall Patio Sale on **Wednesday, September 23rd from 9:00AM to 3:30PM** on the outdoor patio of the Davis Center oval.

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.



Rallython

RALLYTHON is a yearlong fundraiser that benefits the Golisano Children's Hospital at UVM Health. Our annual 5k at the Gutterson Fieldhouse 5k Loop helps us reach our yearly fundraising goal and unites the community for a good cause. Check-in starts at 8 am and the race starts at 9 am. We provide refreshments and have guest speakers from the hospital to reinforce our mission. If you like to run, walk, or help out local children in need, join us for our annual 5k fundraiser!

- Oct 3
- Registration starts at 8AM
- Race starts at 9AM
- \$20 benefits the Golisano Children's Hospital
- [Click For More Details](#)



UVM Book Nook

Happy new academic year 26-27! I wish you all the best! The UVM Book Nook is seeking book donations. Help us celebrate our 17th year serving our students. We offer greatly loved used books of fiction and nonfiction free to students from private and public donors. We hope to inspire students to continue to be imaginative, bold, and openly curious after they graduate. We work year-round to source donations that present the best reading in the world for their education and pleasure. Our core mission is to maximize literacy and lifelong learning for UVM students. Help us broaden the minds and hearts of our students. We have a handy drop-box next to Brennan's Pub and Cafe at the Davis Center. For bigger donations, I will gladly come to your office or place of residence. You are very welcome to drop by our home at: D16 Stonehedge Drive, So. Burlington 05403. Email: jpmarton@UVM.edu Tel. # (802) 862-1306

With gratitude,
Jacques-Paul Marton "JP"



Random Cats of Kindness

UVM has launched a new recognition tool that lets you shine a spotlight on staff who embody [Our Common Ground](#) values in their work throughout the year. Random Cats of Kindness. Whether it's a colleague who went above and beyond or simply brightened someone's day, this is your chance to say thank you and make sure their actions don't go unnoticed. Nominated Catamounts will have their accolade featured on digital screens across campus—a visible way of saying "We see you and we appreciate you."

[Nominate a colleague today](#) →



University of Vermont
Division of Intercultural Excellence

Andrew Harris Legacy Reception

Join us for the annual Andrew Harris Legacy Reception hosted by the Division of Intercultural Excellence during UVM Weekend. Named in honor of Andrew Harris, UVM's first African American graduate, the reception recognizes individuals whose contributions have advanced intercultural excellence at the University of Vermont and beyond.

Enjoy a complimentary brunch, live music with DJ Craig Mitchell, and a program celebrating the year's honoree, Dr. Sherwood Smith.
The 2026 reception will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the Davis Center Grand Maple Ballroom.



Staff Appreciation

This academic year, the university is taking a new approach to celebrating staff by shifting from staff appreciation being limited to a single week to offering appreciation and engagement opportunities throughout the year. By hosting events in the fall, winter, and spring, we hope to make participation more accessible for staff with varying work schedules, responsibilities, and hybrid arrangements. Planning events well in advance also gives staff the opportunity to save the dates and include them on their calendars.

Our first event of the academic year will be an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

- [Ice Cream Social Details](#)
- [Staff Appreciation Website](#)



University of Vermont
Division of Safety and Compliance
Compliance and Privacy Services

Campus Safety Week 9/21 - 9/24

Safety Week is an annual event at UVM, dedicated to promoting safety awareness and preparedness across our campus through hands-on activities and interactive workshops. Safety Week is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and take an active role in enhancing campus security.

[Click For Details](#)



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Vaccine Research Study](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



UVM Talent Development

Talent Development supports a holistic approach to expanding skills and pathways for employees and leaders. Grow and develop your skills with opportunities rooted in Our Common Ground values.

Talent Development provides UVM employees and leaders with the resources to grow and develop their skills, competencies, and careers. It is also the hub for finding professional development opportunities and trainings happening across campus.

[Discover More Here](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Division of Intercultural Excellence

Cultural Resource Guide - Live

Got a job or admissions letter that is bringing you to (or keeping you in!) the area? We know there's a lot more to setting up or maintaining your home here. From housing to compost laws to childcare, find what you need to live your best life.

[Click Here For Details](#)



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