Dear Colleagues,

Happy summer!

Class of 2022 Update

We just graduated the Class of 2018 and are now preparing to welcome our new first-year and transfer students to campus. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2022, which once again may be our strongest academic class ever. Students from around the country continue to choose UVM - this year we are up nearly 10 percent in students enrolling from the Midwest.

Our new majors continue to be very popular. There has been growth in biomedical engineering, food systems, and the new health sciences major in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

We will welcome this class officially at Convocation on Sunday, August 26. I will send details later on how you can assist us in welcoming our new students that evening.

New App to Assist Students Navigate UVM

The Class of 2022 will be the first UVM students to utilize a new mobile application, Guide, when they arrive on campus for Orientation. The Guide mobile application empowers students to take ownership of their college experience through customized mobile interventions and the ability to reach out for support.
The mobile application, part of a larger software project to be rolled out across campus over the next year, will enable students to:

- View their course schedules
- Get timely notifications and reminders about active holds and relevant to-do items
- See the academic calendar
- Easily access links and contact information for available campus resources

Trainings about Guide are taking place now with faculty, staff and students and will continue into the Fall 2018 semester.

Admissions Update

Summer is a busy time for the Office of Admissions, as we plan to see about 7,700 students and their families visiting our campus. In addition to our regular scheduled tours and presentations, we are also offering two new programs:

UVM College Planning Night for Faculty and Staff:
Do you have a child that will be beginning the college search process or a college student considering a transfer to UVM? Do you dream of obtaining a college degree for yourself? Please join staff members from the UVM Admissions Office and Student Financial Services Office in a conversation for UVM employees. They will answer your questions and share tips about the process. This event will be held in the UVM Admissions Office Visitor Center, 184 S. Prospect Street, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Please make a reservation for this discussion by going to go.uvm.edu/collegeplanning. Questions about the program may be directed to Lisa Levite, Lisa.Levite@uvm.edu or 6-8620.

Alumni Program:
The Admissions Office is collaborating with the UVM Foundation and UVM Alumni Association to host the inaugural Catamount College Connection on Saturday, August 4, from noon until 5:30 p.m. at the UVM Alumni House, 61 Summit Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for UVM alumni with rising high school juniors or seniors to learn more about the college admissions process. The event includes a keynote from Professor James Hudziak, M.D., creator of the UVM Wellness Environment. His topic includes the changing adolescent brain and his experiences with his children’s college searches. Additional topics during the afternoon will include a college essay workshop and panels with local students and college counselors who have recently experienced the college search process. Guests will also hear from a panel of Admissions Deans and Directors about selective college admissions.

Catamount Commitment Update

Last fall, we welcomed our first Catamount Commitment students to UVM. The Catamount Commitment program guarantees that eligible dependent, in-state students receive grants and scholarships to cover all tuition and the comprehensive fee. In addition to these financial aspects, the Catamount Commitment program provides students with support and services to ensure a
successful transition to college and to make the most of their UVM undergraduate experience. Our first class included 174 FTFY students and 37 transfer students. Sixty three percent of these students received a 3.0 or higher GPA this year.

We will continue to hold regular gatherings with first-year Catamount Commitment students in Fall 2018. We are also planning activities to foster early engagement among first-year students and establish new leadership opportunities for the rising sophomores. If you are interested in being a mentor or offering a workshop, please contact Sarah Warrington, Coordinator of Strategic Retention, or Scott Pavek, Assistant Coordinator of Undergraduate Retention and Re-enrollment.

**Generation Study Abroad Update**

Report Summer Student Activity Abroad! Help UVM reach its Generation Study Abroad goals! If you know of a student who is interning, researching or otherwise engaged abroad in an activity for which there are learning objectives (including service work), log the info! Email studyabroad@uvm.edu with the student’s name and what you know about what they’re doing. Or, invite students to log their activity directly: https://www.uvm.edu/oie/independent (And if you have an annual April student newsletter, we invite you to add this to your newsletter template!)

**Division of Enrollment Management Kudos**

**National Press – AP Article Featuring UVM Student Veterans**

UVM is the first university to offer academic credit for a veterans-only class using Homer’s Iliad / Odyssey to help returning veterans transition to academia. David Carlson partnered with Classics Chair John Franklin to create and co-facilitate a one-credit class last fall and this spring where Homer’s epic poems were used to discuss military experiences in a college classroom.

This AP article was featured in over 200 local news outlets around the country, including the New York Times.

**New Online Map**

UVM has partnered with CampusBird to begin creating an interactive, online campus map. The new map will offer a number of upgrades over our current map, including the ability to:

- filter by custom categories (like residence halls, athletics facilities, etc.)
- upload photos and videos linked to locations
- create custom tours
- create locations anywhere in the world to show UVM’s global reach
- embed interactive maps on websites
The new map, which we expect to launch in the coming weeks, will also be collaborative, and training sessions will give campus partners the opportunity to use this tool to meet their specific goals. If you’re interested in learning more, email Amanda.Waite@uvm.edu.

-Stacey Kostell, Vice President for Enrollment Management