Dear Colleagues,

I hope your semester is off to a smooth start. We welcomed a wonderful new first-year and transfer class of students. A profile of our class can be found HERE. If you need printed copies to share please let me know.

Our 2018 Facts and Figures are updated and available HERE.

Our annual Enrollment Summit was held last week. We had a presentation from Kim Reid, principal analyst from Eduventures. Eduventures has developed a behaviorally and attitudinally based market segmentation of college-bound high school students called Mindsets. This data helps institutions better understand how college-bound high school students approach one of the most important decisions of their young lives.
The slides on Mindsets and other information presented at the Enrollment Summit are available [HERE](#). The slides include information on our new optional admissions essays, important immigration updates and an overview of our goals for the coming year.

**SFS Partnership Conference Reminder**

Save the date! On October 11, Student Financial Services will be hosting the Third Annual Student Finance Partner’s Conference. The Conference is designed to allow faculty and staff to spend as much of the day as they can attending sessions on various topics, and engaging in discussions relating to the various ways in which we can all work together to better support our students. Topics this year will range from Financial Aid 101 to Student Debt and Loan Repayment. The agenda is [HERE](#). Here is the link for registration: [https://www.uvm.edu/~stdfinsv/campus_partners/campparts.php](https://www.uvm.edu/~stdfinsv/campus_partners/campparts.php)

**Catamount Commitment Update**

One hundred and sixty-four first-time, first-year Catamount Commitment students joined our community this fall. The students, who are all Vermont residents, come from 81 towns in our state and are enrolled across 48 majors. Top majors of the entering students include Business Administration and Biology.

In a survey distributed to the new students over the summer, we learned that many of them are considering how they will get involved in campus activities and high-impact practices. Eighty-one students completed the survey, and their responses about campus engagement were as follows:

- 68 plan to complete an internship
- 58 plan to study abroad
- 46 plan to do undergraduate research

The Catamount Commitment staff have a number of events planned throughout the year to offer support and resource information to this population. Sessions will be held with the Tutoring Center and the Office of International Education this fall. On October 11, students will meet with assigned faculty and staff mentors from their colleges/schools.

**Registration Dates Moving Forward**

Starting with registration for the Spring 2019 semester, course registration dates will be standardized according to the following schedule:

Registration for the upcoming Spring term will be the 12th week of the Fall semester (November).

Registration for the upcoming Fall term will be the 13th week of the Spring semester (April).

Future registration start dates:

- Spring 2019 Courses: November 12, 2018
Recruiting our Next Class

The fall tour season has begun. The Admissions office has Open House Programs planned on Sunday, October 14, and Saturday, November 10.

New Campus Map and Videographer

A new, interactive map is now available on our website at uvm.edu/map. This new tool provides users the ability to search for campus buildings and offices, browse by categories, and see photos and videos of facilities. The map gives us the ability to better represent our campus and its many facilities, and it gives us the opportunity to place pins globally to indicate where UVM people and projects are in action around the world. In addition to the map, you’ll also find two tours available, including a general campus tour that will be put to use by Admissions as well as a tour of public art on campus. A tour of international endeavors is forthcoming. The project has been a joint collaboration of Creative Communications Services and Campus Planning, with much input from stakeholders around campus. We encourage exploration of the map and welcome input and ideas via emails to Amanda Waite, awaite@uvm.edu.

--Stacey Kostell, Vice President for Enrollment Management