



November 18, 2022

Dear Catamount Families,

As we look ahead to a week of rest and connection with loved ones, I am writing to offer my best wishes to you and your families for replenishment and joy. For many, the November break means gathering with family and friends for a Thanksgiving meal. For those celebrating, I hope you'll savor not just the food that accompanies the season, but also the moments with your loved ones. For others, this coming week may simply bring quiet rest and relaxation. This too, I hope you savor and enjoy.

For your students, I hope they take this upcoming week to catch up on their rest and their school work. I hope you have the opportunity to tell them how proud you are of them and that they're doing a great job with this major phase in their lives. Remember, trust the process and tell them you love them—UVM sure does!

We are truly a community even when we are apart. No matter where and how our students spend the upcoming week, please remember that UVM is here for them.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the Division of Student Affairs.

Warmly,

Erica

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What's Happening in Dining

- During Thanksgiving break, the last day of the student's meal plan is Friday, November 18 at dinner. The only available dining option is
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Monday–Wednesday in Given Bistro. A student's first day of the meal plan is Sunday, November 27 for dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m.

- If a student wants to switch their meal plan for the spring semester, they can do so through January 30, 2023. [Learn more](#) about All-Access, Flex, and Retail Point Plans.
- At 2,536 students, this semester's Dining Satisfaction Survey had the highest number of respondents since 2019! We are very appreciative to the students who took part in the survey, as well as the 65 students who participated in six focus groups on meal plan offerings. Over the following weeks, the Dining team will review all of the feedback and develop an action plan for the spring semester.

[Learn more on UVM Dining's website](#)

Vandalism in the Halls

Thank you to all who joined us for our community presentation on vandalism in the residence halls at the end of October. Your feedback, suggestions, and support are greatly appreciated as we have been working to clarify our path forward.

This webinar was just one of a few ways we're engaging our community. Our Residential Life and Facilities teams are working not only to repair damages, but to work within their communities to build a sense of shared purpose, to streamline reporting processes, and to identify those causing harm. We know students not only want to live in a good community, but also that they are well and fully capable of treating their residential communities with respect—and so we asked you to engage your students about their experiences and to encourage them to reflect on their own agency and influence. We are grateful for your support.

A community-level problem takes a community-level response and I have total confidence in our ability to address this problem together and make swift change.

As promised, we are following up with several helpful materials:

- [View the presentation file \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Watch the recording](#)
 - [Read the FAQs \(pdf\)](#)
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Again, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support in addressing these concerns. As always, we welcome your feedback and questions—please email us at studentaffairs@uvm.edu.



Rally Cat's Cupboard

Recent surveys at UVM show that one in five students have been food insecure within the past year, meaning they don't have consistent access to enough food. The university opened **a community food pantry** to help combat this issue. Rally Cat's Cupboard is open (after Thanksgiving break) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in room 103 in the Davis Center.

[Learn more on our website](#) →



Family Communication

Curious about our approach to communicating with parents and families? Are you looking for previous issues of our Catamount Family newsletter? Stop by our Family Communications webpage to learn more and access important messages. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! You can email us directly at studentaffairs@uvm.edu.

[Learn more on our parents communication webpage](#) →

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