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## STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2/6/24 from 12:05-1:30**

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](#).

## WELCOME to our new Staff Council Representatives!



**Susan Sobczak**

Division of Finance and Administration  
Disbursement Support Specialist

[BIO](#)



### Staff Book Club

The Community Engagement committee of Staff Council will once again be hosting book club this semester, and the spring book selection is [Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow](#) by Gabrielle Zevin. We will meet on Friday, March 15 at noon to discuss the first half (please read through Section IV BOTH SIDES, page 210) and on April 18 at noon to discuss the remainder. Both meetings are on Teams from 12-1pm, and invite links can be found on our [calendar](#).



### The Wizard of Oz at The Flynn

Just 4 seats remaining at this discounted prices offered by the Social Committee. 4/13/24, 1pm

A legendary American story returns to The Flynn Main Stage to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lyric Theatre Company. The classic novel by L. Frank Baum comes to life with iconic music from the MGM film and all the characters we have fallen in love with over the years. Come with us down the yellow brick road and experience why there really is "no place like home"

Experience *The Wizard of Oz* like you never have before! With stunning sets, lavish costumes, and spectacle worthy of the Wizard himself. Lyric Theatre will transport you and your family over the rainbow for a magical experience, unlike any other. [Click to order, don't miss out!](#)

## FLEMING

### Fleming Museum Spring Exhibition

Sponsored by the Staff Council Community Engagement Committee, Fleming Museum staff will be available Wednesday, February 21 to provide a brief overview of the spring 2024 exhibition *Never Spoken Again: Rogue Stories of Science and Collections*, and offer guidance for self-guided tours. Meet at the museum's lobby shortly before noon.

No sign up or registration required.



### Athletic Event Discounts

Staff Council, in coordination with UVM Athletics is pleased to offer a limited number of discounted tickets to Men's and Women's Basketball and Hockey.

- **2/17/24, 4pm Women's Basketball save \$4 (24 Tix remaining)**

[Click here](#) to place your order direct via UVM Athletics, password, STAFF. Act quick as these discounted tickets are limited in number.

## CAMPUS NEWS



### Our Common Ground Nominations

Dear UVM community,

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Our Common Ground staff award. The award recognizes staff members who have made extraordinary contributions to our university and who exemplify the values expressed in [Our Common Ground](#). Each recipient receives a \$1,000 prize, and the awards are recorded on a permanent plaque in the Waterman Building.

[Click for full message from President Garimella](#)



### VTIFF Discount

[Four Daughters, 2/8](#). This riveting exploration of rebellion, memory, and sisterhood reconstructs the story of Olfa Hamrouni and her four daughters, unpacking a complex family history to examine how the Tunisian woman's two eldest were radicalized by Islamic extremists. Casting professional actresses as the missing daughters, along with acclaimed Egyptian-Tunisian actress Hend Sabri as Olfa, award-winning director Kaouthar Ben Hania restages pivotal moments in the family's life. *Four Daughters* is a compelling portrait of five women and a unique and ambitious work of nonfiction cinema that explores the nature of memory, the weight of inherited trauma, and the ties that bind mothers and daughters. At *The New Yorker*, Richard Brody found the film to be a "revealing, poignant blend of drama, memory and self-scrutiny," while *The San Francisco Chronicle* dubbed it "one of the best films of the year."

The promo code for the discount for this film is **UVM\_2024**. To redeem the code, select the film, click buy/get tickets, and before adding a ticket to your cart, click **"Know a promotion code?"**. After it has been entered, you will see the discounted ticket as an option, add to your cart and proceed to checkout.



### Sustainable Campus Fund Call For Proposals

Did you know the [Sustainable Campus Fund](#) has \$230k available per year to fund sustainability projects on campus? Staff are eligible to submit proposals if the project has a student connection - meaning it either directly involves students, benefits students or has strong student support. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. The Office of Sustainability is available to advise on proposal development and anyone with an idea is encouraged to reach out



### UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Dengue Fever Study](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)
- [LONG COVID study](#)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### UVM Employee Commuter Benefits

CATMA and UVM employee commuter benefits provide and promote transportation options and assistance to employees and students of its member institutions. The benefits of commuting by bike, bus, carpool, and walk include saving money, reducing stress, enhancing health, making friends and lessening our impact on the environment. UVM strongly encourages its employees to take advantage of the commuter programs and services offered through CATMA.

[Click for details](#)



### Vermont Farm To Family

Helps you buy fresh fruits, vegetables & herbs at participating farmers markets and farm stands. [Link For Details](#)



**The Champlain Housing Trust** A Community Land Trust that supports the people of Northwest Vermont and strengthens their communities through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable homes and related community assets. [Link For Details](#)



### Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

Medicaid provides transportation to appointments for covered services to members who don't have access to their own transportation. [Link For Details](#)

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



### Safety and Compliance Training

The Division of Safety and Compliance is committed to modernizing our campus safety and security strategy. Our work is accomplished through three distinct but overlapping areas of focus - teams, tools & technology, and training. Below you will find details about some of the training initiatives of the Division as well as links to UVM affiliated departments or organizations providing Safety and Security related training opportunities. [Click for more details](#).



### Become a Sustainability Ambassador

A [Sustainability Ambassador](#) is a UVM employee who is committed to promoting sustainability in the workplace and act as a catalyst for culture change at UVM. Ambassadors play a vital role in supporting the promotion of sustainability among peers by acting as a liaison between their functional area and the Office of Sustainability. If you're interested in this low commitment, high impact role, email [caylin.mccamp@uvm.edu](mailto:caylin.mccamp@uvm.edu) to join.



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