



The University of Vermont

Dear Faculty Member:

Congratulations on your new position within the UVM community! [UVM Extension](#), which provides research-based education, outreach, and technical assistance to the people of Vermont, would like to extend an invitation to join this year's **New Faculty Bus Tour**. Please see details below and the attached itinerary.

Tour date: Friday, August 25
Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. from the UVM Dudley H. Davis Center

Our day-long tour will allow you the opportunity for networking and stimulating discussion with new faculty as you visit some of Vermont's sights and see firsthand the programming being conducted throughout the state by University faculty and staff. Highlights of the day will include a drive through the beautiful countryside of surrounding communities, discussions about small town economic development, and visits to local diversified farms. Conversation will revolve around how these efforts are supported by faculty and programs of the University of Vermont. We will also stop for a complementary lunch at Champlain Orchards in Shoreham, VT.

This quote from a prior attendee of the tour sums up the day:

"I thought it was a great experience, and when I spoke with others in the library about it there was a bit of 'why didn't we ever get to do this?' in the content and tone of their articulated thoughts. In one day, I became aware of things regarding UVM that other people, who had been here for years, had little or no knowledge. So, yes, it was a wonderful orientation to UVM and the local landscape. It was a hands-on education regarding the reach of UVM's presence in the community. It created a window into how UVM cooperated with local businesses or organizations in a concrete manner, while providing insight into how this effected people, how it helped them do things they enjoyed while making a living and, probably, making Vermont a better place to be." --Tom - Dana Medical Library

Please RSVP to Marc Hartigan via email (Marc.Hartigan@uvm.edu) or Microsoft Teams.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your fellow colleagues, see some of Vermont's beauty, meet people, and learn about the valuable contributions of the faculty and staff of the University to Vermont's working landscape. To watch an overview of a recent new faculty tour on Extension's *Across the Fence* show, visit: <https://youtu.be/WF7QxSFDmxs>

Sincerely,

Roy Beckford
Associate Dean and Director

Tour of Vermont's Diverse Farming Landscapes
Friday, August 25, 2023

7:30 - 7:55am	Gather at UVM Dudley H. Davis Center (590 Main Street, Burlington, VT) drive-up oval/main entrance, and meet Dr. Roy Beckford (Director of UVM Extension) before we get underway
8:00 am	Bus departs with new faculty at Dudley H. Davis Center (at drive-up oval, main entrance)
8:00 – 8:10 am	<i>Travel to UVM Horticulture Research and Education Center (HREC)– (65 Green Mountain Drive)</i>
8:15 –9:15 am	Visit UVM Horticulture Research and Education Center (HREC) – UVM’s Horticulture Research and Education Center is a 97-acre property that serves as a primary field laboratory site for applied teaching, research, and outreach activities on agronomic and horticultural crops conducted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) and Extension faculty and staff. https://www.uvm.edu/cals/hrec
9:20 – 10:10 am	<i>Travel to Blue Spruce Farm (1796 VT-22A, Bridport, VT; 802-758-2179)</i>
10:15 – 11:40 am	Visit Blue Spruce Farm – Blue Spruce Farms produces over 3.6 million gallons of milk each year, crops 3,000 acres, and generates electricity for our community from the feed our cows eat. Our two Cabot Cheese plants are owned by us and other farm families, employing over 575 people. https://www.bluesprucefarmvt.com/
11:45 – 12:00 pm	<i>Travel to Champlain Orchards (3597 VT-74, Shoreham, VT; 802-897-2777)</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch at Champlain Orchards
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Visit Champlain Orchards – As one of the oldest continually operating orchards in Vermont, Champlain Orchards takes pride in growing over 175 varieties of Eco-Certified apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, nectarines, and berries while carefully stewarding the land. https://www.champlainorchards.com/
1:35 - 2:45 pm	<i>Travel back to UVM Dudley H. Davis Center (590 Main Street, Burlington, VT)</i>
2:45 pm	<i>Arrival back at UVM Dudley H. Davis Center & end of tour</i>