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# STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2/4/25 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](#).



### Staff Art Exhibit

The Davis Center Art program in collaboration with the Staff Council are excited to celebrate the creative talents of UVM's staff through a Staff Art showcase! This exhibition will highlight the diverse artistic expressions of UVM staff, across all different mediums. Whether you're a seasoned artist or an enthusiastic hobbyist, we invite you to submit your artwork for consideration.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Exhibition Dates:** February 10th-March 17th  
**Opening Reception:** [February 12th, 4:30-6:30 PM](#)

For more information or questions, please contact the DC Art Curators at [dcart@uvm.edu](mailto:dcart@uvm.edu).



### PALEntine Chocolates

Order up a special Lake Champlain Chocolate treat for yourself, friend, colleague or other special person for the PALEntine Season. These items are being offered at a 20% discount when ordered through this portal. Your order will be available for you to pick up at the Staff Council Office, Waterman 313 on 2/12 and 2/13 from 8 AM - 4 PM. **Order Deadline is 2/6/2025** [PALEntine Order Page](#)



### Skate Night

Come and enjoy an evening of free skating (bring your own skates) at the Guttereson Rink. Bring family and friends to this free event. Hot Cocoa and snacks will be provided. [Click For Details](#)



### Book Club

Please join us February 12, 12-1 in the Jost Foundation Room, Davis, to discuss *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson, a book recommended by two attendees of our last meeting. **This will be a hybrid meeting, with tea and snacks if you join in person.** Please RSVP to [skye.ellicock@uvm.edu](mailto:skye.ellicock@uvm.edu) to get the Teams link and information on borrowing the book. [Click here for more details.](#)



### Tuesday Traipse

Staff Council's Community Engagement Committee new event, "**Tuesday Traipse**" **every Tuesday thru...at 12:15pm** meet in front of the Howe Library to go on a 30-minute walk around campus. We will try to mix up different routes to freshen things up. We be looking for route ideas and walk leaders to participate. [More details can be found here.](#)



### 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. **2/20/25, 2pm Men's Basketball vs Bryant** - [Click To Purchase](#)  
Place your order direct via UVM Athletics, **password, staff24**. Act quick as these reduced price tickets are limited in number.

# GET INVOLVED

## Be A Staff Council Representative!

Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Strategic Communications
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR

If you are feeling the itch to serve on Staff Council or know of someone you think would be a great representative, [click here](#) for more details or contact [staff.council@uvm.edu](mailto:staff.council@uvm.edu)

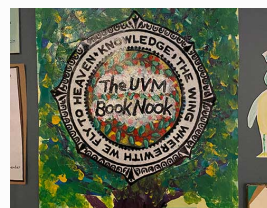
# CAMPUS NEWS



### 2025 Inclusive Excellence Symposium

#### Healing through Hope

This four-day symposium will bring together scholars, performers and multi-media educators to explore ways to find hope and resilience during tumultuous times. Come hungry - all symposium programs include free food! Registration is \$10 for Faculty & Staff. [Registration is open.](#)



### UVM Book Nook

Jacques-Paul Marton would like to share with you the UVM Book Nook's need for book donations for students. Books that have been truly loved and that would benefit new generations of readers. The Book Nook is sponsored and supported by the Division of Student Life at the Dudley H. Davis Center, the University of Vermont.

More young adults today are turning to literature as mentors for learning. UVM's Book Nook, located in a cozy corner of Brennan's Pub, is a growing hot spot for students in search of the one book that will become a special part of their lives. Hundreds of classics - poetry, fiction, nonfiction, philosophy spirituality, racial and ethnic identities, gender studies - have found their way into the eager hands of readers in the 14 years since the Book Nook's beginning. Once home to a few bookcases, the Nook currently has seven bookcases. The diversity of offerings is a student's literary treasure, where they can procure free book(s) from the shelves to begin their own Libraries.

My passion is to keep the shelves filled with books that heal, inform, invite open conversation - and connect the reader and author to one another's soul. My hope is to keep the shelves filled with diverse titles - titles ready to be adopted by curious students during next spring's Big Book Nook Giveaway, a biannual end-of-the-semester event open to all students. Books that have been loved and are now looking for a new and appreciative home are welcome. I am specifically looking for books that speak universally to readers, books meant to enrich and inspire young adults just beginning the greatest journey of their lives.

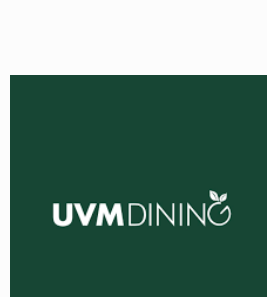
It is a wonderful feeling to help expand the lives of students through reading. I hope I can interest you in donating books to the UVM Book Nook. I look forward to hearing from you.

To donate books, use the Book Nook drop-off box at the entrance to Brennan's Pub or contact [jpmarton@uvm.edu](mailto:jpmarton@uvm.edu) or [dcart@uvm.edu](mailto:dcart@uvm.edu).



### Winter Bike Webinar

Each year, UVM joins the international community in celebrating biking as a year-round form of transportation. UVM employees and students are invited to gather on the morning of February 14th from 8-9:30am at the Booth House, home of the UVM Bikes! Co-op. Join us for coffee, donuts, raffles, and festivities with your fellow cyclists. Curious how to prepare and ride your bike in winter weather conditions? Don't miss this [live webinar](#) on Thursday, 2/6 at 12pm!



### Catamount Culinary Showcase

As a champion of UVM's learning community, you know students who are engaged, passionate, and creative. We need your help identifying student groups or individuals who would be great candidates for the **2nd Annual Catamount Culinary Showcase**—a celebration of student recipes, cultures, and community.

#### Event Details

**Date:** Monday, March 31 | **Time:** 5–6:30 p.m. | **Location:** Davis Center's Grand Maple Ballroom

**Team and recipe registration due February 8** at [go.uvm.edu/culinaryshowcase](https://go.uvm.edu/culinaryshowcase).

We are looking for **eight student teams** to bring their culinary creativity to life alongside UVM Dining chefs. Participants will share their cultural and personal food traditions, compete for prizes, and have their dish featured at a UVM Dining location.

#### How You Can Support This Opportunity

**Spread the word** by posting the attached flyer in student spaces.

**Nominate a student or group** who may be a great fit.

**Encourage participation** among clubs, organizations, or student groups (teams of 4–6 students recommended).

**Promote registration**—the deadline is **Friday, February 8** at [go.uvm.edu/culinaryshowcase](https://go.uvm.edu/culinaryshowcase).

Winning teams will receive **catering credits** (\$250 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$150 for third place), along with exclusive event perks.

Your support in connecting students with this opportunity is invaluable. If you have any questions or referrals, please reply or direct students to [dining@uvm.edu](mailto:dining@uvm.edu).



### Catamount Safety Awards

The Catamount Safety Awards return for a second year! The nomination form closes March 3d, so start thinking about the people in the UVM community who exemplify safety, security, health & wellbeing, and promote a culture of safety on the UVM campus. Visit <https://Go.uvm.edu/safetyawards> for more information and submit your nomination!



### UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Dengue Fever research](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



### Talent Development Lunch & Learn Series

With our busy schedules, it's not always easy to find time to develop our skills or connect with our co-workers. Why not do both at once—while enjoying free food?

UVM Talent Development in collaboration with UVM Staff Council's Personal & Professional Development Committee are excited to launch an ongoing Lunch & Learn series for all staff. These sessions will offer a dedicated space to build skills, foster connections, and invest in professional growth. For our first session, we're thrilled to present: Discover the Power of Microsoft 365: Beginner Collaboration Skills. In this live, beginner-friendly training led by KnowledgeWave (remote presenter), we'll explore the collaboration tools of Microsoft 365. This session will cover:

How to work collaboratively on files in real-time.

Tools that streamline communication and transparency.

The life cycle of a business document through the Microsoft 365 ecosystem.

Whether you're new to Microsoft 365 or want to unlock its full potential, this course is a great starting point to learn how to work smarter, not harder. Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and grow with your colleagues!

- [Online only option Registration](#)
- [In Person Waterman 427 Registration](#) (Lunch Served)



### Campus OLLI: Osher Lifelong Institute

The Campus OLLI program, part of UVM's network of seven adult learning communities across Vermont, offers diverse, engaging, and affordable year-round programs both online and in-person in Chittenden County. With over 100 programs annually, Campus OLLI enriches the lives of older adults through lectures, interest groups, outdoor activities, and trips. Join today to participate! [More Information Here](#)

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### Cultural Resource Guide

This Cultural Resource Guide is for those living or considering living in the greater Burlington area and who want to learn more about the diverse resources available. At UVM, we believe this is a vital resource for prospective and current faculty, staff, and students from a variety of backgrounds, experiences and/or identities. Although this resource is not exhaustive, we hope it gives you a better sense of the diversity of resources available to you in the area. [Click Here](#) to access the guide.



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