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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS





The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8/6/24 from 12:05-1:30 (no meeting in July)**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#) at the Chittenden Bank Room - Davis

Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are also available [on our website](#).

WELCOME to our new Staff Council Representatives!

			
Meredith Grasso	Amanda Duling	Billy Rison	Richard Cohen
College of Nursing and Health Sciences Executive Assistant to The Dean	Division of Student Affairs Residential Life HR Coordinator	Office of the President of UVM Government Relations Specialist	Office of The Provost of UVM Assessment Coordinator
BIO	BIO	BIO	BIO

STAFF COUNCIL 2023-24 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Hosted by President Garimella, Staff Council held its annual end of year recognition luncheon on 7/30 at the Alumni House. With many senior UVM leaders in attendance, Staff Council recognized all the hard work, dedication and engagement shown by its representatives, members and appointed members during the year. There are 6 specific awards handed out during this special event. They are as follows:

- As selected by each individual committee:
- Community Engagement Exceptional Member Of The Year
 - [Amy Vile](#)
 - Personal & Professional Development Committee Exceptional Member Of The Year
 - [Liz Crawford](#)
 - Social Committee Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Diann Varricchio](#)
 - Compensation, Benefits & Budget Exceptional Committee Member Of The Year
 - [Janet Green](#)
- As nominated by the Staff Council Office and approved by the Executive Board:
- ROCK Award: This award acknowledges an individual who embodies the qualities of the "rock," who exemplified strength and reliability.
 - [Amanda Broder](#)
 - Yearling Award: This award acknowledges the work and dedication of an individual new to Staff Council whose efforts during their first year of service have contributed greatly to our organization.
 - [Maureen Jennings](#)
 - LEAF Award: LEAF stands for "Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Forward-looking," qualities we value in all our Staff Council representatives, committee members, and colleagues.
 - [Jennifer Payne\(JP\)](#)

GET INVOLVED Be A Staff Council Representative!

As one year closes, we begin the process to prepare for the next year. Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion
- Extension
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR
- DOSA

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

CAT CHAT

CatChat Call For Presenters
Do you have a hobby or interest outside of work that might interest other UVMers? Be part of our new bi-annual CatChat, where UVM staff share 10-minute tales of passions that have enriched their lives.

At our inaugural CatChat in March, we heard from a hot air balloon pilot, an indigenous flute player, and a mother who shared life lessons from her neurodivergent teenager, all staff right here at UVM.

Given the inaugural success and interest, we'll have two CatChat's this coming FY, 9/19/24 and 3/13/25. [Click here](#) for more information and submit your interest to present.

CAMPUS NEWS



Wellness Welcome Events
Date: Tuesday, August 20th
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Davis Center, outside near Andrew Harris commons, on sidewalk
Calendar Event Link: <https://events.uvm.edu/event/employee-wellness-welcome-fall24>

All employees are invited to explore the many resources and benefits available to you from some of our amazing campus partners! The first 500 employees will receive a free ice cream coupon for the Dairy Barn in the Davis Center & Employee Wellness has free coffee coupons for Henderson's while supplies last!

- Explore the following resources from:
- Employee Wellness** – whole health resources & meet a couple vendors! *EDGE Preventative Health* team & *Epic Wellness* on-site Chiropractor!
 - Staff Appreciation Week Committee** – get the schedule for Staff Appreciation Week
 - Talent Development** (previously Professional Development) – explore upcoming courses & foster a culture of continuous learning
 - Health and Wellness Coaching** – Free for all employees – *Want to feel your best?*
 - Office of Sustainability** – composting, transportation, healthy cities & *try out a few e-bikes* from LocalMotion!
 - Campus Recreation** – want to play pickleball? Try a group fitness class? Check out Cat Fit? Learn how to access the facility!
 - Staff Council** – get involved! Directly impact your colleagues
 - UVM Athletics Ticket Office** – don't miss all the Catamount action this year!



UVM Dining
UVM Dining is not done for the summer yet. [Click here](#) for their Events Calendar for August.



VTIFF Discount
Crossing 3/7. From acclaimed director Levan Akin (*And Then We Danced*), *Crossing* is a moving and tender tale of identity, acceptance, and unlikely connection that transcends borders and generations. Lia, a retired school teacher living in Georgia, hears from a young neighbor Achi that her long lost niece, Tekla, a transgender woman, has crossed the border into Turkey. Hoping to bring Tekla home after a period of estrangement, Lia travels to Istanbul with the unpredictable Achi to find her. Exploring the hidden depths of the city, they cross paths with a transgender lawyer called Evrim, who helps them in their search. Humanistic and compassionate, Akin's third feature is a heartfelt portrayal of overcoming the degrees of separation that divide us.

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.

UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

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

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Hunger Free Vermont
We all deserve nourishing, culturally appropriate food that we and our families like to eat. Here is information about some of the many programs in Vermont that might be helpful for you. Many programs have changed during the pandemic, so even if you haven't been eligible in the past, it's worth taking a second look. [Click here](#) for our printable food resources flyer.



Vermont Housing Finance Agency
Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) was established in 1974 to finance and promote affordable, safe and decent housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. [Click for more info](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



UVM Talent Development
Talent Development: New Name - Bigger Mission
Talent Development builds upon Professional Development and Training's offerings by providing UVM employees and leaders with resources on how to grow and develop their skills, competencies, and careers.
Simplified Access to Professional Development Courses and Trainings
UVM's Talent Development Center for Excellence will continue to be the university's hub for professional development and training opportunities. Accessing, registering, and tracking your classes is easier than ever with a new process. [Click for more details](#)



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