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## STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 6/4/24 from 12:05-1:30**  
 All members of the UVM community are welcome.  
 The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#) at the Waterman - Memorial Lounge  
 Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are also available [on our website](#).

### GET INVOLVED Staff Council

## 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
- GSB
- Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion
- Extension
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR
- DOSA
- Office of The Provost

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)

### Staff Council Professional Development Fund

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FY24 Q4 AWARDEES

Congratulations to our 5 awardees for the last quarter of FY24. Staff Council is honored to have awarded \$2500 total to individuals across campus to pursue their Professional Development. These staff members came from Athletics, CESS, Environmental Health & Safety and Enrollment Management.

See details below to apply for Q1 FY25

### THE STAFF COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The application period for FY25 Q1 is now open .  
**All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.**  
[Eligibility Information & Application \(PDF\)](#)  
[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)  
[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

**Q1 Deadline is July 31st!**



**Campus Art Walk**  
 Thursday, June 20, 12-1pm.  
 Meet outside of the Davis Center, Bookstore level

Join Amanda Broder, Community Engagement Committee co-chair and art lover, for this fun and informative tour of the outdoor sculptures on campus. Free, no registration required



**Staff Council Events**  
 The Social Committee has its slate of summer time savings ready to go.

- Smugglers Day Cation Passes - [on sale NOW](#) until 6/14
- Lake Monster Tickets on 7/13 - [on sale NOW](#) until 7/6
- Champlain Valley Fair Tickets - [on sale NOW](#) until 7/8
- 17th Annual Golf Outing on 8/9 - [registration open NOW](#) until 7/28

[Click For Details on all events](#)

## CAMPUS NEWS



**President's 5-year Comprehensive Review**  
 In February 2019, UVM selected Suresh Garimella as its 27th President. President Garimella was chosen for his intellect, his experience, and, most importantly, his vision for how he might use his considerable skills to help UVM realize its full potential. In December 2023, [the Board commenced a comprehensive review](#) of President Garimella's first 5 years in accordance with the [Board's Presidential Review Policy](#). I am pleased to write to you all today to describe and summarize the Board's review of his first 5 years.

As was true for the Board's most recent comprehensive review of President Tom Sullivan in 2017, we again engaged Dr. Carol Cartwright, an experienced former president of two universities, to collect and analyze information from key campus stakeholders. Working directly with me and with five other board members who served as an ad hoc committee to shepherd the review, Dr. Cartwright met with nearly 100 people, including students, faculty, staff, current and former senior leaders, alumni, as well as key community, state, and national partners. The Board thanks each of you who took the time to provide input into our review. [READ MORE →](#)



**Dragon Boat Festival & Races**  
**Sunday, August 4**  
 Waterfront Park, Burlington, VT  
 Community members will raise money to support [Osher Integrative Oncology at the UVM Cancer Center](#) during the annual **Dragon Boat Festival & Races** on Lake Champlain on August 4. We paddle so cancer patients and their caregivers have access to massage, acupuncture, yoga, mindfulness, and other evidence-based tools for controlling pain, fatigue, and other side effects, while improving quality of life. [Join UVM's Rally Against Cancer team](#), start your own, pledge your support, and spread the word! Register by July 1.



**Get Ready for a New myUVM Portal**  
 The myUVM portal is getting a makeover and you can be an early adopter! The new platform will allow for the same base functionality as the current myUVM, and will also introduce some enhanced features and a brand new look. Join the pilot for your chance to test the new portal and provide your feedback prior to July 15, 2024 launch. [READ MORE →](#)



**Our Common Ground Award Nominations**  
 The annual President's Our Common Ground Staff Award recognizes six members of the University of Vermont staff who have made extraordinary contributions and who have had a significant impact on our University, as demonstrated through the values expressed in Our Common Ground.

The individuals who are recognized by other members of the University community as true exemplars of the values reflected in the University of Vermont's Our Common Ground will receive a \$1,000 prize, and will be recognized on a plaque in Waterman Building. **Nominations will remain open until 6/7/24.** [Click For Details](#)



**VTIFF Discount**  
[The Old Oak 6/6](#). A pub owner, TJ Ballantyne (Dave Turner), struggles to keep afloat in a withering mining town in Northern England. His situation is complicated by the arrival of Syrian refugees, who are placed in the community's empty homes. The two communities are wary of each other and the atmosphere is rife with resentment. Both sides are hurting, but bridging the gap proves difficult. Mixing professional actors with newcomers and filming it all on location with a gritty, uber-realistic feel, *The Old Oak* is unmistakably a Ken Loach film, and all the better for it.

[Green Border 7/11](#), In the treacherous and swampy forests that make up the so-called "green border" between Belarus and Poland, refugees from the Middle East and Africa are lured by government propaganda promising easy passage to the European Union. Unable to cross in Europe and unable to turn back, they find themselves trapped in a rapidly escalating geopolitical stand-off. An unflinching depiction of the migrant crisis captured in stark black and white, this riveting film explores the intractable issue from multiple perspectives: a Syrian family fleeing ISIS caught between cruel border guards in both countries; young guards instructed to brutalize and reject the migrants; and activists who aid the refugees and great personal risk.

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](#)
- [LONG COVID study](#)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



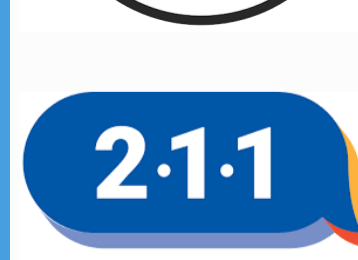
**Intervale volunteer opportunities**  
 Volunteer Project: Land Stewardship  
 Date: Tuesday, June 4  
 Time: 2:30pm-5:00pm  
 What You'll Do: Steward the land with tasks like uprooting and cutting invasive plant species, maintaining paths, trails, and public natural spaces, pulling out large trash, and planting trees. Tasks will vary by season.  
 Accessibility Notes: Expect to walk at least 1 mile on trails (through forest and uneven terrain), crouched or bend over, and pull rooted plants. Long sleeves and pants recommended to protect from the sun, bugs, and branches. Gloves optional.

Volunteer Project: People's Farm  
 Date: Wednesday, July 31  
 Time: 2:30pm-5:00pm  
 What You'll Do: Assist in farm activities like seeding, transplanting, weeding, harvesting, and enjoying the pleasant hum of our vibrant ecosystem.  
 Accessibility Notes: Expect exposure to full sun for prolonged periods of time and the occasional heavy lift. Expect to walk up to 20 mins through uneven terrain.  
 Accommodations to park closer to growing site available.

If you are interested in signing-up to volunteer, you will need to flex time and receive approval from your supervisor. Once you have received approval, please email Liv Townsend ([liv.townsend@uvm.edu](mailto:liv.townsend@uvm.edu)) the day you would like to volunteer in order to sign up. Or email Liv Townsend ([liv.townsend@uvm.edu](mailto:liv.townsend@uvm.edu)) with any questions.



**Rally Cat's Cupboard**  
 Rally Cat's Cupboard is a student-run food pantry at UVM that seeks to address food insecurity among the campus community. We believe the road to success does not have to include struggling with hunger. Through a lens of empathy and understanding, we hope to create a collaborative environment in which we all recognize our common goal of pursuing a higher education. All are welcome. [Click For Details](#)

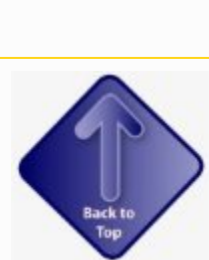


**Vermont 211**  
 Vermont 211 provides all people in Vermont with free access to community resources information and referral (I&R). This access includes personal assistance by telephone by dialing 211, by text, and through an online, searchable database of services. [Click For Details](#)

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Vermont**  
 Provides intellectually stimulating, affordable, non-credit learning opportunities to people 50 and older in community settings throughout Vermont.. [Click For Details](#)



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