# **OUR "FRONT DOOR" IS OPEN**

In 2020, Governor Phil Scott issued a challenge to boost Vermont's workforce development, retention, and growth. UVM's new **Office of Engagement** is here to make that happen. Thanks to funding from the state legislature, the **OOE** is enhancing access to service-learning, entrepreneurship, volunteering, and distance education opportunities. Grant support for COVID-19 projects is helping communities throughout the state. And small business opportunities are bringing research technologies for the lab to the economy. With more than 345 partner contacts since September 2020, UVM's Office of Engagement is up to the challenge.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



PAID INTERNSHIPS POSTED BY VERMONT-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN 2019 & 2020

UVM has also launched a new microinternship initiative to give employers and students a new way to collaborate on short-term projects.



NEW TECH INITIATIVES THRU THE SBIR/STTR BUSINESS INCUBATOR



#### ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK IN VERMONT

**68.1%** of in-state students and **32.2%** of out-of-state students stay in Vermont for full-time employment after graduation.



#### VERMONT ENTREPRENEURS PARTICIPATING IN MONTHLY E-FORUMS

UVM faculty and students are critical members of Vermont's burgeoning entrepreneurial ecosystem.

# APPLIED RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY PARTNERS COLLABORATING WITH UVM FACULTY IN SERVICE-LEARNING

44% of 2020 graduates report taking at least one service-learning course during their time at UVM.



HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY STUDENTS

Student-led organizations impact communities through Adaptive Sports, Animal Rescue, Alternative Spring Break, Big Buddies, Club AFECT, DREAM, ESL, and Food Salvage.

### SERVICES FOR VERMONTERS



IN NEW FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

UVM Researchers secured **71 grants** and contracts for public service in critical sectors such as education, transportation, health, environmental conservation, and labor.



#### VERMONTERS DIRECTLY ENGAGED WITH UVM EDUCATORS

UVM Extension held a total of 7,583 events, activities, and projects for Vermont communities in 2019-20 across all 14 counties.



ADULT LEARNERS IN CONTINUING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

COVID-19 highlighted the importance of non-traditional learning pathways as part of a holistic community resilience strategy.



PAGE VIEWS GENERATED BY UVM's COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE

Student reporters have contributed 200+ stories via UVM's Reporting and Documentary Storytelling program, a student-powered partnership with 10 local news publications around the state.

### KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND DATA CENTER

UVM researchers, supported by the Office of Engagement and the Center for Rural Studies, are developing an economic development data platform to answer critical questions facing Vermont's rural communities post-COVID-19. This will provide timely and forward-looking economic forecasting capacity.

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