

One bright spot cited in the Medill report is the potential role that universities can play. CCN research found that 2,000 student reporters in university-led programs published more than 10,000 stories in local news outlets last year.

Research from the Center for Community News consistently demonstrates that university-led <u>news-academic partnerships are wins for students, universities, and communities</u>: students get hands-on learning experiences; colleges meet their public service mission; and communities benefit from the critical role that local news plays in a healthy democracy.

CCN is dedicated to growing and strengthening these partnerships around the country in close coordination with its Vermont-based laboratory for local news, the <u>Community News Service</u>. Both are part of the UVM College of Arts and Sciences, under the direction and support of Dean Wiliam Falls.

About CCN

The <u>Center for Community News</u> at the <u>University of Vermont</u> is a nonpartisan nonprofit that is working to grow and strengthen university-led reporting programs around the country to create a more sustainable future for local news outlets and the communities they serve. It is housed in the UVM College of Arts and Sciences, which is led by Dean William Falls.

About the UVM College of Arts and Sciences

The <u>College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont</u> is dedicated to the rigorous pursuit, understanding, and dissemination of knowledge through the process of discovery, the creation of art, and the practice of teaching.