Informal Meetings with prospective and admitted students/local resource

UVM does not offer interviews, nor require them of our prospective students or applicants.

However, some students and families like to make a local connection with an alumnus/a, or parent of a UVM student. These meetings are purely conversational and not evaluative. They do not have bearing on the admissions decision.

We may contact interested volunteers to meet with a student-albeit rarely. The process starts when a student or parent calls the Office of Admissions and speaks with Nan Tougas, our program assistant. Nan will match the student with a parent and/or alumni/a volunteer who has indicated they are willing to be a local resource. Nan will alert the volunteer via e-mail that an interested student in their area is interested in contacting them. If the volunteer is willing with meeting/conversing with the student, Nan will extend the e-mail of the admissions volunteer to the student/parent, and will instruct them to contact the volunteer directly.

We strongly encourage you to meet informally with interested students and their families at a public place such as a local business, library, or bookstore/café. Please do not meet them at your home. This can be an opportunity to tell them about your experiences and learn about their interest in UVM. An appropriate amount of time to spend would be 30 minutes to an hour with the student/family.

If you’ve met with a student/parent, please be in contact with Nan, at Nanette.Tougas@uvm.edu, or (802) 656-4647, indicating with whom you met. You do not need to write up formal notes on your meeting, but it is good to know what interactions our prospective students are experiencing.