Tuskegee University
Inaugural Spring Commencement
College of Veterinary Medicine
On behalf of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) Leadership Team, faculty, staff, and students; we extend greetings and welcome to the Spring/Summer 2017 edition of the Veterinary Medical Perspective magazine.

Although this issue is filled with many accomplishments directly and indirectly associated with the College, it is because of our strong Legacy. Let us never forget and forever remember with humble reflections on those pioneers and veterinary trailblazers who sacrificed and overcame the challenges and struggles for the existence of this veterinary school since 1945. It is because of them that we are able to achieve our aspirations and careers in various aspects of the veterinary profession. We are able to sustain our Legacy from our dedicated alumni, supportive friends/stakeholders, committed donors, and the leadership of the Tuskegee Veterinary Alumni Association (TVMAA). Thank you!

The TUCVM held its first inaugural commencement ceremony bidding farewell to the Class of 2017 with 66 veterinary medical graduates on May 6, 2017. The Class of 2017 is the 68th class to receive the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from Tuskegee University. The realization of the first inaugural commencement ceremony was another historic milestone for the College. As we bid farewell to the class of 2017, we receive our fall 2017 first year students (Class of 2021) as they begin a modified veterinary curriculum that bridges theory with practical applications utilizing an integrative and concept-based teaching approach in the pre-clinical phase, and evidence-based learning in the clinical phase of the curriculum.

The Tuskegee University Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Charlotte Morris to serve as Interim president of the University beginning July 1 while a search for new president proceeds. This is the second time that Dr. Morris has served as Interim President and thus we value her capable leadership. We join efforts with Interim President Morris to move forward on a unified journey toward the achievement of the university’s strategic goals.

As we prepare for the 53rd Annual Veterinary Symposium, I take this time to extend my sincere appreciation to the Reunion Classes at the 52nd symposium who through their combined efforts exceeded the $250K Fundraiser initiated by the TVMAA. I am challenging the Reunion Classes at the 53rd Annual Veterinary Symposium to assist me in our next $500K Fundraiser. You will be receiving more details from me and the TVMAA.

Enjoy reading more about these topics and the many other exciting news events in this issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective. The Legacy page will continue and this issue features Dr. Ellis Hall and his son, Dr. Paul Hall. Dr. Ellis Hall is the first African-American board-certified veterinary radiologist and he mentored me to follow in his footsteps as the second. I am fortunate and indebted to his mentorship.

Remember, TUCVM is committed to communicating with you on a regular basis. So, please continue sending your news and comments to us. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Ruby L. Perry, DVM, MS, DACVR
Dean and Professor of Veterinary Radiology
Bella came to the TUCVM family in January 2014 as a 3-month-old puppy with poor weight gain and signs of diabetes mellitus. TUCVM clinicians subsequently confirmed her diagnosis of juvenile diabetes mellitus and have kept Bella as a fostered teaching patient, giving clinical veterinary students the opportunity to work with her each year and learn about diabetes management. Representatives from Merck, including alums Drs. Jill Lopez (’94) and Nelson Diaz (’90), have worked to provide insulin (Vetsulin®) for Bella since September 2015 to help manage her condition in support of the Vetsulin educational program at TUCVM. Also, Dr. Christine Royal (Merck) made available to TUCVM the VetPen® and Vetsulin cartridges to continue Bella’s care and teach students about the new device. TUCVM alum Dr. Acacia Roman-Latorre (’94), Royal Canin Scientific Services veterinarian, has provided Royal Canin Glycobalance diabetic food for Bella since April 2015, and this helps TUCVM’s students to understand the special nutritional needs of diabetic patients.

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ON THE COVER:
The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2017

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Some photographs courtesy of other contributors

Tuskegee University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (sacscoc.org) to award baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and professional degrees.
In addition to previous contributions made of $225,590.35, the class donations received during our 52nd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium fundraising efforts exceeded our $250K Goal!

THANK YOU Alumni for surpassing the “Sustaining our Legacy” $250K Veterinary Alumni Renovation Fund Goal.

Grand Total Raised $369,322.45

Challenge to the 2018 Reunion Classes

Exceed the 2017 Reunion Classes and assist the College with raising $500K for Phase II Renovations and the purchase of major equipment for the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

~ Dean Perry

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Percentage of Reunion Classes Alumni Giving – 23%

TUCVM appreciates your continued support. For more information on ways to give, please contact Catina Woods, Interim Executive Director of Resource Development & External Relations, 334-727-8764, cwoods@tuskegee.edu. For further assistance, you may also contact JaNeen Roberts, Alumni Donor Relations Manager, 334-727-8121, jroberts1@tuskegee.edu.
Purina made a special visit to TUCVM during the spring semester in order to make a donation toward the renovation of the Small Animal Diet Kitchen -- a room in the small animal hospital where Purina outfits the space to dispense food to hospitalized patients with modules designed for the storage of pet diets.

“We’re excited to have this opportunity to work with Purina on the renovation of the Small Animal Diet Kitchen room. This will allow our students to view various brands of prescription diets as they treat patients in the hospitals and we can increase their knowledge of nutritional management of various diseases,” said Dr. Pamela Martin, assistant professor of small animal internal medicine/small animal section chief in TUCVM’s Department of Clinical Sciences.

In attendance for the special presentation from Purina were Dr. Ainsley Bone, regional Purina veterinary communications manager and former representative for Tuskegee, and Dr. Callie Harris, current Purina Representative for Tuskegee/veterinary communications manager and 2008 TUCVM alum. Dr. Harris provides support for veterinary teaching hospitals throughout the southeast and technical education support for Purina’s veterinary sales division.

Harris also sponsored a Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) Lunch and Learn meeting on Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets products for veterinary students during the spring semester as well.
“Mother Tuskegee” and the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine’s (TUCVM) outstanding track record of producing legacies are putting the spotlight on the Hall Family (father - Dr. Ellis M. Hall and son – Dr. Paul Hall) in the Spring/Summer issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective.

Dr. Ellis Madison Hall received his DVM from Tuskegee in 1956. He was the first African-American Board Certified Veterinary Radiologist. Dr. Hall received his Ph.D. and board certification in the first class of veterinary radiology at Colorado State University. He earned the highest ranking and was the only African-American in his class. Upon earning this distinction, Dr. Hall established a veterinary radiology program at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) and thus trained the first African-American, female Board Certified Veterinary Radiologist (Dean Ruby Perry) and the majority of existing African-American veterinary radiologists. At the time, radiology and surgery were within the same department. Dr. Hall was the first African-American to serve as president of the American Board of Veterinary Radiologists (now American College of Veterinary Radiologists). His specialty was small animal surgery and veterinary radiology.

SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
44 years of service at the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine (TUSVM); retired colonel from Air Force; initiated the Grand Rounds at TUSVM; he was given the distinction of being named “Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians;” served as chairman of the Admissions Board for TUSVM; Director of Clinics (TUSVM); and Director of the Teaching Hospital (TUSVM).

Dr. Ellis Hall and his wife, Lillie, have six children - all whom attended Tuskegee University (Gwen, Ellis, Tim, Faye, Suzanne and Paul) and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Paul Hall is the sixth child born to Dr. Ellis Madison Hall and Mrs. Lillie Pandora Beasley Hall. He grew up in the historic town of Tuskegee and as a child and looked up to everyone that he knew in Tuskegee. He says, “as a child growing up in Tuskegee, I was blessed to be in an environment that was full of professionals.” It was the norm that everyone that he knew was some sort of doctor. “Tuskegee, was a land full of professionals of color and was a reality, at least for a child growing up in a community that housed a university and a veterans hospital full of professionals of color. The generations of elders that I knew stressed achievement. They stressed the need for us to achieve; regardless to whether that road to achievement was easy or hard,” Paul said.

He recalls a story that was repeated to him and others throughout his childhood and the moral of the story was/is to never give up, to keep swimming. Paul says that his father influenced his decision to pursue the career path he eventually followed. “I learned so many new things while a student at the veterinary school and I appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by Tuskegee, to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine! I am so very thankful for the degree and training that I received at Tuskegee,” Paul said.

Currently he works with the United States Department of Agriculture-Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS) wearing several hats: serves as a public health veterinarian, enforcement investigation and analysis officer, and I-impact trainer. Dr. Paul Hall encourages current and future veterinarians to consider employment with the USDA/FSIS.
Historic Event: Two Alums Elected to AVMA Board

UCVM alums Dr. Michael Q. Bailey (’82) and Dr. Jan Strother (’86) began serving their terms as members of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Board of Directors on July 25 at the AVMA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Michael Q. Bailey, a board-certified veterinary radiologist, has begun his six-year term as a member of the AVMA Board of Directors District II representative for AVMA members living in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Bailey is assistant medical director for telemedicine at IDEXX Laboratories Inc. He has served on the faculty at Michigan State University and The Ohio State University, and served as head of diagnostic imaging services and director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at his alma mater, Tuskegee University CVM. Bailey also opened a veterinary imaging center in central Ohio, which provided the first veterinary-specific CT scanner and advanced veterinary imaging services in that state. Bailey currently serves as immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and is an active diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology.

Dr. Jan Strother also was elected to the AVMA Board of Directors representing members in the District III states of Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. She will complete the unexpired term of Dr. Michael Newman, her husband who resigned for health concerns, through 2019.

Strother has opened two clinics in Alabama and is an advocate for student and recent graduate clinical mentorships. She has a reputation for sharing her stories about experiences learned in her practice, especially about the pets and people she has had the honor to serve. Strother has held several leadership roles including AVMA vice president, Alabama VMA delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates, and Alabama VMA president.

TUCVM Alumni Participate: Diversity and Inclusion on Air – Black History Month Roundtable

Dr. Michael Bailey

Dr. Jan Strother

Dr. Allen L. Cannedy

Dr. Ruby Perry

Dr. Paige Carmichael

Dr. Willie Reed

February 27, 2017
5:00pm ET

http://tinyurl.com/DiversityonAir$2BlackHistory

Watch Live or Later!
Send advance questions to DiversityMatters@aavmc.org!

Can be used for Diversity & Inclusion Certificate Credit!

Diversity & Inclusion on Air is sponsored by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges’ (AAVMC) Diversity Matters Initiative and features conversations about diversity, inclusion and veterinary medicine. TUCVM was well represented as alumni Dean Ruby Perry (’77), Dr. Paige Carmichael (’87) and Dr. Willie Reed (’78) were guests on the Diversity & Inclusion on Air Black History Month podcast which was aired on February 27. During the podcast, they focused on the history of African-Americans in the veterinary profession and what the profession can do to increase racial and ethnic diversity in veterinary medicine, as well as shared their own personal experiences.

Dr. Allen L. Cannedy (’94) was named as the Recipient of 2017 Iverson Bell award. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions in promoting opportunities for under-represented minorities in veterinary medical education. His award was officially presented at the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges’ (AAVMC) 2017 Annual Conference and Iverson Bell Symposium, March 10-12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.
Cannedy is responsible for securing more than $800,000 in diversity-related scholarship funds for under-represented veterinary students at the college where he lectures, recruits, mentors and advises students. Cannedy served as president of the North Carolina Association of Minority Veterinarians for 10 years and has served as a member of the AAVMC’s Diversity Committee for the past 16 years.

Dr. Jonathan A. Cohen (’07), DACLAM, was appointed director of the Center for Comparative Medicine and Surgery (CCMS) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in March. In 2016, Dr. Cohen was appointed interim director of the CCMS. Cohen is currently channeling his expertise and outstanding organizational skills into the upcoming reaccreditation review of our program by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

Dr. Forrest Cummings (’05) received his diplomate certificate at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine forum in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cummings is a small animal internal medicine specialist at Blue Pearl Specialty and Emergency Pet Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Love & Vets Television Show Featured Alums, The Drapers

Dr. Will and Francoise Draper (both ’91 alums) debuted their new show "Love and Vets" on the National Geographic (Nat Geo WILD) channel on Saturday, March 11 at 9 p.m. (CST)/10 p.m. (EST). The show aired as a three part series.

"Love & Vets" was a behind-the-scenes look at The Village Vets (their business) and the Draper family. Dubbed by Atlanta Magazine as the “Best Vets in Atlanta” for the past 12 years, married veterinarians Drs. Will Draper and Fran Tyler divide and conquer to treat the steady flow of pets that flock to their practice, The Village Vets. Whether it’s emergency surgery on a dog that’s eaten an engagement ring, a middle-of-the-night house call, or playing an owners’ recorded goodnight message for a boarded pet, the Drapers do whatever it takes to keep their clients happy and healthy. But, running a successful three-practice group while juggling the demands of a busy family life – which includes their four kids, four dogs, two cats, two restaurants and grandma down the street – can lead to some hairy situations! With an unparalleled passion for their patients, clients and community, Dr. Will and Dr. Fran provide small-town care for big-city-folks. They’re more than just your friendly neighborhood vets, they’re family.

Dr. Erika Gibson (’01) was featured by New York's Amsterdam News for being the first African-American board-certified veterinary neurosurgeon. Dr. Gibson is a veterinary neurosurgeon at Garden State Veterinary Specialists in New Jersey, where she deals with brain, spinal and balance issues in animals.

Dr. Erika Gibson

Attn: ALUMNI... Received an award? Have a new position/title? Elected to a new office? Have a new mailing address? Became a mom or dad? Newly married? Etc... Please send us your news... photo, too, if you have one available.

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The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) and the University of North Carolina Pembroke (UNCP) are partnering to launch a pathway program for UNCP graduates to enter the veterinary program at Tuskegee University.

The long-standing relationship between the UNCP and the TUCVM has resulted into an official agreement between the two aimed at improving the nation’s health status by increasing racial diversity in the veterinary workforce. A formal memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony was held on July 7 at UNCP’s Chavis University Center Lumbee Hall.

Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, and Brandon Morgan, director of the Office of Veterinary Admissions and Recruitment at Tuskegee University, made the 450-mile trip to attend the signing ceremony at Pembroke to underscore the commitment of TUCVM to this partnership with UNCP.

Mr. Morgan, as TUCVM’s director of veterinary admissions and recruitment, and Dr. Velinda Woriax, advisor to the pre-vet club at UNCP, will work together to coordinate recruitment activities, as well as oversee the advising and admissions process for talented UNCP undergraduate students wanting to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. The goal is to increase Native American and other URM students in the applicant pool.

“We are excited to be involved in the mission of UNCP Pembroke, which is rooted in a history of successfully educating underrepresented minorities to make significant contributions in professional and leadership roles in society; and continue to advance the rich legacy of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine,” said Dr. Perry.

“The history at UNCP between Tuskegee University and the Lumbee Indian Tribe is monumental. In fact, Tuskegee’s own Dr. Ellis Hall, who is the first African American board certified veterinary radiologist, was bestowed the honor as the ‘Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians’ because he helped the first two students from the Lumbee Indian Tribe receive their DVM degrees several decades ago, Dr. David E. Brooks (’78 alum) and Dr. Curt Locklear, Jr. (’79 alum),” Perry said.
Tuskegee University 52nd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium Highlights
Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium Honored U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, Uniform Services Alumni, and Featured “The Vet Life” TV Show Filming

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) welcomed veterinary professionals, scientists, students and other health-related professionals to its 52nd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium on March 22-25. The symposium kicked off its scientific sessions with a variety of topics focused on the theme of “Uniformed Veterinary Medicine: Observing 100 Years of Service of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.” This year’s theme honored the Tuskegee University veterinary medical graduates who have distinguished themselves as Veterinary Corps officers commissioned to maintain the health and well-being of both animals and soldiers.

“Although the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps celebrated its 100th anniversary on June 3, 2016, with multiple activities that took place in San Antonio, Texas, which is the home of Army Medicine, we felt it was timely and appropriate to dedicate this year’s annual veterinary medical symposium to our Tuskegee University heroes from the Uniform Services for their dedication and service in the defense of our nation,” said Dr. Ruby Perry, dean.

“With the many sacrifices military personnel in general make and specifically in this forum – veterinarians in the Army Corps, it is important to salute them for their services in supporting food inspection, the battlefields, the research laboratories, and the emerging outbreaks and the disaster assistance missions around the world,” Perry continued.

The keynote speaker for the opening T. S. Williams Lecture and the general session keynote speaker were both members of the armed services. The T. S. William’s lecturer was alumna Captain Brianna Skinner, a 1996 graduate and member of the U.S. Public Health Service Corps. Dr. Skinner has served on both humanitarian and disaster-response missions nationally and internationally, including her most recent service in response to the Ebola outbreaks in West Africa.

General session speaker Colonel Anthony Bostick, from the U.S. Army MEDCOM PHCR-P, is an alumnus from the class of 1991. Dr. Bostick has been a member of the military for more than 23 years. He spoke on “Army Veterinarians in a Deployed Environment,” a topic he was well-versed in having served in deployments including Macedonia and Kosovo with 1st ID, Iraq, as the Commander of the 43rd Med Det(VS) and Afghanistan with USASOC, 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups.


This year’s Symposium also had a special treat with the filming crew from Glass Entertainment Group in attendance all week taping various segments of of our alums Drs. Diarra Blue, Aubrey Ross, and Michael Lavigne, also the stars of Animal Planet’s “The Vet Life.” The filming was especially a treat because this was also the celebration of the 10-year class reunion for Dr. Ross and Dr. Lavigne. “The Vet Life” show debuted its second season on April 15 on Animal Planet.

A combination of a professional conference and alumni reunion, the symposium featured a number of large and small animal research presentations as well as topics on the veterinary corps, uniform services and public health, lab animal medicine and pathology plus presentations from the perspectives of interns and residents. Participants also attended the legal/law and pharmacology review that allowed them to meet various state board continuing education requirements for licensing as well as the many other various fellowship and networking sessions and activities that were planned for all-including pre-veterinary students.
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine salutes 66 Graduates at Inaugural Commencement May 6, 2017
The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) bid farewell to 66 veterinary medical graduates during its inaugural commencement on May 6 in the Tuskegee University Chapel. Twenty-eight of the 66 students graduated with honors. This historic day was full of excitement as commencement speaker Dr. Christine Jenkins gave an inspiring commencement address and challenged the Tuskegee University Veterinary Medicine Class of 2017.

Jenkins shared five main points with the Class of 2017 as they prepare to enter their professional careers in veterinary medicine. They included the following: 1. graduates are entering a profession with many choices in which you are prepared, 2. take advantage of every opportunity early on to develop clinical proficiency and take on the challenging cases that others avoid, 3. always be humble and honest and learn about business to be financially successful as well as put a plan in place to address financial debt from student loans, 4. most importantly, learn how to be healthy both mind, body and soul—work through your challenges, then celebrate; and 5. take advantage of the strong Tuskegee network, because ‘Mother Tuskegee’ has provided each veterinarian a great education,” Jenkins said.

“The first inaugural commencement, hooding and oath ceremony was truly a huge success and another historic milestone for the college,” said Dr. Ruby Perry, the college dean.

“Having a separate commencement allowed our veterinary medical graduates the opportunity to have the conferring of their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree along with being hooded and participate in the administration of the Veterinarian’s Oath in the same venue,” Perry continued.

In previous years, the College of Veterinary Medicine always participated in the university’s collective Commencement Ceremony, and then convened afterwards in another building for the Veterinary Oath Ceremony.

In addition to the powerful message from Dr. Jenkins to the graduates, then-university President Brian Johnson and Dean Perry honored four veterinary medical alumni with the Presidential Distinguished Alumni Award during this historic occasion. The recipients included: Dr. Adam E. McKee ('58), president of McKee Global Enterprise LLC, a energy and research management consulting business in Rockville, Maryland; Dr. Willie M. Reed ('78), the current dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and professor of Veterinary Anatomic Pathology at Purdue University; Dr. William T. Watson ('65), retired health scientist administrator and director of the National Center for Research Resources Chimpanzee Sanctuary Program at the National Institutes of Health; and commencement speaker Dr. Christine Jenkins ('84), senior director at Zoetis Veterinary Medical Services and Outcomes Research, U.S. who is responsible for customer support and adverse events.

A reception followed for the graduates, family and friends at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Congratulations Class of 2017

Adkins-Ringer, Regina A.
Akingbade, Gbemisola M.
Algarin, Jennifer L.
Alonso, Roberto E. *
Arnold, Molly E *
Arnold, Rachel L. *
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Brown, Caroline A.
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Davis, Nicole S. *
Dickinson, Sidney V.
Elliott, Jacqueline E. *
Fedke, Amara N. **
Freeman, Corren **
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Gruber, Neil M. **
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Howell, Caroline A.
Huey, Bobby L.*
Jackman, Tiffany D.
Judah, Alexandra C. *
Kanapathy, Shivanyaa
Kimura, Shun **
Logan, Thomas K *
Lucas, Jennifer E.
Mabry, Kasey E.***
Mason, Brandon L. *
McCoy, Naree’ R.
Mills, Patrick O.
Miranda Merly, Andrea T.*
Mitchell, Benjamin C.
Moya, Melissa V. *
Myers, Katherine A.
Newsome, Brooke I.
Nieves-Maldonado, Miguel A. ***
Perkins, Jessica N.
Pleasant, Christian E.
President, Alexandria C. *
Reynolds, Brysan A. *
Rivera, Brenda L.
Rivera, Michelle M. *
Rodriguez Ruiz, Yaniellee
Saddler, Maria L. *
Shelby, Mandy Y.
Solivan Diaz, Anirly 
Tinsley, Jeffrey P.
Trejo,Antonyone N
Turner , Tia M.
Ulmer, Kistler M. **
Withers, Cornelius J.
Wolc, Victoria
Woodson, Jessica F. *
Wooten, Raihela E. *
Wyre, Catherine L.

Honors:
Cum Laude*
Magna Cum Laude**
Summa Cum Laude***
TuCVM Outreach

TuCVM Faculty and Students Provide Help in 2017 Nicaragua Service Trip

Dr. Elizabeth H. Yorke, associate professor of Large Animal Surgery/section chief in the Large Animal Hospital at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM), has taken three TUCVM students in August to Ometepe Island, Nicaragua to provide veterinary care for the animals of the island. Ometepe is a volcano located within Lake Nicaragua. Last year, Dr. Yorke went alone from TUCVM to provide assistance and wanted to open this opportunity to TUCVM’s students this time. Participants include: Liz Griffin (Class of 2017), Charles Robinson (Class of 2019), and Yarytza Rivera (Class of 2018).

Ometepe is currently home to an estimated 10,000 rural families and 41,000 dogs, in addition to countless pigs, cattle, horses and chickens. This area has a great deal of poverty and little access to veterinary care. The vision includes community education, overpopulation management, wellness exams and preventive medical care for both large and small animals.

The TUCVM team is joining a group fundraising to buy medications and supplies to treat the animals. Dr. Yorke is working with the International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA) at Oregon State University. Anyone interested in sponsoring an animal or donating any amount of money would be greatly appreciated by the IVSA. The Paypal link for donations is on the OSU website: http://stuorgs.oregonstate.edu/ivsa/donate.

The 21st Century program is a federally funded grant program that provides academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. Wall St. 21st Century Community Learning Center’s goal is to expose students to music, drama, art, and science in addition to the core curriculum. Students of the program are encouraged to focus on higher education as a natural progression of education and to consider careers in S.T.E.M. as well as traditional fields.

Reeltown School is located in a rural community and agricultural education is one of the learning cornerstones. For this summer the focus has been specifically on “Hands-on Learning with an emphasis on Local Resources.” That’s why the willingness of Dr. Lovelady and the veterinary students was so beneficial to the summer camp program at Reeltown.

The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration/lesson that Dr. Lovelady had prepared. 

TUCVM Helps SMART Camp Go to College for Summer 2017

SMART Camp goes to College was the theme for the summer 2017 camp held at George Washington Carver Elementary Academy in Tuskegee.

SMART is an acronym meaning: S = Science; M = Math; A = Art, Agriculture; R = Reading; and T = Technology.

Campers included students in K - 8th grade at GWC. They visited several colleges at Tuskegee University, including the College of Veterinary Medicine; College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences; and College of Engineering. TUCVM’s Dr. Athema Etzioni, associate professor and section chief for veterinary clinical pathology, hosted the SMART campers visit and tour of the College of Veterinary Medicine on June 30 in the hopes that some future veterinarians may be discovered several years down the road. Other clinicians and veterinary students assisted including: Dr. Casey Graves (pathology intern), Dr. Leanda Livesey (large animal clinician), Dr. Harold Higgins (large animal clinician) and senior veterinary student Courtney Williams - who shared her Guinea Pig “Lady Antoinette.” Several veterinary seniors brought kittens for the students to hold. Dr. Livesey and Dr. Higgins introduced the group to the six or seven-day old calf and her mom in the squeeze cage. The campers got the chance to milk the cow and feed the calf. The campers also visited the horses and C-barn that concluded their tour of the veterinary medicine complex.

TUCVM Clinician and Students Give Back to the Community this Summer and Provided support to the Wall Street 21st Century Learning Center Summer Program at Reeltown School

Dr. Andrew Lovelady, director of clinical programs and associate professor of Large Animal Ambulatory at TUCVM, and some of the veterinary medical students spoke with summer camp participants at Reeltown School during the June 2017 summer camp about different types of animals and considering veterinary medicine as a career path.
TUCVM Holds Second SCAVMA Spay and Neuter Day 2017

On April 1, TUCVM’s Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) hosted its second TUCVM Spay and Neuter Day. Thanks to the support of the TUCVM administration, faculty, staff and students.

Although not participating during the month of February as noted by The Humane Society’s as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, TUCVM felt strongly that a special event such as this was still warranted to help the Macon County community as well as adjacent communities help control the pet population/overpopulation.

The Spay and Neuter Day 2017 event was made possible from generous donations and sponsorships. TUCVM had student volunteers representing all of the classes present for the event and was able to give back to the local community by spaying and neutering dogs and cats for free.

TUCVM Participates in Career Day at George Washington Carver Elementary Academy

Dr. Casey Graves, clinical pathology intern, and Dr. Athema Etzioni, associate professor and section chief for veterinary clinical pathology, participated in the Career Day at George Washington Carver Elementary Academy on April 28. They shared information and spoke to all the classes that visited their display table about veterinary medicine and what veterinarians do in the various career paths made understandable to students in kindergarten through third grade and their teachers.

TUCVM Host FREE Horse Health Fair for the Community

TUCVM’s large animal clinicians reached out to help the local and adjacent communities help prevent horse-related springtime illnesses by hosting its Annual Horse Health Fair on April 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Large Animal Hospital. The event was free and open to the public.

Dr. Jeannine Bellamy, large animal clinician and veterinary teaching hospital director, oversaw the horse health fair as its coordinator. The following free services were offered to all horse owners: physical examinations, fecal parasite examinations, and nutrition counseling. For a nominal fee, clients were also able to receive other services for their horses to include deworming treatment, Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), and preventative vaccines like Influenza, Rabies, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis, and West Nile. A farrier was also on site.

TUCVM Supports Tuskegee University Health Fair

TUCVM provided support to the Tuskegee University Annual Health Fair on March 22. Students from the Master in Public Health (MPH) Program, under the direction Atty. Crystal James, participated in the health fair and represented the college providing information to those in attendance.

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Dr. Stacey Matthews Branch, (’90) published an article she wrote as a collaborative effort with a scientist in Israel to investigate the potential risk and proposed mechanisms of gadolinium-based contrast agents used in MRI. The article has been well recognized in several science news media links such as:

Brandon Morgan joined TUCVM in early February as the director of admissions and recruitment for the Office of Veterinary Admissions and Recruitment. He provides leadership and management in all matters related to the Office of Veterinary Admissions and Recruitment. Mr. Morgan is a graduate of Auburn University and The University of Denver. He brings more than 10 years of admissions and recruitment experience from Auburn University and Southern Union State Community College, and is excited to be a part of the veterinary family.

Dr. Pamela Martin (assistant professor – Clinical Sciences Dept.) presented an abstract entitled, “Immediate post-transfusion survival of biotinylated canine red blood cells with various transfusion techniques,” at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in Washington, D.C. on June 8. Dr. Martin is also a TUCVM alum (Class of 2001) and serves as small animal section chief.

Dr. Lauren Rowe joined the Department of Clinical Sciences during the spring semester, taking on the role as the Small Animal Outpatient Services manager and Small Animal generalist at the TUCVM teaching hospital. Previously, Dr. Rowe worked as an associate veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital and Carriage Hills Animal Hospital. She is a 2011 graduate of TUCVM. Rowe was raised in Montgomery, Alabama, and graduated from Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) High School in 2002. She attended Tuskegee University on a full Presidential Scholarship and graduated summa cum laude in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science. After finishing veterinary school, she completed a small animal rotating internship at the Tuskegee University Small Animal Hospital.

Kheri Spence joined TUCVM as assistant director of Student Success and Counselor during the spring semester. She will continue to develop and implement programs that enhance student academic success. In 2012, Spence joined the Tuskegee University family in the Division of Research as the assistant project manager for the Math and Science Partnership. As a native of the Tuskegee community, Spence considers joining the mission of the university and the honor of 2016 Employee of the Year some of her most valued professional achievements. Spence’s educational background includes receiving her B.A. in mathematics from Tuskegee University, her M.S. in secondary mathematics education from Auburn University and her M.S. in School and Guidance Counseling from the University of West Alabama.

In July, Dean Perry also announced the following new appointments:

Dr. Toufic Nashar as the Pre-Clinical Curriculum Coordinator of the DVM professional program: Dr. Nashar earned his DVM degree from the University of Baghdad, Iraq, and completed his PhD in Immunology and Cell Biology from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bristol, United Kingdom (U.K.), and post-doctoral studies at Universities of Bristol and Kent, U.K., and Albany Medical College, NY. He is currently an associate professor of virology/immunology at Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Pamela Guy as the Course Moderator for the Clinical Skills and the Concept-Based Learning courses in the pre-clinical curriculum: Dr. Guy is a 1986 graduate of the TUCVM. After completing her degree, she worked for one year as a Small Animal Mobile practitioner in Athens, Georgia. After her year of practice, she completed a four-year residency in clinical toxicology at the University of Georgia CVM. Since 1991, Guy has been an outpatient clinician at the TUCVM Small Animal Teaching Hospital.

Catina Woods as interim executive director for Resource Development and External Relations: Ms. Woods is transitioning into this leadership role with a wealth of experience as a detail-oriented, highly organized administrative professional with nearly 15 years of verifiable experience providing skillful administrative intelligence to senior executives in higher education and in the field of law. Woods’ background consists of a diverse educational experience that includes an A.S. in Paralegal Studies, a B.A. in Liberal Studies, M.F.A. in Creative Writing and a current pursuit of a Doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership and Management.

2017 TUCVM Teaching Awards
Recognized April 29, 2017, during the Annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Awards Program
Thompkins Hall Ballroom
Zoetis Distinguished Teaching Award: Dr. Noriko Aoi
Zoetis Distinguished Researcher Award: Dr. Ayman Sayegh
The Teaching Recognition Awards: Dr. Hari Goyal,
Dr. Ebony Gilbreath and Dr. Pamela Martin

New TUCVM Appointments

At the beginning the 2017 spring semester, Dean Ruby Perry announced the following new appointments to serve in leadership roles to assist in the advancement of the college through visioning and strategic planning: attorney Crystal James was appointed as director of the Graduate Public Health Program and Monday Offem as team leader for the CVM Information Technology (IT) Group.

Attorney James came to the college in July 2016 after having a successful law practice for more than seventeen years and serving as the chief executive officer of a public health consulting company since 2011. She has more than 17 years of experience teaching in public health programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels within Morehouse College and Morehouse School of Medicine, respectively.

Mr. Offem, fondly referred to as Mr. Monday, has been a longtime committed and dedicated member of the college since 1989. He has a master’s degree in engineering and has been working in computer technology since that time. Mr. Monday also has a joint appointment with the Tuskegee University Office of Information Technology. The TUCVM IT Group provides the computing needs for the CVM faculty, staff and students.
TUCVM 2017 Junior-Senior Awards Banquet
April 29, 2017, Thompkins Hall Ballroom

Academic Achievement Awards
Engy F. Assal
Kasey E. Mabry
Corren Freeman
Miguel A. Nieves-Maldonado
Neil M. Gruber
Melissa V. Moya

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)
Regina A. Adkins-Ringer

Excellence in Pathology
Yianelly Rodriguez Ruiz

Large Animal Faculty Student Award
Annie S. Hodge

Dr. Azalia Boyd Award for Excellence in Small Animal Diagnostic Parasitology
Gbenmolas Akingboade

O. P. Verma Endocrinology Award
Miguel A. Nieves-Maldonado

Nestle-Purina Award for Excellence in Veterinary Diagnostic Parasitology
Caroline A. Howell
Jeffrey P. Tinsley
Neil M. Gruber
Alexandria C. President

Sword of the Spirit Ministries Students Awards
Annie S. Hodge
Corinellus J. Withers

Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society
Rachel L. Arnold

Shelter Medicine Award
Rachel E. Wooten

Senior Surgery Elective
Tia M. Turner

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AAHA Award of Proficiency in Primary Care
Miguel A. Nieves-Maldonado

Dental Elective
Jovian M. Bailey

DIVA Award
Rachael E. Wooten

The Dr. Leonard and Mrs. Harriet Bills Endowment Fund Awards
Yianelly Rodriguez Ruiz
Patrick O. Mills

Dr. C. T. Raby Award for Excellence in Clinical Pathology
Jovian M. Bailey
Mandy Y. Shelby

I. H. Siddique Foundation Award
Miguel A. Nieves-Maldonado

The American College of Veterinary Surgery Student Surgical Proficiency in Small Animal
Jeffrey P. Tinsley

Dr. Lorrie Linn Student Surgical Award
C. Adam Griffith

Dr. Terrence Ferguson Award for Excellence in Small Animal Parasitology
Regina A. Adkins-Ringer
Bobby L. Huey

Veterinary Spouses’ Legacy Scholarship
Corren Freeman

American Association of Feline Practitioners
C. Adam Griffith

American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Student Achievement Award
Engy F. Assal

Barney Rubble Tuttle SA Nursing Care Award
Benjamin C. Mitchell

Dr. Sabrina Washington-Owens Award for Excellence in Clinical Parasitology
Christian E. Pleasant

Christian Veterinary Leadership Award
Engy F. Assal Hidalgo

Dr. Renita Woods-Marshall Award for Excellence in Large Animal Parasitology
Lillian P. Baker
Candace C. Cavalier

Tadros Christian Veterinary Leadership Award
Benjamin C. Mitchell

Dr. H. L. Mitchell Award for Excellence in Veterinary Clinical Parasitology
Brianna E. Bradford

Barney Rubble Tuttle LA Nursing Care Award
Corren Freeman

Dr. Harold Threadgill II Award for Excellence in Veterinary Clinical Parasitology
Antoinne Hauser Trejo

American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR) Student Award
Andrea T. Miranda Merly

Student Leadership Awards (SCAVM & Class Presidents)
C. Adam Griffith
Jeffrey P. Tinsley
Catherine L. Wyre
Kasey E. Mabry
Shun Kimura

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TUCVM Student Receives 2017 Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award

Veterinary student Shakera Fudge, a member of the TUCVM Class of 2018, was awarded the Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) 2017 Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award. This award is given to recognize veterinary students who portray leadership and promote a lifelong service to the profession. It is an annual award and is bestowed upon 33 DVM students from various universities who are actively involved and show long-term leadership potential. Ms. Fudge serves as a student representative for Bayer Animal Health, SCVMA vice president and is a USDA 1890 Scholar.

TUCVM Student Is a MERCK Scholarship Recipient

TUCVM student Khali Jones a member of the TUCVM Class of 2019, was the recipient of the 2017 American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) Merck Scholarship. Ms. Jones was one of 34 outstanding veterinary students from around the world that received scholarships from Merck Animal Health, in partnership with the AVMF. Through the Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program, the selected second and third-year students pursuing careers in companion animal or large animal medicine each receive a $5,000 scholarship to support their educational endeavors.

2017 Tuskegee University Student Awards Program/President’s Essay Contest
April 9, 2017
Tuskegee University Chapel

College of Veterinary Medicine Awards:
The Dr. Eugene W. Adams Endowed Scholarship – Alexander Edwards
The Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Adair Endowed Scholarship – Khali Jones
The Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation Scholarship
(Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Groth Scholarship) – Morgan Early
The Johnny E. Broddy Veterinary Medicine Award – Clarissa Porter
The Judith Byrd Endowed Scholarship – Morgan Early, Rae Harris Pierce, Elizabeth Griffin, Esther Schow, Karyn Lupoe, Mattie Wilkinson, and Jetaimie Miller
The Dr. Harold & Georgene Davis Scholarship – Tayvon Lucas
The Dr. William O. Jones Endowed Scholarship – Damali Zakers
The South Carolina Association of Veterinarians Award – Kevin Consentino
The Benjamin F. and Ernestine Bruton Endowed Scholarship – Charles Robinson
The Lindsay Goldsboro Endowed Scholarship – Alexandra Morgan and Alan Mulder
The Ellis Hall Native American Student Veterinary Medicine Scholarship – Janna Hunt and Benjamin C. Mitchell
The Lonia & Dr. Rube Harrison, Jr. – Andrew White
The Paul McKenzie Memorial Endowed Scholarship – Tayvon Lucas
The J. E. Salisbury Endowed Scholarship – Gabrielle Broussard, Jessica Quigley, Toi Collins, Lauren Rhodes, Shakera Fudge, Carlayna Stone, Caitlin Mascaro, Demitrius Washington, and Adriel Otero-Segui
The Michelle Davison Memorial Scholarship – Corren Freeman
The S. P. Weatherby Sr. Memorial Veterinary Medicine Scholarship – Karyn Lupoe
The Dr. Luis T. Ramos Hospital Veterinary Scholarship – Grisselle Machado Cordero
The Westminster Kennel Foundation Student Scholarship – Cierra Davis
The Evangeline Mastriani Endowed Scholarship – Shanel Thomas

STUDENT NEWS
Dr. William McCant was born March 1, 1942, in Glen Springs, South Carolina, on his grandparents' 88-acre farm to parents Pature Daniels and William McCant. At age four, his mother took him and relocated to join other family members in Charlotte, North Carolina. His older brother, Ernest Davis, nicknamed him "Sweet Pea," a moniker used by close childhood friends and family to this day.

At age nine, McCant was given a small black dog he named Phineas T. Bluster. He devoted himself to Phineas' care and when the dog became ill and passed. Afterward, McCant committed himself to becoming a veterinarian when he grew up, hoping to save other children the pain of losing their pet companions.

An avid learner, he graduated from West Charlotte High School at 16 and was one of the first African-American students to graduate from North Carolina State University, where he received a BS in zoology in 1962. He graduated from Tuskegee University in 1966 with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. He not only left Tuskegee armed to take on the world professionally, but also connected with a young nursing coed who two years later would become his wife, Barbara Jean Heard.

McCant enrolled in the Army and served as a large animal veterinarian–rising to the rank of captain. While stationed at Fort Stewart in Tacoma, Washington, the McCants welcomed their first child—a son they named Vincent Patrick. After a couple of years, he transitioned into a civilian role working for the USDA.

In 1972, his family settled in Southwest Atlanta, and started a private small animal practice. McCant opened Southwest Veterinary Clinic at 1771 Centra Villa Drive, only the second African-American owned veterinary practice in Atlanta. That same year, the McCant family grew to four with the arrival of daughter Tracey Anita. His supreme professional skills, no-nonsense style, and affable personality endeared him to his clients and he grew this practice into one of Atlanta’s premier veterinary clinics.

To meet the growing needs of his practice, in 1989 McCant moved to a larger facility at 2369 Campbellton Road. He often saw clients outside of regular business hours and was known for providing compassionate care to all. He was a professional mentor to many younger veterinarians, educating them on how to start and grow practices and always focused on providing superior care. He is even known for helping many of Atlanta’s youth choose to follow in his career path and become veterinarians.

In his spare time, “Doc” (as he was referred to by many) loved playing tennis, cards, board games, chess and most of all, selling "woof tickets." Anyone who knew Doc and engaged him in anything competitive knew to expect rigorous trash talking and a rousing time. Even when he lost, Doc would claim he won and offer a rematch ostensibly to give you, not him, a chance at redemption.

Though he retired from practice in 2014, McCant’s legacy lived on through the continued operation of the Southwest Veterinary Clinic, his mentorship of other veterinary professionals and the example of service he demonstrated to all those who knew him.

Dr. McCant passed on April 6, 2017. A memorial service was held on April 9 in Atlanta.
Welcome to the Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP) at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM). The GPHP program is uniquely positioned and aligned to the only Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the nation with a prestigious veterinary training program. In fact, the TUCVM is the leading veterinary institution that has trained at least 75 percent of all African-American veterinarians.

The GPHP, initiated in August 2011 and entrusted with the rights, privileges and status to offer the Master of Public Health (MPH) and the Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degrees, has been assisting to meet the urgent need for more public health professionals nationally and internationally, given the numerous public health concerns that continually arise due to communicable and non-communicable diseases, health conditions and co-morbidities, environmental challenge, and disaster threats.

Graduate Public Health Program Holds Inaugural Pinning Ceremony

The Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP) students celebrated their Inaugural Pinning and Induction Ceremony on Jan. 23, 2017 at Patterson Hall in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Public Health graduate students received their official GPHP blazers and lapel pins before being given the “Student Challenge” by keynote speaker Renee Freeman. Freeman is a public health analyst for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention Program Branch.

This inaugural celebration inducted first-year students into the program, as well as provided them with official blazers and newly designed GPHP lapel pins. Honorees included first-year students Mylo Howard, Candy De La Cruz and Nathalia Beras Rarmirez—all of whom received the official GPHP blazer to be worn when attending regional and national meetings, presenting research findings, providing public health services to the community and any other official public health function of the program.

Second-year students were also recognized and received the official blazer and the newly designed GPHP lapel pin commemorating their completion of the core course requirements of the program and signaling their readiness to engage in independent public health service in the community through externships, fellowships and employment opportunities. The second-year student honorees included Destinee Grant, Leondra Hinds, Juma Kamara, Alicia Roberts, Rena Blakely, Samina Akhter and Alva Walston.

“The Inaugural Pinning and Induction Ceremony was exciting for all of us as we anticipate the future of these students to make a difference from the experience and exposure they are receiving here at Tuskegee University,” said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, the college’s dean.

“Attorney James, with her in-depth experience in the field of public health covering more than 15 years of teaching public health courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and her experience of more than 17 years of practicing law and serving as the CEO of a public health consulting company, serves our students well as the director of the program,” Perry continued. “Also, our other Graduate Public Health Program’s core faculty members share a devotion to helping our students succeed.”
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