Greetings alumni, friends, and supporters of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) and I wish all of you the very best in 2018! We have so much to be thankful for in general; so, let us all commit to making the most of every opportunity this year brings our way both professionally and personally.

This issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective highlights several accomplishments of the College but also notes our tribute to two of our former faculty members who left this life too soon, Dr. Saul T. Wilson, Jr. and Dr. Kunwar Srivastava – truly two great mentors! We are thankful for their many years of service not only to the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) but also to the veterinary medical profession.

As you browse the Perspective and take notice of the various accomplishments of the college, please also take time to note the continuation of the Legacy Tribute page which in this issue, we salute Dr. Roland H. Powell and his son, Dr. David K. Powell, who decided to follow in his dad’s footsteps. I hope you enjoy reading about the legacies continued in each issue of the Veterinary Perspective because it truly is a testament to the power “Mother Tuskegee” has played in our veterinary medicine family.

I also truly thank YOU, our dedicated alumni and supporters of the College. Your generous financial support and the many acts of kindness given to “Mother Tuskegee” during 2017 are appreciated. As you know, the joint effort between the College and the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA) “Sustaining Our Legacy $250K Veterinary Alumni Fund” was successful with us raising a grand total of $369,322.45! Now, this time we are continuing our fundraising effort with the “Sustaining Our Legacy $500K Alumni Renovation Fund.” Thanks to our alumni liaison, Dr. William T. Watson, we have already begun gathering with our alumni clusters in various places to facilitate this new fundraising effort. Remember, you are needed to continue to support the fundraising initiative because it will be used to continue the renovations in the College and the purchase of equipment for the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH). This new fundraising campaign is highlighted at our website and in this issue of the Perspective as well.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the upcoming 53rd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium in a new location – beautiful downtown Montgomery, Alabama, at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center. We are truly excited and the veterinary medical symposium committee, under the leadership of co-chairs Dr. Tomeshia Hubbard and Ms. Catina Woods, are to be commended for working so tirelessly to make sure the symposium is successful and memorable. Our symposium theme this year is “Promoting Health and Wellness: People and Pets.” We will be honoring the reunion classes of 1953, ‘58, ‘63, ‘68 (50th year – Golden Anniversary Class), ‘73, ‘78, ‘83, ‘88, ‘93 (25th year – Silver Anniversary Class), ‘98, 2003, 2008, and 2013. Please visit our website to get information on registration if you have not registered yet at www.tuskegee.edu/vetmed. We are committed to staying in touch with you, so please continue to send your news and comments and any updates on your contact information. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ruby L. Perry, DVM, MS, DACVR
Dean and Professor of Veterinary Radiology
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Message of Appreciation to Alumni from Dean Ruby L. Perry and Dr. William T. Watson, TVMAA Fundraising Liaison

Greetings Veterinary Alumni, Friends and Supporters

At the 51st and 52nd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposiums, the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA) demonstrated the kind of support that has sustained the legacy of our beloved alma mater over the many years since its envision in 1945. In 1935, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson became the third president of Tuskegee Institute and began fulfilling his vision to establish the School of Veterinary Medicine. With over 2,600 alumni, we shall sustain our Legacy and our accreditation.

At the TVMAA business meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2016, the alumni pledged to develop a $250K renovation fund specifically to assist with the renovations of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH) required to meet accreditation standards. Due to your loyal support, we exceeded our goal with a grand total of $369,322.45 which was raised at the 52nd Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium held at Tuskegee University on March 22-25, 2017. From our records, this is the largest amount ever raised at any of our annual veterinary medical symposiums in the past. These funds were used to complete Phase II of the renovations in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital to fulfill accreditation standard 3, and we achieved full accreditation in October of 2016.

Not only are you making a difference to ensure that we can support the renovations and purchase of equipment needed for the veterinary medical teaching hospital required for accreditation, but you are ensuring that future generations of students seeking a veterinary medical education from Tuskegee University may continue to do so! “Sustaining Our Legacy” is truly the mission for the College and you remain an integral part of a sustained legacy since its inception in 1945.
$500K Alumni Renovation Fund Development Story continued...

Our Next Charge: As we move forward in preparation for the next AVMA Council on Education site visit scheduled for 2020, we remain “action ready” to meet all 11 accreditation standards and celebrate our 75-year Legacy. In order to stay the course, we are launching the “Sustaining our Legacy $500K Veterinary Alumni Renovation Fund” to assist the College in preparation for the AVMA Council on Education Site Visit in 2020. Phase I and Phase II have been completed as outlined here. Phase III will include the purchase of major equipment for diagnostic areas in the VMTH, upgrade gross anatomy with a new cooler and HVAC system and upgrade of medical records system.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your contributions to the Alumni Renovation Fund. As the dean and an alum (Class of 1977), I also pledge to continue my financial support to my beloved veterinary school and will join you in making my contribution to the Alumni Renovation Fund. With the support of each of you for this project and future projects designed to improve the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and learning facilities, a major difference can be achieved.

Again, much thanks to each of you for continuing to help the College hold a special place in the history of veterinary medicine. Your continued support is appreciated more than words can ever express. Thank you Colleagues, Friends and Supporters!

### Phase I: Infrastructure Renovations in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH)

**Cost:** $695K Completed

### Phase II: Renovations of Student Learning and Teaching Spaces in the Veterinary Complex

- Remodeling of the Outdoor Dog Kennels
- Remodeling of all Restrooms in Vet Med Complex for ADA Compliance
- Remodeling of the Client Reception Area in Small Animal Hospital

**Cost:** $583,487 Completed

### Phase III: Upgrade of Gross Anatomy Lab with Purchase of Major Equipment for the VMTH and other Teaching and Learning Environments

- Major Equipment (Projected Costs)
- Upgrade of Gross Anatomy Lab (Specialized HVAC System, New Walk-In Cooler with installation and electrical, and renovations of the Gross Anatomy Lab, etc.) - $250K
- Computed Tomography (CT/Cat Scan) including remodeling of area - $200K
- Image Intensification Fluoroscopy for Diagnostic Imaging - $55K
- Computerization of Medical Records – (Waiting for Bid)

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**Some construction photos highlights…**

To See More Photos of Construction in All Phases, go to: [https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm/cvm-500k-sustaining-our-legacy-fund](https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm/cvm-500k-sustaining-our-legacy-fund)
“Mother Tuskegee” and the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine’s (TUCVM) outstanding track record of producing legacies are putting the spotlight on the Powell Family (Father - Dr. Roland H. Powell and son – Dr. David K. Powell) in the Fall/Winter issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective.

Dr. Roland Powell, a 1965 Tuskegee veterinary graduate, was known to his classmates in veterinary school as “PW”. Not only did he make a lasting impression on his son, Dr. David Powell - who followed in his footsteps and became a veterinarian, but on his fellow alums Dr. Ruby L. Perry and Dr. Phillip Nelson. Both are currently serving as deans of veterinary medical programs (Dean Nelson at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine and Dean Perry here at Tuskegee University). Both Perry and Nelson see Dr. Roland Powell as their mentor who had such a profound effect on them as students while in the veterinary program. As well, his impact and leadership style has influenced them in their leadership roles as deans.

Dr. Powell received his B.S. degree in biology from Tougaloo College in Mississippi as well as advanced work towards a master’s degree at the University of Southern California. He became interested in veterinary medicine after meeting Dr. Tom Gipson, his mentor and a Tuskegee veterinary graduate. In 1965, Dr. Powell was one of seven veterinarians in Jackson, Miss., and the first black veterinarian when he returned home after graduation. He and his wife, Sondra, operated the Valley Street Animal Clinic, their first veterinary clinic for 29 years. Sondra Powell served as his administrative assistant, office manager and bookkeeper in all their business ventures. They later added Terry Mississippi Animal Clinic in 1990 and the Valley Street Animal Clinic was relocated in 1994 with a name change to the Powell Animal Clinic. Dr. Powell retired in 1997, turning the reins over to his son. However, in 2010, he came out of retirement to open the Monroe Street Animal Clinic with his son, wife and a mentee, Dr. Sylvia Stewart. Their clinics served as preceptors, nurturing and mentoring over 100 students.

Dr. Powell and his devoted wife, Sondra recently celebrated 62 years of marriage on Dec. 23, 2017. They have five children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with one on the way.

A year after graduation, Dr. Powell transferred from the Air National Guard to the Mississippi Army National Guard, receiving a direct commission as a veterinary staff officer with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. The Powell Animal Clinic was in operation until 2003 when Dr. Powell was deployed on his first tour to Afghanistan with the 2-20th SFG (Special Forces Group). Upon returning from his first tour, he joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA FSIS) as an inspector in charge (supervisory veterinary medical officer). He also continued to practice as an ambulatory veterinarian.

Subsequently, Dr. Powell was deployed three more times to Afghanistan. His last position in the military was as the deputy commander of clinical services in the Army National Guard Medical Command, retiring as a Colonel in August 2015. He also received a state promotion at retirement to Brigadier General. Dr. Powell also retired from the USDA in October 2014 as a public supervisor public health veterinarian.

Currently, Dr. Powell oversees the operation of the Monroe Street Animal Clinic where affordable veterinary services are provided in downtown Jackson. It is a full service veterinary clinic and intensive care facility for companion animals. He and his wife, Carmen Arnudts de Powell, have four children, one grandchild with another on the way.
Dr. Rachel Arnold (’17), presented a poster titled, "Cytarabine constant rate infusion as treatment for meningoencephalomyelitis of unknown etiology in 22 dogs," at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in Washington, D.C. Dr. Arnold is a neurology/neurosurgery intern at Southeast Veterinary Neurology in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Stuart Brown (’91), was a co-recipient of the 2017 American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) President’s Award. He was recognized for his demonstrated dedication to the association by contributing a significant portion of time and expertise to benefit the health and welfare of the horse industry.

Congratulations to the following Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni who passed their board certifications:

**Dr. Natalia Soto** (’08) passed the American College of Veterinary Surgeons - Small Animal (DACVS-SA) certification and is now board certified as a diplomate of the DACVS-SA.

**Dr. Nicole Lukovsky** (’09) and **Dr. Lemnique Wafer** (2013) both passed the board certification exam for the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) in which they are both now diplomates of the ACLAM.

**Dr. Anthony Gonzalez** (’13) completed his board certification requirements for the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (ACVECC). He currently practices in a multispecialty referral center in Los Angeles.

**Dr. David Schaffer** (’71), as of January 2018, received his board certification from the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons and is now a diplomate of Psychiatry.

**Dr. Aida Ventos-Plotts** (’14), a third-year small animal internal medicine resident at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, presented an abstract and poster titled, "Oral probiotic bacterial species can colonize the healthy feline airway microbiota," at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in Washington, D.C. on June 8. She also recently first-authored the article, "Dynamic changes of the respiratory microbiota and its relationship to fecal and blood microbiota in healthy young cats," in Public Library of Science One (PLoS One - March 9, 2017).

**Dr. Jonathan Rosero** (’09) is a democratic candidate in the race for Maryland Senate District 25. The election will be June 26, 2018. Read more at: https://www.jonathanroseroformarylandsenate.com/

**Tuskegee alums Dr. Joe Owens** (’12), **Dr. Arvid Edward** (’98), and **Dr. James Hayes** (’09) have all accomplished "stardom" status as follows:

Dr. Owens was named the winner on Steve Harvey’s "Funderdome" on September 24 as the inventor of Enjoy-A-Bowl. You can order your Enjoy-A-Bowl on Amazon or directly from www.enjoyabowlproducts.com.

Owens owns and operates St. Rose Animal Urgent Care in Las Vegas. In his practice, Owens sees many dogs and cats who suffer from obesity, organ failure, decreased mobility, and other debilitating illnesses caused by poor eating habits or by ingesting human food. His solution to this problem is Enjoy-A-Bowl, a three-part system that uses the aroma of human food to attract pets to a healthy veterinary approved diet and enjoy all of the smells they love without the devastating side effects that human food causes.

Dr. Edward is a regular contributor on the new season of "The Doctors." On September 20, he was featured shedding some light on the Anti-vaxxer movement in both pets and humans. http://photos.thedoctorstv.com/when-its-on/. Edward has over 33 years of experience as a practicing veterinarian and is also an accomplished actor.

He has had several roles including a starring role in the kid's television show, "The Dooley and..."
Pals Show”; appeared in numerous Disney ads and commercials; a Walt Disney World print work spread for Ebony magazine; a national Frito-Lay campaign commercial for "Rollitos"; numerous pet-related radio segments; the star of the Amazon Prime reality television series "Pet Doctors of Atlanta"; and starred in the short films "Sounds of the Fight", "Hills Like White Elephants"; and in 2016 Cannes Film Festival selected film "In the Name of the Nameless"; and, most recently, adding to his impressive body of work has been being cast as the go-to veterinarian for the nationally syndicated show, "THE DOCTORS" on ABC.

Dr. Hayes, who is an emergency veterinarian, was featured as "Derek" in the interactive stage play "Memoirs of Single Mothers" on Nov. 4 at The Legacy Studio Cafe: Dinner Theater.

About The Play: There's a fine line between right and wrong, and many times, it all depends on perspective. The play shows how one man goes from charming and innocent, to someone you just might not be inviting over for that Netflix and chill. Learn more: memoirsofsinglemothers.eventbrite.

Dr. Irving McConnell ('80), the CEO of The McConnell Group, received an honor from The Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council in October. The McConnell Group was named a 2017 Top 100 MBE® winner. This award recognizes owners of minority business enterprises in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia who have demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial accomplishments, a high level of professionalism, and have made substantial contributions to their community. Dr. McConnell is also a member of the Tuskegee University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Evan Morse ('68) was featured in the City TRIBUNE summer 2017 issue in celebration for his 45th Anniversary for the opening of the Warrensville Animal Hospital. Dr. Morse opened the practice there in 1972 and has provided hours of service to this community and beyond ever since. Morse was one of the first black veterinarians in Ohio. For the past 44 years, he has provided veterinary services to the Warrensville Heights Animal control officers and to the city kennel at no charge. He’s also provided all of the veterinary services for the city's police dogs for numerous years at no cost to the city as well. Additionally, in 1976, Morse co-founded, along with Dr. D. A. Rickards, the Free Animal Clinic Team (called FACT) in Cleveland.

Dr. Phillip Nelson ('79) was selected as the incoming president of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) during its summer meeting. Dr. Douglas A. Freeman, dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, transitioned to the immediate past-president position after passing the gavel to Dr. Nelson as incoming AAVMC president. Nelson is currently dean of Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned his DVM from the Tuskegee Institute in 1979.

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) hosted former child television star Dr. Danielle Spencer, who earned her doctorate in veterinary medicine from Tuskegee in 1993, on campus Oct. 23 and 24. She is best known for her role as the bratty little sister Dee Thomas on the ABC sitcom “What’s Happening,” which ran from 1976 to 1979. She later reprised her role on the series’ sequel, “What’s Happening Now!!”

On Oct. 23, Spencer gave a presentation to the TUCVM faculty during her morning session entitled, “A Celebration of You - The Faculty” and shared the things that the faculty can do for students that will enhance their learning experience and guide them to success. She then did a lunch time session with the students that was co-sponsored with the Student Veterinary Medical Association. Her session was titled “My Journey from Hollywood: Through the Peaks and Valleys, I’m Still Standing - You can make it!”

“THIRST for veterinary medicine; HUNGER for knowledge; and LOVE for animals” — three powerful “Words of Wisdom” for veterinary medical students was shared by Dr. Spencer in her theme message of “Success is in our DNA.” on Oct. 23. Spencer emphasized to the students the importance of wanting to be veterinarians and taking advantage of all the resources available to them at Tuskegee to ensure their success.

On her final day, Oct. 24, an open forum, “My Journey from Hollywood: The Challenges along the Way – Success is in Our DNA,” was held in the Kellogg Conference Center. The open forum also included an opportunity to purchase autographed copies of her book, “Through the Fire: Journal of a Child Star.” Also, as a treat, Dr. Spencer autographed free souvenir photos for all students in attendance.

“We were excited to welcome Dr. Spencer home and invite the Tuskegee family to come out in support her presentations,” said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. “The sharing of Dr. Spencer’s story was intended to especially help our veterinary medical students as she focused on her journey and the incredible tactics employed to overcome the many obstacles she has faced in her personal and professional life.”

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Spencer became an actor around the age of 8. She originally began her veterinary medicine studies at the University of California-Davis, but placed those studies on hold during the height of her acting career. After broadcast of “What’s Happening Now!!” concluded in 1988, Spencer resumed her veterinary medicine studies at Tuskegee University and graduated in 1993.

Spencer had been working as a veterinarian for more than 10 years when a diagnosis of spinal stenosis — resulting from a childhood car accident she and her family experienced in 1977 — required her to take a break from her veterinary medicine career. After 25 years as a practicing veterinarian in California, Spencer recently relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where she and often shares her veterinarian expertise with viewers of WTVR CBS 6 “Virginia This Morning,” in addition to serving as a motivational speaker.
The veterinary family of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) shared the true spirit of giving during the holiday season through hosting the Third Annual “Toy Drive for Tots” on Dec. 13 at the George Washington Carver (GWC) Elementary School located in Tuskegee.

“The ‘Toy Drive for Tots’ is now a growing tradition in our college by being a continuation of the inspired vision between the veterinary students and the TUCVM administration that was initiated by the Class of 2019 two years ago,” said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.

“The toy drive has been so successful and appreciated by the GWC’s adorable children, faculty, and administration; however, our students, faculty and staff have been amazing as well. No doubt, the college family has enjoyed the experience and making a difference in children lives,” Perry continued.

To ensure all 252 boys and girls in all three classes consisting of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade at GWC received a gift, TUCVM divided into three sections to designate the purchase of gifts: TUCVM’s senior class (fourth-year students) and Office of the Dean – provided gifts for the Pre-k children; TUCVM second and third year students – provided gifts for the kindergarten children; and TUCVM first-year students and the faculty and staff – provided gifts for the first grade children.

The first year class (Class of 2021) took the lead with organizing the toy drive with the other veterinary students and were also responsible for providing Santa and Santa’s elves. The TUCVM faculty and staff assisted as Santa’s helpers to distribute the toys to the students.

The teachers and administration at George Washington Carver Elementary School and the Macon County School Board were again very appreciative that the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine had again continued the tradition in selecting their students to participate in the “Toy Drive for Tots” program. Principal Norman Williams, Jr., Dean of Students TriShonne Tullos and Counselor Gloria Clinkscales helped with the toy drive organization on the school’s end.

“Thanks to the Class of 2021 and the TUCVM students, faculty and staff for again coming together to make the toy drive a success again. Our students as well as all the college Santa helpers enjoyed the event and seeing the children hug Santa and faces light up in anticipation of their wrapped gift. This was truly as special to all of us in the College of Veterinary Medicine as it was to the children at GWC,” said Dr. Roslyn Casimir, TUCVM’s associate dean for academic and student affairs.
The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) Family joined the efforts again to stand strong together to encourage each other and families through the difficult times with several hurricanes and other natural disasters over the past several months. The CVM students organized an effort to collect items for Puerto Rico, for the Caribbean outreach especially Dominica, and Mexico. The TUCVM family came together because our own students, faculty, and alumni had families in these locations that suffered from these devastations.

The students and the CVM Administration combined efforts to organize the collection of items to send to Puerto Rico. The College family was asked to assist by following the guidelines established by the students and supported by the Office of the Dean.

Hurricane Maria left catastrophic damages to the islands of Puerto Rico, USVI, BVI and the Lesser Antilles. This region was just starting to recover from Hurricane Irma when Hurricane Maria’s massive storm hit and left complete devastation in its path.

There was limited to zero communication on the islands and thousands of people lost everything. For this reason, on behalf of the students and faculty that have families affected by this disaster, TUCVM decided to begin a College-wide drive to collect basic need items, non-perishable foods, water, etc., following the suggested list for items verified by Aqua Gulf Transport in Jacksonville, Florida.

Hurricane relief collection sites were set up as follows in the CVM: Rosenwald building for first and second year students, Large Animal Care Center for third and fourth-year students, and Patterson Hall in the Office of Student Affairs for faculty and staff. However, for convenience, when necessary, any of the collection sites were available to be used regardless if faculty, staff or student.

TUCVM’s goal was to collect as many items as possible and have the items delivered to Aqua Gulf Transport in Jacksonville during the students’ fall break. This shipping company was transporting supplies to Puerto Rico every Friday for two months. Once the donations arrived to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aqua Gulf Transport delivered the items to different towns effected by the hurricane. TUCVM recognized that the people affected was facing a long recovery process and that they needed all the help possible and the TUCVM family wanted to make a difference.
"Discovering Innovative Pathways in Translational Research" was the theme for the 18th Annual Biomedical Research Symposium and Sixth Annual Phi Zeta Research Day held Sept. 21 at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM). Dr. Ayman Sayegh, associate dean for research and advanced studies, served as chair, and Dr. Tes-home Yehualaeshet along with Dr. Toufic Nashar, both associate professors in the Department of Pathobiology, served as Phi Zeta Research Day co-chairs.

Biomedical research is particularly important to create awareness of the issues that are most clearly linked to health disparities and the annual symposium, organized by the Office of Research and Advanced Studies and the Biomedical Research Symposium Committee, provides the platform to address this research.

Dr. Timothy H. Moran, gave the keynote address entitled “Gut Peptide Satiety Signaling.” His presentation focused on a better understanding of the overall controls on eating that is necessary for the development of prevention and treatment options. Moran is the Paul R. McHugh Professor of Motivated Behaviors, vice chair and director of research for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is also director of Behavioral and Biological Research of the Johns Hopkins Global Center for Obesity Prevention at the Bloomberg School of Public Health where he has a joint appointment as professor of international health.

The Sixth Annual Phi Zeta Research Day keynote speaker, Dr. Clayton Yates, gave a lecture entitled “Epigenetic Drivers of Prostate and Breast Cancer in African Americans,” after the lunchtime poster evaluations. Dr. Yates is a professor in the Department of Biology and Center for Cancer Research at Tuskegee University. His research interest focuses on epigenetic alterations that contribute to aggressive cancers in African American patients.

TUCVM’s dedicated alumni also participated in a roundtable discussion on “Career Paths in Veterinary Medicine” as well as interacted with the students who attended the symposium. The roundtable veterinary alumni participants included Dr. Beverly Miller (’05), medical director for Banfield Pet Hospital South Georgia Division; Dr. Jane Owens (’89), director of Companion Animal Research at Elanco Animal Health Veterinary; and Dr. Bonnie Barclay (’84), professional services veterinarian for Boehringer-Ingelheim Animal Health.

Phi Zeta Research Day Awards

**ORAL PRESENTATION**
1st place: Bianca Reyes (TUCVM class of 2019) – “Seizure Inhibition and Onset Site Localization by Focal Tetrodotoxin (TTX) Infusion in a Rat Model of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy” (awarded $500)

2nd place: Laurie Mang’eli (TUCVM class of 2020) – “Studies to enhance Motility of Canine epididymal Spermatozoa (CeS): effects of Alkalinization and Secondary Messengers” (awarded $400)

3rd place: Jose Zayas (TUCVM class of 2020) – “glucocorticoid Receptor expression is decreased with nuclear Localization in Airways of Pasture Asthma Horses” (awarded $300)

**POSTER PRESENTATION**
1st place: Nadia Al-Altoum (TU Ph.D. Student) – “Novel Approach for the control of Zika Virus by E-Protein Binding Peptides” (awarded $500)

2nd place: Damali Zakers (TUCVM class of 2020) – “Bordetella bronchiseptica vs Bordetella pertussis and their interaction with Dictyostelium discoideum” (awarded $400)

3rd place: Zainab Alwan (TU Ph.D. Student) – “Evaluating the Role of Transcriptional Factor Kaiso in HIV infection” (awarded $300)
TUCVM Holds Annual White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2019

Faculty and staff, family members, friends, and special guests came out to show their support and honor TUCVM’s Class of 2019 on Nov. 6. Fifty-four veterinary medical students were presented their “white coats” during the White Coat Ceremony to welcome them to the clinical phase of the veterinary medical curriculum.

The representatives from the veterinary medical associations who sponsored and donated the white coats of the students from their states included Dr. Charles Ashwander - president, Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (AL-VMA), Dr. Jennifer Quammen - vice president, Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA), and Dr. Wendi Lilly-Bare - president, South Carolina Association of Veterinarians (SCAV). Dr. Ashwander and Dr. Quammen were both in attendance also at the ceremony; however, Dr. Lilly-Bare was unable to attend but sent a congratulatory tribute.

Also in attendance were special guests who gave greetings from the Auburn University CVM - Dr. Calvin M. Johnson, dean; Dr. Harvey Crumm, senior academic liaison with Zoetis Animal Health, Tuskegee CVM alums Dr. Beverly Miller ('05) and Dr. Gay Smith ('99), both with Banfield Pet Hospital. Both Zoetis and Banfield also helped provide sponsorship for the event. Dr. Roslyn Casimir-Whittington, associate dean for academic and student affairs for Tuskegee University’s CVM, presided over the program.

White Coats were presented to the following 54 TUCVM students:


TUCVM Focuses on New Health and Wellness Program: "Sustaining Healthy Lifestyles: A Taste of Wellness"

A healthy college is the goal for TUCVM and thanks to TUCVM’s Office of Academic and Student Affairs, the chances for success has gotten a little easier. Kheri Spence, assistant director for student success/counselor in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, oversees the college’s healthy campaign which kicked off in September. The theme is “Sustaining Healthy Lifestyles: A Taste of Wellness.” Several of the original proposed activities have been implemented to include: “Wellness Walk Wednesdays” with kick off on Sept. 20, “Success 30-Day Steps Challenge” with prizes awarded to winners of the challenge for Oct., free “Tai Chi” lunchtime lesson with instructor Jim Caldwell on Oct. 26, “Health and Wellness Gratitude Board” for the entire month of Nov., final exam “Healthy Snack Packs” for students, “Mindfulness Coloring” sessions on Nov. 28 and Feb. 16, and “Zumba” fitness class.

About the TUCVM Health and Wellness Program “Sustaining Healthy Lifestyles: A Taste of Wellness”

One of the goals for the CVM is to address the health and wellness of students that impact their academic success. The College recognizes that there is a need for students to engage in healthy lifestyle activities for mental health and well-being. These activities are designed to increase awareness of the benefits in the students’ daily life habits and behaviors. Through the health and wellness program, the CVM is introduced to alternatives and various methods that promote and sustain healthy lifestyles changes.

The TUCVM Health and Wellness Program consists of activities which include awareness and lifestyle changes. The program, depending on availability of funds and personnel support, has been designed to include the following activities:

1. Health Fair
2. Lunch and Learn
3. Wellness Walk Wednesday
4. Zumba
5. Use of Fitness Room in Logan Hall
6. Tai Chi
7. Stepping for Health Challenge
8. Mindfulness Coloring
9. Mindfulness Meditation
10. A Taste of Wellness
11. Massage Therapy
12. Final Exam Snack Packs
13. 5k walk/with pets
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

TUCVM Trains Technicians of the National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Beginning Oct. 1, seven technicians from the National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (LVCQAT), Port-au-Prince Haiti, were trained in conventional and molecular diagnostic tests for bacterial, viral, parasitic diseases of veterinary importance at TUCVM. The training program was conducted with grant funds provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) through the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development (MARNDR) to the CVM.

On Nov. 14, Dr. Michele Alain Louis, director of the LVCQAT, visited TUCVM to review progress of the training program and to discuss future collaborations for capacity building of his laboratory. In his presence, technicians were given certificates of achievement. The closing ceremony was held for the Haitian trainees successfully completing the training program on Nov. 22. Under the approval of Dean Ruby Perry and overseen by Dr. Gopal Reddy as one of the international outreach activities for the College, TUCVM participants assisting with the training included: Dr. T. Samuel, Dr. A. Woubit, Dr. D. Anderson, Dr. M. Abdelrahman, Dr. M. Mahama, Dr. F. Tippett, Dr. T. Graham, Ms. T. Collins and Dr. Reddy.

Along with visiting Tuskegee University laboratories, Dr. Reddy oversaw the Haitian Trainees visits to the State of Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and State of Alabama Food Safety Lab. For some down time, cultural and historical tours to Montgomery and Atlanta sites were also arranged for the Haitian trainees during their weekend breaks.

Technicians from the National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Port-Au-Prince, HAITI included:

1. Mr. Belot Benedy
2. Ms. Marie Dieuveulyne Valere
3. Ms. Rose Manie Jean Jean-Charles
4. Ms. Emmanuela Cene Maisonneuve
5. Ms. Annette Dorvil
6. Ms. Willene Clermont
7. Mr. Exalus Demeus

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For two months, the faculty and staff in the TUCVM Department of Biomedical Sciences had the opportunity to learn from Dr. Fawzy Elnady, professor of anatomy from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt. He shared his methods as part of the new technologies in anatomy initiative in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Elnady visited the College of Veterinary Medicine through the end of August. During his visit, Elnady provided training on his novel method of tissue and cadaver preservation to the faculty and staff in TUCVM’s Department of Biomedical Sciences. His method, named The Elnady preservation technique, is a modified plastination method and is novel in that the specimens are soft and are free from hazardous chemicals.

As part of the training, numerous specimens from several species were prepared and have been made available for teaching students and basic and clinical sciences faculty.

TUCVM Faculty Makes Presentation in Costa Rica

During the beginning of the fall semester, Dr. Elizabeth Yorke, associate professor of Large Animal Surgery and section chief (Large Animal), attended a full-day seminar and provided presentations on equine lameness evaluation, podiatry, and tendon/ligament injuries. The presentations were given to the La Asociacion Costarricense de Medicos Veterinarios con Enfasis en Equinos (ACOMVEE) - Association of Equine Veterinarians of Costa Rica.

The seminar was held during the week of Sept. 18th in San Jose and was attended by 40 equine veterinarians from all around Costa Rica. Also, a horse sculpture was given to Dr. Yorke by the ACOMVEE as a gesture of appreciation for her participation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TUCVM Lends a Helping Hand to the Tuskegee Community in Two Ways during Thanksgiving Season

TUCVM sought to lend a helping hand to the Tuskegee Community during the Thanksgiving Holiday Season by offering assistance with sponsoring Thanksgiving dinners and encouraging the CVM to financially support the Tuskegee Public School “New Playground Project.”

Thanksgiving Dinners for Macon County

Thanksgiving is the season of giving and being thankful and the College of Veterinary Medicine Wellness Committee wanted to be sure to promote this type of environment within the TUCVM family. The CVM
TUCVM Outreach wanted to be a blessing to others suffering during the holidays. Therefore, the CVM Wellness Committee offered assistance to the Macon County Department of Human Resources (DHR) Family and Children Services by sponsoring ten Thanksgiving dinners to families that were experiencing stressors and crises in their lives. Each dinner cost approximately $50.00 and the wellness committee asked each class to sponsor two dinners and the faculty and staff to also sponsor two dinners. Taking the leadership was Dr. Leanda Livesey, associate professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences, along with other members of the CVM Wellness Committee. They collected the funds on Nov. 20 and purchased the dinners on Nov. 22 for distribution to the Macon County DHR. The calling was answered by the TUCVM family to be a blessing.

Tuskegee Public School New Playground Assistance

Tuskegee Public School received a grant from Kaboom’s Playgrounds for “play to build” an extraordinary playground designed by Tuskegee Public school students. The money this time was not the issue for the school system thanks to the grant; however, the volunteers to put in the man hours was needed. Therefore, this time the TUCVM family joined in as volunteers to help out on site prep days and build days. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers in the Macon County community, including the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty, staff, and students that gave of their time, the students attending Tuskegee Public Schools were able to look forward to returning from the holidays in November to a brand new playground of fun. Once again, the TUCVM family answered the call to be a blessing to the youth in Tuskegee.

Tuskegee University CVM Held FREE Small Animal Health Fair on Oct. 21

Healthy pets often make happy pets and pet owners. Therefore, TUCVM reached out to help the local and adjacent communities get their pets healthy before the winter season arrived through hosting a free small animal health fair on Sat., Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Small Animal Hospital. Dr. Pamela Guy, small animal clinician, served as the health fair coordinator, and has served in this role for many years.

At the health fair, all pets received free physical examinations, free heartworm tests, free fecal examinations for intestinal parasites, and free nutrition and obedience consultations. Also preventative immunizations and de-worming pharmaceuticals were made available at cost for pets, if desired by pet owners.

TUCVM’s small animal clinicians also encouraged everyone whose pet had not had a physical examination in the last 12 months to bring in a fresh fecal sample from their family pet to have it tested.

SMALL ANIMAL HEALTH FAIR TV PROMOTIONS

Dr. Lauren Rowe (assistant professor - small animal medicine/community practice manager) and Dr. Domonique Carter (clinical instructor, diagnostic imaging), promoted the upcoming TUCVM Small Animal Health Fair today on WSFA “Alabama Live” with their beautiful pets Daisy and Parker!

Dr. Lauren Rowe and veterinary student, Cierra Davis (c/o 2018), promoted the Small Animal Health Fair on Oct. 17 at WAKA - Alabama News Network during the “Noon Show” with host Olivia Deas.

Lastly, Dr. Lauren Rowe and veterinary student, Antonio Jackson (c/o 2018), promoted the Small Animal Health Fair on Oct. 19 at WSFA during “12 Talk” with host Sally Pitts.
Dr. Tomesia Hubbard (small animal clinician) has been selected to speak on the topic of veterinary dermatology at the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association. The 2018 Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference will be held June 13-June 17, 2018 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort located in Destin, Fla. Dr. Hubbard is specially trained in veterinary dermatology and is also a TUCVM alum, Class of 2002. She has previously served as an adjunct clinical dermatology professor at TUCVM lecturing to third and fourth year veterinary students. Since 2009, Dr. Hubbard served as the owner of Alabama Veterinary Allergy and Dermatology Service in Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Madan Vig, professor of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery in the Department of Clinical Sciences, has been made an Honorable Roll member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), having maintained membership in the AVMA for over 40 years! Dr. Vig joined Tuskegee University as a veterinary medicine faculty member in 1975 specializing in canine and feline medicine and surgery. He became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP). His day to day duties at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital are to provide a broad set of medical and surgical services to small animal patients. Dr. Vig rotates through the small animal internal medicine service, surgery and emergency services. He is a leader at managing patients that necessitate from medical diagnostics and surgical intervention as well as emergency patients that may necessitate triaging and intensive care.

Dr. Elizabeth York, associate professor of Large Animal Surgery and section chief, passed her certification exams for the Veterinary Medical Manipulation program and is now certified in Equine Medical Manipulation. Dr. York now adds the designation of CVMMPP-certified veterinary medical manipulation practitioner. Veterinary Medical Manipulation is the veterinary equivalent of the chiropractic area. Dr. York is looking forward to soon beginning to offer the Equine Medical Manipulation service in the large animal hospital. She attended the training course at the Integrative Veterinary Medical Institute, in Ocala, Fla., where the Equine Veterinary Medical Manipulation course was based. She has also been appointed to the Board for the Alabama Horse Council.

Ms. Alexis Adams appointed Supervisor/Manager of the Veterinary Diagnostic Services Laboratory (VDSL)

Ms. Adams received her B.S. degree in Animal Sciences from Tuskegee University in 2003. She has been employed at Tuskegee University in the College of Veterinary Medicine since 2004. Until 2009, Ms. Adams was employed as the medical records technologist in Diagnostic Services where she created and maintained the diagnostic records databases (biopsy/histopathology, necropsy, clinical pathology, and microbiology). Ms. Adams was also in charge of maintaining, inventory, and ordering supplies for all diagnostic areas. Since 2009, she has been employed as data manager in Diagnostic Services. She continued her previous duties plus managed complaints and concerns within the diagnostic area and between diagnostic and clinical services. Ms. Adams has worked with vendors/contractors to maintain, repair and purchase new equipment and coordinated the acquisition of poultry specimens from Wayne Farms and porcine specimens from Auburn University for student evaluation. She has also worked with the IT department to establish a virtual server for storing diagnostic patient files. Ms. Adams has also completed her course work for the MS degree in Veterinary Sciences. She is on target to graduate in the spring of 2018.

CVM Faculty Publications and Grant Awards

Dr. Toufic Nashar (associate professor of Virology/Immunology – Pathobiology) is a part of the team that recently had a manuscript accepted for publication: Steven Samuels, Zainab Alwan, Marceline Ezgn, Jessie Jaynes, Terry D. Connell, Gregory Bernard, and Toufic Nashar (corresponding author). Novel Therapeutic Approach for Inhibition of HIV-1 Using Cell-Penetrating Peptide and Bacterial Toxins. Journal of AIDS & Clinical Research, 2017, 8:10. DOI: 10.4172/2155-6113.1000737.

Dr. Caroline Schaffer and Dr. Roslyn Casimir-Whittington were recently awarded the AVMA Veterinary Educator Professional Development Grant. They received it for their campaign “Preventing Suicide in Veterinary Students.” Dr. Roslyn Casimir-Whittington is interim associate dean for academic and student affairs and an assistant professor in the Department of Pathobiology. Dr. Caroline Schaffer is an assistant professor of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery and director, Human-Animal Relationships. She is the founding director of Tuskegee University’s Center for the Study of Human-Animal Interdependent Relationships from 1997 to the present.

Recently, Tuskegee University was awarded an $8.5 million National Institutes of Health grant due to the work of Dr. Clayton Yates, a professor and director of the Center for Biomedical Research, Dr. Honghe Wang, an associate professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Temesgen Samuel, professor of pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, who will serve as the grant’s program director and will be assisting Dr. Yates. Read more about the grant at: https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/2018/05-01-help-tuskegee-researchers-reduce-prevalence-of-health-disparities.
Alabama VMA Supports Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine’s Freshmen Leadership Day

Pictured from Left to Right: Dr. Tony Frazier, Dr. Dan Kuykendall, Dr. Charles Ashwander, Tuskegee alum Dr. Jan Strother, Dr. Bradley Fields, Dr. Hal Pate, and Tuskegee alum Dr. Jerome Williams.

TUCVM says thanks to the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA) for participating in the 2017 TUCVM Freshmen Leadership Day on August 31 for VMED 800-01, “Introduction to the Veterinary Profession, Veterinary Law & Ethics, and Financial Literacy.” Dean Ruby L. Perry is the instructor of VMED 800-01 and hosted the representatives from the ALVMA panel which included: Dr. Tony Frazier, Alabama state veterinarian; Dr. Dan Kuykendall, chair of the ALVMA Student Relations Committee; Dr. Charles Ashwander, president, ALVMA; Dr. Jan Strother, chair-AVMF Board of Directors and District III AVMA Board of Directors representative; Dr. Bradley Fields, executive director-Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation; Dr. Hal Pate, immediate past president-ALVMA; and Dr. Jerome Williams, director of the Alabama Veterinary Professional Wellness Program.

TUCVM Students Say THANKYOU to SonoSite®

Class of 2019 at TU Monument

The three TUCVM posters were:
1. “Mandibular Dentigerous Cyst with premolar involvement” - Mary Stewart, Dr. Jack Easley, and Dr. Elizabeth Yorke
2. “Equine Seminoma” - Jessica Coby Quigley, Dr. Alberto Parra, and Dr. Andrew Lovelady and
3. “Kissing Spines” - Liz Griffin and Dr. David McKenzie

Alabama VMA Supports Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine’s SCAVMA Chapter

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA) made a $1,500 donation to TUCVM’s Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) at the beginning of the fall semester. The check helps with SCAVMA activities for the students. Dr. Roslyn Casimir-Whittington, associate dean for academic and student affairs, and SCAVMA president 2017-18 Aaron Judson, Class of 2019, accepted the check for SCAVMA.

Tuskegee/Auburn Veterinary Students Join in for Diversity Symposium

To kick off the fall semester, first-year students from the colleges of veterinary medicine (CVM) at Auburn University and Tuskegee University gathered for the diversity symposium in Auburn. During the symposium, Tuskegee and Auburn students used the event as an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop relationships. Dean Perry also made a presentation to the combined student group.

TUCVM Students Participate in AAEP Conference and Display Posters

TUCVM students: Mary Stewart, Liz Griffin, and Jessica Coby Quigley -- were chosen among all veterinary school applicants to have their posters displayed at the 2017 American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) National Convention for the AAEP Student Poster Competition. TUCVM’s Mary Stewart was selected as one of the top three in the nationwide competition. She gave an oral presentation of her poster at the conference on Nov. 18. This was the second year in a row that a TUCVM student has been selected as one of the top three posters in the nation!

TUCVM Student Selected as Nationwide’s Featured Student

Fourth-year veterinary student Dianicia Kirton (class of 2018) was selected as Nationwide’s Featured Student. She’s president of the Student American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, founder of the Tuskegee Holistic Veterinary Medicine Club and a certified veterinary acupuncturist candidate at the Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. Kirton was chosen by Nationwide field veterinarian Dr. Tonya Sparks.

TUCVM Student Selected for Compassionate Care Scholarship

Shakera Fudge, (Class of 2018) is the recipient of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association’s second annual Compassionate Care Scholarship for veterinary students. Fudge has shown her compassion towards animals and her passion to serve animals and their communities through her travels with organizations that work in underserved areas. She has traveled to Nicaragua with World Vets to help with spay/neuter and wellness for small and large animals, volunteered at a non-profit, large animal clinic in Cairo, Egypt, where she performed pregnancy checks and mastitis tests on cattle and fed infant chimpanzees, and plans on traveling in a future Christian Veterinary Fellowship trip to Bolivia to serve the community through the provision of medical care for small and large animals.

Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Perspective
In Loving Memory of Veterinary Medicine Pioneer…
Saul T. Wilson, Jr., DVM

The Tuskegee University family as well as the veterinary medical profession and public health community lost a trailblazer, accomplished and respected academician, visionary leader in the control and eradication of public health diseases and dedicated veterinarian, Professor Emeritus Saul T. Wilson, Jr., DVM, MPH. Dr. Wilson passed on Feb. 1 after suffering a brief illness.

Wilson was a member of the first pre-veterinary medicine class at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) and was among the second class of Tuskegee veterinary school graduates and received his DVM degree in 1950. After graduation, Wilson began his career with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a field veterinarian, working on the Mexico-US Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Commission.

After serving in the US Army Veterinary Corps from 1952 to 1954 and receiving his MPH degree from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1955, Wilson returned to the USDA. His responsibility increased as he trained, managed and directed domestic and international programs for the control or eradication of animal diseases important to trade or human health. In 1990, the USDA paid tribute to his efforts and designated the “Saul T. Wilson, Jr. Scholarship Program” to attract students from underrepresented groups in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) workforce to careers in veterinary medicine and biological sciences.

After retiring from the USDA, Wilson returned to his alma mater and served faithfully as a professor of epidemiology and director of the Center for Tropical Animal Health (international program in veterinary medicine). He retired from Tuskegee University in 2015 but continued to serve in a consultant role. His actions have inspired veterinary students to practice public veterinary medicine.

Dr. Wilson’s funeral was held on Feb. 8 at The Tuskegee University Chapel. He is survived by his daughter, Adrienne, a Tuskegee alum; two grandsons, Ryan and Damien; one brother, Sherald; one sister, Mary Elizabeth; and a host of other family members, friends, and colleagues. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Alva Marian.

In Loving Memory of Veterinary Medicine Pioneer…
Kunwar Srivastava, DVM, Ph.D., A.C.V.M

It was with a heavy heart that the College of Veterinary Medicine had to pay tribute to a beloved faculty member, colleague and friend to many in the college and laboratory animal medicine community, Dr. Kunwar Srivastava.

Dr. Srivastava passed away on January 25 as a result of complications due to suffering a stroke. He was a valued member of the CVM family for 33 years and recently retired in December 2017 after serving as attending veterinarian/professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine in the Department of Pathobiology.

Srivastava earned his DVM (B.V.Sc. and A.H.) from Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Mathura, Agra University, in U.P., India in 1964, his Ph.D. in 1971, his M.S. in 1969 from the Department of Medical Microbiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia in Athens, and was board certified as a diplomate with the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM - Specialty Board Certified Veterinary Microbiologist) in 1985.

Dr. Srivastava’s funeral services was held on Jan. 27 in Opelika, Ala., and he is survived by his wife, Urmila, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

**TUCVM Deceased Alumni for Fall/Winter 2017-18**

- Dr. Firpo Hurley (’50)
  passed October 17, 2017 (Oviedo, FL)
- Dr. Kitty Raichura (’96)
  passed March 26, 2016 (Potomac, MD)
- Dr. Althea M. Ross (’79)
  passed September 1, 2017 (Columbus, OH)
- Dr. Orville R. Walls (’69)
  passed September 2017 (Philadelphia, PA)
- Dr. Missy Scott Johnson (’99)
  passed October 10, 2016 (Helena, AL)
- Dr. John Slaughter (’78)
  passed January 25, 2017 (St. Petersburg, FL)
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