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WELCOME BACK TO THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR AND THE RETURN OF VET TALK! REMEMBER TO SHARE YOUR NEWS!



TUCVM Welcomes the New Class of 2029

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) welcomed the new incoming Class of 2029 with a two-day New Student Orientation hosted by the TUCVM Office of Veterinary Admissions & Recruitment. Students attended presentations in Patterson Hall Auditorium on Aug. 4-5 on various topics to prepare them to navigate their first year as Veterinary Students. Under the leadership of Interim Dean Dr. Ebony Gilbreath, the TUCVM faculty and staff emphasized the following to the new Class of 2029, "WE are here to help you be a success as you pursue your dreams of becoming veterinarians and helping to sustain the Legacy of the TUCVM and "Mother Tuskegee!" Thank you to all sponsors to include VIN, PNC Bank, Banfield, U.S. Army, and AVMA Trust.



TUCVM's SAVMA Week 2025 Welcomed Students to New Year



Thank you to all the participants for SAVMA Week 2025. TUCVM's SAVMA (Student American Veterinary Medical Association) was introduced during its "We Are SAVMA Week" on August 24-29. SAVMA Week is an annual event that welcomes both incoming and current students into the new academic year! Various Lunch and Learns to listen to some great speakers and other events to win some amazing prizes during the SAVMA Raffle

were a part of SAVMA Week. Also, a major event included was the SAVMA Career Fair held on Aug. 27.

2025 TUCVM Zoetis Foundation/ AAVMC Veterinary Student Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the students from TUCVM receiving Zoetis Foundation/AAVMC Veterinary Student Scholarships for 2025. TUCVM's recipients are **Class of 2026 - Eden Harris, Brittney Carney, and Faith Isabelle; Class of 2027 - Sydney Dicks.**

The 2025 Zoetis Foundation and the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Veterinary Student Scholarship offset educational expenses related to attaining a veterinary education. Zoetis and its legacy companies awarded more than 4,400 scholarships totaling \$10.3 million through this program. The program focuses on addressing the issue of student debt, as well as the need to foster diversity in the profession - issues that greatly impact the future of the veterinary profession.



Brittney
Carney
Class of 2026



Eden
Harris
Class of 2026



Faith
Isabelle
Class of 2026



Sydney
Dicks
Class of 2027

TUCVM Host Club Fair 2025

TUCVM's Student Clubs hosted its CLUBS FAIR 2025 on Sept. 2. The Event was held to introduce the various clubs to all TUCVM Students, but especially to the new incoming first-year Class of 2029, as they consider which to select to join and participate in for the 2025-26 academic year. To learn more about the clubs, contact the TUCVM Office of Student Affairs.



2025 One Health Symposium & Phi Zeta Research Day Student Winners



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENT ORAL & POSTER PRESENTER WINNERS for the 26th Annual One Health Symposium and 13th Phi Zeta Research Day held on Sept. 15-16. Student winners include the following: **Poster Winners: 1st place - Andrew Heatherton and Qunitera Gordon; 2nd place - Glorianna Wright; 3rd place - Nautica Merrell, Zahra McIntosh; Graduate Student Award - Hilarie Uwamahero; Oral Winners: 1st place - Kendall Walden; 2nd place - Amiyah Raglan; 3rd place - Amber D. Cooper; Graduate Student Award - Esran Alnahrawy.** Also, congratulations to two student poster winners during the One Health Symposium: **Milahní Wilkerson and Shannon Willis.**



TUCVM Host Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Small Animal Teaching Hospital

Truly an exciting time for the TUCVM family!!! TUCVM held the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sept. 18 for the coming new Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital and it was well attended by the many supporters and stakeholders of the college. Several student leaders got the opportunity to participate in this monumental event! Read more at: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/tuskegee-university-breaks-ground-on-18-million-investment-for-a-small-animal-teaching-hospital.html>.

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