

TUCVM 4TH YEAR STUDENTS AT WORK USING THEIR SKILLS



TUCVM's seniors (Class of 2026) have been using their skills to see clients while learning from clinicians as was the case with this large animal patient. The senior students included in this photo are **Alexis Arthur, Faith Isabelle, Kaci Polk, Jacob Scruggs, and Jennifer Maharath**. These senior students with clinicians treated a cow at the end of summer and took a moment to

pose with their patient. The patient was a very gentle purebred Brahman cow that came to Tuskegee's Veterinary Teaching Hospital for foot surgery under the direction of Dr. David McKenzie, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs/Professor of Large Animal Internal Medicine. Others assisting included: Dr. Victoria Hicks (large animal Intern), Chase Woods (veterinary technician), and Melvin Freeman (farm manager).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TUCVM CLASS OF 2029 (1ST YEAR CLASS) E-BOARD

TUCVM's first-year class of 2029 elected its Executive Board Members this fall semester. Congrats...#futureveterinarians #FutureLeaders! The first-year Class of 2029 E-Board Officers in photo are: Standing (L to R): **Charity Sanders**, Social Co-Chair; **Bryant Wiley**, Chaplain; Ms. Deetra Benn, Director of Student Affairs; Samuel Martin, Fundraising Co-Chair; **Taylor Godfrey**, Historian; **Kyle Ray-Canada**, Fundraising Co-Chair; Dr. Wole, Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs; and **Kara Moncrief**, Social Co-Chair. Seated (L to R): **Yasmine Jordan**, Treasurer; **Alicia Armstead**, Parliamentarian; Makayla Barkley, President; DeShawn Hill, Vice President; **Kyla Christopher**, SAVMA Representative; **Abby Covington**, Secretary; and **Liberty**, Service Dog (honorary class member) 😊.



VETERINARY STUDENT'S CATTLE BUSINESS SHINES



TUCVM's third year student **Sydney Dicks** (Class of 2027) and her husband are following their dream with running their business called Diamond D Ranch. Four months into her marriage she and her husband decided they felt like God was opening doors for them to take their cattle operation in a different direction. "Most cattle ranchers only see their cattle during one stage of life: either from birth to weaning, weaning to market weight, or merely the last few months of their lives. We wanted to do things differently, so we took our cow-calf operation (birth to weaning) and started turning it into a direct-to-consumer beef business. This means we keep a herd of mama cows on our ranch and raise the babies from birth to harvest weight all under our own supervision and care. We prioritize low stress handling which is better for the cows, the environment, and the consumer of that beef product," Dicks said.

She emphasizes that their commitment to excellence doesn't stop there because they are implementing several things to constantly improve their care of their animals. Through their business, Mr. & Mrs. Dicks are looking to implement homeopathy as their system of medicine on the ranch, in process of developing a plan for on-sight processing facilities, and they are using the byproducts from their cattle to make many other all-natural products that are clean for the environment and for the user. Yes, Mrs. Dicks is quite busy doing all this while also maneuvering the challenging veterinary curriculum as a third-year student. To learn more, visit diamond-d-ranch.net.



"Pie in the Face" Fundraiser: A Success

Lots of Fun for all who helped support TUCVM's Class of 2029 Executive Board sponsored "Pie in the Face" Fundraiser on October 21st with the chance to pie a favorite E-Board member or an administrator or professor.

Thanks to all the participants who showed great sportsmanship getting pied in the face! Students, faculty and staff joined in on the fun for a good cause with paying \$5 for 1 pie, \$7 for 2 pies, \$10 for 3 pies & \$20 for pieing administration & faculty. TUCVM faculty and staff that stepped up to the plate literally 😊 included: Interim Dean Dr. Ebony Gilbreath, Dr. Athema Etzioni, Dr. Dominique Hemmings, Dr. Madryn Odom, and Ms. Deetra Benn. Several of the students enjoyed getting pied and doing the pieing!



Students Show Support for Breast Cancer Awareness & Domestic Violence Prevention for October Month Observances



TUCVM first year Class of 2029 men showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with its "Men Pink Out Day" on October 14th. Also, TUCVM Class members of 2029 took some time out of their schedules to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Domestic Violence Awareness Month with wearing pink and purple on October 28th and encourage others to support as well within the college. Then

TUCVM's V.O.I.C.E. club held their "Paint Patterson Pink," day for Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month observances on October 29th. October is recognized globally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness, educate the public, and fundraise for research and treatment. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is held each October to unite advocates across the nation in their efforts to end domestic violence. To learn more on both visit: <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month/> and <https://www.thehotline.org/stakeholders/domestic-violence-awareness-month/>.



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