



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Office of the Dean

TO: TUCVM Alumni
FROM: Dr. Ebony Gilbreath, Dean
DATE: October 20, 2026
SUBJECT: TUCVM Updates

Greetings Esteemed Alumni,

It has been almost a year since I was appointed Dean, and I am proud of the positive strides we have made and look forward to continuing our upward trajectory.

I am pleased to share the following highlights and updates from the past year:

Accreditation Status Updates

- The College currently remains on limited probationary accreditation.
- We met the AVMA Council on Education (COE) requirement for NAVLE performance.
- The AVMA COE will conduct a focused site visit November 15-17, 2026 to reevaluate the College's compliance with AVMA COE Accreditation Standard 4 (Clinical Resources) to assess if caseload is adequate to meet the educational goals of the program.
- We are optimistic that the focused site visit will demonstrate our compliance with Standard 4, resulting in the removal of this remaining deficiency and the restoration of Full Accreditation with No Deficiencies.

Construction Updates

- We are continuing to prepare for the construction of a Small Animal Teaching Hospital and Preclinical Instruction Building (Phase I). Phase II of our construction plan entails a new Large Animal Teaching Hospital.
- Pre-mobilization groundwork has begun.
- We anticipate starting the construction phase of the Small Animal Teaching Hospital in October.

Priority Efforts

- Faculty Recruitment and Retention – We have implemented several strategies to recruit additional full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty, as well as locums.
- Continued improvement in NAVLE performance – We are using performance data to assess and guide strategic implementation of academic requirements, support measures and targeted interventions.
- Student financial stability – We remain committed to identifying resources and opportunities that reduce financial barriers and support student success.
- Faculty, Staff and Student Well-being – We continue to strengthen initiatives that promote the health and well-being of our College community.
- Sharing the longstanding impact of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine with potential donors to inspire philanthropic investment in our programs and students.

Additional Highlights from the Past Year

- The Class of 2030 began their Orientation and Academic Preparedness Week August 3rd and started classes on August 11th. They are off to a great start.
- We have extended small animal teaching hospital hours, including reinstatement of Saturday hours.
- Clinical accessions have increased across our small animal, equine and food animal services.
- We are providing enhanced community access to care through a successful Small Animal Health Fair, Large Animal Health Fair, multiple vaccine clinics, and equine community mobile clinics.
- TUCVM faculty received >\$10M in funded research (2025-2026).
- We successfully provided outreach and enrichment opportunities to over 60 high school students through our VetStep I and VetStep II programs. We also hosted several additional high school groups throughout the year.
- Thirty students who enrolled in the class of 2030 successfully completed the Summer Enrichment and Reinforcement Program (SERP).
- With this admissions application cycle for the class of 2031, we had an 82% increase in applications.

The important work of educating the next generation of veterinarians is possible only because of the dedication, commitment, and unwavering support of the many individuals and organizations that stand behind this great institution and remain committed to sustaining its legacy.

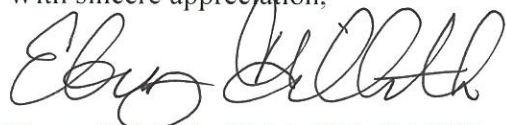
I extend my sincere appreciation to our faculty and staff, who come to work each day with a heart of service; to our alumni, who generously contribute their time, talents, resources, mentorship, and professional networks; to our corporate partners and individual donors, whose support sustains invaluable College programs, initiatives, and student services; to the governmental agencies that invest in grants supporting the veterinary profession and the infrastructure necessary for our continued success; and to the University administration and colleagues, whose intentional support demonstrates that none of us works in isolation—we are all connected in advancing our shared mission.

I especially value the strength of our alumni network and the meaningful connections it provides. Our alumni consistently demonstrate what it means to be part of the Tuskegee family by supporting and encouraging the students who will soon join their ranks.

It has been a privilege to provide updates and engage with many of you at events throughout the past year, including the annual Tuskegee Veterinary Symposium where I had the opportunity to provide the State of the College Address; the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association-sponsored receptions at VMX, WVC, and the AVMA Convention; and at other alumni receptions and events, including the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference. I have also greatly appreciated the many opportunities to connect through telephone calls, emails, and visits to the College.

Thank you for your continued commitment to TUCVM, its students, and its enduring legacy. Together, we will continue advancing this historic institution and preparing the next generation of veterinary professionals to lead, serve, and make a meaningful difference.

With sincere appreciation,



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