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Congratulations to the "ALL GAS, NO BRAKES" Class of 2026: Senior Awards Night Held April 28



The 2026 Senior Awards Banquet held on April 28th honored the "ALL GAS, NO BRAKES Class of 2026". Congratulations to all the winners on the many academic achievement awards distributed that night. We are proud of you all! Academic Achievement Awards were given in the following categories: Dean's Awards for Outstanding Leadership, Academic Excellence Awards representing diversity in the college, American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology Award, American Animal Hospital Association Award of Proficiency in Primary Care, American College of Veterinary Surgery Student Proficiency in Small Animal Award, Award for Proficiency in Emergency & Critical Care sponsored by the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (VECCS), Best Performance in Clinical Pathology Course Award, Best Performance in Clinical Pathology Rotation Award, Excellence in Anatomic Pathology Award, Outstanding Student Award, American College of Veterinary Radiology Senior Student Award, Dr.

Caroline B. Schaffer Memorial Award, Dr. Noriko Excellence in Small Animal Dentistry Award, Ferguson-Guy-Hubbard-Hutcherson Scholarship Awards, IDEXX Awards, James Mack Streeter Award, Dr. Lorrie Linn Small Animal Surgical Proficiency Award, Merck Academic Excellence Awards, National Society of Phi Zeta Honor Society Award, Shelter Medicine Award, Student Leadership Awards, Sword of the Spirit Ministries Student Award, Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Association Award, and Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society Proficiency Award.

Congratulations to the TUCVM's Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program Participants



Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2026 that were participants of the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP) through the American

Association of Veterinary Clinicians (AAVC). TUCVM participants shared that they were grateful for the opportunity to develop their skills and work alongside specialists and trailblazers in the veterinary medicine field. TUCVM Class of 2026 participants that shared their experiences included the following:

Chloe Adams-White was matched to the Veterinary Care and Specialty Group as a Rotating Small Animal Intern in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Morgan K. Banks was matched to BluePearl Specialty and Pet Hospital for a Rotating Internship located in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Kierney Burks was matched to BluePearl Pet Hospital for a Small Animal Rotating Internship with an interest in Dermatology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kyle Jorel Frett was matched to Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine as an Equine Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern in the Veterinary Health Center.

About the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program: The American Association of Veterinary Clinicians sponsors the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP) to facilitate the selection of interns and residents for participating veterinary colleges and private veterinary practices. The VIRMP follows principles established by the Physicians National Intern and Resident Matching Program.

career professionals pursuing careers in veterinary medicine, particularly those from underrepresented or underserved backgrounds. Through this program, selected recipients are awarded educational grants that remove financial barriers to attending major veterinary conferences and professional development events. As part of this honor, Mr. DuBose was invited to attend the VMX Conference on January 17-21, 2026. VMX (Veterinary Meeting & Expo) is the world's largest veterinary conference.

In addition, DuBose is a Fabletics Scrubs & Menswear Partner and through this partnership, he was able to secure a donation of 200 free scrubs for Tuskegee University -- 100 for TUCVM (his class of 2027 and the senior class of 2026) plus 100 scrubs for the nursing school for Black History Month. Additionally, DuBose was featured on Fabletics social media platforms for Black History Month as well modeling the scrubs.

TUCVM Students Participate in CVF Mission Trip to Nicaragua

TUCVM students Class of 2028 **Angeleyah Fletcher, Yahyla Perez, and Glorianna Wright** participated over spring break on March 7-14, 2026, in a Christian Veterinary Mission trip to Nicaragua. They learned about this opportunity through TUCVM's chapter of Christian Veterinary Fellowship (CVF), which meets weekly for Bible study and also hosts various events and fellowship opportunities throughout the academic year. To learn more about CVF events and opportunities, follow CVF on Instagram @cvf_tucvm.

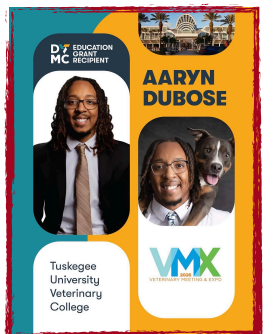
While serving on their mission's trip, the students assisted with providing veterinary care to members of the community, including performing spays and neuters on their pets as well as deworming. "One of the most meaningful parts of the trip was being able to pray with the people who brought their animals and share the Gospel with them. It was really special to be able to care for both their pets and their hearts at the same time," said Angeleyah Fletcher, TUCVM CVF Historian.

The students also spent time at El Ayudante, an organization that offers supportive care for 34 children and their families through Hogar Christiano Nicaraguense (HCN) or Nicaraguan Christian Home. Also, they were able to experience the culture in Nicaragua through trying different foods, learning more about their way of life, and even had the opportunity to experience a unique and unforgettable experience of hiking and slaying down an active volcano.



TUCVM Student DuBose Gets Diversity Coalition Grant Award

TUCVM third year student **Aaryn L. DuBose** (Class of 2027) was selected as the recipient of the 2026 Diversify Veterinary Medicine Coalition (DVMC) Educational Grant. DVMC is an initiative designed to support and elevate students and early-



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