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Greetings and welcome to this issue of the 2022 *Veterinary Medical Perspective* magazine. Due to the continuation of the pandemic now for the third year, the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) has navigated through the challenges of a hybrid curriculum to using the virtual platform for necessary meetings, activities and events to remain connected as a TUCVM family.

This issue highlights a combination of events and accomplishments for the 2021-22 academic year to include several highlights of development news from our dedicated industry partners to the highlights of the important work of our faculty and staff, the achievements of our students and faithful alumni.

First, I want to congratulate the Department of Graduate Public Health (DGPH) on now being fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). In fact, Tuskegee University's Public Health Program is now one of the only two CEPH-accredited public health programs in the State of Alabama. The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Public Health is the other CEPH-accredited program in Alabama.

I am always honored to have the opportunity to welcome our graduating class of veterinarians into the veterinary medical profession as well as to the TUCVM alumni family. I congratulate the Class of 2022 for their endurance and resilience to achieve the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree as the 73rd class to graduate from TUCVM. I also want to recognize our graduate students in the Class of 2022 achieving the Ph.D. degree in Interdisciplinary Pathobiology, Integrative Biosciences, and the Master of Science in Veterinary Science.

We ended the spring semester with a successful Spring Commencement, Veterinary Medicine Hooding and Oath Ceremony for the Class of 2022. This year, the graduation ceremony was a combined graduate and professional schools' commencement held in person on Saturday, April 30th in the General "Chappie" James Center followed by our separate Veterinary Hooding and Oath Ceremony in the University Chapel. Both ceremonies were live-streamed and are also available now on the university's YouTube channel.

The College held the 56th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium in a virtual platform on March 23-25, 2022. Our theme was "*Veterinary Medicine Preparing for a Post Pandemic World: New Norms, Mental Health and Innovation.*" This year's symposium marked the third year in which TUCVM pivoted from a traditional veterinary symposium to a virtual platform because of the pandemic. Also, again this year, the symposium was a RACE® approved continuing education event. The Reunion Classes of **1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 (50th year-golden class), 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 (25th year-silver class), 2002, 2007, 2012, & 2017** were honored and celebrated. I say a special "thank you" to our dedicated and loyal alumni and reunion classes for the financial support given during this year's symposium.

Our reunion classes did a phenomenal job with giving back. We raised a total of \$263,269.00 with more coming. Being an alumna, I am especially grateful to my reunion Class of 1977 for the \$122,022 donation given during this year's symposium, which was the largest amount in our history for an individual reunion class donation. So, get ready next year's reunion classes to meet and exceed the mark to help sustain the legacy of TUCVM! We are certainly looking forward to an in-person 57th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium next year. Remember to mark your calendars for **March 22-25, 2023**. As always, please be mindful to self-care and remain safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you next year in March 2023!

Sincerely,

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Tuskegee University Summer Veterinary Research Scholars Program (TVSP) participants shown here represent students from the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2023. Each summer TVSP offers opportunities to preclinical veterinary students to be involved in mentored research for 10-12 weeks from May through July. TVSP is directed by the Office of Research and Advanced Studies.

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Three Veterinary Students selected as the first IDEXX-Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Scholars

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine

(TUCVM) was pleased to announce the first students selected as the IDEXX Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Scholars. Brittany T. Howard, Justin A. Hodrick, and Sydney N. Johnson are all veterinary students in the TUCVM Class of 2025. They were selected in the fall to be the first three recipients of this landmark initiative in which nine first-year Tuskegee veterinary students will benefit in total. For the entering classes in 2022 and 2023, six more students will be selected.

"Our first three scholarship recipients were grateful to have been selected to represent as IDEXX scholars. IDEXX's intentional commitment to support each recipient's full academic journey through acquiring their DVM from the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine speaks to IDEXX's extraordinary and strategic vision for the future of veterinary medicine,"



said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college.

"With IDEXX as a committed partner, we can continue to advance diversity and equity in veterinary

medicine, which are hallmarks in the history of TUCVM," Dr. Perry concluded.

This multi-year initiative with the IDEXX Foundation is designed to drive comprehensive and positive outcomes for diversifying the veterinary field. The initiative includes nine full scholarships, mental health support for veterinary students, emergency funding for students in need, and monies for important capital improvements at the TUCVM facilities. Each of these elements was identified through engagement with the TUCVM leadership to maximize the positive impacts of this meaningful collaboration.

"Having been inspired by these scholars' stories and ambitions, we are confident that they will have an immensely positive impact on veterinary medicine for

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"Sustaining Our Legacy" Through Partnerships... TUCVM has continued gaining more collaboration with industry partners to support veterinary medical education here at TUCVM in the form of scholarships, grants, sponsorships, gifts, and services. We extend appreciation to our industry partners as they join our valued alumni, stakeholders and TUCVM family in sustaining and advancing the TUCVM's legacy.

TUCVM appreciates your continued support.

For donation questions, please contact L. Kay Allen, Executive Director of Resource Development and External Relations, 334-724-4178; lkallen@tuskegee.edu

decades to come," said Jay Mazelsky, IDEXX President and Chief Executive Officer. "We worked closely with our partners at Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine to support an initiative that helps students thrive by going beyond full academic scholarships to include the complete student experience."

A pioneer in veterinary medical education for 75 years, the TUCVM has a proven track record of increasing access to veterinary medical education, educating 70% of African American veterinarians.

Meet the inaugural IDEXX - TUCVM Scholars



Brittany Howard

Brittany Howard is a veterinary student now attending Tuskegee University who previously attended Fort Valley State University and earned her bachelor's degree in animal science. Ms. Howard is from Birmingham, Alabama, and the oldest of four siblings all raised by a single mother who poured all she could in them to be high achievers. Ms. Howard is a woman of faith and believes that God called her

and her siblings to work hard and achieve. She plans to use her background knowledge of animal agriculture and animal welfare to further her education while earning her DVM degree.

Ms. Howard has not settled on what she would like to specialize in yet; however, her career interests include owning a veterinarian cooperation chain. She desires for this chain of veterinarian-related businesses to consist of private practices, specialty practices, shelters, pet stores, and more. Ms. Howard's other interests outside of veterinary medicine include reading the Bible, meditating, and practicing yoga.



Justin Hodrick

Justin Hodrick is from Houston, Texas, and now enrolled in the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. Mr. Hodrick has been pursuing his interests in veterinary medicine for six years. Prior to entering the veterinary professional program, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Texas Tech University. Mr. Hodrick is currently interested in small animal orthopedic surgery and large animal theriogenology with hopes to open his own practice in his hometown, Houston.

He is profoundly involved in his community and has enjoyed his time volunteering at the Houston Humane Society, South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and men-

toring at-risk youth in the Lubbock, Texas area. Mr. Hodrick wishes to continue to be active in his community throughout his academic and professional career.



Sydney Johnson

Sydney Johnson is a veterinary student attending the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine and is originally from Upper Marlboro, Maryland. She loves suburban areas and has the future ambition, after receiving her DVM, to start her next adventure in a suburban community. Currently, Ms. Johnson, is unsure of what she desires to specialize

in as a veterinarian but is open to learning all the options available in the profession and knows she enjoys working especially with small animals. Her current interests include veterinary dentistry, orthopedic surgery, sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Ms. Johnson is a woman of faith and at her home church, she was very involved in serving as a volunteer in the media and elevation ministries. She assisted the crew in filming the services and helped the unemployed find work. A few of her hobbies include reading, working out, and trying new foods.

All three recipients have expressed their gratitude to IDEXX for allowing them the opportunity to receive this scholarship and assist as they pursue their dreams to become veterinarians and give back to their communities in the future. 🐾

About IDEXX Foundation

The IDEXX Foundation is a donor-advised fund administered by a national donor-advised fund program. The IDEXX Foundation's mission is to create positive, lasting impacts for people, animals, and the environment through inclusive and outcomes-focused initiatives in communities around the world. In addition to creating opportunities for the diverse leaders of tomorrow, the IDEXX Foundation also prioritizes projects that improve access to veterinary care for underserved communities, disaster relief, and animal-assisted therapy, and cultivates community-focused solutions to the global challenges of access to safe water, impacts of climate change, and food sustainability.

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Royal Canin Gave \$175,000 Gift to the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine

Multi-year commitment will help support a diverse veterinary profession

To further its commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity in the veterinary industry, Royal Canin announced it was expanding its support of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) with a five-year financial commitment.

The Royal Canin donation will help promote diversity in the veterinary field by providing discretionary financial support for Tuskegee veterinary students.

"At Royal Canin, we're driven to create the world we want tomorrow," said Cecile Coutens, president of Royal Canin North America. "To achieve this, we must ensure the veterinary talent pipeline more accurately represents our diverse and changing population. We're proud to support Tuskegee University in its efforts to increase representation in the veterinary industry."

This new contribution expands Royal Canin's commitment to strengthening diversity within the veterinary field. In 2020, Royal Canin became a founding member of the Diversity Veterinary Medicine Coalition which aims to increase equity, inclusion, and diversity among veterinary professionals. The business further supports other inclusion initiatives through numerous internal Associate Resource Groups (ARGs), including Pride, Tu Voz, and the Black Advisory Council.

"TUCVM appreciates this intentional and impactful partnership with Royal Canin. Of the thousands of veterinarians in the United States, only 2% are African Americans and of this number, we are proud that 70% are our graduates. Together, we are positioned to provide meaningful sup-

port to TUCVM veterinary students to sustain the legacy of training and educating underrepresented minorities as veterinarians in the veterinary profession," said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college.

In addition to its work supporting equity, inclusion and diversity, Royal Canin offers continuing education and eLearning for veterinarians on a variety of topics, including compassion fatigue, and is a strong supporter of mental health awareness programs as part of its effort to support the veterinary industry and the company's veterinary partners.



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Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Receives Grant from Synchrony Foundation to Support Student Scholarships

TUCVM is grateful to the Synchrony Foundation for its generous multi-year grant to support veterinary medical education. TUCVM is the recipient of a \$400K grant from the Synchrony Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of Synchrony (NYSE:SYF), a leading consumer financial services company. For students desiring to obtain their DVM from Tuskegee University, this grant will help increase educational and training opportunities for Tuskegee veterinary students and expand pathways for increased diverse representation in the veterinary industry.



"As the only veterinary medical professional program located on the campus of a historically black college or university (HBCU) in the US, the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has a sustaining legacy of training and educating underrepresented minorities (URMs) as veterinarians in the veterinary profession," said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of TUCVM.

"We are very appreciative to be a recipient of this generous grant from the Synchrony Foundation which demonstrates an intentional commitment that will inspire our students to achieve their career goals and aspirations to become veterinarians and ultimately promote diversity and inclusion across the veterinary profession," Dean Perry continued.

Synchrony's investment supports the College's mission to educate and graduate diverse veterinarians, preparing them to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow.

"Empowering veterinarians is at the heart of our commitment to provide a lifetime of care for pets," says Jonathan

Wainberg, senior vice president and general manager, Pets, Synchrony. "By partnering with the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, we are bringing together resources and people to better support aspiring veterinarians and help grow and diversify the veterinary profession."

Through the partnership, TUCVM and Synchrony will provide vital skills and veterinary best practice education to aspiring veterinarians. TUCVM students will be granted scholarships that can be used toward the cost of attendance, including tuition, required fees, books, room and board and other educational expenses. Recipients will be selected by the college's Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Committee.

Synchrony supports veterinarians and the nation's veterinary universities through CareCredit, a leading promotional financing solution for health, veterinary and personal care. For more than 30 years, CareCredit has been a valuable financing option for treatments and procedures, giving pet owners the peace of mind needed to care for pets big and small. Synchrony has partnerships with 26 of the nation's 32 veterinary colleges, offering CareCredit to their veterinary patients.



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The Lumbee Veterinarians Make Donation to Tuskegee's Veterinary Medicine College in Honor of Trailblazer Dr. Ellis M. Hall



Alumnus Dr. David E. Brooks presents check to Dean Ruby Perry in tribute to the Late Dr. Ellis M. Hall.

TUCVM is appreciative to alumnus Dr. David E. Brooks and the Lumbee Veterinarians for their heartfelt gift of love in honor of the college's beloved trailblazer, Dr. Ellis Madison Hall.

Dr. David E. Brooks, a 1978 alumnus, made the trip to Tuskegee, Alabama, to attend the late Dr. Ellis Hall's

funeral. He also came to the veterinary college to make a special presentation of \$5,000 to be used to advance the legacy and mission of the College on behalf of the Lumbee Veterinarians on Friday, August 13, 2021.

"Words will never express the level of gratitude I have for Dr. Hall, whom I will always consider as one of my role models in the veterinary profession as well as the Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians. He changed not only my trajectory, but the path of many Lumbee Indians in this nation by introducing the world of veterinary medicine and the vast opportunities in the veterinary profession. We are proud to have a total of 14 Lumbee Veterinarians that have graduated from the professional veterinary medical programs at Tuskegee University and North Carolina State University," Dr. Brooks said.

"Dr. Hall had a unique talent that I often refer to as GPS (guiding people to succeed), but his GPS was not powered by DC or AC power but by God's power with The Holy Spirit living in his heart. Dr. Hall's guidance allowed me to succeed in obtaining a DVM and opening up a clinical practice and continues to allow me to endure life's challenges today," Dr. Brooks concluded.

This tribute from the Lumbee Indians and Dr. Brooks to TUCVM is especially meaningful as Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college, considers Dr. Hall her mentor and leading her into the field of veterinary radiology.

"The passing of Dr. Hall was the loss of another giant who left an imprint on the lives of so many veterinary gradu-

ates from Tuskegee University. Although a sad moment, but time to celebrate his legacy and accomplishments as the first African American veterinary radiologist. Dr. Brooks' visit was a special time to reflect on the life of a man who helped so many and was such an inspirational mentor and role-model for both of us. Dr. Hall was a remarkable man and an excellent teacher. He was especially noted by all who knew and loved him for his life philosophy, 'stay in his Master's will and do the right thing,' great motto for a great man indeed! Again, we are thankful to Dr. Brooks and the Lumbee Indians for their continual support and love to the college," Dean Perry said.

The late Dr. Ellis M. Hall was a 1956 alumnus, trailblazer, professor emeritus and retired faculty member, who was credited with being the "Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians" because of his efforts in helping the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County who also faced some of the same problems with discrimination as African Americans had faced. Dr. Hall did a recruitment trip at Pembroke State University back in the fall of 1973 to get Lumbee Indian students into the veterinary school at Tuskegee University in which alumnus Dr. David E. Brooks was a recipient.

Dr. Brooks is also considered a trailblazer for being the first Lumbee Indian veterinarian, and for over ten years, the first and only Lumbee Indian to own and operate a clinical veterinary practice. Dr. Brooks is the co-founder and principal donor of the Dr. Ellis Hall Scholarship for Native Americans at Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine (endowed since 2005). 🦋

History of The Lumbee Veterinarians

Dr. Davis E. Brooks, Tuskegee University Class of 1978
Dr. Curt Locklear, Jr., Tuskegee University Class of 1979
Dr. Michael Deese, Tuskegee University Class of 1989
Dr. Terry Clark, Tuskegee University Class of 1989
Dr. Jacqueline Locklear, North Carolina State Class of 1990
Dr. Lora Cummings, North Carolina State University Class of 1999
Dr. Sonya M. Chavis, North Carolina State University Class of 2013
Dr. Melissa Chavis, Tuskegee University Class of 2014
Dr. Isaac Martinez, Tuskegee University Class of 2016
Dr. Ben Mitchell, Tuskegee University Class of 2017
Dr. Sarah Oxendine, North Carolina State University Class of 2017
Dr. Jana Hunt, Tuskegee University Class of 2018
Dr. Taylor Locklear, North Carolina State University Class of 2020
Dr. Austin M. Deese, Tuskegee University Class of 2021



Calling all TU Veterinary Alumni

Dear Alumni,

The pandemic has impacted all of us in various ways and left us feeling isolated and disconnected since we were unable to attend our annual alumni gatherings. We would like to get reconnected! Dean Ruby L. Perry appointed us to serve as Co-Chairs of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Dean's Alumni Board and we are excited to serve in this leadership role.

One of the primary goals of the Dean's Alumni Board is to build alumni relations. Therefore, to reach this important goal we are initiating a campaign to improve alumni engagement. The theme that we will use for this initiative is ***"Connect, Re-Connect and Stay Connected"*** which intimately improves alumni engagement. As you are aware, the veterinary alumni are critical to sustaining the College's mission and legacy. The synergy generated when we get together cannot be duplicated or reproduced. Therefore, it is so important that we stay connected.

We feel an urgent need to reach out to TUCVM alumni unable to contact us due to illness or extenuating circumstances. We also feel an urgent need to remain connected and stay in contact with the families of deceased TUCVM alumni as they too are part of the TUCVM family. In the words of the hit song by Peaches and Herb ~ ***"we wish to be reunited and it feels so good"***!

Therefore, in an effort to be more engaged and involved with TUCVM alumni and their families, we will need to ensure that we have as much information on all of TUCVM alumni as possible so that we can connect, reconnect, and stay connected. Since we want to be thorough, we will be sending out this announcement via e-mail, Facebook, Instagram, website (TUCVM and TVMAA) and the Veterinary Perspective magazine. We will be looking into the best ways to reach out to those for whom we feel that we have lost contact. Therefore, we may be reaching out to classmates particularly class leaders of our missing TUCVM alumni and the families of deceased alumni.

If you know of a TUCVM alumnus or family that you feel we need to contact, please send the information to our designated alumni communication e-mail at tucvmalumni@tuskegee.edu. Please note all information provided at this email stie will be confidential and only viewed by staff of the TUCVM alumni relations office.

Thank you for assisting us rekindle the flame of our alumni connection that was impacted by the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Saralyn Smith-Carr

Dr. Saralyn Smith-Carr
Class of 1978

Lloyd V. Jarmon

Dr. Lloyd V. Jarmon
Class of 1978

"Connect, ReConnect, & Stay Connected Campaign"...

Please join Dr. Saralyn Smith-Carr & Dr. Lloyd Jarmon, Co-Chairs of Dean Perry's Alumni Board, in promoting the "Connect, Reconnect, & Stay Connected" campaign to help TUCVM update our alumni database. If you know of a TUCVM alumnus or family that you feel we need to contact, please send the information to our designated alumni communication e-mail at tucvmalumni@tuskegee.edu.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU ALUMNI
FOR ALL YOU DO FOR YOUR ALMA MATER & MOTHER TUSKEGEE!**



ACVP Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Panel Discussion

Through our Eyes:
A Panel Discussion in Honor & Celebration of Black
History Month
February 21st, 12:00- 1:00pm US CDT



Dr. Angela Brice



Dr. Alexandra Byas



Panelists:
Dr. K. Paige Carmichael



Dr. Ian Moore



Dr. Willie Reed

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) Black History Month 2022 Panel Discussion featured several TUCVM alumni as speakers to include: **Dr. Angela Brice-2002 alum**, **Dr. K. Paige Carmichael-1987 alum**, **Dr. Ian Moore-2006 alum** and **Dr. Willie Reed-1978 alum**. To honor and celebrate Black History Month and the achievements and contributions of Black Americans, ACVP hosted an event that included viewing a short video on the history of Black History Month, followed by a panel discussion where four TUCVM alumni were among the panelist that shared their experiences and insights. Dr. Brice is an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Carmichael is Meigs Distinguished Professor of Pathology at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Reed is professor and dean at Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Moore is the director and veterinary pathologist at Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Emory University Division of Pathology.



In memory of the late alumnus **Dr. Leonard H. Billups (Class of 1965)** and former faculty member, a plaque has been erected in his honor, located in the front hall of the recently renovated TUCVM postmortem building. Dr. Billups served as a respected and beloved

faculty member within the Department of Pathobiology from 1992 until his passing in 2009. He was an anatomic pathologist and trained scores of veterinary students and interns, often serving as a mentor, providing guidance and wisdom to help others achieve their aspirations. Dr. Billups was an influential team member within the department and college and was a foundational leader who helped grow the Veterinary Diagnostic Services Laboratory. In honor of his legacy and memory, his wife Dr. Harriet Billups spearheaded the effort to erect a memorial plaque in his honor. Dean Perry enthusiastically supported the erection of this memorial in acknowledgment and appreciation of the service of Dr. Leonard H. Billups to the college.



Dr. Courtney Campbell

Dr. Courtney Campbell '05 was one of the featured presenters on Oct. 27 for Purina Webinars. His presentation was entitled, "Wound Healing: Reckoning with the Past, Understanding the Present, and Creating the Future for a More Inclusive Veterinary Profession." The sessions provided an opportunity for participants to enjoy and learn from industry professionals about different

advancements relating to nutrition and pet care as well as get credited with continuing education units for participating.



Dr. K. Paige Carmichael '87 was the inaugural recipient of the Dawn D. Bennett Alexander Inclusive Community Award from the University of Georgia (UGA) during the Embracing

Diversity event on Oct. 27. The award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has made considerable and lasting contributions to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion within and beyond the classrooms at the UGA. Dr. Carmichael is a professor of veterinary pathology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia and previously served as the college's dean for academic affairs.



Dr. Dondrae Coble

Dr. Dondrae Coble '05 was appointed as Chief of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Comparative Medicine Branch and Animal Program Director. He was featured in the Dec. 2021 issue of the *Environmental Factor* newsletter for the NIEHS. Before joining the institute, Dr. Coble directed the animal resources core and was an attending veterinarian at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Critter Fixers: Country Vets with alums **Dr. Vernard Hodges '97** and **Dr. Terrence Ferguson '98** recently received the 4th Annual Critics Choice Awards for Best Animal/Nature Show!

Read more at: <https://hbcubuzz.com/2022/06/critter-fixers-stars-win-critics-choice-award-for-best-animal-show/>.





They returned for season 3 kicking off with the first episode on March 26 at 9/8c on Nat Geo WILD. Based out of Georgia, Drs. Hodges and Ferguson have been friends for over three decades, a camaraderie that is evident in every episode of the show. Past seasons are already streaming on Disney+ and the new season also joined the streaming service on March 30.

Dr. Hodges is also scheduled to give the keynote address on Sept. 22. at the 55th Annual Conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP). To register or learn more, visit: <http://aabp.org/meeting/register.asp>.



Dr. SanYvette Williams-Foy

Dr. SanYvette Williams-Foy '88 was inducted into the AAMU Alumni Hall of Fame. The Alabama A&M University (AAMU) Alumni Hall of Fame was founded in 1989 to honor those outstanding alumni who excelled in their chosen profession. To see more, visit: Visit www.aamu.edu/AlumniHaloFame.



Dr. Callie Harris '08 hosted an in-person Purina Lunch & Learn on new product Cardio Care on March 15 for TUCVM

students. To be in compliance with all COVID protocols and social distancing, only 60 in-person participants were allowed and provided fresh boxed meals. Also, as an added bonus lots of prizes and giveaways were provided as well for students. Dr. Harris is a small animal veterinarian and the Senior Veterinary Communications Manager at Nestle Purina PetCare.



Dr. Donita McCants

Dr. Donita McCants '15 is known as a mobile vet and is the owner of a veterinary hospital on wheels which services the Orlando, Florida area. Vet Candy: On the road with Dr. Donita McCants Veterinary Concierge Service was featured in the Cincinnati Tuskegee Alumni Club News Roundup & My Vet Candy, March 11, 2022 issue.



Dr. Leland McLaughlin

Dr. Leland McLaughlin '87 was honored by the city of Charlotte and presented an 18ft. mosaic of his likeness for his many years of community service to the citizens on the West Side and helping the inner city. Dr. McLaughlin was in a private practice for 24 years and dedicated his life to helping the underserved. He did volunteer work and mentored many kids interested in veterinary medicine as well as hired more than 10 college students who went on to veterinary school. He also served as a big brother and was involved with the Boy Scouts. Dr. McLaughlin treated exotic animals and provided his services free of charge for 24 years to The Discovery Place, Charlottes Nature Museum and the Charlotte school system. Being the only black veterinarian in the city, he visited many schools to talk about the profession and overcoming poverty, homelessness and the drive to stay in school.



Dr. Evan Morse '68 celebrated his BIG 50 Year Anniversary as owner of Warrensville Animal Hospital with a special celebration on June 5, 2022. He founded the Warrensville Animal Center in 1972 and was one of the first African American veterinarians in the state of Ohio. He is also co-founder of the Free Animal Clinic Team (FACT), a consortium of veterinarians providing free animal care to needy pet owners throughout Greater Cleveland.

Dr. Morse was also featured on the October newsletter cover and in the *Black-DVM Network Blog* for being the first black

veterinarian in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Joe Owens '12 was featured on the cover of Nationwide *COMPANION* magazine. In his interview with the magazine, he discussed some of his hurdles as a veterinarian and also



gave advice for pet owners. See more at: https://companion-petmagazine.com/issues/spring-2021/a-vets-perspective?hs_preview=NUpGXhRD-45698809657&hsLang=en.



Dr. Willie Reed '78 was featured for the February 2022 Black History Month issue of the AAVMC's VET MED Educator newsletter as a leader and trailblazer. Dr. Reed is the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University and serves as the TVMAA Treasurer. He was featured on Purdue's CVM VetaHumanz podcast as a SUPERBOSS and selected as one of Savoy Magazine's 2021 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors. See more at: <https://vet.purdue.edu/vetahumanz/vetahumanz/313/>.



Dr. Michael Shorter '78 was featured in ABC News article on 9/11, entitled: *Godsend: The vets and volunteers who cared for 9/11 rescue dogs* - ABC News. "It is a story not well known but reflects the resolve and instincts of grass-

roots veterinarians from all walks of life. Going to Tuskegee in some ways prepared me for disaster response in learning how to be resourceful with limited supplies and equipment. I had learned to focus on instinctive triage based on touch smell palpation etc. I am still involved with working with K9 SARS groups, military FDNY, NYPD etc. helping to design training modules and courses for these teams in the northeast," said Dr. Shorter. See more at: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/godsend-vets-volunteers-cared-911-rescue-dogs/story?id=80041887>.



L to R in photo are his daughter and assistant Subria Spencer, Dr. Darren Spencer, WSFA News Anchorman Judd Davis, and WSFA News Cameraman.

Dr. Darren Spencer '93 is a local resident of Notasulga, Alabama and was featured on WSFA Channel 12 news segment "County Road 12" on October 15, 2021, during the 6:00 PM news. The segment featured Dr. Spencer's local farm, named "Harlem Comes to Cotton Farms," which is based on Dr. Spencer being a native

New Yorker who decided to develop a homestead and farm on property he invested in the deep South after finishing veterinary

school. The farm serves the local and surrounding communities through its provision of eggs, meat, lambs, and delicious honey.



Dr. Shanell Thomas '18 was featured for National Veterinary Associates (NVA) Compassion-First Specialty/ER Hospitals issue for February 2022 Black History Month. Dr. Thomas is now employed at Bayview Animal Hospital. She hopes to encourage more people of color to consider veterinary medicine as a profession.



Dr. Shermaine Wilson Cox '14 was recognized as the First African American Female Veterinarian to be in the "Atlanta's People You Need To Know" Business Guide 2022. This was featured for February 2022 Black History Month.



Dr. Wanda Wilson Egbe '90 was featured in a past Aug. 2021 JAVMA article entitled, "FEDERAL VETERINARIANS DELIVER THOUSANDS OF COVID VACCINES." The article featured the National Veterinary Response Team (NVRT) and Disaster Medical Assistance Team which deployed to Wisconsin and Kentucky last year following a federal declaration that included veterinarians and veterinary students among the pool of qualified professionals who can administer COVID-19 vaccinations to people. Cmdr. Wanda Wilson Egbe is the chief veterinary officer and program director for the NVRT.

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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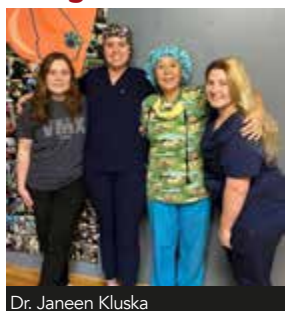
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SPOTLIGHT on the Stobaeus/Kluska Family ... "A Legacy Continued..."

"Mother Tuskegee" and the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's (TUCVM) outstanding record of producing legacies are putting the spotlight on the Stobaeus/Kluska Family (Mother – Dr. Janeen Kluska, Father – Dr. Rick Stobaeus, and Son – Dr. Nobuki Stobaeus) in this issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective.

Background on Dr. Janeen Kluska



Dr. Janeen Kluska

Dr. Janeen Kluska grew up in the city and the suburbs of Chicago and knew from childhood that she wanted to be a veterinarian. While in high school, she worked as a kennel girl, a veterinary assistant in several small animal practices and an emergency clinic in the Chicago area as well as did some volunteer work. In 1980, Dr. Kluska graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Agriculture Science and initially got accepted to Ross University, where she completed her first year of her veterinary education on the island of Dominica and also there met her future husband, Dr. Rick Stobaeus. After they returned to Chicago, Dr. Kluska worked as a veterinary technician while applying to the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine (TUSVM). **Now known as the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.**

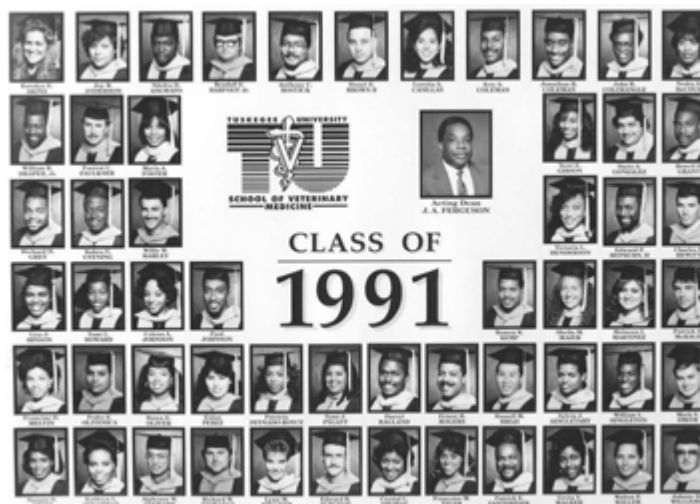
Currently, Dr. Kluska is doing relief work with the PeachState Animal Rescue Foundation in Jesup, Georgia, and has a house call practice. She also helped to start two low-cost spay/neuter clinics and worked for two rescue organizations. She still enjoys instructing veterinary students, especially in the areas of surgical skills and shelter medicine. As a hobby, she raises and rehabilitates orphaned and injured wild birds.

Background on Dr. Rick Stobaeus



Dr. Rick Stobaeus

Dr. Rick Stobaeus was born in New Jersey and grew up in New England and New York. He went to Berlin, Germany for eighth grade and attended Northfield Mount Hermon School from ninth to 12th grades. After graduating from high school, Dr. Stobaeus volunteered at Robinson Animal Hospital in Madison, NJ in 1972-73 and then also volunteered at Bonnie Plant Farm in Union Springs, Alabama in 1973. He had several experiences in veterinary medicine prior to completing his DVM and after completing his DVM to include worked as a work study student at JT Vaughan Large Animal Teaching Hospital from 1973-77; Rhesus Monkey Research,



Psychology Department at Auburn University from 1977-78; University of Messina, College of Veterinary Medicine from 1981-82; the Dominica, West Indies from 1982-83; and worked with Veterinary Services with then Animal Health Assistant, Dr. John Collin McIntyre (1992 TUSVM alum), who was a classmate and surgery partner of Dr. Gerald Ramkissoon (also 1992 TUSVM alum). Dr. Stobaueus served as president-elect, president and past-president of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners from 1999-2005. He also assisted Dean Perry and the late Dr. James Heinz with NAVLE Prep from 2000-2010. Since 2013, he has worked with McIntyre Veterinary Hospital Roseau in Dominica, West Indies.

Their Tuskegee Experience

While students at Tuskegee, they bought an old farmhouse with five acres of property in Notasulga, Alabama, and married at the Macon County courthouse with several classmates in attendance to show their support which was the beginning of strong friendships with classmates. Over the next seven years, the Stobaueus' home hosted many parties, cookouts, holiday dinners and study sessions. On the farm they kept horses, cows, pigs and goats for students to work on for experience. They also raised German Shepherds and Great Pyrenees.

Upon graduating in 1988, Dr. Kluska joined the Pathology Department at Tuskegee as an instructor of clinical pathology and parasitology. She also conducted research at Moton Field and was also trained in acupuncture while at Tuskegee. In 1991 when Dr. Stobaueus graduated from TUSVM, they moved to Brunswick, Georgia to open their own mixed animal practice, the Animal Care Clinic. Dr. Kluska and Dr. Stobaueus practiced together for 15 years, helping many veterinary students gain experience and prepare for board exams.

While Dr. Kluska and her husband then Dr. Stobaueus attended TUSVM they had two children. Once they moved to Brunswick, Georgia, they had three more children. All five of their children have earned Bachelor's degrees and beyond. However, their oldest, Dr. Nobuki Stobaueus, was born while Dr. Kluska was a student at TUSVM. He followed in his parents' footsteps graduating from Tuskegee with his DVM in 2012. Both Dr. Kluska and Dr. Stobaueus are grateful that their son is a Tuskegee legacy and proud that he was able to be a part of the diverse culture of TUSVM faculty and student body as they were.

Not only is the late Dr. Gerald Ramkissoon (who passed in 2021), whom they both had affiliation with while at Tuskegee also a Tuskegee alumnus, Dr. Ramkissoon was also an extended member of their family. He was from Trinidad and upon graduating from TUSVM in 1992, he married Dr. Kluska's sister. He also had an exceptional veterinary career.

Background on Dr. Nobuki Stobaueus



Dr. Nobuki Stobaueus

Dr. Nobuki Stobaueus, originally from Tuskegee, AL, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Berry College in 2007. He then received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2012. He is blessed to be married to his wife, Sonya, and to have three dogs in his life: Sheena, Benzi, and Squirtle. His professional interests include dermatology, surgery, and practice management. He resides in Wesley Chapel, FL, and has been with Royal Pets since 2013. He is currently the Area Medical Director of the four Royal Pets' veterinary clinics in the Tampa, FL area. 🐾

The Senior Awards Virtual Ceremony: A Celebration of Excellence Class of 2022 Senior Awards April 23, 2022 <https://www.youtube.com/user/tuskegeeuniversity>

Academic Achievement Awards:

Baker, Ashley N.; Moze, Sabrie J.; Christia, Christopher M.; Haidar, Janine F.; Ragbeer, Natassja K.; Irizarry-Alfonzo, Angela; & Ladhar, Amarpreet

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology:

Alexandria Foote

Dechra Dermatology Award:

Ainsley Horton

Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Association:

Christopher Christia

Ferguson-Guy-Hubbard-Hutcherson Scholarship:

Jasmine Bogan

Outstanding Student Awards:

Evan Aberthany, Ashley Baker, Christopher Christia Jr., Ayanna Davis, Chardonay Elliott, Ainsley Horton, Kaitlyn Kreider, Larry Moore, Sabrie Moze, Kaitlynn Pfeiffer, Alejandra Rodriguez, Sage Shaddox, Sarah Siekkinen, Qindasi Silva, Janice Trotter, & Telea Wade-LaHart

Proficiency in Emergency & Critical Care (sponsored by VECCS):

Kaitlynn Pfeiffer

Shelter Medicine Award:

Anthony Farmer

AAHA Award of Proficiency in Primary Care:

Brooke Appleton

Dentistry Award:

Sheridan Barajas

DIVA Award (Dr. Mimi Johnson):

Telea Wade-LaHart

The American College of Veterinary Surgery Student Surgical Proficiency in Small Animal:

John Delgado

Dr. Lorrie Linn Student Surgical Award:

Sabrie Moze

American Association of Feline Practitioners:

Sheridan Barajas

ACVIM Certificate of Clinical Excellence:

Small Animal

Brianna Carter & Sabrie Moze;

Large Animal

Angela Irizarry-Alfonzo

Dechra Excellence in Small Animal

Internal Medicine:

Amarpreet Ladhar

Best Performance in Clinical Pathology Course:

Ashley Baker

Best Performance in Clinical Pathology Rotation:

Telea Wade-LaHart

Excellence in Anatomic Pathology Award:

Telea Wade-LaHart

OP Verma Endocrinology Award:

Clifton Hicks

Dr. Terrence Ferguson Award for Excellence in Small Animal Parasitology:

Natassja Ragbeer & Ainsley Horton

Dr. Na-Te' K. McFarlane Award for Excellence in Veterinary Parasitology:

Evan Abernethy

Sword of the Spirit Ministries Student Award:

Abigail Malatesta & Brooke Appleton

Diagnostic Imaging Student Recognition Award:

Kirstie T. McTear & Alejandra P. Rodriguez

Merck Academic Excellence Awards:

Baker, Ashley N.; Moze, Sabrie J.; Christia, Christopher M.; Ragbeer, Natassja K.; Moore, Larry; Wade-LaHart, Telea; Carter, Brianna L.; Davis, Ayanna D.; Haidar, Janine F.; & Irizarry-Alfonzo, Angela

Dechra Excellence in Equine Sports Medicine:

Brooke Appleton



"Throw a Pie at Class of 2024 E-Board Member Fun Event" was held during fall semester and was a tremendous success as a fundraiser with sticky sweet pies starting at just \$1. There

were also some SPECIAL GUESTS getting pie-ed too (thanks Dr. Thomas Graham and Mr. Eugene Johnson)! All classes and faculty were welcomed to attend. The event was hosted outside of Patterson Hall after classes. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to relieve some pre-finals stress and get a good laugh in with fellow TUCVM family members! Also, the goal of funds raised was to help with the cost of the NAVLE for students. The Class of 2024 E-Board thanked all participants for the support given.

Lasha Hicks (Class of 2024) was selected for a full



sponsorship from SAVMA to attend the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) 30th Veterinary Leadership Conference on January 6-9, 2022, to represent Tuskegee University & further her professional leadership skills. This conference is the veterinary profession's premier conference for leadership development. Through a unique mix of CE sessions, AVMA governance meetings, and networking, attendees expanded and honed leadership skills while connecting with a diverse network of colleagues from all walks of the veterinary profession. Ms. Hicks sits on many committees and holds two prestigious TUCVM leadership titles, SAVMA president and 2024 class president.

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Courtney Moore (Class of 2023) received 3rd Place



in the 2021 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Summer Internship

Program Graduate Poster Contest. Ms. Moore has a career interest in anatomical pathology. She did the virtual summer internship program with Tuskegee 1985 alum Dr. Ron Herbert at the National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS). Her task was to train an artificial intelligence (AI) model to detect, scan, and identify lung tumors. She presented her findings in a research poster.

Terrance Mitchell (Class of 2024) is the recipient of the recent Nestle-Purina Academic Achievement Scholarship. Mr. Mitchell graduated from Tuskegee University with a B.S. in Animal Science and a minor in Biology. He participates in a several organizations within TUCVM to include: SAVMA's International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA) representative, Zoo Medicine Chair of the Zoo and Exotics' Club, and a Wet Lab Coordinator for the Surgery Club. Mr. Mitchell has participated in some amazing opportunities to include conducting research at Zoo Atlanta, Kruger National Park in South Africa, and working with Native Americans on conservation projects in California. Dr. Callie Harris (Foley), Senior Veterinary Communications Manager for the Professional Engagement Team at Nestlé Purina PetCare, visited with Mr. Terrance Mitchell during her spring semester trip to TUCVM.



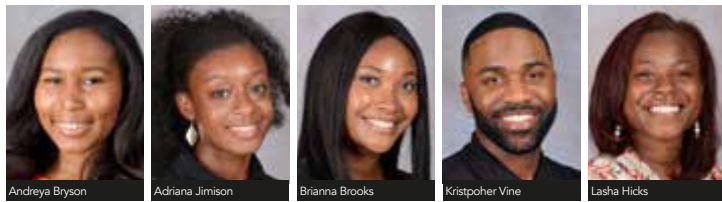
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Ph.D. student) has been awarded a Graduate Student Fellowship by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Division for the period January 2022 to 2023. This program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE): a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) institute managed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through a contract between ORAU and DOE. During the fellowship period, Mr. Soku, under the supervision of his advisors, will work on a project titled "Improving the understanding of antimicrobial resistance in bacteria from human clinical samples and food-producing animals and their products." As part of this fellowship, Mr. Soku is learning how to apply scientific and technical knowledge to inform FSIS decision-making and improve the safety of the food supply.

2022 Zoetis Foundation Veterinary Student Scholarship Award Recipients



Brianna Brooks (Class of 2023), Kristopher Vines (Class of 2023), Lasha Hicks (Class of 2024), Adriana Jimison (Class of 2024), and Andrey Bryson (Class of 2024) are the TUCVM recipients. Funded by the Zoetis Foundation, the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) provides scholarships to second and third-year veterinary students in the United States and the Caribbean as part of the Zoetis Foundation's commitment to supporting those who care for animals. This year the 2022 Zoetis Foundation/AAVMC Veterinary Student Scholarship received over 950 applicants from the colleges of veterinary medicine (CVM) in the U.S. and Caribbean. The five Tuskegee University CVM students selected exemplified academic excellence, leadership, and financial need, as well as meeting the ongoing needs of the veterinary profession: diversity, sustainability, and mixed/rural medicine practice. Recipients of the 2022 Zoetis Foundation Veterinary Student Scholarship Award will receive \$2,000 for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. "Zoetis' long-standing commitment to the mission of assisting veterinary students is unwavering," said Tuskegee Alum Dr. Christine Jenkins, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President, Veterinary Medical Services and Outcomes Research at Zoetis.

TUCVM AAWV Zoo and Exotics Club Gets National Recognition



The Tuskegee Chapter of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV) received national praise and was spotlighted in the yearly national business meeting in the fall semester. The Chapter was noted for their achievements including creative webinars, volunteer opportunities, and their social media presence. They were also praised for the design of the club logo, which was created by Erin

Pettibon. Ms. Pettibon serves as the Class of 2023 fundraising chair, past president for AAWV 2020-2021 and Zoo & Exotics Club president for 2021-2022. The TUCVM AAWV is the first AAWV chapter in Alabama. AAWV Tuskegee Chapter was founded in February 2019. Members of the club and E-board include: **Atalani Jackson, Danny Tapia, Erin Pettibon, Trijon White, Patricia Bradley, Serena Jackson, and Sierra Johnson.**

2021-22 Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarships for Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine

2021-2022 Merck TUCVM Scholarship Recipients



Merck Animal Health continued its commitment to helping veterinary medical students further their education as they pursue their future careers in veterinary medicine by providing 15 students at TUCVM scholarship money for the 2021-22 cycle. These students represent the TUCVM classes of 2023 and 2024. For more information on Merck Animal Health visit www.merck-animal-health.com or connect with them on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) at @MerckAH.



The 15 TUCVM recipients recognized for 2021-2022: Ginger Bailey (Class of 2024), Tyana Brown (Class of 2023), Sydney Dockery (Class of 2023), Lasha Hicks (Class of 2024), Jane Hostomsky (Class of 2023), Kierra Johnson (Class of 2023), Sierra Johnson (Class of 2023), Dominique Lyles (Class of 2024), Kennedy Miller (Class of 2023), Latisha Mills (Class of 2024), Esontay Mitchell (Class of 2024), Bryce Peterson (Class of 2023), Morgan Roney (Class of 2024), Danyelle Stroud (Class of 2024), and Maria Zayas (Class of 2024)



TUCVM students **LaToya Bryant**, owner of MaZaris Kennel LLC, and **Johnathan Floyd** (both Class of 2024) exposed students to veterinary medicine during Tuskegee Institute Middle School's 2021 Summer Enrichment Program under Principal Rosemary Wright and Site Coordinator March Knight.

Faculty Awards recognized during virtual Senior Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2022



Dr. Benjamin Adu-Addai, assistant professor of veterinary pathology in the Department of Pathobiology (Mentor/ Principal Investigator), Dr. Jatna Rivas (IBS Ph.D. student), and Ms. Dominique Lyles (DVM student) all represented TUCVM at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) in Chicago, Illinois, on December 3-7, 2021. At the conference, their work on an alternative treatment approach of mastitis using three combinations of synergic products was presented.



Dr. Marc Alkhal, joined TUCVM in the fall semester as a Clinical Instructor in Diagnostic Imaging assigned to the Large Animal Clinical Sciences Dept. Dr. Alkhal is a 2017 graduate of The University of West Indies, School of Veterinary Medicine (UWISVM) in the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago. After obtaining his DVM degree, he spent three years as a teaching assistant in small animal medicine and surgery at the UWI SVM and received additional training in his area of interest - Diagnostic Imaging.

Daryl Brownlee, Director Veterinary Operations for TUCVM, recently passed the Certified Facility Manager Exam and is now a Certified Facility Manager. The Certified Facility Manager (CFM) is the globally-recognized credential to help showcase the mastery

of skills and knowledge across the entire facility management spectrum. The CFM certification exam is a comprehensive exam, which reviews 11 core facility management competencies. Mr. Brownlee is also a member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA).



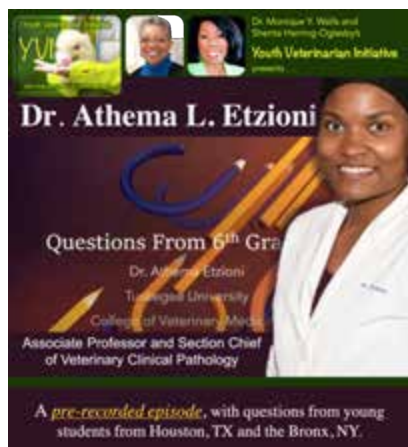
Deetra L. Benn joined TUCVM as Coordinator of Veterinary Recruitment and Admissions effective February 2. Ms. Benn is a proud native of Montgomery, Alabama. She is a two-time graduate of Troy University, having earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science, and master's degree in Counseling and Psychology. Although she had plans to attend law school, her love for education lead her into a career with the collegiate system. No stranger to higher education, Ms. Benn has over 13 years of experience ranging from Enrollment Management, Records and Registration to Student Support Services (TRiO). She is also an author/writer, and when not being of service to students, Ms. Benn enjoys writing and being a motivational speaker.



Chankia Sherell Berry joined the college as the Veterinary Medicine Social Worker, effective March 1. She is an alumna of Tuskegee University where she earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work. Ms. Berry also earned her master's degree in Social Work from Barry University in 2014. She has experience in working with diverse groups of all sizes to include working with populations in hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities, and the Department of Family and Children Services.



Dr. Benjamin C. Datiri was recently presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who. Dr. Datiri is a research associate professor in the Department of Pathobiology and assistant director of Animal Care at TUCVM.



Dr. Athema L. Etzioni is an associate professor and section chief of Veterinary Clinical Pathology at TUCVM. She contributed as the keynote speaker at one of the Youth Veterinarian Initiative presentations. The links below are to her presentation (divided into 2 parts): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muBmj42wtlw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBj6mM_8gdU.



Dr. Deidre Quinn Gorham

Dr. Deidre Quinn-Gorham recently acquired a new patent for her medical device, Multiple Blade Handle System also called Manifold Scalpel Handle. Dr. Quinn-Gorham is Coordinator of Educational Programs & Instructional Technology, Department of Pathobiology. Read more at: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/tuskegee-university-veterinarian-acquires-new-patent-for-a-medical-device>.



Dr. David McKenzie, while in his role as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar teaching in Ghana, was instrumental in the partnership for securing supplies from UAB, Tuskegee University and other sources to help Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology School of Veterinary Medicine in Kumasi, Ghana. See more at: <https://www.uab.edu/news/health/item/12916-uab-contributes-veterinary-medical-supplies-to-ghanaian-university-struggling-with-supply-chain-issues>.



Dr. McKenzie was also asked by the US Embassy in the capital city of Accra to make a brief presentation to Ghanaian high school students for 2022 Black History Month. The title of the presentation, compiled by the education division at the embassy, was "Black Scientists that the World Should Know About." The presentation was live on the Facebook channel of the US Embassy Ghana.



Jamial Miller

Jamial Miller joined TUCVM as Lab Animal Technician. Mr. Miller is currently a graduate student at Tuskegee University pursuing a master's degree in Veterinary Science. He grew up in San Diego, California, and after graduating high school, he attended Landmark College in Vermont. Mr. Miller graduated in 2015, earning an associate degree in Science and Life Science. After graduation, he enrolled in Tuskegee University and earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science. While seeking his master's degree, he is also now working as a Lab Animal Technician in TUCVM's Comparative Medicine Resource Center. His future plan is to become a professor in the field of veterinary science or animal science.



Dr. Madryn S. Odom

Dr. Madryn S. Odom joined TUCVM as the Director of Academic Support Programs, Student Success and Retention, effective March 14. She has an extensive educational background having received a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership from Northcentral University, a certification as a Special Education teacher from the University of Georgia, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in finance from the University of Wisconsin, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), specializing in accounting, from Washington University. Prior to joining Tuskegee University, Dr. Odom worked in the education field for over 22 years, including six years as a co-owner and executive director of three childcare centers, two years as a private tutor, 14 years as a certified Pre-K through 12 special education teacher, and three years as an adjunct college professor and college math lab coordinator. She also served as a department manager for a large, metropolitan school system for several years.

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) in celebrating women in leadership @AAVMC for #womenshistorymonth2022, featured Dr. Susan Tornquist and **Dr. Ruby L. Perry** in their newly elected roles at the AAVMC. Dr. Tornquist is the Lois Bates Acheson dean of the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University and the fourth female president since the AAVMC's founding in 1966. Dean Perry has another first under her as the first African American woman to hold the president's position at AAVMC. She has been selected to serve as president-elect.





Francisca Quarcoo

Francisca Quarcoo joined TUCVM as the Grants and Financial Administrator – Office of the Dean, effective May 23. Prior to this position, she was the Assistant to the Director of Integrative Biosciences (IBS) Ph.D. Program at Tuskegee University for about seven years. Before joining Tuskegee, she served as an Administrative and Human Resources Officer at UT Bank in Ghana. Her professional experience includes budget, fiscal, and office management. In 2009, Mrs. Quarcoo earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Christian Service University in Ghana. In 2015, she completed a MS program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Tuskegee University where she is currently a second-year doctoral student in the Integrative Public Policy and Development (IPPD) program.

New CVM Leadership Appointments

Dean Ruby L. Perry recently made the following new leadership appointments within the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM). Dean Perry appointed **Dr. David McKenzie** as the new Associate Dean for Clinical Programs, **Dr. Ebony Gilbreath** as the new Assistant Dean for Pre-Clinical Programs, **Dr. Michele Tucker** as the new Section Chief of Small Animal Internal Medicine/Emergency Critical Care, and **Dr. Ida Phillips** as the new Section Chief of Necropsy. Dr. McKenzie and Dr. Gilbreath are direct reports to the Dean.



Dr. David McKenzie

Dr. David McKenzie is Department Head for Large Animal Clinical Sciences and also an adjunct professor of Health Education in the TUCVM Department of Graduate Public Health. Dr. McKenzie earned his DVM degree from Tuskegee University in 1990. Originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. McKenzie has lived in the United States for over 30 years and has taught at TUCVM for over 25 years. One of a handful of African American board-certified large animal internal medicine specialists in the world, Dr. McKenzie enjoys the challenges of teaching new veterinary students each year. International veterinary medicine is a special passion. He has collaborated with colleagues in Antigua, Grenada, Canada, Jamaica, and Ghana, and has helped over 100 foreign veterinarians to earn their license to work in the United States. Additionally, he was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to teach veterinary medicine in Ghana in 2021-22.



Dr. Ebony Gilbreath

Dr. Ebony Gilbreath is Department Head for the Department of Pathobiology. Previously, she served as Necropsy Section Chief, and the Diversity and Inclusion Representative for the College. Dr. Gilbreath is a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist who has served on the faculty at Tuskegee University since 2011. Dr. Gilbreath has been awarded multiple grants, published numerous manuscripts and has advised PhD, Master's and undergraduate stu-

dents. Additionally, she has been the faculty advisor for several student groups, serves on numerous committees and notably chaired the first Phi Zeta Research Day in 2012. Dr. Gilbreath has continually sought to foster her leadership skills and has earned an Executive Certification in Leadership and Management, a Certification for Diversity and Inclusion in Veterinary Medicine and completed the AAVMC Leadership Academy as well as the Veterinary Leadership Experience. Prior to joining the faculty at Tuskegee, Dr. Gilbreath earned her B.S. degree in Animal and Poultry Science in 2000 followed by her DVM degree in 2004, both from Tuskegee University. She completed an internship in Anatomic Pathology, also at Tuskegee, and then went on to Michigan State University where she completed a residency in Anatomic Pathology and a Ph.D. in Pathology, before returning to her alma mater in 2011.



Dr. Michele Tucker

Dr. Michele Tucker joined TUCVM as an Assistant Professor for Internal Medicine in the Small Animal Clinical Sciences Department in 2021. Dr. Tucker is a graduate of Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She practiced in Mobile, Alabama, for two years as a general practitioner before moving to West Palm Beach, Florida. She practiced at Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists (PBVS), a referral and emergency hospital, for 20 years. In 2019, Dr. Tucker received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of West Florida. She was primarily an emergency and critical care doctor during her time at PBVS but was also director of the Florida Animal Blood and Tissue Bank at PBVS. Her responsibilities included screening of donor pets, collection of blood, processing of blood products, and quality control of blood products. Dr. Tucker was also the Radiation Safety Officer for the radio-iodine therapy program. She also has interests in transfusion medicine, endocrine disorders, infectious diseases, emergency medicine and polytrauma.



Dr. Ida Phillips

Dr. Ida Phillips joined TUCVM as an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Pathobiology in August 2020. Dr. Phillips graduated from Berry College in 2009 where she majored in animal science and minored in chemistry. She then received her DVM from TUCVM in 2013. Dr. Phillips completed a residency in veterinary anatomic pathology in 2016 and received her Ph.D. in comparative health sciences at Oregon State University Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine in July of 2020. Dr. Phillips also served as TUCVM's Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair. As chair, she oversaw the fall 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Cultural virtual training event, "Fundamentals of Diversity and Inclusion: A Guide to Creating an Environment Where Everyone Belongs." The goal of cultural diversity, inclusion and implicit bias training was to address the importance of cultural competence, cultural humility, the persistent problem of biases and stereotypes, and highlight how everyone in the college are stakeholders in making TUCVM a safe and welcoming space.

47 New Doctors of Veterinary Medicine recognized during Tuskegee University 2022 spring commencement and oath ceremony

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) Class of 2022 had 47 new doctors of veterinary medicine recognized on April 30. Tuskegee University held its in-person Spring Commencement Graduate and Professional Schools Ceremony at the General "Chappie" James Center followed by the college's in-person Veterinary Medicine Oath and Hooding Ceremony at the university's Chapel. Thirty of the 47 students graduated with honors. They included four "Summa Cum Laude," eight "Magna Cum Laude" and 18 "Cum Laude." Both ceremonies were live-streamed for those not in attendance to view and are also available on the university's YouTube channel for anyone who missed them to view later.

Also, during the university's commencement ceremony, three TUCVM graduates received the Master of Science in Veterinary Science degree (Darius L. Caffey, Twanda H. Collins, and Bria J. Khabeer); two TUCVM graduates received the Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Pathobiology – IDPB degree (Nadia Abdel-Rahman Altoom and Dequarius A. King) and lastly, three graduates received the Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences - IBS (Joakin O. Mori, Ahmad Bin Abdus Salam, and Naresh Shahi). The IBS Ph.D. program is jointly supported by the TUCVM; the College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences; and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Immediately after the April 30 commencement, veterinary medicine graduates participated in the veterinary medicine oath and hooding ceremony where Dr. Ruby L. Perry,

dean of the veterinary medicine college, presided over the program. Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean for academic affairs; Dr. Ebony Gilbreath, head of the Department of Pathobiology/assistant to the dean for Clinical Competencies and Strategic Initiatives (now the new assistant dean for Pre-clinical Programs); and Dr. Temesgen Samuel, associate dean for Research and Advanced Studies, provided assistance during the presentation and hooding of the Class of 2022.



In a personal letter to the TUCVM Class of 2022, Dean Perry said, "The TUCVM family salutes you on your successful journey through the professional program to achieve the DVM degree which is the culmination of your academic journey. Although the COVID-19 pandemic still required some adjustments to your learning experience, the Class of 2022 persevered and you are to be commended for the adjustment and finishing STRONG! We applaud you for your accomplishments and achievements across the past four years due to hard work and perseverance, and look forward to hearing about the accomplishments you will make as veterinary professionals, as leaders, educators, and researchers."

Veterinary alumna Tiffini Brabham, DVM, PhD, DABT, served as this year's Veterinary Medicine Oath and Hooding Ceremony speaker. Dr. Brabham, a member of the Class of 1993, is a dedicated board-certified toxicologist and currently a Scientific Director at Takeda Pharmaceuticals and also current president of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA).



She gave a powerful veterinary oath address entitled "Leadership in a post pandemic world...where legacy meets newfound modern-day success." During her presentation, Dr. Brabham charged the graduates to live a "3- DIMENSIONAL LIFE, that strives at cultivating personal LENGTH, BREADTH & HEIGHT." Dr. Brabham also encouraged the graduates letting them know that their TUCVM family is confident that they are prepared. They have to just continue to rise up to the occasion just like their veterinary student predecessors.

She said, "You all are unique jewels amongst many, able to showcase our multi-generational years of strength. Please know that in spite of everything there's absolutely nothing you cannot achieve. Just lean-in on our rich Tuskegee Legacy, that has educated 70% of African-American veterinarians world-wide."

Dr. Brabham concluded with, "Class of 2022, blaze your own trail with profound authenticity, honor and with charity. now the piton has been passed to you our amazing graduates all you have to do is catch it...congratulations!"

Dean Perry also recognized the CVM Distinguished Alumni Awards recipients during the veterinary oath ceremony program. 🦋

This year's honorees included:



- Veterinary Oath Speaker Dr. Tiffini Brabham;



- Dr. Michael Bailey, a board-certified veterinary radiologist with over three decades of experience and currently a medical director with IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants;



- Dr. Michael J. Blackwell, retired assistant surgeon general, USPHS and current director of the Program for Pet Health Equity at the University of Tennessee and founder of AlignCare Health;



- Dr. Linda C. Bostick, a career practitioner for over three decades and the proud owner and primary clinical veterinarian of Riverview Veterinary Hospital; and



- Dr. Irving McConnell, a retired colonel with the US Army Reserves (US Army Civil Affairs Special Operations Command-AIRBORNE) and founder and CEO of The McConnell Group Inc., a health sciences company.

Also, as CEO of The McConnell Group, during Dr. McConnell's acceptance of his award, he made a surprise announcement of making a job offer to any TUCVM DVM graduate still needing employment as a new veterinarian.

The TUCVM Class of 2022 represents the college's 73rd class to receive DVM degrees from Tuskegee University. With this graduation, the College of Veterinary Medicine has awarded 2,963 veterinary medicine degrees.

Due to CDC COVID-19 guidelines, a reception did not follow the live oath ceremony; however, a repast with boxed meals was provided outside the Chapel.

To view the Graduate and Professional Schools Commencement Ceremony and the Veterinary Medicine Oath and Hooding Ceremony from April 30, please visit the following links for Tuskegee University's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf8ZzsJPq_8 and https://youtu.be/IOzxKJHPE_g.

Congratulations TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE Class of 2022

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| 1. Abernethy, Evan M. | 17. Farmer, Anthony S. | 33. Moore, Larry |
| 2. Appleton, Brooke E. | 18. Farris, Alexandria L. | 34. Moze, Sabrie J. |
| 3. Baker, Ashley N. | 19. Foote, Alexandria | 35. Pfeiffer, Kaitlynn E. |
| 4. Barajas, Sheridan E. | 20. Griffin, Brock A. | 36. Ragbeer, Natassja K. |
| 5. Beard, Maggie C. | 21. Haidar, Janine F. | 37. Rodriguez, Alejandra P. |
| 6. Bodrick, A'moris | 22. Harris, Lychrissa A. | 38. Rodriguez, Samantha A. |
| 7. Bogan, Jasmine A. | 23. Hicks, Clifton B. | 39. Shaddox, Sage H. |
| 8. Carter, Brianna L. | 24. Horton, Ainsley C. | 40. Siekkinen, Sarah E. |
| 9. Charity, Eboni M. | 25. Howard, Alexis | 41. Silva, Qindasi I. |
| 10. Christia, Christopher M. | 26. Irizarry-Alfonzo, Angela | 42. Spirazza, Cara |
| 11. Coomber, Victoria | 27. Kreider, Kaitlyn L. | 43. Tatum, Janae M. |
| 12. Cook, Tysheona L. | 28. Ladhar, Amarpreet | 44. Trotter, Janice C. |
| 13. Darthard, Christina | 29. Lee, Amani R. | 45. Wade-Lahart, Telea |
| 14. Davis, Ayanna D. | 30. Long, Andi C. | 46. Williams, Imani R |
| 15. Delgado, John J. | 31. Malatesta, Abigail G. | 47. Wilson, William C. |
| 16. Elliott, Chardonay M. | 32. McTear, Kirstie T. | |

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Hosts Virtual 56th Symposium and celebrates largest reunion classes donations



The alumni in the Reunion Class of 1972 (50th Year Anniversary) and the Class of 1997 (25th Year Anniversary) were honored during the culminating symposium event of the virtual alumni banquet on March 25.

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) welcomed alumni, students, faculty, staff, pre-veterinary students, friends and supporters to the 56th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium held in a virtual platform on March 23-25, 2022. This year's symposium marked the third year in which TUCVM pivoted from a traditional veterinary symposium to a virtual platform because of the pandemic.

This year's symposium theme was "Veterinary Medicine Preparing for a Post Pandemic World: New Norms, Mental Health and Innovation." It was timely and underscores the commitment the university, college and TUCVM's partners have to navigating the new normal and engaging all stakeholders to work together to have the best practices necessary for sustaining TUCVM's legacy of preparing students to be career-ready veterinary medical professionals.

Although the college had hoped the circumstances would have allowed for an in-person traditional gathering this year, for the safety of all participants, it was decided to be held virtually once again. The symposium was RACE® approved where participants had the opportunity to fully engage in various sessions from either pre-recorded or real-time presentations and earn up to 20 continuing education units of credit.

A combination of a professional conference and alumni reunion was experienced virtually by participants from hearing featured speakers on large and small animal research, uniform services, public health, lab animal medicine, human-animal bond and pathology topics as well as presentations from the perspectives of interns. Networking opportunities and chances to interact with symposium sponsors and exhibitors were also provided. This year's format also included sessions for pre-veterinary students organized by the college's Office of Veterinary Admissions and Recruitment.

The opening general session keynote speaker, Barney S. Graham, MD, Ph.D., gave an exciting and dynamic presentation befitting with this year's theme. He spoke on "Rapid COVID-19 Vaccine Development and the Future of Vaccinology" on March 24. Dr. Graham is a world renowned immunologist and former Deputy Director of the NIAID Vaccine Research Center, NIH.

Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA) Awards Recipients recognized during 2022 Virtual Veterinary Medical Symposium:

- Recent Graduate Achievement Award Winner **Dr. Derrick Jones Jr '18**
- Distinguished Service Award Winner **Dr. Gina Wilkerson '85**
- Distinguished Service Award Winner **Dr. Karen James-Preston '80**
- Distinguished Alumni Award Winner **Dr. Anita R. Stampley '84**
- Distinguished Alumni Award Winner **Dr. Ian N. Moore '06**



Another outstanding keynote speaker presentation was from alumnus Dr. Eric Coleman, a two-time graduate of Tuskegee University earning his B.S. in Biology in 1986 and his DVM in 1991. Dr. Coleman was the T.S. Williams Speaker and his presentation exemplified the legacy of the late Dr. T. S. Williams, Dean Emeritus of the College. Dr. Coleman is a 2022 White House Leadership Development Program Fellow, and in his current position, he collaborates globally to bolster national security, advance foreign policy objectives, and strengthen emergency response preparedness.

"I want to acknowledge a special appreciation to our industry partners, faithful sponsors, community supporters and friends of our college and university that contributed to us having another well-planned and exceptional 2022 Veterinary Medical Symposium with outstanding speakers," said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college.

The culmination event, the annual alumni banquet, was also celebrated in a virtual format in which each of the reunion classes were recognized as their class video presentation was shared for all to view and enjoy. The reunion classes honored this year for the 56th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium included: 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 (50th year - golden class), 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 (25th year - silver class), 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017.

"The annual veterinary medical symposium is our largest fundraiser event. Our Reunion Classes did a phenomenal job with giving back. We raised a total of \$263,269.00 with more coming. Being an alumna, I am especially grateful to my reunion Class of 1977 for the \$122,022 donation given during this year's symposium, which was the largest amount in our history for an individual reunion class donation. I often boast about the strength of our alumni and how engaged they are in the success of our college in not only making philanthropic contributions but also serving as mentors and advocates to our veterinary students and educators with our faculty. Our alumni are one of the major pillars of our college in which I am grateful!" Dr. Perry said.

TUCVM is looking forward to holding the 57th Annual Veterinary Symposium hopefully in person on March 22-25, 2023, where we will be honoring the next reunion classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 (50th year - golden class), 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 (25th year - silver class), 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018. The college is challenging next year's 3's and 8's reunion classes to beat this year's donation amount to help sustain the legacy of TUCVM! 🍀

TUCVM Host Virtual 22nd Annual One Health Symposium and Ninth Annual Phi Zeta Research Day

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Graduate Public Health hosted again for the second year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, a virtual one health symposium and annual research day event. "One Health: Transcending Institutional and Disciplinary Boundaries" was the theme for the 22nd Annual One Health Symposium and Ninth Annual Phi Zeta Research Day held on October 18-19, 2021. Dean Ruby L. Perry noted that the Symposium theme acknowledged the continuous focus on the One Health Triad on healthy people, healthy environments, and healthy animals that aligns with the work of biomedical leaders in shaping the future directions in advancing healthcare and biomedical research.

The One Health Symposium is an annual event that is designed to bring together veterinarians, human health researchers, public health practitioners, and environmental health scientists for professional de-

velopment and to share their research in related areas providing a forum for advancing biomedical research and to heighten awareness of global health disparities.

The annual Phi Zeta Research Day aligns with the mission of the Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society which promotes scholarship and research pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals. The Phi Zeta Research Day brings together veterinary and graduate student researchers to share their research findings with the scientific community and future colleagues. The event also includes invited researchers whose work addresses current topics in veterinary medicine.

The Symposium was not only a forum for research collaboration, but it also allowed participants to learn about the exciting new interventions in biomedical research. The Phi Zeta Research Day session highlighted student contributions in research as an opportunity for them to share their research experiences with oral and poster presentation.



Dr. Rochelle Walensky



Dr. Casey Behravesh

versity.

The symposium's keynote and invited guest speakers included: CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, an influential scholar whose pioneering research has helped advance the national and global response to HIV/AIDS; Dr. Casey Barton Behravesh, the Director of CDC's One Health Office in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases and a Captain in the United States Public Health Service; Dr. Margaret L. Khaita, Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology with an international focus at Mississippi State University; participant panelists from the State of Alabama: Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer, and Dr. Tony Frazier, State Veterinarian, Director Animal Industries; the Fourth Annual Dr. Kenneth Olden lecturer Dr. Graeme Lockaby, Director, Center for Environmental Studies at the Urban-Rural Interface (CESURI); and Clinton McClure Professor of Forestry, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, at Auburn University.

The symposium's afternoon session began with a town hall conversation focused on bioethics and vaccinations moderated by Dr. Ruben Warren, Tuskegee University's Director for the National Center for Bioethics in Research and Healthcare. The symposium's culminating event before the start of the Phi Zeta Research Day was the student presentations which focused on the topic of health equity.



Dr. Yuri Lawrence

This year's Phi Zeta Research Day keynote speaker was Dr. Yuri Lawrence, who is known for navigating both the world of clinical veterinary medicine and the world of research. Dr. Lawrence's groundbreaking research aids in the diagnosis of dogs with liver disease by evaluating novel non-invasive markers.

All symposium and research day participants registered in advance received a meal voucher/ticket for participation afterwards.

The 23rd Annual One Health Symposium and 10th Annual Phi Zeta Research Day will be held on September 19-20, 2022.

Tuskegee University

College of Veterinary Medicine presents 58 white coats to students at 2022 ceremony



Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2023 White Coat Presentation with TUCVM administration and special guests

After being able to only do a virtual white coat ceremony last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, 58 students were excited to have an in-person ceremony this year held on February 26 at the Tuskegee University Chapel. Pride and excitement marked the transition of this year's veterinary medicine students to the clinical phase of the curriculum in which family and friends were still allowed to participate in the celebration through live-streaming on the university's YouTube channel.

The event was sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health, the American Veterinary Medical History Society, Inc. in association with participation from Alabama, Kentucky and South Carolina Veterinary Medical Associations. The Annual White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic event for students transitioning their education from classroom study to the clinical phase of their veterinary education. The white lab coat is a symbol of medical professionalism and marks a turning point in the education of the 58 members of the Class of 2023.

Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean of Academic Affairs, with assistance from Mr. Anthony McCloud, director of Student Affairs, and the White Coat Ceremony Planning Committee organized this year's event under the direction of Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college. In-person greetings were given by Dean Perry; Dr. Calvin M. Johnson, dean of Au-

burn University College of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Steven T. Murphree, president of Alabama Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. Jason Rodgers, president of Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. Mike Ferguson, president of South Carolina Association of Veterinarians; and congratulatory greetings were read on behalf of faithful sponsor Dr. Harvey Crumm, senior academic liaison with Zoetis Animal Health, who was unable to attend.

The white coats for the students from Alabama, Kentucky and South Carolina were purchased and presented to the students by the presidents of the respective veterinary medical associations. Dean Perry presented the white coats to the other non-resident students.

"The annual white coat ceremony is a celebratory moment for our students as this is one step closer to our students becoming career-ready veterinarians. We appreciate the support of our sponsors, faculty, staff, students, and alumni as these veterinary medical students begin their clinical journey before entering into the veterinary profession," Dr. Casimir said.

For anyone who missed the ceremony, it can be viewed at the university's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/tuskegeeeuniversity>.

The 58 members of the Class of 2023 who received white coats include:

Alabama Students
Patricia J Bradley Gross., Colby E. Horne, Jane P. Hostomsky, Portia J. Hunt, Savannah S. Mashburn, Erin N. Pettibon, Vivian O. Randolph, Scarlett R. Robinson, Jordan T. Smith, Carley D. Tramble and Trijon Y. White

Kentucky Students
Serena D. Stoddard and Danny Taoia Gaytan

South Carolina Students
Allison B. Enfinger, Jocelyn M. McGill, Alexander J. Pierce and Bryanna G. Snipes

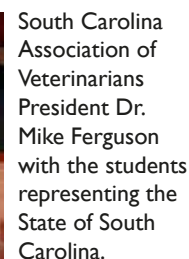
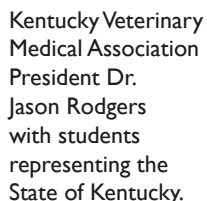
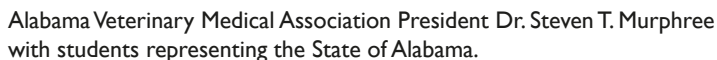
Non-Resident Students
Natalie R. Adams, Amanda M. Aguiar, Ansleigh S. Banks, Brianna N. Brooks, Tyana O Brown, Jessica Camarillo, Erika J. Del Pilar, Sydney Dockery, Aaliyah M. Finley, Liza C. Godfrey, Shane P. Halbleib, Danielle A. Henry, Sabrina E. Holguin, Bethany J. Hurley, Atalani Jackson, Aaliyah E. Johnson, April A. Johnson, Kierra A. Johnson, Sierra A. Johnson, Stevi-Nichole M. Kincade, Kara D. Lane, María del Mar López Maldonado, Robert L. McGowan III, Jan J. Medina, Warren A. Miles, Kennedy V. Miller, Hannah A. Monroe, Courtney S. Moore, Breyanna J. Morning-Bush, Olivier Moussignac, Jade A. Nelson, Ashlei C. Parker, Bryce A. Peterson, Asia I. Phillips, Maya R. Rollerson, Christin A. Rouse, Ja R'eika D. Smith, Kiera C. Sweeten-berg, Kristopher D. Vine, Crystal M. Ware and Hayley M. Yeepun.

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This year's keynote challenge speaker was TUCVM DGPB alumna Beatrice King. Ms. King received her Master of Public Health degree in 2014. She is currently the Public Health-Health Educator 3, Opioid Analyst location at the Fulton County Board of Health in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. King's research interest focused on Public Health Education and she has developed the Health Education Curriculum for K-12. The Acceptance of the Challenge was given by Ty'Quieria Lodge, a member of the DGPB's MPH Class of 2022.

To see the program and highlights from the TUCVM Virtual 2022 DGPH's Pinning Ceremony, please go to <https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm/dgph-6th-annual-pinning-ceremony-2022>. 

Tuskegee University Graduate Public Health Program Receives Full Accreditation



The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's (TUCVM) Department of Graduate Public Health (DGPH) master's in public health program is now fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). CEPH notified Tuskegee University President Dr. Charlotte Morris that the Tuskegee University Master of Public Health Program was reviewed by the CEPH Board of Councilors which acted at its June 1-3, 2022, meeting to approve full accreditation for a five-year accreditation period.

"Tuskegee University is elated to build on the legacy of the only College of Veterinary Medicine within a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the United States with the full five-year accreditation of this critical program. The faculty, staff and students support the university and the surround

communities by training the next generation of public health professionals with an eye towards health equity through the lens of ethical public engagement," said Dr. Charlotte P. Morris, President of Tuskegee University.

The CEPH is the independent agency recognized nationally by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools and programs of public health. CEPH assists schools and programs in evaluating the quality of their instructional, research, and service efforts, and grants accreditation to those schools and programs that meet its published criteria. CEPH accreditation sets a standard by which all accredited schools and programs of public health work to enhance health in human populations, through organized community effort.

Tuskegee University's Public Health Program is now one of the only two CEPH-accredited public health programs in the State of Alabama. The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Public Health is the other CEPH-accredited program in Alabama.

"The Graduate Public Health program here at Tuskegee University has been diligently working towards accreditation since the governing body of the Council on Education for Public Health formally acted at its June 2018 meeting to approve Tuskegee University's request to begin the accreditation process for the generalist MPH degree. We have been appreciative of President Dr. Charlotte Morris and her administration for the support of the college and the DGPH program in undertaking the intensive process for accreditation," said Dr. Ruby L. Perry, Dean of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"I am also appreciative to Attorney Crystal James for her tireless efforts and leadership as the Department Head for several years which helped advanced the program to a department status first and then onward to achieve its accreditation status after the completion a rigorous self-study and site visit," Dean Perry added.

The DGPH completed a meticulous self-study process which involved a systematic and rigorous evaluation of the quality and content of instruction, research, and service programs. This process was guided by the CEPH criteria and involved multiple stakeholders. A self-study committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners was formed to ensure broad representation in the self-assessment process.

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"Although no longer head of the department, I am extremely excited for the future of the Tuskegee University DGPH program and grateful for the support and leadership of President Morris and Dean Perry in navigating the accreditation process which was quite intense," said Atty. Crystal James, Interim Vice-president of External Affairs and General Counsel for Tuskegee University.

"Our self-study committee was supported by a three-member internal steering committee (Dean Ruby Perry, Dr. Rueben Warren, Atty. Crystal James), a four-member subcommittee of the external advisory committee {Dr. Bailus Walker (deceased), Dr. Maleeka Glover, Dr. Kimberly Taylor, Dr. Lucenia Dunn, and Dr. Pamela Payne-Foster} that was responsible for synthesizing feedback into one final self-study report. The dedication of all the committee members was vital to the DGPH program's accreditation success as they had the responsibility for synthesizing

feedback into one final self-study report that we submitted to CEPH in November 2021 and subsequently led to the Graduate Public Health Program's full accreditation for the next five years," Atty. James concluded.



The mission of CEPH assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners. As part of the re-accreditation cycle, CEPH requires schools and programs to apply for re-accreditation. A critical part of re-accreditation is a self-study process of 18-24 months followed

by a site visit. Tuskegee University's Graduate Public Health Program will have to apply for re-accreditation in 2027. To learn more about CEPH, go to <https://ceph.org/>. To learn more about the DGPH program, visit: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs-courses/colleges-schools/cvm/cvm-department-of-graduate-public-health>

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Awards \$400,000 to Tuskegee University for Africa Veterinary Faculty Exchange Program

In September 2021, it was announced that The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) received an award of \$400,000 to help improve veterinary education and research across Africa through the Faculty Exchange Program, administered by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

Under this program, Tuskegee University will host ten visiting veterinary educators from different countries in Africa for a semester. An appropriate TUCVM faculty member will mentor each visiting faculty member. They will focus on curriculum development and research in areas including animal health, sanitary measures, and international standards governing import and export of animals and animal products. Following the return of visitors to their home countries in Africa, each TUCVM mentor will make a follow up visit to the mentees home institution to observe the impact of training received by the mentee.

Prior to his retirement, Dr. Gopal Reddy served as the PI for TUCVM with Dean Ruby Perry as the project Director. TUCVM Professor Dr. Teshome Yehualaeshet has been designated as the Co-PI and program contact for this USDA award.

"TUCVM is a first-time program participant, reflecting USDA's commitment to expand the reach of its programs and also

promote equity and inclusion. USDA's international exchange programs allow us to partner with some of the United States' leading academic institutions to help developing countries strengthen their agricultural sectors," said FAS Administrator, Daniel Whitley.

"The college of veterinary medicine at Tuskegee serves as an excellent example of these partnerships and we look forward to leveraging the knowledge and expertise of their diverse and talented researchers and faculty to support African veterinary educators. The visitors, in turn, will use that knowledge to support animal health and production development and trade in their home countries," he added.

FAS Administrator Whitley also noted that Tuskegee exemplifies these efforts being the first of HBCU to receive funding through the Veterinary Faculty Exchange Program and the hope is that this will inspire other HBCUs and minority-serving institutions to learn about and apply for these programs. More information about the program is available at: <https://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/faculty-exchange-program>.



TUCVM Holds Fall Virtual Diversity and Inclusion Event

TUCVM's held its Fall 2021 Diversity and Inclusion activity virtually via Zoom on November 6th for all faculty, staff and students in the college. The keynote speaker/presenter was Mr. Christopher Hughbanks, facilitator and diversity educator at Oregon State University's College of Education Language Equity and Educational Policy. The title of his presentation was "Fundamentals of Diversity and Inclusion A Guide to Creating an Environment Where Everyone Belongs." Chair Dr. Ida Phillips, Co-Chair Dr. Ehsan Abdalla and the Diversity and Inclusion (D & I) Committee thanked all the participants of TUCVM's Fall D & I Activity. As a thank you token, everyone who completed the post-meeting evaluation was entered into a drawing to win one of 35 TUCVM D & I tumblers. Mr. Hughbanks' presentation was beneficial to all participants as he shared strategies to address "DIVERSITY & INCLUSION 101." Presenter Hughbanks introduced essential terminology related to diversity and inclusion; facilitated a discussion on socialization and identity; established tools and rules for successful conversations and dialogues about diversity and inclusion topics; and lastly, introduced implicit bias



concepts.

The goal of cultural diversity, inclusion, and implicit bias training was to address the importance of cultural competence, cultural humility, the persistent problem of biases and stereotypes, and highlight how all members of the TUCVM family are stakeholders in making TUCVM a safe and welcoming space. People from all walks of life are a part of the TUCVM family and are appreciated.

TUCVM Makes the Holidays Merrier with Annual Toy Drive



The TUCVM family continued the tradition in spite of the pandemic to spread joy to the students at George Washington Carver (GWC) Elementary School located in Tuskegee. Representatives of the college served as Santa and his helpers on December 16 for TUCVM's Seventh Annual "Toy Drive for Tots."

During the last day of class on Dec.16 for the students at Tuskegee's GWC Elementary School, TUCVM's Santa and his helpers helped to make the holidays a little merrier for 193 pre-k to first-grade students enrolled at GWC by delivering gift cards to each of the 11 classes at GWC.

With the assistance of GWC's Principal Norman Williams,



Jr., Asst. Principal Vishaka Brown, and the teachers representing the one pre-k class (teacher Laquita Cooks) and five kindergarten classes (teachers Wendy Reed-Williams, Letasha Dicks, Markeetia Johnson, Felecia Smith, and Katrina Huguley) and five first grade classes (teachers Audrey Menefee, Letisha Dicks, Ashley Sullins, Quanesha Powell and A'isha Shuford), Santa and his helpers from

TUCVM delivered \$10 gift cards to each student to use to get a toy of their choice.

TUCVM faculty, staff and students were so generous that enough gift cards were also collected to also give the 42 teachers and support staff at GWC a \$10 gift card as well to say thank you to them for their dedication to the children. This was another successful joint effort between the TUCVM family of faculty, staff, students and the administration to support the local community.

The "Toy Drive for Tots" is an annual tradition in the college that was inspired by the TUCVM students and the TUCVM administration. The event is supported with active engagement from the college's faculty, staff and students. Although done slightly differently for the second year due to the pandemic, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Roslyn Casimir and Student Affairs Director Anthony McCloud oversaw the college's efforts with the support of Dean Ruby L. Perry. The purpose of the annual "Toy Drive for Tots" event is to help parents purchase toys and school supplies for the holidays for the boys and girls at GWC Elementary School in the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grades.

George Washington Carver School Gets Support



from TUCVM for their 2022 Career Day

TUCVM's Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean of Academic Affairs, participated in George Washington Carver Elementary School's (GWC) 2022 Career Day on February 11. She talked to the students about the field of veterinary medicine and the importance of veterinarians. Dr. Casimir also introduced the students to the different areas they will learn as a veterinarian, such as anatomy. She also brought bones from different animals and brought baby fur baby "Luna," which the children enjoyed petting and visiting with baby Luna.

Each year, students at GWC School are privileged to learn about various future career options from volunteers across various counties in the Alabama. Thankfully this year, the school was able to have an in-person event with students wearing masks during the career day event. One of the goals of the school is to provide many opportunities for students to dream big and know that the world has many opportunities awaiting. Exposing students to a variety of traditional and non-traditional careers at a young age, helps facilitate a positive attitude toward learning, achieving, and the world of work.

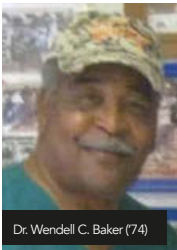
Pre-kindergarten to third grade students completed a short, developmentally appropriate career interest inventory to help them figure out which three of the ten "Career Clusters" contained career paths that may be of interest to them. The careers varied from social work to engineering and veterinary medicine.





In Loving Memory...

The Tuskegee Veterinary Medicine Family mourns the passing of the following members of our TUCVM Family...please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Dr. Wendell C. Baker (74)

Dr. Wendell C. Baker passed on August 19, 2021. He had practiced veterinary medicine for over four decades. Dr. Baker was the previous owner of Baker Veterinary Clinic, which was a clinic that specialized in, working on larger animals on cattle ranches, exotic animals, non-farm animals such as deer and a variety of other pet care services. His funeral was held on August 27 in Hempstead, Texas.



Dr. Thomas Crawford (64)

Dr. Thomas Crawford passed on December 13, 2021. He was a former owner and one of several area vets to establish the Pet Emergency Clinic. Also, Dr. Crawford was the former owner of WJBE and was CEO of WBMK-1430, Broadcast Media of Knoxville Inc. His memorial service was held on December 29 at St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church. He was a former trustee of Cannan Baptist Church and sat on the board of directors of Golden Age Retirement Village in its planning and establishment. He worked with

the Animal Welfare League to get medical assistance for low-income families. He is survived by his wife and three sons.



Dr. Roger Estep (62)

Dr. Roger Estep passed on December 16, 2021, in his restful sleep. He crossed paths with a multitude of individuals. After receiving his DVM from Tuskegee University, with the exception of a stint at NIH, Dr. Estep spent the majority of his career at Howard University. Beginning with leading the Lab Animal Program to retiring as Vice President of University Relations and Development. Estep was the first black president of American AALAS in 1971. He was also

very influential in the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) community throughout his career. Preceded in death by his wife, he is survived by his son. The Dr. Roger D. Estep Endowed Scholarship Campaign was kicked off in February and donations can be made to support it at: www.tuskegee.edu/giveestep.



Dr. Ellis M. Hall (56)

Dr. Ellis Madison Hall, a veterinary medicine trailblazer, professor emeritus and retired Tuskegee University Veterinary Medicine faculty member, passed on August 4, 2021. Dr. Hall's funeral service was held at the Hall's Family Farm on August 14. After receiving his DVM, Dr. Hall had over 40 years of experience teaching veterinary medicine at Tuskegee University. He had a rich history himself and took great pride in being a graduate of Tuskegee University. Dr. Hall was an orphan in Robeson County after the death of

both of his parents who later rose to be a successful veterinarian and the first African American to be nationally board certified in veterinary radiology. He also had a Ph.D. degree. Dr. Hall was a remarkable individual that lived by his life philosophy, "to stay in his Master's will and do the right thing." He is survived by his wife who is also a Tuskegee alumna, and six children, also all graduates of Tuskegee University. Dr. Ellis Hall is also credited with being the "Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians."



Dr. Richard Lucas (69)

Dr. Richard "Doc" Lucas passed peacefully in his sleep on August 3, 2021, in Flagstaff, Arizona of natural causes. He was 92 years old. After receiving his DVM from Tuskegee, he and his family moved to Safford, Arizona where he joined the Safford Animal Hospital. In 1987 he became the sole owner of the hospital. Doc was a kind and gentle veterinarian in a practice that covered Graham, Greenlee and Cochise counties, treating all animals; large and small. He was the racetrack veterinarian in the southeastern region of Arizona. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A mass of remembrance was held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Oct. 5.



Dr. Eugene Doc Peterson (75)

Dr. Eugene "Doc" Peterson passed in April 2022. Dr. "Doc" Peterson was considered a Virgin Island (V.I.) Cultural Icon and his death shocked the Community. Doc was considered a true friend by the Governor and an ambassador for the rich Virgin Islands culture. One of the first Virgin Islanders to earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (DVM), he was a beloved veterinarian on St. Croix and owned and operated the Princesse Veterinary Hospital for over 20 years. He influenced many young Virgin

Islanders to pursue veterinary science. Doc's love for animals was also evident in his devotion to horse racing on St. Croix. He served as the President and CEO of the Randall "Doc" James racetrack and was a true pioneer in the field, introducing simulcasting and account wagering to the Virgin Islands.



Mrs. Margaret Caddell (Retired Staff)

Mrs. Margaret Caddell, former retired TUCVM employee, passed away on April 12 and her funeral was held on April 21, 2022. Mrs. Caddell retired from TUCVM in 2010 after giving 21 years of dedicated service as Assistant Coordinator for Biomedical Research, USDE Title III Grant Assistant and lastly as the Dean's Office Administrator/Executive Secretary to the Dean. Mrs. Caddell also worked some in the Department of Psychology and Sociology in CAS after retirement from TUCVM. She was

employed with Tuskegee University for 36 years.



Dr. Tsegaye Habtemariam (Former Dean)

Dr. Tsegaye Habtemariam, former dean of the then Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health (CVMNAH), passed on August 27, 2021. His funeral service was on September 4, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia and was lived stream. Dr. Tsegaye Habtemariam served as dean of the CVMNAH from 2006 to 2014. He resigned as dean of the College effective May 31, 2014. Prior to being dean, Dr. Habtemariam served as associate dean for research and graduate studies from 1998 to 2005.

After resigning as dean, Dr. Habtemariam returned to the Department of Pathobiology as a tenured professor of epidemiology and biomedical informatics and continued to lecture graduate students in the Veterinary Medicine program and the Public Health studies (MPH and MSPH) as well as in the two Ph.D. programs, Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences (IBS) and Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Pathobiology (IPB), until his retirement. Dr. Habtemariam was honored at a retirement luncheon on Jan. 4, 2019, at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's Patterson Hall for rendering 39 years of faithful service to Tuskegee University (1979-2018).

OTHER TUCVM DECEASED ALUMNI

Dr. Arturo Pinto-Rosario ('55) passed in 2020 • **Dr. Busari Owolodun ('66)** passed on February 26, 2019



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

IDEXX Sway Presentations to Support TUCVM Students



TUCVM's Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs shared the information below with TUCVM students for 2021-22 on behalf of the IDEXX Foundation and the IDEXX Medical Consulting Services (MCS) team. TUCVM thanks IDEXX for their support of our students. The messages and Sway links below include the custom interactive presentations designed to provide encouragement for all TUCVM students. The IDEXX Team initially shared this initiative on social media and internally on Dec. 8 to talk about the intention of this meaningful project and the consideration and thoughtfulness the MCS team at IDEXX put into every sway presentation for each year (one through four) of a veterinary student's life. The team also shared a few tips from the sway presentations on social media with the #TUCVM hashtag. Students were encouraged to enjoy the Sways at their convenience!

Dear TUCVM CLASS of 2025 (year one students),



On behalf of the IDEXX Foundation and Medical Consulting Services (MCS) team at IDEXX, we are pleased to share the below linked Microsoft Sway with you. The MCS team wanted to amplify the funding from the IDEXX Foundation by doing something good for TUCVM students. As a team they decided to create a custom interactive presentation sharing tips, wisdom and encouragement for all

year one TUCVM students—specific to the common experience all year one students share. This is essentially a compilation of their collective wisdom, shared with you. Their best tips and tricks for surviving veterinary school and succeeding in this amazing profession. We hope you will find this encouraging as you continue your first year of veterinary school, well on your way to pursuing your dreams.

The IDEXX Foundation will share a few tips from the sways from time-to-time on social media with the #TUCVM hashtag, if you wish to follow or share how these words have helped or inspired you.

In the words of the MCS team— Congratulations—you made it! Welcome to the profession! Enjoy your year one Sway (Year 1): <https://sway.office.com/PxhHsCphejNYHL4r?ref=Link>

Dear TUCVM CLASS of 2024 (year two students),



On behalf of the IDEXX Foundation and Medical Consulting Services (MCS) team at IDEXX, we are pleased to share the below linked Microsoft Sway with you. The MCS team wanted to amplify the funding from the IDEXX Foundation by doing something good for TUCVM students. As a team they decided to create a custom

interactive presentation sharing tips, wisdom and encouragement for all year two TUCVM students—specific to the common experience all year two students share. This is essentially a compilation of their collective wisdom, shared with you. Their best tips and tricks for surviving veterinary school and succeeding in this amazing profession. We hope you will find this encouraging as you continue your second year of veterinary school, well on your way to pursuing your dreams.

In the words of the MCS team— Congrats on successfully completing your first year! Enjoy your year two Sway (Year 2): <https://sway.office.com/kMvCgxjHXW4bhUM?ref=Link>



Dear TUCVM CLASS of 2023 (year three students),

On behalf of the IDEXX Foundation and Medical Consulting Services (MCS) team at IDEXX, we are pleased to share the below linked Microsoft Sway with you. The MCS team wanted to amplify the funding from the IDEXX Foundation by doing something good for TUCVM students. As a team they decided to create a custom

interactive presentation sharing tips, wisdom and encouragement for all year three TUCVM students—specific to the common experience all year three students share. This is essentially a compilation of their collective wisdom, shared with you. Their best tips and tricks for surviving veterinary school and succeeding in this amazing profession. We hope you will find this encouraging as you continue your third year of veterinary school, well on your way to pursuing your dreams.

In the words of the MCS team— You can do this!! Two down, two to go! Stay motivated – you're almost there!

Enjoy your year three Sway (Year 3): <https://sway.office.com/S9wUJHNKXZCV15Mw?ref=Link>



Dear TUCVM CLASS of 2022 (year four students),

On behalf of the IDEXX Foundation and Medical Consulting Services (MCS) team at IDEXX, we are pleased to share the below linked Microsoft Sway with you. The MCS team wanted to amplify the funding from the IDEXX Foundation by doing something good for TUCVM students.

As a team they decided to create a custom interactive presentation sharing tips, wisdom and encouragement for all year four TUCVM students—specific to the common experience all year four veterinary students share. This is essentially a compilation of their collective wisdom, shared with you. Their best tips and tricks for surviving veterinary school and succeeding in this amazing profession. We hope you will find this encouraging as you continue your fourth year of veterinary school, well on your way to pursuing your dreams.

The IDEXX Foundation will share a few tips from the sways from time-to-time on social media with the #TUCVM hashtag, if you wish to follow or share how these words have helped or inspired you.

In the words of the MCS team— Be proud of what you have achieved!

Enjoy your year four Sway (Year 4): <https://sway.office.com/EIPqRFmwcwyIrQRp?ref=Link>



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Mentoring Matters!

TUCVM in 2021 launched a web-based, structured mentoring program for Veterinary Medical Students. The program is designed to be 16 weeks in length. The web-based platform allows mentors and mentees to connect from anywhere using a computer, laptop or any smart device or meet one-on-one if desired. The web-based mentoring platform offers:

- Document uploading and sharing
- In-App Video Chatting
- In-App Text Messaging
- Mentee and Mentor shared goal setting
- In-App Calendar and Meeting Scheduling
- Logged Mentor/Mentee Interactions

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