

APVMA SPRING NEWSLETTER



Updates from the APVMA E-Board:



Hello APVMA members,

The E-board hopes you are doing well despite everything going on with COVID-19! The new 2020-2021 Executive Board has been working hard throughout the past couple of months! We have met with both the previous officers and advisors to ensure a smooth transition.

The E-Board's collective goal this year is to provide transparent and direct communication with our members and clubs. We have big plans for the APVMA and are excited to see what the future holds!

A LETTER FROM THE APVMA PRESIDENT:

Hi Everyone!

My name is Nubia Salinas and I am going into my senior year at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Biology with a minor in Environmental Studies. I am grateful that I was elected to be your 2020-2021 APVMA President. My path to veterinary medicine started with a love of science in the third grade. I did not always want to be a vet but the veterinary field just clicked with me. The passion I had for animals grew into much more which made me want to be a vet. It has not been easy trying to get my foot in the door but with the help of the pre-vet society at UCF, I was able to get my first job as a kennel tech and veterinary technician. The opportunities that I've had motivate me to want to share what I have learned. I want to be able to provide our pre-vet community with more opportunities.

Fortunately, I was able to attend symposium this year for the very first time. I loved every second of it from the ichthyology lab to even the lecture on student debt. This might have been my first interaction with APVMA but it is not my first leadership experience. I have held multiple positions such as risk manager and social media chair for the women's water polo club at UCF where I have seen the team grow. I also served as a rho gamma for UCF Panhellenic where I got to guide a group of young woman through the recruitment process. I currently serve on recruitment team for UCF Panhellenic where I will be able to reach more woman and give them a chance to find their homes away from home. In every position I have held, I have worked with various personalities to accomplish a common goal which will enable me to adapt to any situation and be a successful APVMA president.

I would like to thank the pre-vet club, advisors, staff, speakers, and sponsors at Virginia-Maryland for hosting an amazing symposium. All the work that you put in is truly appreciated and you all made the experience positive and memorable. We are looking forward to working with Michigan State University for the upcoming national symposium.

One of the greatest things we can do during this time is adapt. Due to COVID-19 our lives have changed and this is the new normal we have to live in. First and foremost, I hope everyone is safe and that you all can continue to learn. With the uncertainty that everyone is facing, I wanted to let you all know that we are here for you. Our goals this year as a board include accessibility and communication. Please feel free to reach out to us. In order to improve communication, I will be hosting office hours every month where we can connect via email or zoom. At this moment, we are working on a potential speaker series. Hopefully, your pre-vet clubs have received an introductory email and have updated contacts. If this was not done please reach out.

I know our semesters have been cut short and I wanted to formally congratulate those of you in the class of 2020. I hope that you are able to celebrate with your loved ones at home or virtually. You all earned your degrees and that is no easy feat. There will be better days. For those of you who are not graduating, online schooling can be rough but we are all in this together! I wish you all the best.

Please feel free to contact me through my email: americanpvmapresident@gmail.com

Nubia Salinas
APVMA President

MEET THE 2020-2021 E-BOARD:

PRESIDENT: NUBIA SALINAS

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My name is Nubia Salinas, and I am a 3rd year at the University of Central Florida. I was born and raised in Miami in a traditional LatinX home where I was taught to stand up for what I believe in and to have an appreciation for education. I am a graduate of the UCF Lead Scholar's program, where I defined my leadership skills for 2 years. I have held positions on my campus, such as Risk Manager for the Women's Water Polo club and being part of the Panhellenic Recruitment team. These experiences enabled me to work with various personalities to reach a common goal. These experiences have allowed me to be adaptable which will make me successful as your APVMA President. My goals this year include inclusivity, accessibility, and increased communication and transparency. That being said, I have implemented monthly office hours via email or zoom. I am also working on a potential speaker series. I hope that we can all help each other grow in this field to ultimately reach our own goals and better our pre-vet communities. I am currently applying this cycle and hoping to start vet school Fall 2021. My interest outside of the veterinary field include vlogging, napping, and running. I am incredibly grateful to be serving as your APVMA president and I am excited to see what we can accomplish this year.

Fun Fact: I have a YouTube channel if you'd like to subscribe, it's just my name!

Favorite Animal: Turtle

Favorite Activity: Napping



VICE PRESIDENT: CHRISTINA BAUTISTA

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My name is Christina Bautista and I am currently a junior at California State Polytechnic University majoring in Animal Science (Pre/Vet Grad School Option). I am a U.S. Army combat veteran and served as a heavy equipment operator in Kuwait and Iraq from 2003-2004 making me a non-traditional student. I returned to school at 32 after starting a family and spending several successful years of working with socioeconomically disadvantaged youth and adults. I am a first generation American citizen and college student. The decision to pursue a doctorate in vet-med was a tough decision. I realized that I needed to set the example to my 3 crazy boys that the sky is the limit, so I decided to shoot for my childhood dreams. Returning to school has been one of the most rewarding decisions I could have ever made. As your APVMA Vice-President, my goals are to improve the outreach and networking infrastructure to effectively communicate information to past and potential sponsors and find new and dynamic avenues for obtaining new scholarship opportunities to our members.

Fun Fact: I can recite the alphabet backwards in under 5 seconds

Favorite Animal: There's too many to choose from, can't they all be my favorite?

Favorite Activity: Volunteering at my local vet clinic



MEET THE 2020-2021 E-BOARD:

TREASURER: KYLIE BROCK

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My name is Kylie Brock and I am a rising junior at North Carolina State University. I am majoring in Animal Science with a double minor in Agricultural Business Management and Global Public Health. I am originally from Weston, Florida. At NCSU I am an intern at the VetPAC Advising Center, where I work as a peer advisor and coordinate VetPAC events, activities, and initiatives. I also work as a fitness assistant at the NCSU gym and as Quality Assurance/Inspection Review at Crown Inspections. However, like all of you my passion lies with veterinary medicine and I am pursuing a career in mixed animal medicine with the goal of becoming a "vet without borders." I am honored to be serving as your treasurer and can't wait to see what this upcoming year has in store!

Fun Fact: I am a black belt in Tae Kwon Do

Favorite Animal: Baby elephant

Favorite Activity: Playing Sports



SECRETARY: BRYSON JACOBS

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My name is Bryson Jacobs and I'm a rising junior at North Carolina State University. I am majoring in Animal Science with a double minor in Nutrition and Health, Medicine, and Human Values. I would like to pursue a career in either mixed or food animal medicine. I am currently an intern at the NCSU Veterinary Professions Advising Center (VetPAC) where I have the opportunity to promote the veterinary field and advise both high school students and pre-veterinary undergraduates. I also work at the NCSU Beef Education Unit where I get to work hands-on with purebred Hereford and Angus beef cattle. I have also volunteered/completed a shelter medicine internship at the Wake County Animal Center where I got to learn more about animal behavior and public practice. I am also an active member in the Animal Science Club on campus and have served on the executive board the past three semesters. On a more fun note, I love to go to the beach, listen to music, and watch movie marathons with family and friends! I am so excited to serve as the APVMA Secretary and am stoked for the upcoming year!

Fun Fact: I got to palpate my first cow last month

Favorite Animal: Giraffe

Favorite Activity: Making fajitas



MEET THE 2020-2021 E-BOARD:

WEBMASTER: BRIANNA BROWN

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Greetings, I am Brianna Brown and I am currently a junior animal science major at Tuskegee University. Through my university, I have had the privilege to volunteer on campus at the farm with horses and cows. I also serve as Senator for my school's Pre-Vet Club. When I am not at school, I am a veterinary assistant at the West End Animal Wellness (small animal clinic) in Atlanta, Georgia. I have also worked on a dairy goat farm where I found my love for goats and other large animals! My goal for the APVMA is to be more interactive with students through our social media platforms. Additionally, to provide consistent updates and opportunities that cater to other pre-vet students that are all trying to fulfill their dream job of becoming a veterinarian! In the future, I aspire to be a mixed animal veterinarian. I do hope to specialize, however, I am still going to figure out if I can do that while working with different animals! While being a veterinarian, I hope to impact others by spreading knowledge about the proper care of animals in low-income communities to prevent the health and cost disparities for these animals with their owners. In my free time I enjoy knitting, swimming, learning new hobbies, and staying home with my family.



Fun Fact: I am learning how to play the violin (again)
Favorite Animal: Goat
Favorite Activity: Doing nails

THANK YOU APVMA 2019-2020 E-BOARD



Thank you Sam Johnson, Ian Brown, Jaylen Davis, Jennifer Baughman, and Sarah Zelli! The 2019-2020 Executive Board did an amazing job representing the APVMA! Their hard work and dedication was outstanding and we wish them the best in their future endeavors! We hope to follow in their footsteps to have yet another successful year!

APVMA SYMPOSIUM 2020

VIRGINIA-MARYLAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Every year it seems that our annual symposia get better and better, but it will be hard to top this past year's at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. The lovely town of Blacksburg opened up its arms to welcome students from all over the country, from New York to California, and even students from Puerto Rico!

The event kicked off with a wonderful keynote address from the TED talk famous Dr. Claire Simeone, who herself is a graduate of the Virginia-Maryland Veterinary Program. She expertly blended her knowledge of marine mammal medicine with career advice for the hundreds of students who sat in the audience. It was just the energy that we needed to kick off this amazing conference.

Throughout the day Saturday students had the option of attending over 80 labs, lectures, and facility tours. With unique topics such as elephant medicine, veterinarians in the military, and a lecture on goats given by Dr. Kevin Pelzer from the perspective of a goat! We were lucky enough to stay at the beautiful Inn at Virginia Tech which served as a dining room, conference center and a comfortable place to lay our heads at night. One of the neatest aspects of the Inn was that we got to interact with many of the Virginia Tech students that call the Inn home and with the lovely soil scientists that we shared the conference center with.

Like every year there were so many people at the school who worked hard to make this year's symposium a success. Although I don't have space enough to thank them all, I would like to give special thanks to Dr. Jacque Pelzer (now an APVMA Advisor), Sarah Lyons, Billie Quesenberry, Shelby Jenkins, Dr. Virginia Edwards, and Allie Gonley and Kimberly Winck who fearlessly led their 200-member pre-vet club.

After such an amazing symposium, I cannot wait to spend my next four years at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. We at the APVMA are so excited to see what Michigan State has in store for the 2021 APVMA Symposium!

Sam Johnson

APVMA President 2019-2020

CONGRADULATIONS APVMA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

APVMA Scholarship Award

Kailey Werkheiser

Autumn Mullins

Cara McNamara

APVMA Outstanding Senior Award

Katie Bederka

AAVMC Research Award

Rose Miller

Vanessa Parslow

One Health Scholarship Award

Megan Bright

Madison Luke

Taylor Cook

Outstanding Club Award

Hope College

COVID-19 UPDATES:

SARS-CoV-2 Cases in Animals:

Cases in domestic companion animals:

- As of now, the only pets that have been exposed to COVID-19 and tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 are two pet dogs and one cat in Hong Kong and two pet cats in the United States.
- One cat in Belgium has tested positive but the details of this case aren't clear at the time.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, please restrict contact with your pet and other animals.

Cases in other species:

- A Malayan tiger at the New York City Bronx Zoo tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 on April 3rd. The tiger is believed to have contracted the infection from a zookeeper who had not developed symptoms at the time of exposure. As of now, new biosecurity protocols are being enforced and all animals at the zoo have shown no signs of illness relating to SARS-CoV-2.

VMCAS Updates due to COVID-19:

With times as they are, the AAVMC and their 53 veterinary medical colleges are working tirelessly to assist and accommodate applicants through the new admission processes due to COVID-19.

Many VMCAS participating colleges are adjusting their application review process to aid any challenges applicants are facing by:

- Accepting online coursework (including laboratory credits) to fulfill pre-requisite coursework
- Accepting pass/fail and satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades, regardless of whether this was required by the school or you chose this option, to fulfill pre-requisite coursework
- Relaxing the requirement for GRE test score (if required)
- Relaxing the requirement for experience hours (if required)
- Relaxing the requirement for a Letter of Recommendation (if required)

A complete and updated list of the changes each college is implementing can be found using this link: [**CLICK HERE**](#)



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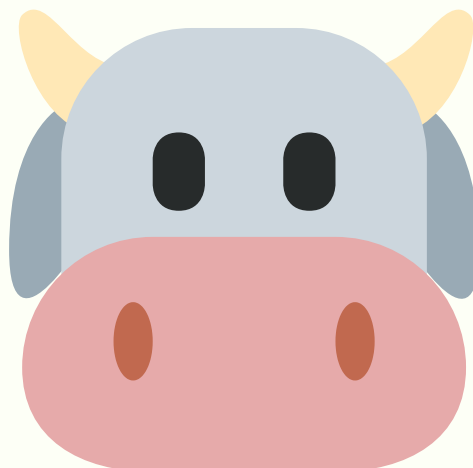
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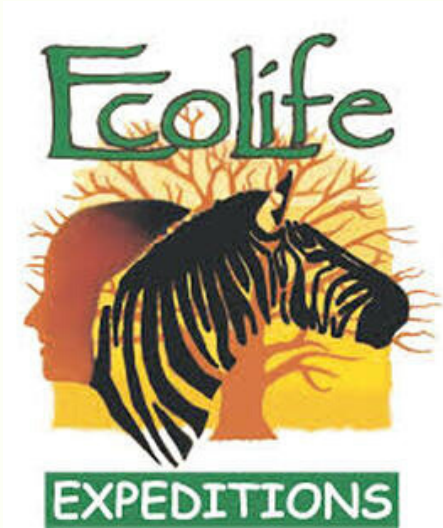
FUN FACT OF THE MONTH

The average Holstein cow produces about 23,000 pounds (or 2,674 gallons) of milk per lactation cycle!

A standard lactation cycle is 305 days a year, meaning a Holstein cow produces 75 pounds (or 9 gallons) of milk daily!



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