

APVMA SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board has been busy over the past two months! We've continued to work closely with Kansas State University to inform members of updates for the 2022 National Symposium including sponsorship opportunities and the logo contest. We have been working hard to renew sponsorships and partnered with VIN Foundation on their [Apply Smarter Webinar](#). We are trying to find ways to make the transition of future E-boards more smooth by considering different financial institutions and amping up APVMA's Delegate Program. Finally, we are trying to keep member's involved in APVMA through the Delegate Program and the newsletter "Club of the Month" highlight for registered clubs. We hope everyone has been having a good school year and wish you all good luck on exams!

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello APVMA Members,

I don't know about you, but my first month of classes has been packed. It has been full of studying, work, exams, activities with my university's Pre-Vet Club, and a ton of meetings. One great aspect about the last month, is that I have gotten to meet so many of you wonderful APVMA members through skype, emails, texts and phone calls.

Over the past month Georgia and I have been working on finalizing this year's APVMA Delegate Program. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to get to know you all. For those that are in the program, I hope that it turns out to be rewarding and truly a great leadership experience. For those out there that still want to get involved there is still plenty of room left open. You can email myself or Georgia if you're interested.

In the month of September much happened in the way of symposium organization. The team at Kansas State has been working hard to make sure that all of the lectures are engaging and are going to really impact your veterinary journey. Assistant Dean of Admissions of the veterinary school, Dr. Callie Rost, has been working tirelessly to make sure that our event is a big hit. Don't forget to register to attend the symposium. You don't want to miss it!

In addition to working on this year's symposium we at the APVMA are looking into the future as well. If you know of a veterinary school that is interested in hosting the 2022 Symposium there is still plenty of time to contact us, just send their info to me at americanpvmapresident@gmail.com. If your school has any interest in hosting a future symposium, just let me know because we would be honored to work with your program!

To those of you that applied this cycle, congratulations! It sure isn't an easy process and I know you all dedicated a lot of time and energy into your application. You deserve a big pat on the back for all of your hard work.

Warmest Wishes,

Sydney Paris

THE VIN FOUNDATION

The [VIN Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides resources that are available to all veterinarians and pre-veterinary/veterinary students at no cost. These resources help veterinarians thrive so they can help our animals and those who care for them. The resources are regularly updated with the most current information.

HIGHLIGHTED PRE-VETERINARY RESOURCES

(CLICK ON THE TITLES TO BE REDIRECTED TO THAT RESOURCE'S WEBSITE)

I Want To Be A Veterinarian

This resource is designed and staffed by members of the veterinary profession who want to help you understand your goals and figure out if veterinary medicine is really the right career for you. Start with the [downloadable brochure](#) or the [FAQ section](#) to find answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about becoming a veterinarian.

Vet School Bound

Vet School Bound provides you with the most current information available on costs, class sizes, and prerequisites for U.S. and Caribbean veterinary schools.

Veterinary Pulse Podcast

Helpful podcast episodes for pre-veterinary students include a breakdown of cost in applying to veterinary school and tips on best practices for interviews.

Apply Smarter to Veterinary School

Apply Smarter to veterinary school by narrowing your target list of schools. Learn how applying only to veterinary schools where you can attend at the lowest cost possible can increase your chances of getting in, and save you hundreds of thousands of dollars repaying your student loans. Resources include the [Apply Smarter Webinar Recording](#) and the [Apply Smarter Checklist](#).

Apply Smarter Message Board

The Apply Smarter Message Board is a helpful forum where your fellow pre-veterinary colleagues are meeting and discussing all things pre-vet. Have questions about a certain school? Perhaps you're pondering the financial side of the process? Or maybe you're already accepted – congratulations! – and wondering what the next best steps are. You even have the ability to post your questions anonymously in this area!

For an **exhaustive list of resources** which are intended for pre-veterinary students, please visit: <https://vinfoundation.org/i-am/a-pre-veterinary-student/>

If you would like to receive **email updates** from VIN Foundation, you can do so [here](#).

Feel free to reach out to ApplySmarter@VINFoundation.org with any questions.

AQUADOCs

AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Interested in learning more about aquatic medicine?

Check out Aquadocs, a podcast that features conversations about aquatic medicine and conservation.

Join each week as host Michelle Greenfield (Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine 2023) interviews veterinarians and other animal health experts about ways they are making a difference in the aquatic medicine community. Episodes available on your favorite podcast streaming services (Apple, Spotify, Google) and at www.aquadocspodcast.com.



ABOUT PRODUCER/HOST/FOUNDER

Michelle Greenfield is the producer and host of Aquadocs. She is pursuing her DVM and CertAqV at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine (2023). She holds a bachelor of arts degree in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University and has worked at a number of organizations including the US Navy's Marine Mammal Program, Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom, and the Sarasota Dolphin Research Program.

Michelle started Aquadocs because she intends to pursue aquatic veterinary medicine and realized that there are very few accessible resources to learn about aquatic medicine. She thought a podcast would be a great way for her to personally learn more as well as provide a great resource for everyone else interested in this niche field. Michelle loves interviewing incredible people making the sorts of advances in aquatic medicine that she hopes to make one day. Her goal is for this podcast to inspire others to join her on that journey. Aquadocs is about to launch Season 2 and currently reaches over 400 listeners per episode in over 90 countries.

AQUADOCS INTERNSHIP



Aquadocs is looking to take on an undergrad pre-vet intern to help run their social media accounts for the podcast and potentially assist with an ongoing research project to be featured on the podcast. This is a great opportunity to gain more experience in the non-traditional veterinary field, receive mentorship from a current veterinary student, and

build a professional network/resume. Further information on the internship is included in [this document](#). Applications can be emailed directly to aquadocspodcast@gmail.com.

APVMA DELEGATE PROGRAM

Do you know a leader within your club that would be interested in putting their skills to the test on a national level? They should consider joining the APVMA delegate program!

What do you get out of it?

- National leadership title
- Discounted symposium registration rate
- Leadership experience
- Provide club with voice on national level
- Recognition at national symposium
- Contribute ideas for what you want to see at symposium
- Get your foot in the door for APVMA executive board positions

What are we looking for?

- One delegate to represent each pre-vet club
 - Position should be filled by your symposium chair, or comparable position. If you do not have such a position, feel free to nominate whomever you feel would be the best fit
- A leader and good communicator who can:
 - Relay APVMA information to your club
 - Check in regularly with an APVMA Executive
 - Contribute ideas about the future of APVMA
 - Work with representatives from other clubs in your area

Please direct any questions to APVMA President Sydney Paris (americanpvmapresident@gmail.com) or Vice President Georgia Daniel (apvmavicepresident@gmail.com)

CLUB OF THE MONTH: PRE-VET STUDENTS SUPPORTING DIVERSITY

School: University of California, Davis

Instagram: [prevets.ucdavis](https://www.instagram.com/prevets.ucdavis)

Website: <http://prevetsofdiversity.weebly.com/>

PRESIDENT



Hello future vets! My name is Kimberly Aguirre and I am the 2021-2022 president for the Pre-vet Students Supporting Diversity (PSSD) club at the University of California, Davis. I am a fourth-year majoring in Animal Biology with a minor in Public Health Sciences. My interests include epidemiology, zoonoses, food safety, applied microbiology, public health, and One Health. I am also passionate about educational equity and promoting diversity and inclusion in STEM/medical fields.

VICE PRESIDENT

Hello! My name is Sooyoung Lee, and I am the 2021-2022

Vice-President for the Pre-vet Students Supporting Diversity (PSSD) club at University of California, Davis. I am currently a third-year majoring in Animal Science. I am still figuring out what I would like to specialize or pursue in my future, but I am interested in captive and companion animals, research, and clinical practice.



CLUB OF THE MONTH: PRE-VET STUDENTS SUPPORTING DIVERSITY

Pre-vet Students Supporting Diversity is an organization designed to support and retain students from underrepresented/disadvantaged communities pursuing careers in the field of veterinary medicine by providing resources that will enhance their preparation for veterinary school. We strive to increase diversity in the veterinary field by providing a support system, mentorship, and other resources to pre-veterinary students at UC Davis who have faced barriers leading to higher education.



Some of the services we provide include:

- A mentorship program between undergraduates and UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine students
- Presentations by veterinary school admissions representatives
- Guest speaker events on veterinary and animal-related careers
- A support group and fun socials with other pre-vet students
- Connecting members with internship/ job opportunities on both the UCD and vet school campuses
- We recently also created a virtual mentorship program between our undergraduate members and high school students from underrepresented, low-income, and disadvantaged backgrounds across California

UP-TO-DATE SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION



Location: Kansas State University

Date: March 11-13, 2022



- The symposium website is up and running!
<https://www.apvmasympoium2022.com/>
- Kansas State University has reserved all hotel rooms/spaces for members' arrival. All hotels provide complimentary breakfast.
- All events will be on campus
- **Presentation Topics:**
 - Application Tips, Behavior, Animal Welfare, Surviving Vet School From a Graduate's Perspective, Equine Respiratory Diseases, Wildlife Medicine, Opportunities in Exotic Animal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, International Opportunities in Veterinary Medicine, Bovine Obstetrics, Research and Dual Degree Opportunities, Small Animal Internal Medicine, GI, Urinary Procedures, Small Animal Dentistry, Toxicology, KSU CVM One Year Master's in Biomedical Sciences, Equine Medicine, Leadership Styles, Veterinary Emergencies, Non-Traditional Veterinary Paths
- **Labs scheduled:**
 - Behavior Assessment, Exotics, Anatomy and Comparative Anatomy, Small Animal Physical Exam and Neurological Exam, Equine, Exotics Husbandry and Handling, Introduction to Suturing and Surgical Skills, Gowning and Gloving, Parasitology, Radiology, Ticks and Fleas
- Virtual options will be offered for all lectures, including the President's Meeting, for a lower registration fee
- The most up-to-date COVID-19 information for the state of Kansas followed by KSU: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>

SYMPOSIUM SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Please refer to [this document](#) for sponsorship information.

Please use the symposium website included in the document and on the previous page to register as a sponsor for the APVMA 2022 Symposium.

SYMPOSIUM LOGO CONTEST

Submit your artwork for the 2022 APVMA Symposium [here](#).

Rules:

- 1) Logo designs must include APVMA
- 2) Artwork must be submitted as JPG files
- 3) Artwork must be visually appealing on both small and large scales
- 4) Winning artwork must later be submitted in a vector format (EPS) or with the ability to be converted to EPS.
- 5) Entries are limited to one entry per person.

The Deadline to submit a logo design is **November 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm Central Time.**

Kansas State University will use the logo for conference website, t-shirts and other promotional materials for the 2022 APVMA Symposium.

The winner of the logo contest will receive **free conference registration.**

APVMA REGISTRATION

Eligibility

- Any accredited institution in the United States with students pursuing pre-veterinary medical course work
- Any institution outside of the United States with students pursuing pre-veterinary medical course work from that institution
- Any individual students who do not have an affiliated pre-veterinary club at his/her institution

Benefits of Membership

- Members have access and possible features on the monthly newsletters.
- Networking with pre-veterinary students from across the nation.
- Meeting with representatives from veterinary schools from across the nation in one location.
- Access to national symposiums held annually at different colleges across the country
- Sharing of ideas between members and member clubs.
- The opportunity to run for and potentially hold a position on a national executive board.

Membership dues are used for

- Supporting students with scholarships, travel awards and attendance for the APVMA National Symposium.

You must be a member of the APVMA to attend the APVMA National Symposium!

For more information on APVMA Membership and Dues, please visit our [website](#). The deadline to register your club or yourself with APVMA is December 31st, 2021.

STAY CONNECTED

Have ideas on how APVMA can increase member involvement? Please let us know through our [Google Form](#)

Website: www.apvma.org

Email Listserv: [Click Here to be Added!](#)



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AND APPRECIATE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**