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UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

Hello APVMA members! The month of September has been an extremely busy time for your executive board. The president continues to work to bring all of you exciting new changes for the APVMA. The vice president has been diligently contacting potential sponsors for APVMA. The treasurer is continuing to monitor and record all of your transactions as you join the organization and pay dues via our new system! As you can see, your secretary has done a wonderful job with the newsletter format, as we are working to increase engagement within the national organization as well as local chapters by updating you all via newsletter every month. The webmaster has been also working towards the same goal of increasing engagement through our official website and Facebook pages. As a whole, we are all getting back into the groove of school, as the first round of exams has arrived. Most of us have submitted our VMCA's and are excited to hear back. As always, if any of you have questions regarding APVMA and registration. In general, feel free to email any of us!



A Letter From the President

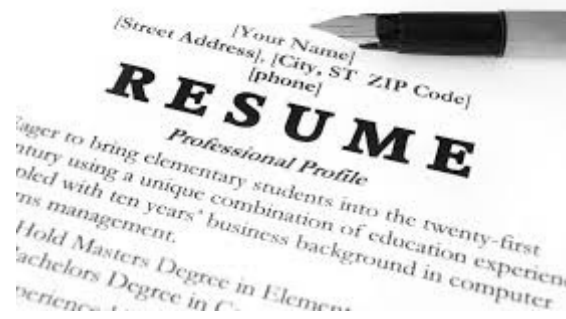
Hey everyone,

Before I begin, I want to reach out to those who were affected by Hurricane Florence. I am a former South Carolina resident and seeing the countless videos, pictures, and outreach posts have broken my heart. I am praying for every single one of you. This wasn't what I was going to originally write to all of you, but I feel compelled to kind of touch on it now; and I plan to go more in depth at a later date.

I have had my fair share of rough semesters. I am prepared for a vet school interview that goes something like this: "Oh yes, that semester I had this going on personally" and "that semester I had too much I was trying to tackle at once." I have gotten used to believing the multitude of excuses I have made for every action viewed as a failure in the eyes of the future vet school. What we don't realize, is that regardless of what happens, the admissions staff and interviewers do not define you as a person. These "failures" are not failures at all. It is okay you had to retake Organic Chemistry — you aren't the only one. It is rare to see a student have a perfect college career including difficult courses which still result in perfect grades coupled with extracurricular activities and/or a job — if you find someone like this, please capture them safely and send them off for research because we need to thoroughly study them. LOL!

I am a strong Christian and I will try not to get religious with all of you here since that is not my place, however, I believe that you end up where you are supposed to be, regardless of where you thought you might. All of those challenges you face, regardless of the outcome, shape you into a unique human being that is unlike anyone else. Do not be ashamed of any difficult situation you might have faced in the past and how it affected your future career. You have nothing to be ashamed of because it isn't about what happened to you but how you reacted to your circumstances. I have had those rough semesters I mentioned above because I let my personal situation affect my overall performance in daily life. I let it get the best of me and chose to let it bring me down instead of letting it mold me into a better person. "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger," right? No matter how long it takes you to bounce back from your personal struggles, always remember to bounce back. Life is going to happen regardless of if you have an important exam the next day, just try to remember that it is okay to be sad — just get through the exam first and take it one day at a time!

Loyally,
Mary Ann McDougal



Your resume is the first impression

STEPS:

1. BRAINSTORM EXPERIENCE
2. CREATE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS
3. MAKE A STRONG BULLET POINT
POWER VERB + TASK + PURPOSE
4. CREATE A FIRST DRAFT
5. EDIT AND PROOFREAD

TIPS:

- Write a clear, concise and easy-to-read resume free of errors, abbreviations, and slang.
- Include ALL of your current contact information, education background, professional certifications, licenses, and organizations.
- Include ALL of your relevant work information, such as business names, city, state, and dates (month and year) when you held the position (e.g., 11/05 - present).
- Clearly and concisely describe your work responsibilities and your accomplishments. Write no more than 2 sentences per bullet point. The idea here is to highlight key points that will leave the reader wanting more.
- Include important specifics of your work experience (e.g., list whether it was full- or part-time, list software used, machinery used, languages spoken, etc).
- Be consistent if you decide to write in chronological or reverse chronological order.
- Do not use unusual fonts or fonts smaller than 10 point.
- Use action verbs such as “Received award for perfect attendance.”
- Have an advisor or professor review and help focus your resume.
- One resume does NOT fit all. Each job or position may require different content/format.



Eventbrite the new and improved way to register for the APVMA Symposium

With Penn State hosting the 2019 APVMA Symposium we are excited to announce that we will be using Eventbrite as our registration service. This cloud based registration service is very similar to Ticketmaster and is used vastly for conferences throughout the country. The key

feature that makes Eventbrite outstanding is that it is cloud based meaning it will not crash when registration opens. In the past for symposium this has been a problem and we at Penn State want to make sure your registration goes through so you are able to attend our distinguished event.



Another great feature is, there will be multiple ways you can access the Eventbrite page when registration rolls around. More details will be provided next month to each Pre-Vet Club.

Furthermore, with registration around the corner there are multiple details that need to be addressed so registration is as smooth as it can be for you! First, registration will open the first weekend in November, this ensuring no conflicts during the weekdays for registries. The exact time and date will be released at a later date. Next, registration will occur in a two-step process. First, students and advisors will need to register on Eventbrite when the event opens on November 3rd. Once registered, a check will need to be mailed within a week to confirm your spot. Checks can be made out individually or as a whole Pre-Vet Club. Once the check has been received a follow up email will be sent to verify that Penn State Pre-Vet Club did in fact get the check. More details about where and who to send the checks to will be sent out next month before registration.

Finally, with using Eventbrite there are multiple custom questions that will need to be answered so we can best accommodate you! In the past not enough food options have been a problem, with this, as the APVMA planning committee we want to ensure all your food allergies or diets are met. The registration and food committees will be working very closely to ensure no one goes hungry and there are sufficient options for dietary restricted attendees. In addition, during this symposium there is a chance for you to follow specific labs and lectures if you are only interested in one particular field of Veterinary Medicine. These labs and lectures will be based off the track option which will be available on the registration page if you find one that interests you. Currently, we have already identified a few tracks that can be followed such as Small Animal, Large Animal, Research. There are still many tracks being set up so in a month a full list will be sent out.

Hopefully some of the past concerns and problems will be solved by using Eventbrite. Stay on the lookout for more information in a month or so about the registration process. Penn State Pre-Vet Club is very excited and thrilled to be hosting the 2019 APVMA Symposium!

NEW PRODUCT

APVMA Graduation Cord



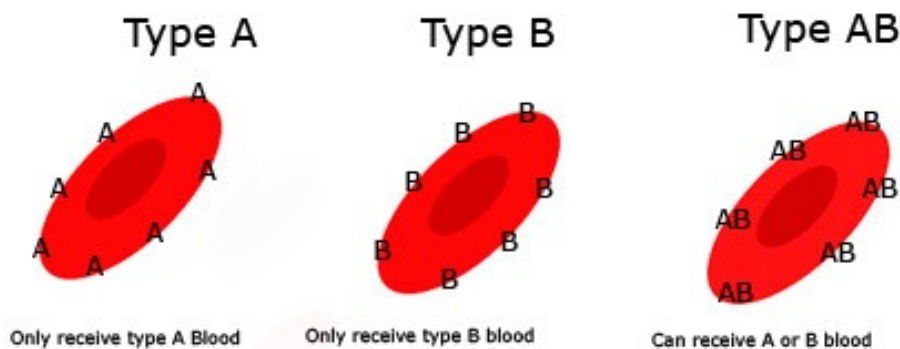
We are very excited for the following announcement! This year we will start selling APVMA graduation cords. The deadline to order before winter graduation is October 31st. Students can place their orders before this date and they will start shipping the products at the beginning of December. Of course, students graduating in May can order at this time as well but there will be a separate order before spring graduation. It is \$8 for a cord and there is an additional shipping cost that depends on your location. Keep in mind the shipping cost will be cheaper overall if you order in bulk. So if you know a group of people that would like to order, it will be more cost effective to order as a group rather than individually!

Here is the link: <https://graduationoutlet.com/apvma-honor-cord.html>

Please share it with your PVMA clubs and friends!

Fun Fact of the Month

While humans can have one of eight possible blood types, cats have three: A, B, or AB. The vast majority of cats, especially domestic shorthair/non-pedigree, are blood type A. Type B is uncommon, but it is characteristic of a few specific breeds. This is because type A is genetically dominant and type B is recessive; therefore, a cat must have two parents with type B in order to inherit that blood type. AB is extremely rare, and its inheritance pattern is not completely understood. There is no universal blood donor for cats, so transfusions must come from a donor with the same type or fatal reactions can occur. Because most clinic cats/blood donors are type A, a blood typing test may be indicated in some purebreed feline patients prior to a transfusion.



Upcoming Events

- **October 12th and November 9th 2018**
Cornell University Admission Presentation & Tours



October 31st 2018

Last day to place orders for APVMA graduation cords for winter term

- **March 8th - March 9th 2018**

2019 National APVMA Symposium at Penn State University

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