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Dr. C. Alan Jones



A LETTER FROM the PRESIDENT

Dear ALVMA Members,

Looking back over the past few weeks, my hope was that the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic would be behind us by now, and that we could begin to settle into a new, better "normal". As of this writing, on my dad's 82nd birthday, June 30th, we're experiencing an as-yet uncontrolled Covid-19 infection rate. Mother Nature has no doubt issued a loud wake-up call, as we've been reminded that our little home we call Earth continues to become more small, more crowded, and her resources, more scarce. Though our natural tendencies are to attempt to withdraw from the rest of the world, veterinarians understand that these diseases can span the globe with no regard for sovereign borders. Our future should focus on being better prepared for the next rainy day, refocus on what is needed to be manufactured "in-house", lessen our dependence on global supply for these critical health care needs, but all the while understanding that we need more international cooperation—not less. We as veterinarians are well-suited to be actively engaged in that effort at all levels of the public and private sectors.

I'd hope we'd also spend more time thinking about increasing a focus in our veterinary curricula that would better stimulate more of our graduates to pursue careers in epidemiology and other related fields, and lobby for the financial resources to provide that stimulus. We're all in this thing together, and I'm proud to be able to continue to serve in what I've always considered the world's greatest profession.

Take Care,

C. Alan Jones, DVM
ALVMA President

Personal Protection in an Ongoing Global Pandemic

Written by
Drs. Jim Wright
and John Kelliher

The global SARS-CoVi-2 Pandemic is unprecedented and in the absence of a vaccine or clear treatment options it is almost like we have stepped back in time. Emphasis has been placed on an infectious disease preventive approach our mothers lectured us on. When done correctly, hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. I am sure all of us are familiar with the procedure for proper hand-washing to prevent disease transmission: take off all jewelry, work soap into a lather, scrub fingers into the palm and scrub between the fingers and wash for at least 20 seconds. You can sing happy birthday to yourself twice or the “ABC” song once to assure enough time has been used.

While the handwashing procedure is familiar the history of hand washing may not be as well known. The father of hand hygiene was Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian physician who worked in the Vienna General Hospital. In 1846, Dr. Semmelweis observed that women who gave birth in the doctor run maternity ward were more likely to die of a fever post-partum than women who gave birth in an adjacent midwife maternity ward. He decided to investigate this disparity and found that medical students visited the maternity ward immediately after performing autopsies. The doctor concluded that individuals conducting the autopsies had their hands contaminated with “cadaverous particles” that they then carried into the maternity ward. With this realization Dr. Semmelweis ordered handwashing with

chlorine for doctors and medical students performing autopsies. The rates of death in the maternity ward fell dramatically following the institution of hand washing and this was the first proof that cleansing hands could prevent infection. The other doctors were not pleased with Semmelweis’ conclusions and were upset that they were being blamed for deaths in the maternity ward so they continued to support the popular theory at the time that water was the cause of disease. Dr. Semmelweis urged other hospitals to institute hand washing but was not successful.

A number of years later, Florence Nightingale implemented handwashing and other hygiene practices during the Crimean War. This was during a time when disease was thought to be caused by bad air or miasmas. Her approach achieved a notable reduction in infections during the war.

Interestingly, handwashing was not generally accepted for infection control for over a century after Semmelweis and Nightingale championed it as an infection control procedure. The public health benefits of handwashing were not fully recognized until the 1980’s when several foodborne

outbreaks and healthcare associated infections led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to identify hand hygiene as an important way to prevent the spread of infection. The agency proposed the first nationally endorsed hand hygiene guidelines and now it is an accepted preventive approach.

Private veterinary practices have played an essential role during the pandemic and guidelines for prevention in practice settings are available at the Alabama VMA and the AVMA websites. The health and well-being of pets is critically important during this time of personal isolation and the role of veterinary practices is illustrative of the one health approach in action. 🐾



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References: <https://globalhandwashing.org/about-handwashing/history-of-handwashing/>

ALVMF Spay Neuter Program

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation's Spay/Neuter Program is stronger than ever before! We have funds coming in from the License Plate program as well as from generous Alabamians who have elected to donate through their income tax check off contributions. ALVMF is standing by to support your hospital as well, simply visit our website and apply to become a participating hospital in this worthwhile initiative. Visit our website at alvmf.org to learn more about the Spay/Neuter Program, how to participate and see a list of current participating clinics. We receive calls and emails routinely from your potential clients looking for a member hospital. If you aren't on this list and would like to become a member clinic,

please let our office know so that we can advocate for you.

As a reminder, as long as the doctor who performs the surgical procedure is an ALVMA Member, you qualify for this important program. The application for a funding permit number has been streamlined and is all online now, further helping to reduce the barriers to providing this critical service to those most in need. A co-pay of \$10 per cat or \$20 per dog must be paid by the Medicaid recipient (your client), but the remaining balance is paid to veterinarians directly through a grant supported by the license plate sales and tax checkoff program. (Limit of two animals per household per year). Your clinic must apply for a permit number prior to surgery (simple online application) and will receive reimbursement from the Foundation

by check or EFT the last week of each month. As you can identify from the map, left, there are many opportunities to increase the program reach within our Alabama hospitals.

While the ALVMF Foundation has 71 officially enrolled hospitals, only 12 are promoting and actively engaged in providing this service to this segment of the population. We encourage every veterinary hospital in Alabama to enroll and participate.

The funding is available to support your efforts, and we stand ready to help you succeed.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 334-513-2993 or email alvmf@tigeroakllc.com for more information. Additional information can be found at our website, www.alvmf.org.

Dr. Brad Fields
Executive Director

ALVMF Ready to Support Hurricane Response:

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Updated address for Foundation correspondence: The Foundation has migrated to a Post Office Box for added security and convenience. Please note the new address and make changes to address books accordingly.

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ALVMA Legislative Committee Report

Written by

Jeff Martin, Governmental Affairs Director



Three months ago, when the coronavirus first shut down the 2020 Regular Session, it was all but guaranteed that lawmakers would return for at least one special session later in the year, maybe even two or three. But that was then. With budgets passed, many lawmakers, say a special session is not necessary and any other issues can wait until February 2021 when the Legislature reconvenes.

But others said there is business left to handle, including extending a job creation tax credit. The Alabama Jobs Act, the state's primary industrial recruitment statute, is expiring at the end of the year. Another popular economic development tool, the Growing Alabama Tax Credit, expires in September.

There has also been some urgency to pass a coronavirus civil immunity bill to protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits. Not to mention prison reform and a bucket list of items that didn't survive the abbreviated legislative session.

With the coronavirus still impacting state budgets, to get a better feel for the state's current revenue situation the leadership of the Alabama Senate held some very rare summer hearings. The Senate Ways and Means General

Fund Committee held hearings July 9th with budget writers and some agency leaders to see where the state stands amid COVID-19. The good news is that the General Fund remains healthy and while the Education Trust Fund remains uncertain, all things considered Alabama is fairing much better than most states.

Given the news that the pandemic hasn't been detrimental to the budgets and the likelihood the virus will still not be contained I would be surprised to see the legislature return to Montgomery this year, but the ultimate call rests with Governor Ivey.

Meanwhile, the ALVMA legislative committee continues to meet and is prepared to move our agenda forward the next time the legislature does convene.

While I've got your attention, I'd be remiss not to ask that you consider donating to the ALVMA PAC. It's important that ALVMA supports those elected officials who support us. A contribution of any amount would be appreciated. Donations are accepted at www.alvma.com/donations or by mailing a check to: PO Box 803, Fayetteville, TN 37334.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or useful information feel free to reach out to me. 🐾

Be safe.
Jeff

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Alabama VMA has announced its recommendations for candidates for the 2020-2021 Executive Board. **Voting will be done strictly through mailed ballots.** Please make sure these ballots are returned to the Association office by August 5th. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact the Association office at 334-603-6227..

Dr. Randy Davis automatically advances to president, the recommendations include:

PRESIDENT - ELECT

Dr. Steven T. Murphree – Cullman, AL

Steven T. Murphree, DVM is a 1983 graduate of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. He purchased Cullman Veterinary Hospital, P.C. in 1985 and later in 1990 sold the large animal portion, making the hospital a small animal facility. Dr. Murphree is the sole owner and currently has three other DVM's, as well as, twenty support staff. He is an active member in the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association. He has also held many positions in the North Alabama Veterinary Medical Association including, President, Vice-President, Member-at-Large and has served as the Constituent Representative to ALVMA since 2015. In the past, he has also served as Chairman to the ALVMA Public Relations Committee, and he has been a member of the American Animal Hospital Association since 2000. Most recently, Dr. Murphree served as the ALVMA Member-at-Large. Dr. Murphree has been an active member of several civic, religious and veterinary organizations over the years, showing that he enjoys giving back to the community as a whole. He and his wife, Alisa, have 3 children. The family also has 4 dogs, 3 cats, one horse and a mini donkey. He enjoys traveling, photography and is involved with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman Lions Club and Cullman Utilities Board.

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Frances Phillips Kendrick – Selma, AL

Dr. Frances Phillips Kendrick resides in Valley Grande, AL and practices in Selma, AL and is married to William Lacy Kendrick, (AL Registered Forester). They have triplet sons, Will, Tommy and Walter that are currently attending Auburn University. Dr. Kendrick graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1992. After working as an Associate for 9 years, she started Valley Creek Veterinary Hospital, LLC in 2001 and has been a solo practitioner of mixed animal medicine since then. She now limits her practice to small ruminants and small animals. Dr. Kendrick is involved in many professional and civic organizations. For the past 6 years she has served as the West Alabama Representative on the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association's Executive Board. She is also a past president of the West Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and is a current member of the American Veterinary Medical Association. In addition, Dr. Kendrick serves on the Sabra Sanctuary Board (local women's abuse center), is a member of Leadership Dallas County, the Chamber of Commerce Selma/Dallas County, the William Rufus King Chapter of the DAR and has served as past president of PTA for Martin Middle School and Dallas County High School. Dr. Kendrick is also

a member and children's teacher at Elkdale Baptist Church and enjoys going on mission trips to tell people of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Some of the mission trips have been for veterinary mission work oriented as a platform to open doors for local missionaries.

TREASURER

Dr. Susan Parsons – McCalla, AL

Dr. Parsons fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian by graduating from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. As a veterinarian, she works hard to provide compassionate care to all her patients and develop lasting relationships with their owners. Dr. Parsons takes this role very seriously and strives to improve the field of veterinary medicine for those who will follow her path. Dr. Parsons graduated from Kingwood Christian School in 1999. In 2003, she graduated from Samford University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Dr. Parsons was accepted into AUCVM for the fall class of 2003. After graduation, Dr. Parsons worked for a few months at a small animal clinic in Trussville, AL. In 2008, she quickly found her way to her current employment at McAdory Veterinary Clinic. Currently, Dr. Parsons has the pleasure of serving as a Board Member on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation. Over



Dr. Steven Murphree



Dr. Frances Kendrick



Dr. Susan Parsons



Dr. Babette Dixon



Dr. Bradley Harris

the last four years of serving, Dr. Parsons has had the opportunity to learn about the many aspects of veterinary medicine and considers this a wonderful experience. Dr. Parsons currently resides in McCalla with her husband of nine years and their two sons, ages 6 & 2. They also have two dogs and two cats that frequently take over their home. On a personal note, she teaches the first-grade class each Sunday at her church. Although Dr. Parsons and her husband are busy raising their family, he counts it a blessing to be a veterinarian and enjoys her daily work with pets and their owners. Dr. Parsons understands that she has a responsibility to serve her colleagues and to help meet the challenges that may lie ahead in the veterinary profession. Dr. Parsons is always willing to serve in any capacity that furthers the profession of veterinary medicine.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Dr. Babette D. Authement – Fairhope, AL

Dr. Authement is a small animal practitioner in Fairhope AL where she has practiced since graduation from Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. Dr. Authement has participated in organized veterinary medicine since 1994 as the Gulf Coast Veterinary Medical Association representative to the state board and has served as the President of the Gulf Coast Veterinary

Medical Association as well. Dr. Authement believes that the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association has helped make significant strides in our profession within our state and on the national level. We have been through a lot in the last 10-15 years as a profession and as an organization and Dr. Authement would like the opportunity to continue positive leadership into the next decade.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Dr. Bradley Harris – Dothan, AL

Dr. Bradley Harris is a 1990 graduate of AUCVM. A native of Kentucky, Dr. Harris has spent his entire practice career in Alabama. Beginning his practice career in Greensboro, he moved on to Headland and finally to Dothan. Currently practicing at Dothan Animal Hospital, Dr. Harris has been in partnership with Dr. Ben Garrett (AU'87) for the last 21 years. Since graduation, he has been a member of the ALVMA and the AVMA. Dr. Harris has been privileged to serve in leadership roles in both his professional and personal careers. Locally, he has served as president and vice-president of the Greater Dothan VMA, which included coordinating the rabies clinic for Houston County. Dr. Harris is currently on the Jefferson State Veterinary Technician Advisory Committee and is the current ALVMA Executive Board representative for the Greater Dothan VMA.

Through the practice, Dr. Harris has been able to either spon-

sor or participate in community pet events. Much as in practice, these public events present the challenge of misinformation and misunderstanding, and he enjoys helping to educate people and increase awareness of their pets.

Civically, Dr. Harris has been a member of Rotary and Kiwanis, having served as an officer and as a committee member. He especially enjoyed civic involvement in a small-town environment and the impact on the lives of clients and neighbors. Dr. Harris has also been active the past four years as president of the high school football booster club. Dr. Harris has been an active member at his current church for 25+ years. He has served in a variety of leadership roles, from Sunday School teacher to committee chairman to chairman of deacons.

Dr. Harris's philosophy of leadership is service based. The ALVMA is composed of many members with a wide variety of gifts and talents. There is great potential for the ALVMA (and our profession) by tapping into those gifts and talents through encouragement of membership service in any capacity and at any level. Coupled with a cooperative spirit amongst the membership, the ALVMA can build on the work of its founders as we move forward.

Dr. Harris is married to the former Sharla Beaty and has three sons. He enjoys fishing, golf, fish fries and shrimp boils, playing piano, and officiating high school football and wrestling. 🐾



Testing Pets for the Corona Virus

Written by Dr. Tony Frazier

The scientific name for the strain of coronavirus that has affected people who reside on this planet is SARS-CoV-2. The virus, causing the disease referred to as CoVID19 has had the most dramatic and far reaching effects of anything I can recall in my lifetime. While it is considered a human disease, there is important information that can be gleaned from the testing of specific animals. Guidance for animal testing was a collaboration by the CDC, USDA and other federal agencies using a One Health approach. Testing pets and other animals for SARS-CoV-2 is not routinely recommended and should be the exception rather than the rule.

If you have a client who wishes to have their pet tested for SARS-CoV-2 or if you as the veterinarian believe that an animal needs a test, your first step is to get in touch with my office at 334-240-7253. Once the request is received for an animal to be tested, a decision will be made in consultation with the Alabama Department of Public Health. There are limited resources for testing on pets because it is a human disease, only those animals that fit into a specific group will be tested.

The criteria for animals that may be eligible for testing is given on the CDC website at; [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/animal-testing.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/animal-testing.html). If a decision is made that an animal is eligible to be tested, you will be given instructions on how to collect samples and where to send them for testing. It is important to collect duplicate samples as tests that are initially positive at state, university or private laboratories will be retested at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory



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in Ames, Iowa for confirmation.

The virus' clinical symptoms seem to be similar to human symptoms. Expected signs include fever, coughing, dyspnea, lethargy, sneezing, ocular/nasal discharge, vomiting and diarrhea. With the limited amount of information we have at this time, the animal symptoms are generally mild. Because these symptoms are consistent with those associated with other viruses, it is important to rule out other diseases before requesting a test for the animal.

Research has revealed that cats, ferrets and other animals have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. Ongoing research to this point has not proven that the virus is retro zoonotic. There is no indication that animals can pass the disease to humans. In fact, the opposite

seems to be the case. In rare cases, humans infected with the virus have likely transmitted the virus to pets or other animals that they have had close contact with.

As we navigate through these uncharted waters, it is prudent to go the extra mile to protect ourselves, our staff, our clients and our patients. It is important to use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when we are dealing with any suspected zoonotic agent.

We are still learning, and there are still many unknowns that will become clearer as we get further down the road. If you have questions about testing or other aspects of the SARS-CoV-2 as it may relate to regulatory medicine, please do not hesitate to contact me. 🐾

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New Graduate Member Profile

Dr. Lisa Tenny • Elkmont, Alabama



Q. What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?

It sounds cliché, but I'm one of those people who always knew they wanted to be a veterinarian. My first word was even "cat". As I got older and learned more about the profession and what it meant to be a veterinarian, my desire and passion to become a veterinarian grew and never really stopped growing.

Q. What type of veterinary medicine do you practice and why did you choose it?

I'm a production poultry veterinarian for a primary breeder company. My fascination with poultry began in undergrad. At the time I knew very little about agriculture, but was eager to learn more about where my food came from. After taking an introduction to poultry course, I was hooked. Every internship and externship I had working in the poultry industry made me realize that this field was where I belonged.

Q. Where did you study?

I did both my undergraduate and veterinary school at Kansas State University.

Q. What is something you wish you had known/learned/or been told coming out of school that you have learned in the job setting?

The biggest thing I learned on the job was to trust myself. We learn a ton of information in school, yet it's very easy to feel like you still know nothing when you graduate. Don't get me wrong, I've learned a lot in my first year as a practicing veterinarian. However, I was a lot more capable than I initially realized or gave myself credit for when I first finished school.

Q. Who is your role model/mentor?

My first mentor was Dr. Bernie Beckman. He's a veterinarian in Iowa and was the first poultry veterinarian to support me in my career path as an undergraduate.

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about my job is getting to interact with all kinds of people with various backgrounds and cultures who are all working toward the same goal as I am. I have always been a people person and I love hearing and sharing stories with our growers, poultry specialists, laboratory staff, and the like. There's a real sense of community that I truly enjoy being a part of at my job.

Q. What is the hardest part of your job?

For me, the hardest days are ones where I spend more than 5 hours driving. Driving to farms

in the countryside is something I regularly enjoy, but on some uncommon days more than half my time is spent on the road. The long days on the road are ones I'm not able to interact with as many of my coworkers as I would like.

Q. What advice can you offer someone coming into this profession?

Keep your mind open. You never know what field of veterinary medicine you may fall in love with. There are so many opportunities and paths a veterinarian can take. Don't limit yourself by not trying something new or being afraid to reach for a novel goal or dream.

Q. What is the most memorable experience of your career?

Having only been out of school a year, I don't think I can pick a single experience or moment. Everything to date has been very memorable and impactful as I continue to learn and grow as a professional.





Q. What accomplishment are you most proud of?

This is probably the most typical first year on the job answer, but I'm very proud of graduating veterinary school. Veterinary school is not an easy venture no matter how you spin it and very few people are blessed with the opportunity to even attend. I'm exceptionally proud to be a part of a profession with so many facets and faces. None of us in the profession could be who we are today without those remarkable 3 letters behind our names- DVM.

Q. What do you think has been the most significant change/advancement in pharmacy?

For the poultry industry it's probably been the new VFD (veterinary feed directive) regulations.

Q. Where do you see yourself in five years?

I'm still getting my bearings as a new veterinarian and need some time to settle into my role before I can properly answer that question. That being said, I plan to attend the University of Georgia in their online Master's program, called

Masters of Avian Health and Medicine (MAHM). Completion of the program will give me a more in-depth set of skills related to poultry medicine and allow me to sit for the poultry board exam (ACPV).

Q. I still want to learn how to...

One thing I'm always trying to improve are my communication skills. In many situations misunderstandings could have been avoided with better or more effective communication strategies.

Q. When I'm not working, you'll find me...

Before COVID-19 you could find me either at the local rock climbing



gym or somewhere in the Huntsville/Madison area playing trivia. I also enjoy hiking nearby trails and the occasional lazy weekend cuddled with my two cats watching Netflix.

Q. How did you get involved with the ALVMA?

When I graduated veterinary school in Kansas I accepted a job in Alabama. Being new to the state I decided to join the ALVMA in the hopes of connecting with other veterinarians in the local Alabama community.

Q. Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?

It's a great place to network with colleagues in the area as well as build your personal and professional skills.

Q. How has being a member of ALVMA helped you professionally?

As a member of the ALVMA, I have been able to participate in the Alabama Power of Ten. This program selects 10 veterinarians who have graduated in the last 10 years and helps them develop their leadership abilities through various workshops and service activities. I have just begun the program, but I have already learned so much about myself, my strengths as a leader, and how I can grow as a professional. 🐾





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Please welcome those members who have joined the Association since June 2019

NEW ACTIVE

Dr. Christopher Dietrich
821201 VPVQ
South Region TX (Banfield)
Texas A&M 2004

Dr. Elizabeth Hindman
Montgomery, AL (Banfield)
Auburn 2012

Dr. Lindsey Smith
Red Bay, AL
Mississippi State 2016

Dr. Ebony Gilbreath
Tuskegee, AL
Tuskegee 2004

Dr. Fredrick Tippet
Montgomery, AL
Tuskegee 1979

Dr. Dana Willis-Henderson
Tuskegee, AL
Tuskegee 2002

Dr. Ines Tiago Matos Pinto
Athens, AL
Europe 2008

Dr. Crystal Smith-Whitehead
Banfield Pet Hospital
2007

Dr. Doralee Donaldson
Spanish Fort, AL (Banfield)
Auburn 1993

Dr. Sonya Lull
Dothan, AL (Banfield)
UC Davis 2006

Dr. Melissa Prieur
Banfield Pet Hospital
LSU 2014

Dr. Susan Skelding
Alabaster, AL (Banfield)
Colorado State 1990

Dr. Andrea Sullivan
Huntsville, AL (Banfield)
Tufts 2015

Dr. Jonathan Zeiger
Alabaster, AL (Banfield)
Auburn 1985

NEW GRADUATES

Dr. Courtney Yates Tanner
Montgomery, AL
Tuskegee 2019

NEW 3-4 YEAR GRAD

Dr. Hannah Young Ennis
Montgomery, AL
Auburn 2017

Dr. Blake Bagents
Greenville, AL
Auburn 2017

Dr. Christina Koloup
Oak Ridge, TN
Tennessee 2018

Dr. Melissa Lehman
Hoover, AL (Banfield)
North Carolina State 2017

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Haley Yeepun
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Tuskegee 2023

Caroline Ford
Knoxville, TN
Tennessee 2021

RE-INSTATEMENTS

Dr. Mary Krothapalli
Madison, AL
Auburn 2010

NEW RETIRED

Dr. John T. Crowder
Five Points, AL
Auburn 1969

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. William J. Connolly III
Florence, AL
Auburn 1979

Dr. William T. Berry
Ardmore, AL
Auburn 1975

Dr. William R. Welch
Wetumpka, AL
Auburn 1973



Food Animal Conference Update



The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA) held its 29th Annual Conference for Food Animal Veterinarians on March 13-15, 2020, at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. This year's conference was a huge success even though a few changes were introduced; a new location, the addition of wet labs; and the unforgettable introduction to a worldwide pandemic.

Originally established in 1992 by Dr. James G. Floyd, to provide

continuing education focused on timely topics for veterinarians engaged in food animal practice, the program has seen many different Chairs and boasted great success over the years. During 2006, Dr. Soren Rodning assumed the reigns of Program Chair, and then in 2018, Dr. Andrew Lovelady became Co-Program Chair for the conference. Together, Dr. Rodning and Dr. Lovelady worked diligently to create a program for food animal veterinarians that everyone could

enjoy while receiving 20 credit hours of continuing education. The mission of this conference is to bring together practitioners, industry, regulatory and academic veterinarians in an environment that is conducive to free exchange of ideas and issues important to food animal veterinary medicine.

The Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana had been a wonderful host to the conference for many, many years, but due to the growth in both the 4-H Center popularity and the Food Animal Conference registrations it proved difficult to keep the 4-H center as the chosen conference site. The decision was made to move the conference to Auburn University's CVM. The College welcomed the group with open arms and the Auburn CVM staff could not have been more accommodating in helping provide a successful conference.

The lectures were held in the Veterinary Information Center with the exhibits and social gatherings taking place in the expansive hallways. On Friday afternoon, attendees gathered to hear presentations on The Truth About the Effects of Ruminant Methane on Climate,



Sheri Chapman - Multimin USA and Dr. Rowe



Exhibit Hallway - Lane Manufacturing Inc.



Steak Dinner at the Downie Awards

Reproductive Technologies and AI Application in Beef Operations, Animal Disease Traceability Update, as well as Research and Extension Updates.

The new location did not prove to hinder conference attendance. A world-wide pandemic rearing its ugly head in the United States proved to be problematic, but with teamwork and patience, the conference went off without a hitch. Two speakers, Drs. Frank Mitloehner and Dan Scruggs, were grounded due to company traveling restrictions brought on by COVID-19, however with the help of Auburn's AV department and modern technology, the sessions rolled right along. Dr. Mitloehner and Dr. Scruggs were able to join in on the meeting via Zoom web conferencing.

Friday evening attendees gathered as Multimin USA sponsored a Meet and Greet for the attendees. Everyone enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres while learning of the latest in product innovations, meeting representatives from the exhibiting companies, and catching up with colleagues from across the state of Alabama as well as various other surrounding states.

Saturday morning started

off with Updates from the United States Department of Ag including a discussion about African Swine Fever, Updates from the Alabama Dept of Ag and Industries including discussions about new rules related to Trichomoniasis, Electronic CVIs, and Equine Event Passports, as well as a Southeastern State Veterinarian Discussion Panel. Perilla Mint Toxicosis, Deep Digital Sepsis Treatments, Field Anesthesia, Bull TSE Tips and Techniques, as well as updates from various industry depart-

ments and associations finished out the day's sessions.

The Bob Carson Beef Symposium was scheduled to join in on the weekend, but the symposium was canceled due to COVID-19, however the Carson family was still able to attend as special guests. The Carson family joined attendees on Saturday evening for the always enjoyable steak dinner held in Auburn University's Lowder Barn. This year, Lane Manufacturing was the generous sponsor of the evening. Guests sat at lovely rounds with white tablecloths billowing to the floor. The barn setting was decorated with walls covered in various farm equipment and agricultural tools. Whether you were a beloved Auburn Alum or not, the environment lent a lovely walk down memory lane for many.

After the steak dinner, guests stayed for the ever popular Downie Awards. The Downie Award program is popular among returning attendees and new attendees, alike. The award itself is handmade by longtime ALVMA member, Dr. Alvie Marshall, and sponsored by the Society for Theriogenology. The participants share practice tips

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Dr. Andrew Lovelady and Dr. Soren Rodning pictured with the Carson family.

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and stories related to veterinary medicine. Typically, the Downie is awarded to the story that receives the most laughs but this year's Downie award was gifted to the Carson family. Guests not only delighted in hearing humorous stories and mishaps of fellow veterinarians, but also of the hilarious and heartwarming stories of Dr. Carson by his long-time friends and family members.

Sunday began with an early morning devotional lead by Dr. Andrew Lovelady before attendees gathered for the Dwight Wolfe Wet Lab Symposium held at the JT Vaughn Large Animal Teaching Hospital. Attendees divided into groups for a three-rotation wet lab session. Rotations included: Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluations and Current Trich Testing Recommendations (sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim), Bovine



Visit to the Wet Labs

Reproductive Ultrasound, and Large Animal Ultrasound. The conference adjourned around noon upon completion of the wet labs.

ALVMA would like to thank all attendees and speakers for helping to make this conference a great success. ALVMA would also like to extend a special thank you to our exhibitors and sponsors, Boeh-

ringer Ingelheim, Elanco, Lane Manufacturing, Multimix, Newport Laboratories and Society for Theriogenology for their participation and continued support of this conference.

For more information regarding this conference, as well as the 2021 Food Animal Conference, please visit our website, alvma.com. 🐾



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In Memoriam



Dr. Phillip Davis

Philip was born in Birmingham, Alabama on April 5, 1934 and died on March 6,

2020. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lt. Col. Mary Davis Jirsa and his wife of 62 years, Myrtie (Tuttie) Kinsaul Davis. He is survived by his daughters, Debra Davis Wilson (Mickey) and Donna Davis Schroeder (Bob); grandchildren, Philip Wilson (Elizabeth), Alan Wilson and Jennifer Schroeder (Landon); and great grandchildren, Mackenzie and Levi Wilson.

Philip entered the U.S. Army in 1955 and rose through the ranks to his retired rank of Colonel. He retired after 27 years of service in both the active Army and the Alabama National Guard. His service included 3 tours with Special Forces and commander of the 161st Medical Battalion. He was both, Airborne and Ranger qualified as well as graduate of The Special Warfare School, Command and General Staff College and the National Defense University. He was a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. After 4 years of service he attended Auburn University where he graduated from Veterinary College in 1964. His veterinary career included service as an Associate State Veterinarian, a mixed animal practitioner in Florence, Alabama for 20 years, a U.S. Army Veterinarian and third career as an Industrial Veterinarian where he specialized in Avian Protozoology. He retired from Pfizer Animal Health and continued to serve as a consultant in the international field, where he lectured and taught practical control of parasitic diseases of poultry in Central and South America, Japan and Indonesia and South Africa.

Dr. Lynn Allen Hanrahan

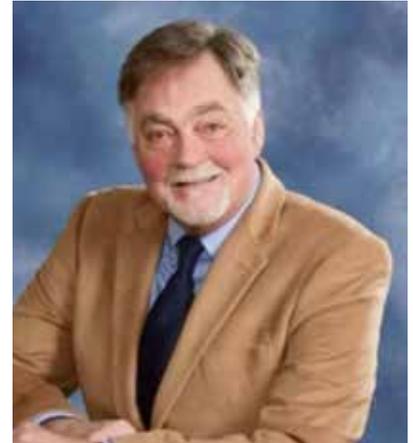
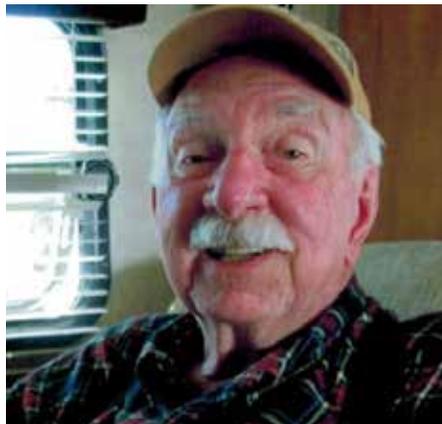
Dr. Lynn Allen Hanrahan of Jasper went home to be with the Lord after a short battle with brain cancer on December 8, 2019 at the age of 83.

Dr. Hanrahan was a veterinarian who earned a DVM from Purdue University and a PhD in veterinary pathology from Auburn University. He was a practicing veterinarian in Valparaiso, Indiana for over 10 years, and he taught pathology at Texas A&M and Auburn University. He retired from teaching in 1993, when he founded Good 'Ol Boys Family Restaurant in Auburn, AL.

Lynn was an active member of Mount Joy Baptist Church in Jasper, AL, and he loved to worship his Lord and Savior. He enjoyed fishing, working on projects, and he built several homes in Auburn, AL and Gulf Shores, AL. He also restored old farm machinery and could fix almost anything.

Lynn was preceded in death by his brother, Arthur Hanrahan, his father and mother, William and Genevieve Hanrahan, his wife, Margaret Hanrahan, and a son, Mark Hanrahan.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Hanrahan of Jasper, AL; daughter, Patricia Hanrahan of Dunedin, FL; and two sons, Bill Hanrahan of Landenberg, PA, and Tom Hanrahan of Hoover, AL; 12 Grandchildren; and 4 Great Grandchildren.



Dr. George Finis McKerley

Dr. George Finis McKerley, 67, of Jacksonville, passed away October 16, 2019 at his home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Virginia McKerley.

Dr. McKerley was a native of Alexandria and a long-time resident of Jacksonville. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Williams, where he was the pianist/organist for twenty-seven years.

Dr. McKerley was a graduate of Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 1982; he was a member of The Auburn Centennial Club, Auburn 1856 Society, and the Alabama Veterinary Association. Dr. McKerley was a long-time veterinarian, practicing veterinary medicine in Calhoun County for thirty-eight years; and was the owner and operator of Veterinary Medical Center in Jacksonville. He was also a member of the Calhoun Community Band.

Dr. McKerley is survived by his companion, Cynthia Newsome; sisters, Cyndi McKerley Brown and Beverly McKerley Gilley and her husband, Danny; niece, Carmen Brown Radeka; and nephew, Ashley Brown.

Special thanks to Allison Ostrander for her kind and loving help over the past few weeks. 🐾

Memorial Tributes



DR. WINSTON PIRTLE

Written by Dr. Charles Franz

I first came to know Dr. Winston Pirtle when I was a high school kid with ambitions of becoming a veterinarian. Winston had recently opened Snowdoun Veterinary Hospital, a mixed animal practice, and he allowed me to work with him in order to gain some much-needed experience. Through his years of owning and operating his hospital, he mentored many young aspiring veterinarians. These have included high school students, pre-vet students and veterinary students. These mentees have gone on to be practitioners, educators, research

veterinarians and public health specialists, working with various species of animals. Winston was a wonderful veterinarian who treated his patients with care and compassion and his clients with unselfish professionalism and care. He made a lasting impression on me as I saw these qualities on a daily basis. That was the beginning of a long professional relationship and personal friendship with Winston Pirtle.

Winston enjoyed a life of service to his veterinary profession. He truly enjoyed serving and exemplified what is meant by “servant leader”. Multiple organizations all benefited from his leadership and will continue to benefit from his decades of service. Dr. Pirtle received both the “Veterinarian of the Year” and “Distinguished Service Award” of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, along with other awards too numerous to list.

Some of the positions he held during his outstanding career included serving the ALVMA as president twice, treasurer and board member; the American Veterinary Medical Association as alternate delegate, representing Alabama in the House of Delegates; the Alabama State Board of Veterinary

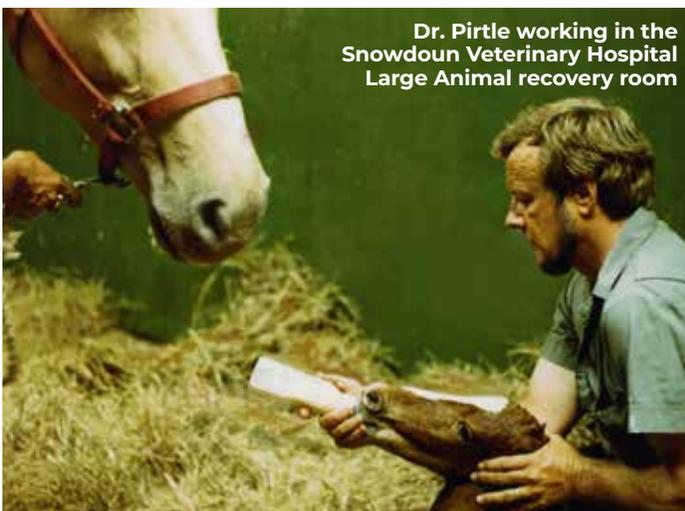
Medical Examiners as a board member and president; the American Association of Veterinary State Boards as executive board member and as president; Central Alabama Veterinary Medical Association as president; and

numerous other boards and councils of various community, local, state and regional organizations.

He was a Founding Board Member, in 2003, of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation and continued serving this organization throughout his life. This Foundation has several missions, one of which is to coordinate assistance for veterinarians in medical or life crises. This was a career-long passion for Winston.

Winston also found time to have a positive impact with his later-life profession, law. He handled legal cases in several areas of expertise: defense, domestic, business, and cases on appeal to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

Dr. Pirtle loved Auburn University and the Veterinary College. He mentored many senior students in their 3-month preceptorships just before graduation. Over the past 6 years, Winston really enjoyed his involvement with the freshman veterinary class at Auburn. Dean Johnson asked Dr. Pirtle to work with him in teaching the Veterinary Law and Ethics course to first-year students. Not surprisingly, Winston was an immediate hit with these students. His face gleamed when sharing with me how well the classes went and his excitement for the future leaders of the profession. Last fall, after one of these sessions, he received an oversized thank-you note, signed by the entire freshman class; the love that they shared for Winston, as professional brothers and sisters, brought tears to his eyes. He made an impact on these students that I am certain they will remember. He wrote back to them and closed the note with “what is really so heartwarming about all the card’s signatures is proof in my mind that each of you already realize that we are just one



big family. We each deserve the love and support of the rest.” He certainly taught us through his life what it means to be collegial in our profession.

Winston would often be found volunteering his professional services to help out a colleague dealing with a medical or family emergency. Some of you reading this know exactly what I am talking about. I spoke with one of Winston’s long-time colleagues and close friends just after Winston’s passing. Dr. Jack Goodman of Athens, Alabama, shared with me his thoughts on losing a long-time best friend. He wrote, “anyone who knew Winston knows how generous he was with his time, as well as his finances, when it came to Veterinary Medicine. If a veterinarian or his family had a problem, he didn’t just call to ask if there was anything he could do; he went to them and found something to do to help them.” Dr. Goodman went on to tell this story. He said, “in the 70’s and 80’s, I was working horse shows as the Official Show Veterinarian on weekends.

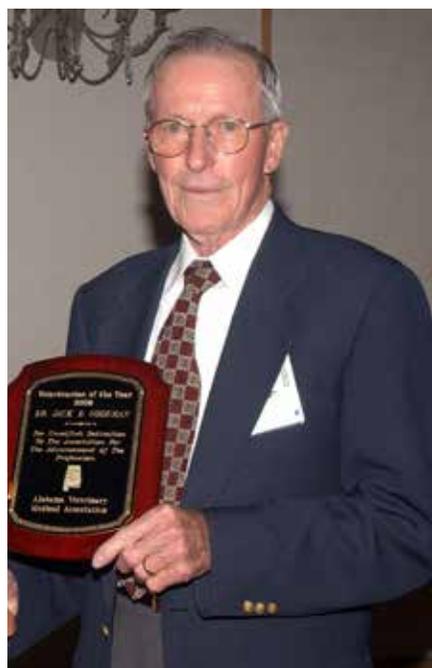


Auburn CVM Freshman Class Presentation L-R, Drs. Jan Strother, Bill Allen, Libby Todd, Winston Pirtle, Robert Pitman, Bill Bledsoe, Charles Franz

I had a show scheduled in Montgomery, but was recovering from heart surgery and could not make it. I called Winston to see if he knew anyone who could fill in. He immediately volunteered to cover it for me. He not only did a great job, as usual, but he showed up at my door with a check made out to me from the Horse Show. He would not accept any compensation for doing me a great favor. That was just Winston, and I bet there’s not a

veterinarian who knew him who has not benefited from his kind and generous nature.” Sadly, we lost Dr. Goodman shortly after he wrote this letter.

Personally, I will miss Winston’s advice. I will miss the regular phone calls and, most of all, the bonds of friendship we formed decades ago. I have shared this with you in gratitude to Dr. Winston Pirtle for being my mentor and friend for the past 47 years. 🐾



DR. JACK GOODMAN

Written by Dr. John Hammons

Dr. Jack Goodman grew up on a farm in the Tennessee Valley area of North Alabama. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1954. Graduating from Auburn Veterinary School of Medicine in 1961. During his student tenure, Jack earned the Upjohn Award for proficiency in clinical medicine.

Starting his professional career, Dr. Goodman was very active in multiple civic organization and multiple equine clubs due to his love fox hunting. Jack practiced for 53 years and was always active in the veterinary profession. Professional awards and recogni-

tion included President ALVMA 1982-83, ALVMA Veterinarian of the Year Award 2006, ALVMA Service Award 1995 & 2017, and ALVMA Distinguished Service Award 2013. Dr. Goodman served on the AVMA Council on Veterinary Services Representing Private Mixed Practice.

My first encounter with Dr. Jack Goodman was 1963 when I was a 12-year-old farm boy. My pet was a small cross-bred dog with a large crusted lesion on top of his nose which had been present for several weeks. I presented my pet to

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Dr. Goodman informed me that my pet had probably stuck his nose to a tail pipe or muffler since he had a habit of chasing the farm cats. Dr. Goodman thoroughly examined the lesion and diagnosed a fungus problem and prescribed the appropriate ointment. The lesion resolved promptly, and I was exhilarated. I already had the burning desire to become an "animal doctor" and this incident cemented the aspiration.

There were other young people that were provided the insight to veterinary medicine through his explanations, knowledge, and encouragement. His advice was given with sensitivity and compassion which given with sensitivity and compassion which mimicked his personality. Dr. Jack Goodman was proficient in large and small animals.

Our paths crossed again when in 1981, I purchased Dr. Goodman's



Dr. Jack Goodman, pictured here with family, after receiving 2006 Veterinarian of the Year Award during ALVMA's Annual Awards Banquet.

mixed animal practice in Athens, Alabama. I had been practicing in Jefferson City, Tennessee and wanted to move back home. After the sale was completed, Jack started an equine only practice and

eventually moved to Auburn two years later.

Dr. Goodman spent 2 ½ years at the Large Animal Clinic earning his Master's Degree in Large Animal Medicine and Surgery in 1985. During that time at Auburn he worked the ambulatory unit while mentoring future veterinarians.

Dr. Goodman returned to Athens, Alabama and established another mixed animal practice in 1993. He sold this practice to Dr. Jarrod Grantland in 2014 and retired.

After practicing for 53 years and being retired, Dr. Goodman continued to attend organized veterinary medical meetings.

I had the opportunity to accompany Dr. Goodman to many veterinary meetings for greater than 25 years. He would discuss treating cases with vigorous enthusiasm in addition to trying to promote the veterinary profession which he so dearly loved. The veterinary profession has lost a devoted member, and veterinarians have lost a father figure for guidance. 🐾



Dr. Jack Goodman as president of ALVMA, presenting check to U.S. Representative Bill Nichols in Opelika, AL. 1983



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Emerald Coast
Veterinary Conference
August 19-23rd, 2020

The 2020 Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference, originally scheduled for June 2020, had to be postponed to August 19-23, 2020 due to COVID-19. The conference will be held at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Miramar Beach, FL. The Alabama and Georgia State Veterinary Medical Associations work side by side to provide outstanding continuing education at an event unlike any other. White sand beaches and a world-class golf and beach resort create an environment that attracts attendees from all over the country, as well as, the best speakers. Join us and find out why so many attendees return year after year.

At ECVC we know that veterinarians need quality continuing education, but we also know that the life of a veterinarian, regardless of the setting, can be rather stressful. So, we have made a conference that isn't. The four-day event offers 20 hours of CE in the mornings, and endless opportunities for relaxation and fun on Florida's Gulf Coast. Loaded with informational sessions and fun activities, this will be an opportunity to learn, relax, network, and put your toes in the sand. The ALVMA will hold its general business meeting at 4 PM in the Baytowne Wharf Conference Center, followed by the Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. The exhibit hall will be packed with exhibitors offering new information on the latest veterinary products and services.

Thursday begins with our Keynote

speaker Laura Smallwood, DVM DACVIM (SAIM) RYT-200. She will be speaking on "The Veterinarian's Guide to Happiness" followed by sessions on Theriogenology, Oncology/Surgical, Endocrinology, Behavior, Emergency Medicine/Critical Care, and USDA Accreditation.

On Friday, CE sessions continue with Dentistry, Pathology, Pulmonology, Urology, Practice Management and Professional Development.

Your spouse or guest can make new friends at the Spouse/Guest Meet and Greet breakfast on Friday morning while you complete your morning CE.

Saturday offers another loaded morning of terrific CE courses in Equine Medicine, Small Ruminants, Immunology, Orthopedics, Shelter Medicine, and Professional Development. There will also be special programs for Veterinary Technicians. Saturday evening is time to get together with classmates and catch up at the alumni receptions. Look for your school and enjoy spending time with friends and colleagues.

Sunday starts off with a Fellowship breakfast and is followed by another great day of CE programs in Soft Tissue Surgery, Internal Medicine, Laser Therapy, Acupuncture, Radiology, LEAP, and Veterinary Technician programs. With numerous topics for educational growth, and resort activities for family time, this conference is guaranteed to bring some sun and fun to your week.



Hotel Reservations

Group Discount
Deadline: July 24th

ECVC discounted room rates are available before and after the event when you use our Group Code **e23L3SM**. An additional discount of 4 percent is available for reservations of seven nights or more. Choose from traditional hotel rooms, or upgrade your stay to a villa, condo or suite in the location that suits you best. All convention sessions and most activities are in The Village, which offers the only lodging within walking distance. If you would rather stay in a different area, the complimentary tram and water taxi provide free transportation to The Village but waits can be long at peak times. Some sessions begin before the tram runs, so please plan accordingly. The conference is being held in the Baytowne Conference Center.



Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort

The Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort is nestled on 2,400 spectacular acres between the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Choctawhatchee Bay. The resort offers everything you can imagine making your stay perfect. In addition to the ECVC group activities each day, please take advantage of the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort and everything it has to offer. Bikes, canoes, boogie boards, kayaks, pontoon boats, sailing, wave runners and yolo boards are all available. The Baytowne Village offers a variety of restaurants for every culinary liking, and other fun activities are available such as charter fishing from the Baytowne Marina or Sunset Dinner Cruises. Oh, and did we mention – there is also the beach!

2020 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

EMERALD COAST VETERINARIAN CONFERENCE



DR. LAURA SMALLWOOD

Dr. Laura Smallwood's professional experience includes over 30 years in the practice of veterinary medicine, the majority of that as a small animal internal medicine specialist and practice owner. Dr. Smallwood began her study of Mindfulness early in 2016 as part of a collaboration to develop a 6-week Mindfulness-based stress resilience program for Saint Francis Veterinary Specialists. Since that time, she has been committed to the intensive study and practice of Mindfulness as a methodology for cultivating emotional intelligence, stress resilience and leadership skills with an emphasis on the development of workplace programs specific to the veterinary profession. Dr. Smallwood has lectured and taught workshops on Mindfulness for the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA), the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, Pathway Vet Alliance, and Saint Francis Veterinary Specialists and Emergency. She is studying to become a Certified Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Teacher through the University of Massachusetts Center for Mindfulness and has completed Fundamentals of MBSR Teacher Education. Dr. Smallwood is a 200-hour registered yoga teacher (RYT-200) and leads yoga practices for workers at Saint Francis Veterinary Specialists and Emergency where she is the Medical Director. Dr. Smallwood chairs the GVMA Wellness Committee and serves on the Specialty Advisory Board for Pathway Vet Alliance.

ALVMA Business Meeting



The next general business meeting of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association will be held prior to the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the Camellia I Boardroom which is in the Baytowne Conference Center on the second level. The Baytowne Conference Center is a part of the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Due to ever changing COVID-19 mandates and regulations this issue may not contain the most recent ECVC program information. Please continue to check the ECVC website at emeraldcoastvc.com for the most up-to-date program information.

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2020 ECVC Conference Topics

Thursday, August 20, 2020

- Behavior
- Emergency Medical/Surgical Care
- Endocrinology
- Oncology/ Surgical Oncology
- Theriogenology
- USDA

Friday, August 21, 2020

- Dentistry
- Pathology
- Practice Management
- Professional Development
- Pulmonology
- Urology

Saturday, August 22, 2020

- Equine Medicine
- Immunology
- Orthopedics
- Professional Development
- Shelter Medicine
- Small Ruminants

Sunday, August 23, 2020

- Acupuncture
- Internal Medicine
- Laser Therapy
- LEAP
- Radiology
- Soft Tissue Surgery

2020 ECVC Exhibitors (as of 07-13-2020)

All Vet Imaging/Microvet Diagnostics
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ATTENDEE

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Name: _____

First Name for Badge: _____

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Select the description that best fits you

- Practice Owner Associate Vet Licensed Tech Practice Manager
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How did you hear about this meeting?

- Brochure Email Newsletter Postcard
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REGISTRATION

Are you a State VMA Member? YES NO

Please list your VMA : _____

Veterinary Pricing: Member¹/Non-Member

	Early Bird (on or before 7/31/2020)	Late Rate (After 7/31/2020)
<input type="checkbox"/> DVM Full Registration (4 Days)	\$495 ¹ /\$645	\$595 ¹ /\$725
<input type="checkbox"/> DVM 2 Day Registration	\$395 ¹ /\$445	\$445 ¹ /\$495

Select 2 days you will attend:

- Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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<input type="checkbox"/> Vet Tech 2-Day ²	\$315	\$415
<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Manager/Staff 2-Day ³	\$315	\$415
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduates ⁵ (2018, 2019 or 2020)	\$275	\$275
<input type="checkbox"/> DVM Student	\$100	\$100 (limited to first 15 students)
<input type="checkbox"/> Technician Student	\$100	\$100 (limited to first 5 students)
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest ⁷	\$75	\$75

Name for Guest Badge: _____

Purchasing Agent⁷ \$25 \$25
 (Limited to exhibit hall only - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - 8/20 - 8/22)

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Please select the continuing education tracks you plan to attend on each day.

Thursday, August 20 Keynote Presentation: The Veterinarian's Guide to Happiness

- Behavior Emergency/Critical Care Endocrinology Oncology
 Theriogenology USDA Accreditation

Friday, August 21

- Dentistry Pathology Practice Management Professional Devel./ Leadership
 Pulmonology Urology

Saturday, August 22

- Equine Med Immunology Orthopedics Professional Devel. Shelter Med Small Ruminants Vet Tech (Equine Focus)

Sunday, August 23

- Acupuncture Internal Medicine Laser Therapy LEAP CE
 Radiology Soft Tissue Surgery Vet Tech (Rehab Focus)

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings are available to download from our website for free. Printed books may be pre-purchased for an additional cost. Both options contain notes from all conference tracks. Availability of printed proceedings is not guaranteed after July 31.

Select ONE (only one version available per attendee):

- Proceedings Download (FREE) Printed Proceedings (\$75)

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

ECVC cannot guarantee space for any activities after May 8.

	Cost	Number	Total
Welcome Reception (Wed., 5–6:30 p.m.)	Free	[]	\$ _____
Golf Outing (Fri.)	\$60	[]	\$ _____
Spouse Meet/Greet Breakfast (Fri.)	\$10	[]	\$ _____
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Notes:

- Member pricing includes ALVMA/GVMA members and members of any other state VMA. Does not include AVMA.
- "Veterinary Tech 2-Day" registration includes the technician tracks on Saturday, 8/22 and Sunday, 8/23. Veterinary Technicians may attend other sessions outside of the technician tracks through the "Vet Tech/Staff Upgraded Full" registration.
- "Practice Manager/Staff 2-Day" registration includes the Practice Management & Professional Development Tracks on Friday, 8/21 and Saturday, 8/22. Practice Manager/Staff may attend other sessions outside of these tracks through the "Vet Tech/Staff Upgraded Full" registration.
- "Vet Tech/Staff Upgraded Full" registration includes all access to all tracks.
- Recent graduates are DVMs who graduated from veterinary college in 2018, 2019 or 2020.
- Guest badges are required for guests who wish to access the exhibit hall, including the daily breakfast. No one will be allowed admission to the exhibit hall without a badge. Children under 16 are not permitted in the exhibit hall 8/20- 8/22.
- Admission to exhibit hall only from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm from Thursday, 8/20 – Saturday, 8/22. Does not include breakfast.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 80% refund if received by July 31, 2020. No refunds after this date. Refunds will not be available for activities cancelled after July 31, 2020.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: conference proceedings downloaded from website, admission to the exhibit hall and all CE sessions on the selected day of attendance, breakfast and beverage breaks each registered day, and free special events that occur during your attendance.



Veteran Member Profile

Dr. William Sternberg • Montgomery, Alabama



Q. What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?

I worked on my grandfather's farm and the love of my pets

Q. What type of veterinary medicine do you practice and why did you choose it?

I practice small animal medicine. I started out doing both but realized I could only do one and chose small animals.

Q. Where did you study?

Auburn University

Q. Who is your role model/mentor?

Dr. Tom Vaughn, Dr. Jim Chambers, Dr. Bud Cardinal, Dr. Ben Horerlin and Dr. Bobby Horn.

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Working with the clients.

Q. What is the hardest part of your job?

Not being able to help every patient Not all outcomes are good.

Q. What advice can you offer someone coming into this profession?

Be able to deal with the ups and downs of practice and love what you do... you spend a lot of time doing it!!!

Q. Where do you see yourself in five years?

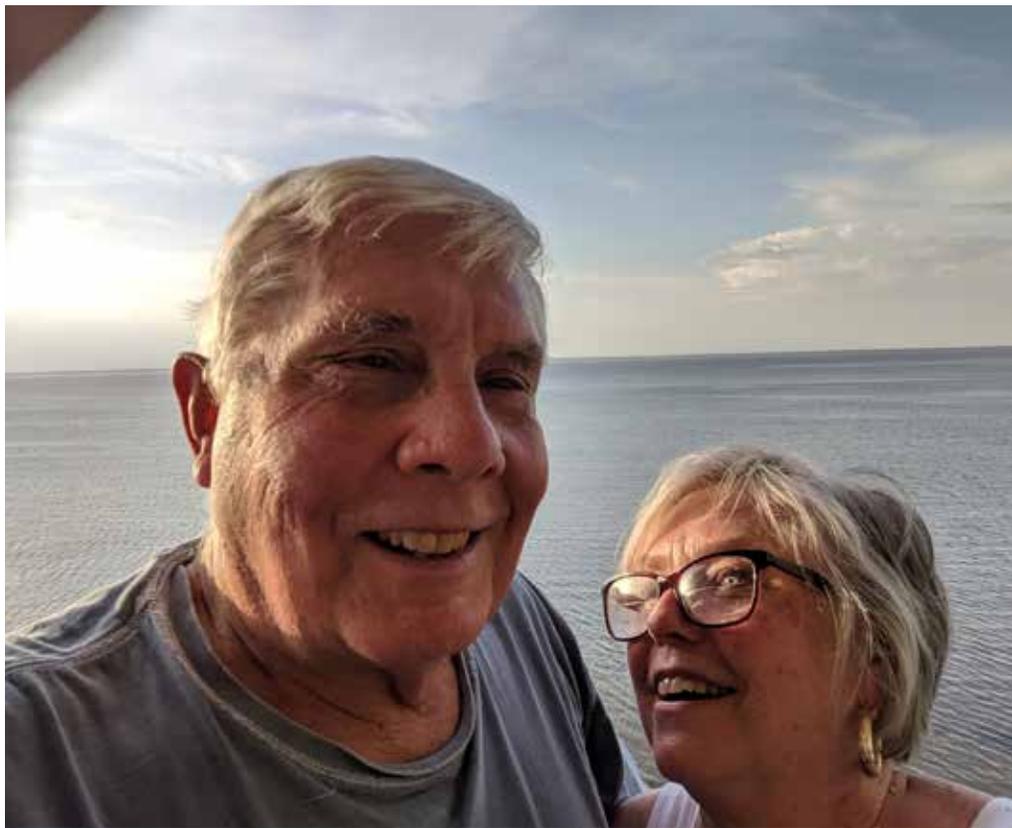
Retired

Q. How did you get involved with the ALVMA?

When I got out of school I joined the AVMA and when I got out of the army and started my practice in Montgomery, the veterinarians in Montgomery were a close group and they encouraged me to join the ALVMA... I have been an active member for over 50 years.

Q. Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?

I would highly encourage joining the ALVMA because it keeps you in touch with your colleagues, provides continuing education and keeps you abreast of legislation that affects veterinary medicine.



Q. How has being a member of ALVMA helped you professionally?

It has given me the opportunity to meet veterinarians all over the state which has helped me professionally and socially.

Q. What is the most memorable experience of your career?

Starting my own practice in 1971 and my practice with Goodwin Animal Hospital 19 years ago.

Q. What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Getting the 2019 "Veterinarian of the Year" Award because it was from my peers. The 9 years I was on the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the 3 years I served as the veterinary representative on the State Board of Health.

Q. What has been your most unusual client/case you have had in your career?

After over 50 years of practice there are too many to recall!!! I could write a book!!

Q. What advice do you have for others on balancing work/life?

Spend time away from work – volunteering, church activities, pursuing hobbies, exercising. This will help keep your mind off the challenges of veterinary practice.

Q. What words of encouragement would you offer someone struggling with compassion fatigue or burnout?

Do things to keep your mind off your practice and just keep going... things usually will work out.

Q. What do you think has been the most significant change/ advancement in pharmacy?

Heartworm, Flea and Tick Control

Q. Professionally, if you could change something, what would it be?

I don't know.

Q. When I'm not working, you'll find me...

Being with my family, working in my yard, at my beach house or on my boat fishing in Choctawhatchee Bay. I love AU sports and Braves baseball.

Q. I still want to learn how to...

You never stop learning in veterinary medicine!! 🐾

Becoming Antifragile

Written by
Holly Sawyer



If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is that life can be wildly unpredictable. Veterinarians tend to be tidy, structured thinkers. That's not to say we are all compulsive neat freaks. But our chosen profession demands that we master the art of

pattern recognition. "Know your normal" becomes the mantra of every lecture and clinical rotation, and the aspiration of every new grad. So we gain expertise in "normal" and work hard to maintain it—in our patients and in our lives.

DUCK AND PIVOT

The pandemic slammed us with a reality that was anything but "normal." Overnight, we had to launch curbside care, rely on phone consultations and telemedicine, enact social distancing, and otherwise upend our historically stable profession. Let's face it, a time-traveler from 1950 who walked into your clinic pre-COVID would have oged at your pretty toys, but not the structure of the appointment, physical exam, or general administration of treatment. In a world of industry disrupters like Airbnb and Uber, consumer desire for choice and convenience is clearly king. In this moment of inertia within our profession, in which we are no longer the object at rest, but the object in motion, let us stay in motion.

Just as the fighter in the boxing ring will fare better with quick feet and nimble reactions, we too can capitalize on the left hook that threw us off balance and now pivot into an upper cut that transfers all of that energy against the status quo.

CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE, CHANGE THE WORLD

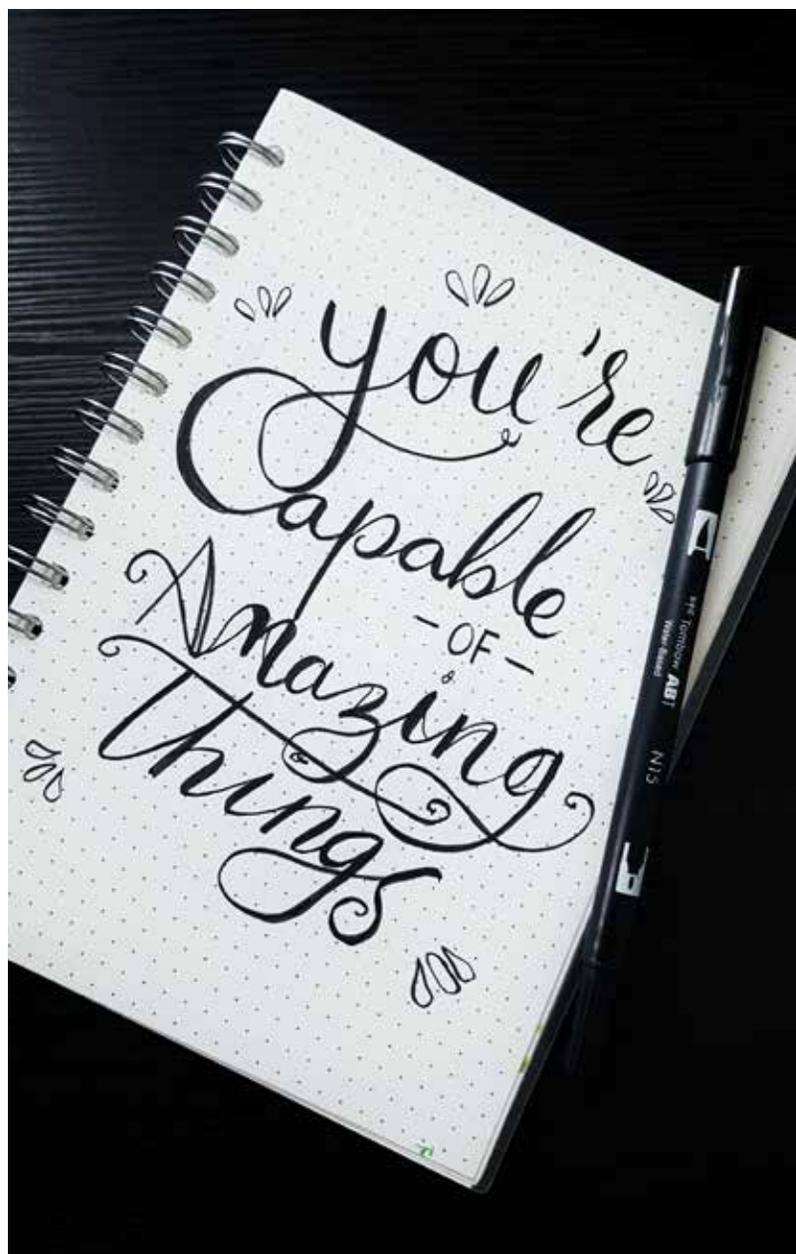
What am I talking about here? You could call it a fundamental change in thinking, a mental model that embraces stressors and unpredictability as a catalyst toward improvement instead of detriment.

I am talking about becoming Antifragile.

This term, coined by risk analyst Nassim Taleb, has been applied to systems as varied as bacterial resistance and human psychology. To understand it, we must first look at the other end of the spectrum.

Fragile systems are brittle. They have very little

margin for error because they maximize efficiency of time and resources to achieve optimal outcomes. Our modern, globalized society has steadily pushed us toward this ideal. We benefit from cheap food, medical advances, and technological gadgets that rely on tight tolerances of sourcing, shipping, supply, and demand. Enter COVID, and suddenly dairy farmers are dumping milk at huge economic loss because restaurants and schools are closed, while pig farmers face euthanizing pigs before they can be sold due to meat packing plant shutdowns. In our imperfect world, even small stressors can break a system, like a porcelain plate that shatters when dropped.



"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger," describes the mechanism by which we ourselves become antifragile.

Resilient (or Robust) systems have built-in redundancies to survive stress. They are the plastic food containers that bounce on the floor. The system survives in its original form despite unpredictable events, but even resilient systems will reach a failure point. NASA's Space Shuttle Program has learned that the hard way. Twice.

Antifragile systems get better with stress and volatility. They are the Hydra of Greek mythology. Lop off one head, two grow in its place. Expose a population of staphylococcus to methicillin, and soon you will have a thriving infection of superbugs. Bad for us, great for them. Likewise, the saying, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger," describes the mechanism by which we ourselves become antifragile. When we succeed in the face of overwhelming odds, we tend to achieve greater feats the next time around. The opposite viewpoint—"Avoid all risk at all cost"—in turn makes for a very brittle population that fears unpredictability because it doesn't know what it can overcome.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Veterinary Medicine is at a pivot point in the boxing ring right now. Instead of resisting change, let us grow through it to become better than we were before. It

will take energy, patience, creativity, and a willingness to fail small in order to succeed big. Happily, our clients are particularly forgiving of experimentation right now, especially when it is for their benefit. We can establish a new and better normal if we provide our clients the care they want, how they want, when they want it, while reclaiming some work-life balance for ourselves. Offer digital patient portal, an easy pipeline for communication to bond the client to your clinic, so you remain at the forefront of healthcare decisions before entrepreneurs with far less training fill that space. Schedule differently, cross-train staff to new tasks, and leverage your RVTs and CVTs to legally fill needs previously provided only by DVMs.

Treat life as an adventure instead of a race to perfection, and don't panic when you don't recognize the pattern ahead. That which you fear may become a game-changing opportunity. 🐾

Holly Sawyer, DVM, Human-Animal Bond Certified, works for GuardianVets, the only after-hours teletriage/telemedicine service to be endorsed by AAHA. The mission of GuardianVets is to keep the veterinary hospital in the center of the Human-Animal Bond while supporting the work-life balance of today's veterinary professional.

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AVMA Leadership Conference

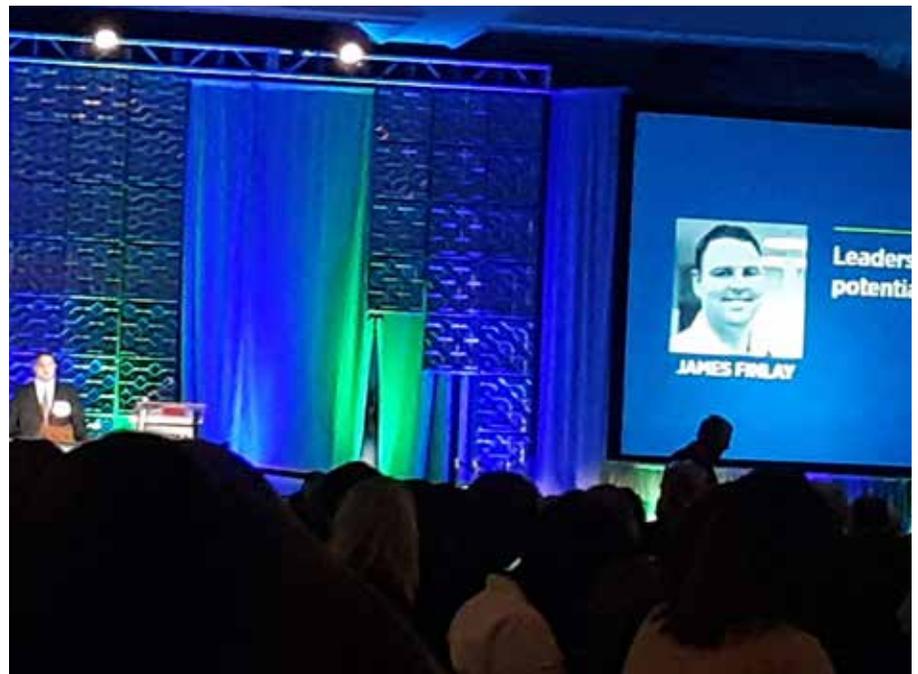
Brett Brooks First-Time Attendee



As a first time attendee, I have been asked to share my experience about the American Veterinary Medical Association's Veterinary Leadership Conference (#AVMAVLC). Colleagues of all ages, practice involvement and levels of experience met in Chicago, IL for a four day leadership workshop. Each session was delivered in a light-hearted manner for mindfulness and self reflection. Small groups of attendees started each course as strangers sitting together at tables, but ended the sessions with a better understanding of each other. Another major focus of the conference was networking, where many relaxed mixers were scheduled in order to exchange contact information. Everyone was so approachable and eager to share their incredible stories and rise to leadership. It was impossible to leave not feeling inspired and energized in what

we set out to do. Attendees were also encouraged to attend caucus meetings and learn what current issues are being discussed and reviewed. The AVMA House of Delegates hosted the winter session to discuss current policies, and the new, more user-friendly AVMA website and Axon addition.

What I take away from this honor of being able to attend VLC is that our veterinary community is just that, a community, striving to make connections and progress for each other. Going forward in 2020, I cannot encourage you enough to become more involved in organized veterinary medicine, take a mental wellness check, and look around for opportunities to share with a colleague. What will you do with your 20/20 vision for yourself and your profession? 🐾



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Power of 10 Continues **LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association's "Power of 10" Leadership Development program is off and running. We currently have six veterinarians in the program with Dr. Brett Brooks serving as the program chair for the 2020 leadership class.

The Power of 10 Leadership Program provides up to ten recent graduates (graduated from a college of veterinary medicine with a DVM degree in the years of 2009-2019) with leadership development sessions over an approximate 12-month period. ALVMA provides topic experts and meeting expenses at no charge for participants to attend sessions that not only convey the key learning points about leadership, but also deepens the understanding of leaders on several related topics.

2020 POWER OF TEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The current students in the Alabama VMA PO10 Program started the first quarter with an amazing Insights Leadership session hosted by Dr. Heidi Hulon and sponsored by Elanco. The Insights program provides a level of personality assessment like no other! Based on seemingly



random word pairings, the participants' responses are analyzed and then presented with the most comprehensive interpretation of what makes us who we are. We learned not only about ourselves, but also how to better read and understand others to facilitate healthier and more productive interactions. If interested in the program, keep following the ALVMA announcements to participate in this worthwhile self-investment.

THE 2020 LEADERSHIP CLASS PARTICIPANTS ARE LISTED BELOW:

- Dr. Christina Koloup, TEN '18**
- Dr. Katie Krothapalli, AUB '10**
- Dr. Brandon Pate, MSU '19**
- Dr. Roy Smith, GLASGOW '20**
- Dr. Lisa Tenny, KAN '19**
- Dr. John A. Whiten AUB '18**

Climbing Mt. Debt

The second POT meeting of the year was held on June 30th. The group joined the Tennessee Power of Ten for a webinar presentation, Climbing Mt. Debt., presented by Tony Bartels of Veterinary Information Network (VIN). This session is designed to help veterinarians with student loans and those who work with them understand the complexities of student debt and the repayment plans available, including the knowledge, resources, and tools to choose a repayment plan and formulate a strategy that works best for various circumstances.

ALVMA is proud to continue the Power of Ten program. If you are interested in becoming a part of the leadership class for 2021, please contact Staci Corder via email corder.stacil@gmail.com or via phone 334.603.6227. 🐾

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Throughout its 128-year history, the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, or AUCVM, has prepared more than 7,000 veterinarians, specialists, biomedical scientists and researchers for careers promoting the health and welfare of citizens of the state of Alabama, across the nation and around the world. As the seventh oldest college of veterinary medicine in North America and the oldest in the southeastern U.S., the AUCVM remains committed to advancing the health of animals, humans and the environment.

AKINGBEMI, BRUNSON AND MARTIN APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLES

Three AUCVM faculty members recently accepted leadership positions within the College. Dr. Benson Akingbemi and Dr. Brandon Brunson accepted interim appointments leading the AUCVM Office of Academic Affairs. Dr. Benson Akingbemi, alumni professor in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology,

has assumed the role of acting associate dean with responsibilities related to veterinary curriculum, recruitment and admissions. Dr. Brandon Brunson, senior lecturer in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology, was named assistant to the acting associate dean with administrative responsibilities related to advising and student engagement. Akingbemi and Brunson will manage and execute the responsibilities of the office concurrently with their faculty appointments until a search is completed to replace recently retired Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Dan Givens. Givens retired from Auburn in April to begin an appointment as Dean of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

Following a successful national and international search, Dr. Douglas Martin has been appointed director of the Scott-Ritchey Research Center. Martin is a tenured professor in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology for the past 25

years and recently named recipient of the Southeastern Conference's 2020 Faculty Achievement Award for Auburn University. The Scott-Ritchey Research Center is a state-of-the-art, interdepartmental and interdisciplinary research center in the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine for more than 40 years. The Center is dedicated to advancing the health and welfare of companion animals, and through them, people. Martin brings tremendous expertise, energy and perspective to the Scott-Ritchey directorship and advancing the Center's mission to conduct cutting-edge basic and translational research to improve the health of humans and animals. He has worked to characterize diseases of domestic animals that provide clues for the development of therapeutics for children with lysosomal storage diseases, specifically Tay-Sachs disease, Sandhoff disease and GM1 gangliosidosis. His characterization of these diseases in cats and other domestic animals has resulted in



Benson Akingbemi



Brandi Brunson



Doug Martin



Auburn University CVM 2020 Graduating Class

advances in the understanding of veterinary and human neurophysiology, neuropathology, stem cell biology and gene therapy.

2020 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIVERSITY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM

The biennial Southeast Regional Diversity Matters Symposium presents topics related to diversity and inclusion in veterinary medicine, specifically related to the veterinary student, with a focus on promoting regular dialogue among regional peers. Registration is open to all veterinary faculty, staff and students for this year's program which will be presented fully online on Saturday, August 29.

As host of the 2020 Symposium, the AUCVM will offer information

and discussion related to the critical topics of wellness and life balance in veterinary medicine to support this year's theme: Building Comprehensive Wellness Programs Through a Climate of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Register online at aub.ie/diversitymatters.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CLASS REUNIONS

Online registration is now open for the 2020 Annual Conference, J.T. Vaughan Equine Conference and AUCVM class reunions (separate registration required), October 22-24 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. Conference registration includes admission to both conferences which will run concurrently, and

access to nationally-recognized speakers, networking opportunities, industry exhibitors and more than 80 CE sessions.

The AUCVM continues to follow state and federal COVID-19 guidelines and will incorporate recom-

mendations to protect the health and safety of conference attendees.

For more information and to register online, visit aub.ie/vetconference.

2020 GRADUATES CELEBRATE WITH VIRTUAL OATH CEREMONY

For this incredibly resilient group of 120 young men and women, the culmination of their journey to DVM was not as anticipated.

During Auburn University's time of alternate operations, Auburn students transitioned from their on-campus routines to remote delivery of courses and clinical experiences mid-semester. No other group felt the impact of this change more than the Class of 2020 who navigated the abrupt disruption of their preceptorships and remained on course for the conferral of diplomas — by mail.

In lieu of a traditional graduation ceremony as originally planned for May 4, DVM graduates gathered virtually to participate in their Veterinarian's Oath ceremony and toast their accomplishments. Accompanied by their families and classmates, the graduates recited their Oath led by distinguished alumni and leaders of the profession, including ALVMA President Dr. Alan Jones, and faculty members who were instrumental in their veterinary education.

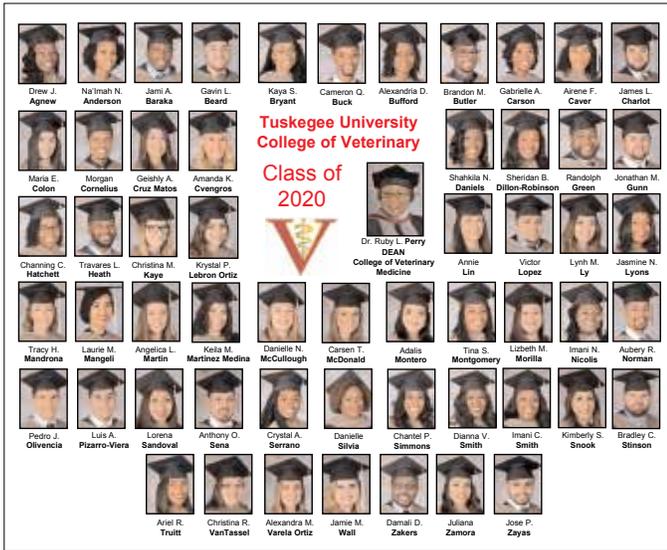
Plans are being developed to hold a more traditional graduation ceremony on August 1, contingent on university guidelines related to public health circumstances surrounding the global pandemic. Congratulations and best wishes, Class of 2020! 🐾



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versity community and other supporters looked on from their personal destinations via the university's YouTube link, we all celebrated the major accomplishments of the Class of 2020 as they realized their career goal of becoming a veterinarian. We did not

2020 – you are commended for the resilience and finishing STRONG!”

The college's Class of 2020 represented the 71st class to receive DVM degrees from Tuskegee University. With this graduation, the College of Veterinary Medicine has awarded 2,850 veterinary medicine degrees.



Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2020 Graduates

Drew J Agnew, Na’Imah N. Anderson, Jami A. Baraka, Gavin L Beard, Kaya S. Bryant, Cameron Q. Buck, Alexandria D. Bufford, Brandon M. Butler, Gabrielle A. Carson, Airene F. Caver, James L. Charlot, Maria E. Colon, Morgan Cornelius, Geishly A. Cruz Matos, Amanda K. Cvengros, Shakhila N. Daniels, Sheridan B. Dillon-Robinson, Randolph Green, Jonathan M. Gunn, Channing C. Hatchett, Travares L. Heath, Christina M. Kaye, Krystal P. Lebron Ortiz, Annie Lin, Victor Lopez, Lynh M. Ly, Jasmine N. Lyons, Tracy H. Mandrona, Laurie M. Mangeli, Angelica L. Martin, Keila M. Martinez Medina, Danielle N. McCullough, Carsen T. McDonald, Adalis Montero, Tina S. Montgomery, Lizbeth M. Morilla, Imani N. Nicolis, Aubrey R. Norman, Pedro J. Olivencia, Luis A. Pizarro Viera, Lorena Sandoval, Anthony O. Sena, Crystal A. Serrano, Danielle Silvia, Chantel P. Simmons, Dianna V. Smith, Imani C. Smith, Kimberly S. Snook, Bradley C. Stinson, Ariel R. Truitt, Christina R. VanTassel, Alexandra M. Varela-Ortiz, Jamie M. Wall, Damali D. Zakers, Juliana Zamora, and Jose P. Zayas.

Tuskegee University's College of Veterinary Medicine recognized its Class of 2020 graduates during a virtual graduation, oath and awards ceremony on Friday, May 1 at 1 p.m. (CST). The ceremony recognized the college's 56 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree candidates with the administration of the Veterinarian's Oath followed by the college's Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the veterinary medicine college, presided over the program. Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean for academic and student affairs, and Dr. Gopal Reddy, associate dean for research and advanced studies, assisted during the virtual ceremony.

The ceremony was broadcasted live on the university's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/tuskegeeuiversity.

“One of the greatest honors I have as dean of the college is to preside over our graduation ceremony,” Perry said. “I’m sure that as family, friends, alumni, the uni-

let the coronavirus crisis keep us from celebrating their big day.”

The virtual ceremony had many of the elements of a traditional graduation and featured presentations of the class challenge and class reflections/vision for the future, as well as the administration of the Veterinarian's Oath. At the end of the graduation, a special veterinary awards ceremony was presented to the Class of 2020, over which Dr. Casimir presided.

Perry's closing message to the Class of 2020 graduates in her letter stated, “The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) family, now the home of your alma mater, salutes you on your successful journey through the professional program to achieve the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree, which is the culmination of your achievement. Although the COVID-19 pandemic required your class to complete your journey here differently than previous classes, the Class of



CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

Academic Achievement Awards

Gabrielle A. Carson
Randolph Green
Christina Marie Kaye
Jonathan Gunn
Laurie M. Mangeli
Jose P. Zayas

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

Adalis Montero

Small Animal Internal Medicine Certificate

Randolph Green
Laurie Mang'eli
Annie Lin
Keila Martinez
Carsen McDonald

Student Leadership Awards (SAVMA & Class Presidents)

Christina Marie Kaye
Sheridan Dillon-Robinson
Jasmine N. Lyons (First-Year)

American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR) Student Award

Gabrielle A. Carson

Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Association

Cameron Buck

Award for Proficiency in Emergency & Critical Care sponsored by the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (VECCS)

Randy Green

Shelter Medicine Award

Danielle Silvia

Senior Surgery Elective

Victor Lopez

AAHA Award of Proficiency in Primary Care

Lorena Sandoval

Dental Elective

Laurie Mang'eli

DIVA Award

Donor: Dr. Mimi Johnson
Annie Lin

Outstanding Student Award

Cameron Buck
Gabrielle Carson
Channing Hatchett
Aubrey Norman
Geishly Cruz- Matos
Jonathan Gunn

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

Pedro Olivencia

Dr. Lorrie Linn Student Surgical Award

Amanda Cvengros
American Association of Feline
Practitioners
Tina Montgomery

SA Nursing Care Award

Juliana Zamora

Excellence in Clinical Pathology

Damali Zakers

O. P. Verma Endocrinology Award

Carsen McDonald

I.H. Siddique Foundation Award

Kaya Bryant

Veterinary Spouses' Legacy Scholarship

Randolph Green

Sword of the Spirit Ministries Student Award

Na'Imah Anderson
Danielle Silvia
Bradley Stinson

Merck Academic Excellence Awards

Adalis Montero, Kaya Bryant,
Gabriella Carson, Airene Caver,
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Cvengros, Randolph Green,
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Laurie Mang'eli, Kelia Medina
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Lizbeth Morilla, Lorena Sandoval,
Kimberly Snook, Damali Zakers,
Juliana Zamora, Jose Zayas,
Ariel Truitt, Alexandra Varela Ortiz

National Phi Zeta Awards

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Juliana Zamora , Jose Zayas,
Ariel Truitt, Alexandra Varela Ortiz



Toy Drive

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine family helped make the season a little merrier for the children at George Washington Carver (GWC) Elementary School located in Tuskegee. Students, faculty and staff shared the true spirit through hosting the Fifth Annual "Toy Drive for Tots" on Dec. 13.

"The 'Toy Drive for Tots' is now an on-going tradition in our college and anticipated by the college's faculty, staff and students. As a continuation of the inspired vision between the veterinary students and the TUCVM administration, this year's first year class took the lead in organizing the drive, said Dean Perry.

To ensure all 208 boys and girls in all three classes at the elementary school consisting of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade received a gift; TUCVM divided its efforts for the toy drive collection into three sections.

TUCVM's first year class (Class of 2023) took the lead with organizing the toy drive with the other veterinary students. They were also responsible for providing Santa and Santa's elves. The TUCVM faculty and staff assisted as Santa's helpers to distribute the toys to the students.

"Thanks to the leading Class of 2023 and the college's other students, faculty and staff for again coming together to make the toy drive a success. Our students who served as Santa and Santa's elves also enjoyed the event and seeing the children get so excited in anticipation of their wrapped gift. This event is truly special as well to all of us in the College of Veterinary Medicine," said Dr. Roslyn Casimir, TUCVM's associate dean for academic and student affairs. 🐾

SAVMA Auburn



This Spring semester has been both challenging yet rewarding for SAVMA, the AUCVM, as well as the entire veterinary and human medical professions. Despite the hardships we have faced, we've made the best of this Spring semester for AUCVM. Our executive board team has been passionate in aiding students and planning events that will help our SAVMA chapter grow while bringing in new ideas that will positively affect our entire CVM community.

At the beginning of the semester, we put together an excellent event that introduced the new CPAs that will help students create and obtain their financial goals. This incredible opportunity was made possible with the generous funding of the ALVMA and we at the AUCVM are forever grateful

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for this essential resource. Students have already begun reaching out to the CPAs and have found the experience to be incredibly helpful. It is so exciting to see students expand on their financial literacy before entering the workforce.

Following this event, students were able to socialize after a long week of classes at our annual Coverall Bar Crawl. Two facilities were used in the event this year rather than three so that we were able to stay within budget while still allowing students to have a wonderful time. The event was well organized and had rave reviews from students as seen in the past. After this enjoyable event, we followed up with a Fourth-Year

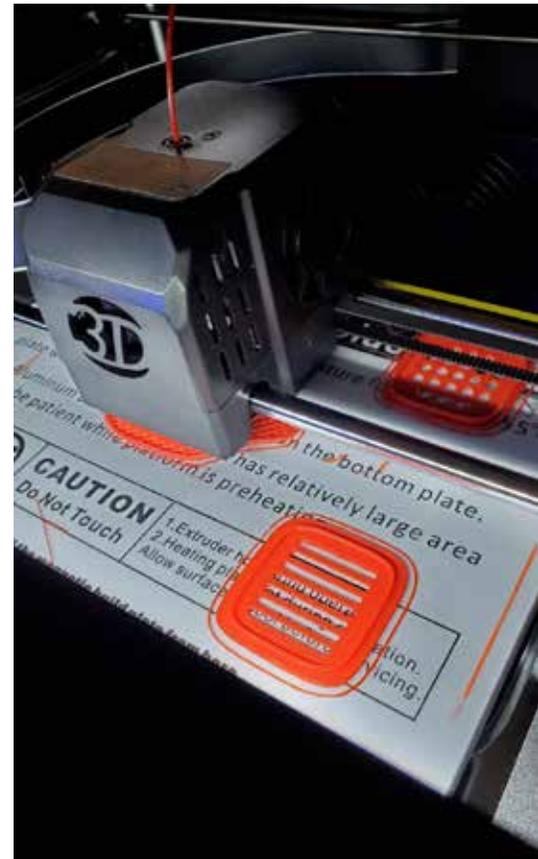
Student Panel to help better prepare our third-years who were about to enter clinics. Many attended the event and asked thought provoking questions that seemed to calm students regarding the prospect of clinics and the NAVLE.

In March, we had Mandy Walker from AVMA Life discuss with students the ins and outs of the AVMA Life insurance program and the importance of being insured. Alongside these events we have had new and interesting topics presented in events funded through our Club Sponsorship program. Some of these events included a business owner discussing the importance of finances while keeping our faith close to us, a board certified veterinary dentist discussed her life's journey, and several other fascinating



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As Spring Break came and went, AUCVM had to make the difficult decision to begin remote learning to ensure the safety of students during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.



Auburn CVM students jumped into action to help during the recent pandemic. The Students for One Health Club donated food to East Alabama Medical Center employees, while other students used their sewing skills and the CVM's 3D printer to make COVID-19 masks.

events that will come further in the semester.

As Spring Break came and went, AUCVM had to make the difficult decision to begin remote learning to ensure the safety of students during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in the cancellation of the SAVMA Symposium, our own SAVMA meetings, and the AVMA Convention which has been difficult for students and faculty alike to cope with.

To keep morale high and allow students to engage with SAVMA from home, we offered Zoom motivational meetings and encour-

aged students to help with the pandemic in any way they could. Students donated masks, bought meals for frontline workers, and helped enforce good social distancing habits. Our own Dr. Brandi Brunson also offered a wonderful motivational meeting for students so that the AUCVM could feel cared for even though we could not be with our community. Another Zoom meeting, "Finding the Path to Honor Ourselves as We Live the Veterinary Oath," featuring Dr. Pope-Robinson was a fantastic event for students to attend and take a break from remote learning.

We have a lot of planning to do in order to make up for the unfortunate circumstances of this semester but we look forward to the future. This summer will be filled with brainstorming as we prepare for the school year that will be filled with new experiences and exciting outcomes! In the fall we will welcome the Class of 2024 and plan to put on wellness events to help all students adjust to the classroom environment again.

We thank the ALVMA for the constant support and all they do for the AUCVM SAVMA and the entire AUCVM community. 🐾

SAVMA Tuskegee

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Every semester the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) Chapter at Tuskegee tries to bring different series of lectures and events that will complement the academic curriculum. We also go above and beyond to bring speakers to present on different topics within the veterinary field that are not typically seen during the student's time in veterinary school. By doing this we are able to keep the interest of the students and give the opportunity to other members to learn about other fields within veterinary medicine. We always try to plan events that will fall under one of the four pillars that SAVMA and the AVMA stand for: Wellbeing, Community Outreach, Professional Development and Leadership. The following is a summary of the many great events SAVMA and some of our clubs were able to put together.

One of the SAVMA's pillars is Wellbeing. With this in mind we invited Amanda Spies from "Eat Right. Happy Life". Ms. Spies is a Register Dietician Nutritionist and focused her talk on meal prep

<< **Tuskegee students during VMX in Orlando, Fl.** and cooking on a budget. During her presentation she gave tips on how to do groceries when most of the students live off student loans. She also talked about how to cook different quick meals and healthy meals for meal prepping. Also, during the semester we partnered with the College to bring the Step It Up Challenge! This is school-wide event that encourages the student, faculty and staff to stay active in one way or another. SAVMA offered credit points for a wellbeing talk hosted by Royal Canin titled "Difficult Emotions and Uncertain Times: A Veterinary Survival Guide" with Dr. Laura Smallwood.

Another of the SAVMA pillars is Community Outreach. SAVMA partnered with Hill's Pet Nutrition

to bring our shelter event Macon it Happen!. This event focused on volunteering at Macon County Humane Society. The shelter is a safe haven for abandoned dogs and is run out of the home of the Allen Family who are members of the local community in Macon County. With just the two running the shelter, they greatly value veterinary students helping them out with some of the day-to-day tasks. Our members assisted with nail trims, heartworm testing, dewormings and vaccinations. They also took some time to socialize the fur babies in order to get them one step closer towards adoption. Also, as prelude, the Shelter Medicine Club at Tuskegee hosted an event to make dog toys out of old t-shirts, as part of a going green initiative. We know both the Allens and the pups enjoyed our volunteers that day!

Ladies of the Class of 2022 celebrating Black History Month





LEFT: Shelter Medicine Club working on their Make-a-Toy event for shelter dogs at Macon County Humane Society. RIGHT: Ashley Baker (Class of 2022) and Hayley Yeepun (Class of 2023) during the Macon It Happen! Shelter event.

As part of our commitment to Professional Development we hosted a NAVLE Trivia event. As the third-year class start the transition into clinical rotation, the nerves and the stress of the NAVLE looms over them. Having student success in mind, we hosted a NAVLE Trivia Luncheon for the Class of 2021. SAVMA and VetPrep joined forces in order to bring NAVLE questions into a less stressful environment along with a much desired lunch. This gave students a confidence booster while also helping them notice where their weakness and strength are. During the times of a global pandemic we were able to host a webinar. We had the opportunity to host Dr. Elsburgh “Tres” Clarke, a Senior Staff Veterinarian and Director of Rescue at SeaWorld San Diego and a diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine. Dr. Clarke gave us a lecture about Penguin medicine, description of a “typical day” at SeaWorld and gave a brief orientation on how to achieve a residency in Zoological Medicine. We were also able to extend Travel Grants to help cover some of the costs

involved in traveling to any veterinary related experience.

Our local clubs are also committed to further expand the education of the student body. This semester the Surgery Club hosted a surgery wet-lab targeted to the first and second year students. This wet-lab allowed the students to learn different suturing patterns, how to drape and prepare surgical patients and how to gown before surgery. The Zoo and Exotic Club planned a trip guided visit to the Birmingham Zoo, where they had the opportunity to learn and talk with the zookeepers and get some time with some of the animals in the exhibits. The American Association of Equine Practitioners Club hosted events that provided hands on practice in wound healing and bandaging. Canine Club and Purina hosted the American Kennel Club, who had a presentation about the importance of knowing how to deal with breeders and purebred pet owners. They also spoke about the value of knowing the different Kennel Clubs associations in the area and scholarship opportunities. The

Veterinary Business Management Association also hosted a series of lectures and webinars to encourage students to graduate with a Business Certificate.

Due to the global circumstances, this semester has certainly been an unprecedented one. This semester held so much potential and although many of the amazing events we had planned were forced onto the back burner, we are so proud of how much we were still able to accomplish given the circumstances. We were lucky to have been able to pack in educational speakers, a volunteer event and a step challenge before quarantine and even after the fact, we were able to take advantage of our technological resources to host a unique guest lecturer from Sea World! These circumstances brought a lot of new challenges, we took this as a learning opportunity and learned how to thrive under stressful circumstances and do our best within a bad situation. We are looking forward to going back to campus in the Fall semester and coming out stronger and better than ever! 🐾

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