

Welcome to spring!

With spring comes fresh hope and fresh ideas, something you will definitely see in the work of the ISU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association this year. We have embraced the virtual world and strive to bring you more ways to connect with us and more ways to be involved.

Dr. Melissa Garcia Rodriguez has joined our board and brings fresh ideas on using social media to reach you and for you to reach us. Mark your calendars now for the ISU Homecoming events on October 25th. The IVMA, College of Vet Med and our alumni group come together to bring you a homecoming experience far beyond a football game. I might as well start bragging about the buffet now! If you go away hungry it's your own fault!

Things to do right now:

1. See below for all of the ways to connect with us.
2. Make sure your dues are paid up to further the work of our organization for the benefit of all

ISU veterinary students and alumni

3. Consider who you might nominate for two VMAA awards that we sponsor: (email nominations by June 30) Outstanding Service Award & Outstanding Mentor Award

Have a blessed spring season. *Dr. Diane Noll '82, VMAA President*



Megan MacRae applied for our \$75 travel reimbursement award for CVM students, which your membership helps fund. "I had the opportunity to do an externship in Leeds, UK at a private-practice orthopedic and neurosurgery clinic. This externship awarded me the opportunity to scrub into many procedures and get hands-on experience in a variety of specialty surgeries. In addition to time in the surgical theater, I was part of consultations which allowed me a first-hand view of medical practices and resources outside of the United States. During my time away from the clinic, I took full advantage of exploring the city, interacting with locals, and eating wicked good fish and chips." Kindly, Megan MacRae



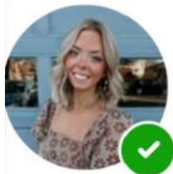
Sydney Huggins, VM2 student, is one of the three VMAA \$500 scholarships awarded each spring. "Hi, I'm Sydney Huggins and I am a current VM2. I am leaning mixed practice after I graduate as I want a lot of variety in my life. Lately at school I have been practicing large animal palpation skills and spending time at the ISU dairy which has been a great experience. I also did my first ever cat neuter a few weeks ago and can't wait to keep expanding my surgery skills. I am grateful for this scholarship so I can continue participation in the many clubs and wetlabs I am involved in."



Across the ocean update from Renee Funk, DVM'2001

Visit our VMAA Facebook page for alumni updates. [Facebook.com/VMAAISU](https://www.facebook.com/VMAAISU)

Welcome our new VMAA Student Liaison who is helping us connect student and alumni.



I am the new Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (VMAA) Liaison for the 2025-2026 year. As part of my role, I will be sending out relevant material on alumni-related opportunities. Right now, I want to bring your attention to the Outstanding Mentor Award, which is an opportunity to recognize a mentor who has made an invaluable impact on your veterinary journey. The Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes a employer, co-worker, or faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to guiding, inspiring, and supporting others in their professional, academic, or personal growth. This award honors mentors who go above and beyond to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment, provide meaningful opportunities for development, and make a lasting impact on their mentees. To submit a nomination detailing how your nominee has demonstrated outstanding mentorship, with specific examples of their impact. You can send the nomination to Sara Isaacson at vmaaisu@iastate.edu. Nomination Deadline: June 30, 2025

McKenzie Weigel

VMAA Student Liaison CPRO-Elect | National SAVMA Senior Delegate | ISU SAVMA

Vice President-Elect | ISU SAVMA ISU Class of 2027 DVM Candidate

Here are the reunion groups for 2025. Please let us know if you are a coordinator and would like us to assist with getting your classmates to the ISU Homecoming weekend- Oct 25th. We'll roll out the red carpet!

70 th Reunion- Class of 1955	65 th Reunion- Class of 1960	60 th Reunion- Class of 1965	55 th Reunion- Class of 1970
50 th Reunion- Class of 1975	45 th Reunion- Class of 1980	40 th Reunion- Class of 1985	35 th Reunion- Class of 1990
25 th Reunion- Class of 2000	15 th Reunion- Class of 2010	10 th Reunion- Class of 2015	5 th Reunion- Class of 2020



Membership Dues Sign-up

Member Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Sponsoring Vet Clinic Name _____

If your vet clinic is sponsoring the annual dues for your employed ISU vets, please complete a form with their home address and the vet clinic name in the sponsorship area.

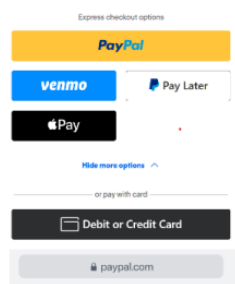
Prefer to receive dues & news updates by ☐ Mail ☐ E-mail

Dues for the calendar year are \$75.00 Paying dues for ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026 ☐ 2027

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please use the **PAYPAL** QR scan Code.

You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this process. Venmo is another option.

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