



VMAA July 2023 Member Newsletter

In 1879, Iowa State established the first public veterinary school in the nation and is still a leader. 144 years old now! That is a lot of history, alumni, and current students.

Gentle Dr. Awardee
Caitlyn Knutson, DVM



US Army Veterinary Corps

*I want to thank you for the sponsorship of the ISU VMAA "Gentle Doctor" award. I was very honored to receive this award and I hope to continue living up to the ideals that this award represents as I progress through my career. I am also humbled to know this award was nominated by my peers. My classmates encouraged me, questioned my ideas, laughed with me, helped me when I was overwhelmed, taught me new skills and knowledge, supported me when I needed it, and pushed me to succeed these past four years. I wouldn't be who I am now without the class of 2023. My next adventure is a year-long internship in Colorado Springs with the US Army Veterinary Corps, where I will continue to learn and improve upon my surgical skills, provide patient care to Soldiers' pets as well as Military Working Dogs and Horses, work on food/public health missions, and develop my leadership skills. I'm excited to now be a veterinarian and see where my career will take me, and I am honored to join the ranks of ISU CVM alumni.
#GentleDoctorsEverywhere*

I don't know if the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (VMAA) at Iowa State University is that old but I'm sure there were a lot of proud alumni predecessors that helped establish this current alumni association. So, I'm asking all alumni to become involved to keep this great association progressing for another 144 years plus. One way to be part of this history is to be a member of the VMAA at Iowa State University and to be involved in many activities. Spread the word to other alumni.

Another way is to be a board member of the VMAA executive committee. Just like working remotely, this position can be served from a distance. The executive committee meets four times a year through hybrid zoom and conference room meetings. This new board member will serve for four years starting January of 2024. The committee member will be a board member for two years, the third year will be the president, and the fourth year will be the past president status. The 2024 dates are Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm CST Jan 09; Apr 16; July 16; Oct 15, 2024. We would like to have your interest to be a board member by our July 18 meeting in order to have our nominee presented at the annual meeting in September. If interested email VMAAisu@iastate.edu and provide more details.

A project we support is the White Coat Ceremony, Aug 18, 2023, at 6pm. If you would like to be a white coater, contact Dr. Monica Howard (mohoward@iastate.edu). One activity not to miss out on is the homecoming event. Put on by the VMAA and CVM (College of Vet Med). It's the best buy ever! Stay tuned for more information. The homecoming game is Saturday, November 4th against Kansas.

Sincerely, Dr. Cornick, DVM '1983

Notes from the office: The VMAA dues helped create a \$4500 Travel Reimbursement Award Opportunity for current vet students who are traveling for veterinarian experiences. This is the second year of having these \$75 awards available and you can view the student's picture, experience notes on our Facebook page. Log into your Facebook account

Just a few of the happy faces of students who received \$75 travel expense reimbursement

In order are Morgan Lider, Bailey Golf, Jaylyn Brownwell, Kelly Marshall, Rylie Frese, Caleb Brezinia



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