



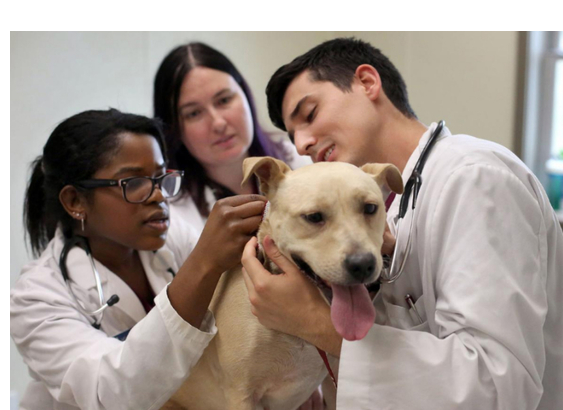
## White coat ceremony caps orientation week for veterinary students in the Class of 2022

The 126 members of the class celebrated their official entry into the program after successfully completing a highly competitive application process. More than 1,600 prospective students applied for admission, representing the second largest applicant pool in North America, according to figures from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. [Learn More](#)

## VET MED IN THE NEWS



**CBS News**  
Experimental brain cancer treatment for dogs could one day help humans  
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**Roanoke Times**  
Animal care synergy: shelter, students and service  
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## AROUND THE COLLEGE



### Clay Caswell awarded NIH grant to study infectious disease

Clay Caswell has been awarded a National Institutes of Health grant to study the disease-causing mechanisms of *Brucella abortis*, the bacteria that causes brucellosis, one of the most common zoonotic diseases worldwide. [Learn More](#)



### Prestigious fellowship grant benefits theriogenology program

The American Kennel Club (AKC), the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and the Theriogenology Foundation have awarded a \$100,000 grant to the college for a 3-year companion animal theriogenology residency program. [Learn More](#)



### MPH students teach children the value of nutrition through Market Kids program

A partnership between the New River Health District and the Virginia Tech Public Health Program, Market Kids teaches local youth the importance of focusing on their health and well-being. [Learn More](#)



### Equine Medical Center hosts race at Saratoga

On Aug. 6, the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center hosted a race at Saratoga Race Course in memory of Virginia Tech President Emeritus Charles W. Steger, a longtime supporter of the center. [Learn More](#)



### New partnership benefits veterinary students and shelter animals

A new partnership between the veterinary college and the Humane Rescue Alliance of Washington, D.C., provides expanded educational opportunities for students and an increased capacity for quality veterinary services in the National Capital Region. [Learn More](#)



### VetTRAC summer program has most successful year yet

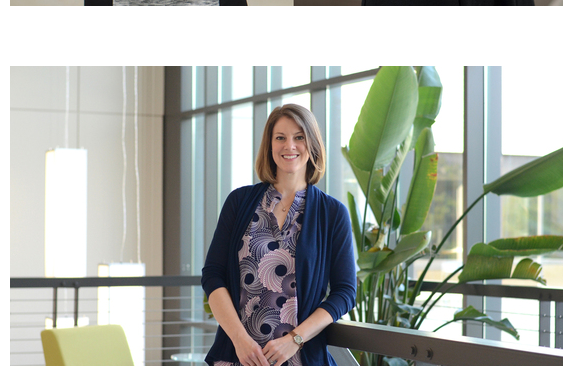
Students from underrepresented populations across the country received hands-on learning experiences and explored career options in veterinary medicine during the week-long program. [Learn More](#)

## ALUMNI CORNER



### College names distinguished alumni award winners

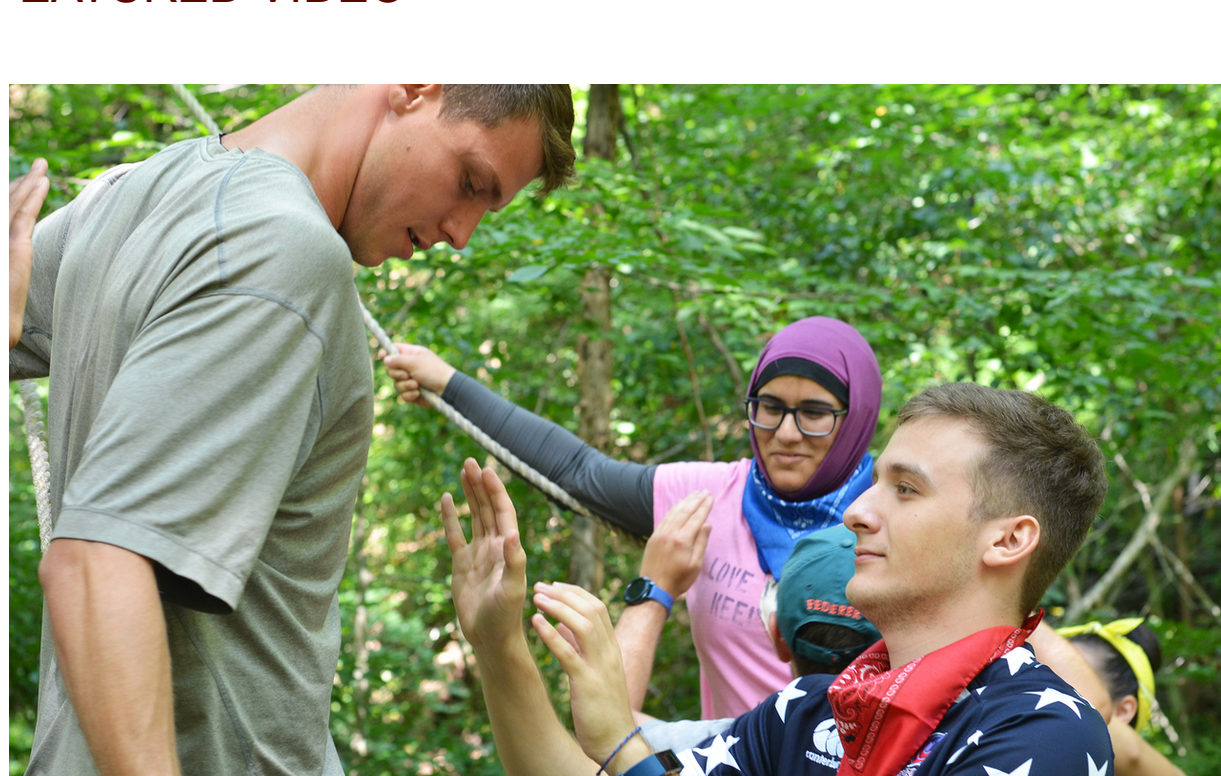
Sharon Deem (DVM '88), wildlife veterinarian and epidemiologist, and Bom Harris (DVM '08), large animal practitioner, have been honored with the college's Lifetime Achievement Award and Outstanding Recent Alumni Award, respectively. [Learn More](#)



### Cassie Wedd Wagner joins college as director of alumni and referring practitioner relations

Cassie Wedd Wagner (DVM '13, MPH '13) leads engagement of the college's 3,200 alumni and serves as the primary liaison between referring veterinary practitioners in the region and the college's hospitals. [Learn More](#)

## FEATURED VIDEO



### Veterinary students build team dynamics

DVM students in the Class of 2022 engaged in a week-long orientation program designed to promote team dynamics and a strong class community. [Watch Video](#)

## Upcoming Events

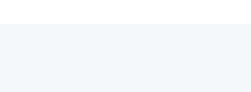
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