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2021
DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM
COMMENCEMENT
2021

Monday, May 10 | 6:30 p.m.

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DVM Commencement Ceremony Program

May 10, 2021

Welcome

Dr. M. Daniel Givens, Dean

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Martha M. Larson, Professor, Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Richard B. Talbot Award

Dr. Victoria Simpson
Valedictorian, Class of 2021

Recognition of Graduates and Hooding Ceremony

Dr. Jennifer L. Hodgson, Associate Dean, Professional Programs
Dr. Timothy Bolton, Assistant Professor, Small Animal Clinical Sciences,
Outstanding Instructor Award, Class of 2021

Veterinarian's Oath

Dr. William S. Swecker, Jr., President
Virginia Veterinary Medical Association

Welcome to the Profession

Dr. Shadawn Salmond-Jimenez, President
Maryland Veterinary Medical Association

Class Address and Presentation of Class Gift

Dr. Shawn Kozlov
Class President, Class of 2021

Closing Remarks

Dr. M. Daniel Givens, Dean

Recognition

Music: Dr. Marion F. Ehrich
Professor Emerita, Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology

2021 DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE GRADUATES

Sarah Abruzzini
Caroline Anderson
Lindsey Erin Arthur
Ajit Aryal
Ellen Darlene Baumler
Stephanie Ann Bishop
Andrew Scott Bogorad
Kassandra Brooke Boyd
Alexander Francis Bradshaw
Patrick John Brennan
Emily Boggs Brooks
Alexis Kendall Lee Bruzgul
Abby Rose Burkhardt
Rachel Wrenn Calcutt
Sabrina Callaway
Natalie Castaneda
Jessica Christenson
Mary Easton Clapham
Cara Costanzo
Stephanie Ann Crawford
Samantha Nichole Cubbage
Abigail Renee Cusack
Tricia Alexandria Daniels
Elizabeth Catherine Davis
Shawn Matthew Devaney
Daniella Elizabeth Diaz
Noah Diaz-Portalatin
Sanjay Rajiv Kevin Dick
Nicholas Joseph DiOrrio
Angela Margaret Dugan
Morgan Dvorkin
Madison Rae Edwards

Glenn Abdiel Elias
Muriel Waltraud Enders
Shannon Janelle Estep
Rebecca Carol Ewel
Joseph Anthony Fabrizi
Sara E. Fleckenstein
Emma Alyson Fox
Taylor Ann Franzreb
Amanda Lee Frecker
Francesca Frere
Jeaneva Carmelle Gagne
Alexander Vincent Giannaris
Rebecca L. Gilson
Emily Ann Green
Jonathan Griffith
Jasmine A. Gross
Nayeon Han
Kiera Burns Hanrahan
Justin Earl Hansford
Emily Helen Hardgrove
Colleen Marie Harvey
Christina Louise Havrila
Catherine Taylor Hawkins
Elizabeth Mallori Sadler Henshaw
Elizabeth Suzanne Hines
Jordan Alexander Hinkson
Dixon Ward Holland
Rosilyn Varughese Issac
Brian Joy
Joanna Marion Kania
Evan Alexander Kerr
Lorena Limongi Kessler

Shawn Kozlov
Adelaide Elizabeth Lee
Sarah Elizabeth Legg
Saravuth Robert Lerkaram
Maxwell Duncan Leslie
Brandon Joseph Louth
Christopher Matthew Margrey
Bethany Lyon Marshall
Kathryn Ann Mason
Virginia Allen McGuire
Marie-Victorine McKeown
Benjamin Gordon Merkel
Mitchell A. Meyerhoeffer
Lindsey Nicole Miller
Sarah Jeanne Miller
Caleb Randall Minger
Tiffany Brooke Casteel Nash
Richeal Nettey-Noi
Ying Zi Ngo
Vernon Eugene O'Berry III
Jendaya Regina O'Grady
Arynn Delaney O'Kane
Daniel Alexander Olmedo
Alexander Hilton Osgood
Alexandria Lane Ballou Paulz
Karina Payerhin
Hannah Linda Perez
Herbert Emmanuel Portillo
Taylor J. Quinn
Frederic G. Reuter
Ashley Nicole Riffe
Jacob William Romeiser

Daniel Edward Rothschild
Theo Henri Rousselle
Eric N. Salevsky
Brooke Rochelle Schindler
Aseirie Nicole Shepard
Taylor Simmons
Victoria Simpson
Arien Alicia Skiba
Brije Smith
Enilda Raquel Soto
Mishta Tak
Misha Takane
Micah L. Thompson
Megan Brooke Toms
David Robert Toomey
Sierrah D. Travis
McCauley Thompson Vailes
Steven Grant Waldrop
Emily Grace Ward
Brittany Weicht
Rebecca Weiske
Matthew Wayne Whitford
Sara Patricia Wilkinson
Michelle Danielle Williams
Robert Leslie Wise
Emily Alice Woodward
Jessica Kristin Wooleyhand
Eunjuang Miranda Yang
Vivian A. Yang
Taylor Madison Young
Jessica LaVerne Zoghby
Julia Paquette Zuercher

Membership in Phi Zeta, the national honor society of veterinary medicine, is awarded to seniors in the top 25 percent of their class. Phi Zeta recognizes outstanding scholarship, represents the veterinary profession's constant advancement, and promotes research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.

Phi Zeta members in the Class of 2021

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Alexander Francis Bradshaw
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Mary Easton Clapham
Cara Costanzo
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Robert Leslie Wise
Emily Alice Woodward
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*Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine,
I solemnly swear
to use my scientific knowledge and skills
for the benefit of society
through the protection of animal health and welfare,
the prevention and relief of animal suffering,
the conservation of animal resources,
the promotion of public health,
and the advancement of medical knowledge.*

*I will practice my profession conscientiously,
with dignity,
and in keeping with the principles
of veterinary medical ethics.*

*I accept as a lifelong obligation,
the continual improvement of my professional
knowledge and competence.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Martha M. Larson



Martha M. Larson is a professor of radiology in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. A faculty member at the college since 1986, she has crafted a long and distinguished career in teaching, research, and service.

Impacting thousands of veterinary students, Larson has taught radiology in the classroom and the clinical environment, and has advised and instructed post-doctoral trainees in the college's radiology residency program, which she has directed for 30 years.

Known as a compassionate and effective instructor, Larson is the recipient of numerous awards, including the college's Teaching Excellence Award and the Merck Agvet Award for Creativity in Teaching. In 2020, she received the college's inaugural Outstanding Faculty Alumni Award in recognition of her decades of service and commitment to students and alumni alike.

Board-certified in radiology by the American College of Veterinary Radiology, Larson is also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Virginia Veterinary Medicine Association. Her research interests include pancreatic and hepato-biliary disease, imaging of pulmonary disease, and ultrasound imaging.

After earning undergraduate degrees in wildlife biology from the University of Montana and in biology from the University of Georgia, Larson completed both a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and a master's degree at The Ohio State University, followed by an internship at The Animal Medical Center in New York City and a residency in radiology at Ohio State.

RICHARD B. TALBOT MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. Victoria Simpson



Each year, the veterinary student who has achieved the highest academic standing in the graduating class receives the Richard B. Talbot Memorial Award, named in honor of the college's founding dean.

The Class of 2021 valedictorian is Victoria Simpson, of Freehold, New Jersey, a graduate of the equine track.

Simpson, who earned a B.S. in animal science from Rutgers University, admits that she was a "horse-crazy little girl" whose love for science and animals led her to pursue veterinary medicine, the ideal marriage of her interests.

Noting that she was especially drawn to Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine because of the DVM Program's focus on mental health, Simpson and her class acutely experienced the importance of a healthy work-life balance while navigating restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association student clubs, Simpson has accepted an ambulatory internship, transitioning into an associate veterinarian position, at Old Waterloo Equine Clinic in Rixeyville, Virginia. She is "really excited" because, she says, "I love the dynamic nature of ambulatory practice. You never know what you'll find when you get on the farm."

In the long term, Simpson aspires to have her own equine practice.

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Dr. Xiaoping Zhu, Associate Dean, Maryland Campus

Dr. William S. Swecker, Jr., Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital

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Founded in 1980, the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is a leading biomedical teaching and research center, enrolling more than 490 doctor of veterinary medicine students, 99 master of public health students, and 77 biomedical and veterinary sciences master's and Ph.D. students.

The college is a partnership between the land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland. The college's main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, features the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and large animal field services, which together treat more than 68,000 animals annually. Other locations include the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia, the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke, and the Gudelsky Veterinary Center in College Park, Maryland.

The college's 3,394 DVM alumni work in private practice, in industry, and in local, state, and federal agencies. College faculty and students also conduct a broad spectrum of basic/molecular and translational/applied research that is strongly focused on animal health and productivity, and human health and well-being.



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