

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
College of Veterinary Medicine

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May 13, 2022

The Veterinarians' Oath

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.

Adopted by the House of Delegates, July 1969

Amended by the Executive Board, 1999 and 2010

Program

Welcome

Dr. Leah Cohn

Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Introductions

Dr. Carolyn J. Henry

Dean

Dr. Eleanor Green

*Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of Veterinary Medicine,
Texas A&M University*

President Mun Y. Choi

University of Missouri System

Chancellor, University of Missouri

Curator Robin Wenneker

University of Missouri System

Dr. Christopher Daubert

*Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Dean of the College of
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources,
University of Missouri*

Dr. Jose Arce

President, American Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. Steve Strubberg

Missouri State Veterinarian

Dr. Edward Migneco

President, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. Joan Coates

*Interim Director of the MU Veterinary Health Center
College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association*

2022 COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Program

Remarks	Curator Robin Wenneker President Mun Y. Choi Dr. Jose Arce
Greetings from the Alumni	Dr. Joan Coates
Address	Dr. Eleanor Green
Assisting in the Commencement Ceremony	Dr. Brenda Beerntsen <i>Chair, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology</i> Dr. John Dodam <i>Chair, Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery</i> Dr. Brian Frappier <i>Associate Teaching Professor of Biomedical Sciences</i> Dr. Martha Scharf <i>Assistant Teaching Professor of Equine Medicine</i> Dr. Kelly Varner <i>Assistant Teaching Professor of Veterinary Anesthesiology</i> Dr. Colette Wagner-Mann <i>Associate Teaching Professor of Biomedical Sciences</i>
Recognition of Completion of Internships, Residencies and Graduate Programs	Dr. Carolyn J. Henry
Presentation of the BSM Degree	
Presentation of the DVM Degree	
Investiture	Dr. Leah Cohn
Conferring of the Degrees	Curator Robin Wenneker
Veterinarian's Oath	Dr. Edward Migneco
Response	Dr. Matthew Oerly for the Class of 2022
Closing	Dr. Carolyn J. Henry

Our Keynote Speaker

ELEANOR M. GREEN, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP

Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, Veterinary Consultant and Senior Advisor/Consultant for Animal Policy Group

Eleanor M. Green is a passionate veterinarian who has loved going to work every day throughout her entire career. She received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Florida and DVM degree from Auburn University. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Large Animal, and the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Equine Practice. She was a practice owner in a rural community, a founding veterinary faculty member at Mississippi State University, an equine clinician at the University of Missouri, hospital director/chief of staff and department head/chair at the University of Tennessee and University of Florida, and the Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M.



She has served as president of professional organizations including the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, and the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians. She was the first woman president of three of these organizations.

Dr. Green's awards include induction into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, AAVMC Billy E. Hooper Award for Distinguished Service, VMX ICON Award recognizing an icon in the veterinary profession, Award of Distinction from University of Florida College of Agriculture, Wilford S. Bailey Distinguished Alumnus from Auburn University, Women's Progress Award for Administration at Texas A&M, Distinguished Achievement Award for Administration at Texas A&M, AAVC Faculty Achievement Award, and Outstanding Auburn University Graduate at the 100 Years of Women at Auburn celebration. She was honored at Texas A&M by an Endowed Excellence Fund in her name and the Eleanor Green Endowed Scholarship for Veterinary Students.

Dr. Green has special interests in the future of the profession, innovations, animal welfare, leadership, and exciting future veterinarians.

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. - Edmund Burke

Residents

Melanie Anderson	Radiology - Diagnostic Imaging
Hayley Ashworth	Radiation Oncology
Jessica Cayton	Laboratory Animal Medicine
Elizabeth Cooksey	Theriogenology
Kara De New	Clinical Pathology
Allison Fuchs	Comparative Ophthalmology
Logan Funk	Cardiology
Kelly Gravitt-Sandelin	Equine Practice
Kevin Gustafson	Laboratory Animal Medicine
Samantha Haw	Food Animal Medicine and Surgery
Lyndsey Hayden	Equine Surgery
Emily Knebel	Laboratory Animal Medicine
Joe Kowal	Neurology and Neurosurgery
Jenna Manacki	Clinical Nutrition
Charlotte Marquis	Anesthesia and Analgesia
Sebastian Mejia	Small Animal Surgery
Alyssa Przydrozny	Small Animal Oncology
Luis Rivero	Food Animal Medicine and Surgery
Lauren Ross	Small Animal Oncology
Deepinder Sidhu	Small Animal Surgery
Courtney Valerio	Anatomic Pathology
Natalie Villani	Neurology and Neurosurgery

Interns

Katelin Dark	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Elisabeth Fox	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Kaitlin Goldsby	Diagnostic Radiology — ACVR Imaging
Natalie Goolik	Diagnostic Radiology — ACVR Imaging
Natalie Heape	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Isabella Hildebrandt	Small Animal Surgical Oncology
Kaitlyn Junkin	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Johanna Klein	Equine Medicine and Surgery Rotating

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

- Will Rogers

Interns

Elizabeth Larsen	Equine Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Kara Majors	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Marcus Marella	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Katherine Olson	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Francheska Ortiz	Comparative Neurology Program
Julianna Perez	Small Animal Internal Medicine
Erica Rehnblom	Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating
Michelle Szalasnny	Neurology and Neurosurgery
Christine Tran Hoang	Small Animal Oncology
Devon Ueda	Small Animal Internal Medicine
Alexandra Warren	Equine Medicine and Surgery Rotating

Graduate Students

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Scott Brown	Doctor of Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences
Melissa Coy	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Ryan Dashek	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Sean Greer	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area with Integrative Anatomy Focus
Gabrielle Hofmann	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Shannon Kelly	Doctor of Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences
Emily Lessner	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area with Integrative Anatomy Focus
Xuansong Mao	Doctor of Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences
Kayla Marks	Doctor of Philosophy, Molecular Pathogenesis and Therapeutics
Lynn Martin	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Sammuel Shahzad	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Samuel Sullivan	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area with Integrative Anatomy Focus
Aida Vientos-Plotts	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Preston Wolfe	Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Graduate Students

MASTER DEGREES

Amira Amin	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences
Hayley Ashworth	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Rachel Bonacker	Master of Science, Animal Sciences
Taylor Eshmont	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Allison Fuchs	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Logan Funk	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Samantha Haw	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Lyndsey Hayden	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Courtney Karr	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Kelsie Kermendy	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Rachael McCorkle	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Alexandria Miller	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Allison Naclerio	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Madison Naes	Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Luis Rivero	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
Lauren Ross	Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Undergraduate Students

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kirsten Kaye Gillespie	Microbiology, Departmental Honors Candidate
Holly Ann Manning	Microbiology
Alexandra Davina Pietrasanta	Microbiology, University Honors Candidate
Elizabeth R. Stevenson	Microbiology

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. - Harriet Tubman

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Caylen Grace Erger*

Courtney Allison Karr*

Olivia E. Kaiser*

Alec Robert Swierk*

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Nicole E. D'Anna*

Celene M. Ivey*

Elizabeth Ann Kirkman*

Emily Lenore Lemoine*

Keith R. Long*

Rachael Erin McCorkle*

Kiersten Elise Sandquist*

Jenny Jin Wang*

McKenna Sierra Wingerd*

CUM LAUDE

Ashleigh Nicole Baan*

Ethan Bryce Bugg*

Jennifer Jane Dupske*

Lauren Nicole Engeman*

Hayley Falat*

Laura Beth Hartman*

Alexandria L. Miller*

Allison C. Naclerio*

Rachel Marie Soukup*

Amanda J. Wharton*

Marinda Jasmine Allen

Shannon Rae Ankney

Nicolette Marie Barraco

Hunter M. Berg

Rachael Christine Bonacker

Alyssa Ann Brahler

Kaci Ann Braner

Gabrielle Catherine Cuttler Brown

Jake Steven Brown

Hunter T. Carr

Cameron Joy Mara Carter

Lydia Jean Cassidy

Roxana Hiu Ching Chan

Karlee Elise Cochran

Aurora Veronica Costin*

Kaitlyn T. Crocker

Nicholaus Dean Crutcher

Emma Grace Davis

Danielle Maurie Irma Donnelly

Kathryn Lorraine Ellebracht

Megan Barbara End

Erin Leila Enke

Taylor Landon Eshmont

Bailey Jo Faries

Chloe Joe Garrett

Stephanie Elisabeth George

Marissa Elaine Goodwin

Breanna H. Gottman

Olivia Marie Greenwell

Kelly L. Gruber

Katherine Nicole Gutierrez

Nicole R. Hage*

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Haley Ruth Hartnagel

Donna Joann Henderson

Makayla Sue Hill

Stephanie Leigh Huff

Abby Elizabeth Isbell

Arie K. Kapoor

Elizabeth B. Karslake

Nicole Kasman

Shefali Kaul

Kelsie Lynn Kermendy

Ayla Khan

Taylor Ann Klimt

Abbie Ann Knudsen

Sarena Michelle Redel Krojanker

Rebecca Rachel Lattimer

Katelyn Annabelle Lehmann

Megan Lemke

Andrea Josephine Lohr

Laura Ann Lorentz

Hannah Gerlt May

Cheyenne Christine Macias

Nikki M. Mallos

Adriana B. Marchand*

Libby Marie Martin

Melanie A. Matthews

Bryce Thomas McDonald

Kristy Michelle McElwee

Sarah Morgan McTague

Rachel Nora Miller

Isabelle Frances Mitchell

Erik Moore

Kaitlyn Amy Morgan

Madison Walsh Naes

Kirsten Lynn Newingham*

Linnea S. Nixon

Kelsey A. Noyes

Chelsy D. Obrer

Matthew Teel Oerly

Abigail C. Paslidis

Martha Elizabeth Peacock

Allison Marie Potter

Andrew Farlow Reid

Darien B. Robertson*

Melissa Saele

Zachary Alan Scott

Michelle Renee Seers

Samia Omar Shalabi

Avery Brooke Shannon*

Jeffrey Tanner Shively

Gabriella Theresa Sottile

Makenze Dawn Spear

Jessica Arlene Stone

Grace Elizabeth Swanson

Jerry E. Toporis Jr.

Jenna Marie Vance

Hannah Nicole Wallick

Corrine Elizabeth Walsh

Katherine Amanda Williams

Shannon Raye Zaloz

Alexi Lauren Zaniker

** Phi Zeta is the honor society of veterinary medicine.*

I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars.- Og Mandino

College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty

CAROLYN J. HENRY, DEAN

Brenda Beerntsen, *Chair, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology*

Douglas Bowles, *Chair, Department of Biomedical Sciences*

John R. Dodam, *Chair, Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery*

Jeffrey Adamovicz	Lyndon Coghill	Eileen Hasser
Pamela Adkins	Leah A. Cohn	C. Austin Hinds
Yuksel Agca	Ileana Constantinescu	Sissy Hong
Matthew Allen	Cindy Cravens	David Hutcheson
James Amos-Landgraf	Kathryn Crombie	Alisa Hutchison
Deborah Anderson	David Cross	Salman Hyder
Paul Anderson	Kevin Cummings	Rosalie Ierardi
Kathleen Backus	Kathryn Darr	Gary Johnson
Robert C. Backus	Kevin Donnelly	Gayle Johnson
Christopher Baines	Lindsay Donnelly	Philip J. Johnson
Praveen Balne	Xiangwei Du	James Karnia
Ravi Barabote	Kempuraj Duraisamy	Kevin G. Keegan
Shawn Bender	Carrie Duran	Kun-cek Kil
Frank Booth	Elizabeth Easley	Dae Young Kim
Sandra Briesacher	Tara Ehling	David Kline
Corinne Bromfield	Craig Emter	Sehwon Koh
Charles Brown	Aaron Ericsson	Joanne Kramer
Jeffrey N. Bryan	Timothy Evans	Keiichi Kuroki
Elizabeth Bryda	Derek B. Fox	Alison LaCarrubba
Alex D. Bukoski	Craig Franklin	Jimmy C. Lattimer
Amie Burling	Alexander Franz	Stacey B. Leach
Annabelle Burnum	Brian Frappier	Michelle LeRoy
Michael Calcutt	Elizabeth A. Giuliano	Michael Lewis
Gretchen Carlisle	Laurel Grisanti	Ji Hey Lim
Shirley Chu	Tamara Gull	Christian Lorson
Lane Clarke	Suneel Gupta	Monique Lorson
Joan R. Coates	Tamara Hancock	Leslie Lyons

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Wenjun Ma	David Senter	Stan Casteel
Charles Maitz	Daniel Shaw	Claud B. Chastain
F.A. (Tony) Mann	Zhenyu Shen	Gheorghe Constantinescu
Lynn Martin	Kevin Shull	Ross P. Cowart
Felipe Martins	Kamal Singh	William Fales
Jodi Matheson	Owen Skinner	Harold E. Garner
Megan McCracken	Jerod Skyberg	Theodore Green
Richard L. Meadows	Roger W. Stich	Cheryl Heesch
Hongsheng Men	Belinda Tedder	Reuel Hook
Megan Mickelson	Jessica Thiele	M. Harold Laughlin
John R. Middleton	Bryan Torres	Dudley L. McCaw
W. Jefferson Mitchell Jr.	Kile Townsend	Ron McLaughlin
Rajiv R. Mohan	Ratnakar Tripathi	Nat T. Messer
Susan Moore	Eva Ulery	Cecil P. Moore
Laura Nafe	Kelley Varner	Kristina Narfstrom
Justin Nash	Aida Vientos-Plotts	Dennis P. O'Brien
Nicole Nichols	Dawna L. Voelkl	Alpana Ray
Kathryn O'Brien	Dietrich H. Volkmann	Bimal Ray
Solomon Odemuyiwa	Colette Wagner-Mann	Chada S. Reddy
Rachel Olson	Kelsey Walker	Donald Rodabaugh
Craig Payne	Wade Welshons	Heide Schatten
Scott Poock	Kelly Wiggen	George Stewart
Ram Raghavan	Fred Williams III	James Thorne
Megan Rau	Michael Zhang	James L. Tomlinson
Lauren Reeves	Shuping Zhang	James R. Turk
Carol R. Reinero		Catherine Vogelweid
Hans Rindt	<i>EMERITI</i>	A. David Weaver
Cheryl Rosenfeld	Esther Brown	Marlyn Whitney
Angela Royal	Olen Ray Brown	David A. Wilson
Martha E. Scharf	Roger E. Brown	Robert S. Youngquist
Loren G. Schultz	C. Andrew Carson	

History of the College

*V*eterinary medicine at the University of Missouri began modestly in 1872 as a course in veterinary science. It quickly grew into a department of veterinary science, a school of veterinary medicine within the division of animal sciences, a school of veterinary medicine as a separate division, and finally, a College of Veterinary Medicine. The young endeavor started early in assisting Missouri's agriculture. In 1885, the first vaccine-virus laboratory in the United States was established at the MU veterinary science department. Staff veterinarians taught courses to both medical and agricultural students, conducted research on tick fever, and investigated livestock disease throughout the state.

The college's first significant growth occurred in 1910 when Connaway Hall was built to house veterinary medical education activities, research of animal and poultry diseases, vaccine production, and diagnostic work for livestock owners.

In 1946, a professional curriculum leading to the doctor of veterinary medicine degree was established to offer educational opportunities for World War II veterans. In 1950, the first 26 MU-educated veterinarians graduated.

Class size rose first to 30 students, then to 60, and then to 76 in response to a national shortage of veterinarians. In the early 1980s the need for veterinarians stabilized, and MU enrollment was reduced to 64 per class. As the demand for veterinarians has again increased, the college admitted 68 students in 2004, 76 in 2005, 80 in 2008 and approximately 120 since 2010. In 2019, the college launched a bachelor's degree program in microbiology within the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology. The program had its first graduate in December 2021.

In 1961, as the college grew, a teaching hospital was built southeast of Connaway Hall. A diagnostic laboratory and teaching and research building followed. Clydesdale Hall, a 144,000-square-foot teaching hospital, was completed in early 1993.

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine is the state's only institution that confers the doctor of veterinary medicine degree and is one of only 33 in the United States. It has graduated more than 4,000 veterinarians who serve animal owners, agriculture, government, industry and academia in Missouri and throughout the world.