



*77th
Commencement*

University of Missouri
College of Veterinary Medicine

May 15, 2026

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 and Introductions

Dr. Timothy Snider
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Platform Party

Dr. Srinand Sreevatsan
Dean

Dr. Dominique J. Griffon
*DVM, MS, PhD, DECVS, DACVS
ACVS Founding Fellow, MIS (SA-Ortho)
Dean, Atlantic Veterinary Medicine, PEI,
Canada Editor-in-Chief,
Veterinary Surgery*

Dr. Matthew Martens
*Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs*

Dr. Christopher Daubert
*Vice Chancellor for Agriculture; Dean,
College of Agriculture, Food and
Natural Resources*

Dr. Carol Ryan
AVMA District VII Representative

Dr. Lynn Martin
*MVMA President; Assistant Teaching
Professor of Veterinary Medicine
and Surgery*

Dr. Steve Strubberg
*Missouri Department of Agriculture
State Veterinarian*

Dr. Elizabeth Bryda
*Associate Dean of Research and
Graduate Studies*

Dr. David Kline
*Chair, Pathobiology and Integrative
Biomedical Sciences*

Dr. John Dodam
*Chair, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery;
Director, Veterinary Health Center*

Dr. Shuping Zhang
*Director, Veterinary Medical
Diagnostic Laboratory*

Dr. Cindy Cravens
*Director, Bachelor of Science in
Veterinary Technology Program*

Program

Remarks	Dr. Matthew Martens
Address	Dr. Dominique J. Griffon
Student Address	Marika Austad for the Class of 2026
Recognition of Completion of Programs	Dr. Srinand Sreevatsan
Presentation of Graduates and Investiture	Dr. Timothy Snider
Assisting in the Commencement Ceremony	Dr. Jerry Toporis <i>Clinical Instructor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery</i> Dr. John Dodam Dr. Alex Bukoski <i>Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery</i> Dr. Colette Wagner-Mann <i>Adjunct Associate Teaching Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery</i> Dr. F.A. (Tony) Mann <i>Assistant Dean of Clinical Education</i>

Program

Conferring of the Degrees

Dr. Matthew Martens

Veterinarian's Oath

Dr. Lynn Martin

Closing

Dr. Srinand Sreevatsan

Our Keynote Speaker

Dominique Griffon is a valedictorian from the Ecole Nationale Veterinaire d'Alfort (France), where she earned her Doctorat de Medecine Veterinaire. After two years in companion animal primary practice, she research training earning a MS at the University of Minnesota (USA) and PhD in Veterinary Sciences from the University of Helsinki (Finland).



She became a Diplomate of the American and European Veterinary Colleges of Surgeons, after a residency in small animal surgery at Kansas State University (USA). She has taught small animal surgery at Kansas State University (USA), and the Veterinary School of Edinburgh (UK) before becoming a tenured faculty at the University of Illinois (USA). She served as Associate Dean for Research at Western University of Health Sciences, California (USA) before joining the Atlantic Veterinary College.

Her clinical research interest led to her recognition as ACVS founding fellow in minimally invasive surgery (small animal orthopedics). She has published two theses, over 100 peer-reviewed publications, and given over 400 national and international presentations. She is co-editor of the "Textbook on Complications in Small Animal Surgery" and Editor-in-Chief of "Veterinary Surgery".

Interns

Gabrielle Abbott	Equine Rotating
Jaclyn Azelby	Small Animal Rotating
Amber Beeney	Small Animal Rotating
Kamryn Bene	Small Animal Rotating
Matt Bengel	Soft Tissue Surgery and Research
Rachel Bryant	Surgical Oncology
Ashlee Buist	Small Animal Rotating
Keegan Crow	Small Animal Rotating
Kaylynn Dunn	Equine Rotating
Hannah Eggert	Equine Rotating
Hunter Ferchaw	Anesthesia
Cassidy Fitzpatrick	Ophthalmology
Ryan Flynn	Small Animal Rotating
Samantha Hoover	Mixed Animal Rotating
Hyunmook Im	Small Animal Rotating
Kalil Jana-Pitre	Soft Tissue Surgery and Research
Irene Kim	Radiology
Monica Lee	Anesthesia
Emily Sikorab	Small Animal Rotating
Rachel Stucky	Small Animal Rotating
Morgan Tarnalicki	Oncology Clinical Trials
Michael Thomas	Small Animal Rotating
Danny Thurston	Large Animal Rotating
Olivia Uribe	Small Animal Rotating
Rama Krishna Veluvolu	Radiology
Jena Zientek	Large Animal Rotating

Residents

Allison Barbour	Small Animal Oncology
Emily Clarke	Diagnostic Radiology - ACVR Imaging
Samantha Crist	Radiation Oncology
Katelin Dark	Small Animal Surgery
Allison DuPont	Neurology and Neurosurgery
Hasan El Musa	Small Animal Internal Medicine
Gabrielle Gonzalez	Large Animal Internal Medicine - Equine Emphasis
Briana Lippert	Small Animal Internal Medicine
Kara Majors	Neurology and Neurosurgery
Elizabeth Martin.....	Cardiology
Rachel McNair	Small Animal Internal Medicine
Allison Naclerio	Small Animal Oncology
McKenna Sheriff	Diagnostic Radiology - ACVR Imaging
Aaron Sieve	Comparative Ophthalmology
Alexandra Warren	Equine Sugery
Vivian Yang	Small Animal Oncology
Laura Yannai	Small Animal Oncology

Graduate Students

Doctor of Philosophy

James Chung..... Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Dominica Ferm..... Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area
Bryce Rizvanovic..... Doctor of Philosophy, Pathobiology Area

Master Degrees

Langston Burns Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Ashley Clark Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Brayden Dodds..... Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Chao Dai..... Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Pathobiology Emphasis
Elizabeth Fiechter.. Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Comparative Medicine
Olivia Grant Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Liana Haas Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Katie Kersting Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Corynn Lewis Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration
Briana Lippert Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Lane Russell Master of Science, Biomedical Sciences Emphasis
Mikalaha Schafer Master of Public Health, Veterinary Concentration

Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Sciences

Michael Andrew James
Malori Jordan Stewart
Alexandria Rae Wojtak

MS in Biomedical Sciences, Emphasis Veterinary Sciences

Elizabeth Ann Martin
Megan Rachael Olmstead

Undergraduate Students

Bachelor of Science

Morgan Reve Anderson	BS in Microbiology	<i>SCL</i>
Marra Grace Bell	BS in Microbiology	
Natalie Breon	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Jenny Carr	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Lulu Martinez Castro	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Alexa Karilyn Cato	BS in Microbiology with Honors	<i>CL</i>
Aidan Joseph DeSalle	BS in Microbiology with Honors	<i>CL</i>
Shanna Detzler-Cox	BS in Microbiology	
Sidney Loraine Engelmeyer	BS in Microbiology with Honors	<i>SCL</i>
Kollen Fannin	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Leah Fitzgerald	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Karina Sofia Franquiz Capestany	BS in Microbiology	
Brittney Garcia	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Chelsea Gonzales	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Jenna Elizabeth Herhold	BS in Microbiology	<i>SCL</i>
Ashley Houseworth	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Caleb King	BS in Microbiology with Honors	
Patricia Masters King	BS in Veterinary Technology	<i>SCL</i>
Skye Lynn McPhee	BS in Microbiology	
Shannon Mentzer	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Jalan Miller	BS in Veterinary Technology	<i>CL</i>
Milica Mrsovic	BS in Microbiology	
Blake Matthew Odom	BS in Microbiology	
Baylee Rolling	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Alicia Judith Scudder	BS in Microbiology with Honors	<i>MCL</i>
Jillian Selander	BS in Microbiology	
Adrienne Siddens	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Kimberly Singh	BS in Veterinary Technology	<i>SCL</i>
Savannah Smith	BS in Veterinary Technology	
Selena Smith	BS in Microbiology	
Natasha Stritzinger	BS in Veterinary Technology	<i>CL</i>
Brighton William Thomas	BS in Microbiology	

SCL - Summa Cum Laude, MCL - Magna Cum Laude, CL - Cum Laude

Undergraduate Certificate in Biomedical Sciences

Zalak Patel

Undergraduate Certificate in Veterinary Sciences

Kaycee Delaney Hart

Zalak Patel

Visiting Scholars

Sai Vinay Boddu	PAVE
Katherine Burch	Ross
Ashlynn Cluck	Ross
Madeline Cruger	St. George's
Dylan Curtsinger	St. George's
Paige Dearrington	St. George's
Shahzoda Erkinova	St. George's
Alena Gurevich	PAVE
Varun Gurrappu	PAVE
Sihyun Han	PAVE
Romy Howard	St. Matthews
Reece Hunter	Ross
Jalissa Johnson	Ross
Jiyun Jung	PAVE
Karanpreet Kaur	PAVE
Mohit Kumar	PAVE
Tayah Martin	St. George's
Daniel Mikulski	St. Matthews
Kandice Mills	St. George's
Julianna Montella	St. George's
Brenda Mulrooney	St. Matthews
Kasey Oehlert	Ross
Meet Patel	Ross
Prabhank Pathak	PAVE
Kelsey Reynolds	Ross
Dennikia Roberts	St. George's
Isabelle Sanchez	Ross
Leah Schumacher	Ross
Destiny Simmons	Ross
Jordyn Tapas	Ross
Emily Valdes	St. George's
Hailey Wiper	St. George's
Kathryn Yandle	Ross
Victoria Young	Ross

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Lindsey Renee Allen-Word
Annabelle Faith Altman
Dayla Gayle Andersen
Marika N Austad
Christian Tyler Barkman
Alaina Jo Baumgart *MCL**
April Bean-Davis
Kaitlyn Irene Bernard
Emily Paige Bilbrey
Elly Marie Bowles
Maggy Adele Bowling
Madison Carmen Branson
Brody Neil Brown
Jacie Rae Buescher *SCL**
Matthew W. Bulford*
Gracie Elizabeth Calhoun
Emily Catherine Canchola
Brianna Carmack
Daniel Garrison Cook
Molly Elizabeth Creelman
Claire Rose Culleton
Katherine Elise Czarny
Mallory Kellyn Daniel
Spencer Elyse DeLucia
Alexis Dillender
Anna Meredith Divin *MCL**
Payten Amanda Doak
Quinn A. Doak
Ashlyn Dotson
Sydney Iscle Downs
Katelyn Elizabeth Duncan
Paige Durham
Olivia Churchill Durkee
Chloe Eakins*
Racheal Lydia Eisaman
Sophie Elizabeth Endacott

Rebeca Norris Esteves
Kayla Sophia Forlenza
Savannah Alyssa Nicole Gay
James Thomas Gibbons
Emily Ann Ginther
Jeremiah Glise
Katelyn Jo Glueck *MCL**
Jessica D. Goldner *SCL**
Rebecca Lynn Grace
Keisha Keianna Denise Gray
Anna May Hagedorn
Alyssa Hale
Anderson Elise Harris
Alexis Anne Higgins
Reegan Kelly Hussey
Yoomin Jo *MCL**
Maryeah Frances Jones
Erin Ashley Julian
Katie Kersting
Amanda Yukie Kujiraoka
Garrett Garner Lance
Abigail Larson
Kirby Joe Latimer
Corynn Lewis*
Hailey Mann *MCL**
Madyson Lynn Marrs*
Taylor Danielle Marty *MCL**
Camille Brianna Maule
Elizabeth Belle Maune
Tara Marie McDaid
Matthew McHenry*
Grace Ann McIntosh
Caroline Amelia Menz
Claire E. Merriman*
Alana Miller
Scott Patrick Miller

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Alyssa Michelle Moore

I'yuana Morris-Tanniehill

Mikayla Karen Moyer

Sarah Catherine Mueller

Erin N. Myers

Katelynn Nece

Jenna Carolyn Newell *MCL**

Anna Kate Niekamp

Elizabeth Oak

Krista Victoria Orf

Emily Marie Patterson

Bethany Dale Paul

Jennifer June Elizabeth Pederson *MCL**

Kylie Phillips *SCL**

Joseph Pierce

Emily Verena Ray *CL**

Bridget Regan

Megan Rice*

Abbigayle Morgan Roach

Emma Lauren Ross

Christina Marie Rossi

Julia Schafer

Mikalah Elizabeth Schafer

Jordan Maxine Schneider

Natalie Shae Scott*

Caroline Nicole Shaw *SCL**

Emma Elizabeth Smith

Taylor Spencer

Kimberly Nicole Sprungl *MCL**

Baylee Lynn Stapleton *SCL**

Kateland Myreta Lynn Swanborg*

Sydney Leigh Tomaseski

Nicholas Alexander Tran *SCL**

James Masaki Turman

Melanie Walukonis

Chuhan Wang

Jessica Robin Warwick

Randi Westhoff

Janae Wiley*

Riley Wilson*

Madilyn Wood Hogue*

Jincan Xing*

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