

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

August 2022

## Orientation Here We Come

It's hard to believe that the end of summer is rapidly approaching and the Class of 2026 will soon arrive. It's always an exciting time when we welcome our new students.

The fall 2022 semester will look very similar to our pre-pandemic years. However, the construction of our new north building and the remodeling of our current facility will continue to have some impacts on access to the school and inconveniences in our hospital. In a little over a year, we will look forward to opening the north building with a goal of moving in during fall 2023. We will still have an additional year before the remodeling and construction of the south building is complete. Still, by next fall, some of the current compression and crowding should abate.



In a little over a week, on August 9, the school will hold our SVM Education Day: Critical Thinking to Clinical Reasoning. I would like to thank Peggy Schmidt and her entire team for organizing this event.

I hope each of you has a fantastic remainder of your summer. For those not in the building or near Madison, please visit the [Animals Need Heroes Too website](#), as always, to see our construction progress.

## UW Veterinary Care Updates from the Director

Welcome to **Abbey Ace**, certified veterinary technician, who has returned to the Oncology Service and Wisconsin after some time away, and **Sophia Klimowicz**, assistant kennel manager. And congratulations to **Chris Leroy**, certified veterinary technician, on her new role in Small Animal Surgical Services after previously working with the Emergency and Critical Care Unit since 2019.



Congratulations to house officers **Kara Magee** for passing her oncology boards and successfully becoming an ACVIM diplomate; **Lissa Di Paola** for passing the general exam and **Dylan Djani** for passing the specialty exam in neurology; **Anna Sirochman** for passing her cardiology boards; **Kelly Flynn** on passing her general exam; **Kelsey Johnson** and **Marianthi Gelatos** in passing their specialty exams in small animal internal medicine; and to **Alex Geddes** for passing his specialty exam in dentistry.

Thank you to **Lucy Jenkins**, reception supervisor, who retired in July, for her many years of service to UW Veterinary Care.

On behalf of the entire hospital and school, I want to send a tremendous thank you to our outgoing interns:

- **Sarah Adrianowycz** and **Rachel Uyehara** (Oncology Clinical Trials)
- **Matthew Buesing** (Emergency and Critical Care)
- **Sarah Hefferan** (Shelter Medicine)
- **Adam Lepold** (Primary Care)
- **Lauren Mumm** (Zoological Medicine)
- **Mary Carter, Danielle Creamer, Sienna Drizin, Allysa Galloni, Lizabeth Lueck, Callie Rogers, Daniel Rothschild, Sara Saikalis** and **Annie Showers** (Rotating)

And with gratitude to our outgoing residents:

- **Alyssa Bernard** (Pharmacy)
- **Megan Climans** (Clinical/Anatomical Pathology)
- **Dylan Djani** (Neurology/Neurosurgery)
- **Marianthi Gelatos** and **Kelsey Johnson** (Small Animal Internal Medicine)
- **Gail Huckins** and **Courtney Patson** (Special Species)
- **Kelsey Jorge** and **Molly Viner Dorvil** (Diagnostic Imaging)
- **Alycia Kowalski** (Large Animal Medicine)
- **Chele Lathroum** (Emergency Services/Critical Care Unit)
- **Katherine Leonard** (Small Animal Surgery)
- **Kara Magee** and **Diana Sanchez Castro** (Oncology)
- **Steven Moirano** (Radiation Oncology)
- **Anna Sirochman** (Cardiology)
- **Vanessa Yang** (Ophthalmology)

I also want to share a hearty welcome to our incoming residents:

- **Chloe Apelgren** and **Kelley Kilpatrick** (Emergency and Critical Care)
- **Bella Bean** (Pharmacy)
- **Vanessa Bruneau** and **Sara Huebner** (Small Animal Internal Medicine)
- **Han-Yun Cheng** (Oncology)
- **Teagan DeForge** (Small Animal Surgery)
- **Jordan Denitz** (Radiation Oncology)
- **Kelsey Dougherty** (Anatomic Pathology)
- **Thalita Taina Faria** and **Zuzanna Sikorska** (Large Animal Internal Medicine)
- **Sydney Fultz** and **Lisa Murphy** (Cardiology)
- **Katharine Hausmann** (Zoological Companion Medicine)
- **Jennifer Heyward** (Ophthalmology)
- **Kara Hiebert** (Zoological Medicine)
- **Kaylynn Johnson-Veitch** and **Kekauilani Zukeran-Kerr** (Radiology)
- **Lizabeth Lueck** (Neurology)
- **Vivi Pignone** and **Tsung Han (Johnson) Tu** (Dentistry)
- **Elizabeth Pollack** and **William (Emmett) Swanton** (Anesthesia)
- **Bridgid Twomey** (Shelter Medicine)

And to our new interns:

- **Kristen Andersson** and **Christen Montesanto** (Oncology)
- **Sophia Chao** and **James Mackey** (Shelter Medicine)
- **Martina Ernestova** and **Brenda Righter** (Large Animal Surgery)
- **Tricia Hu** (Oncology Clinical Trials)
- **Ivana Levy** (Zoological Companion Medicine)
- **Callie Miller** (Dermatology)
- **Alex Aubrecht, Samantha Braman, Laura Donohue, Allison DuPont, Misha Harrison, Michael Jimmerson, Shefali Kaul, Sanskruti Potnis** and **Natalia Rivera Viscal** (Small Animal Rotating)

I hope the below excerpt from a recent client letter brightens your day. Before her passing this spring, this family's dog was a patient of UW Veterinary Care since her puppy days.

*"We wanted to thank you and all your staff for the wonderful care and kindness you showed to our dog, Chloe. ... Your entire team treated her with so much love and compassion throughout the years that she enjoyed her visits when she would come in. She didn't care what she was going to be seen for, she was just excited and happy to be there. Even up until her last donation to the blood donor program, she was excited to do that, too. ... We will never forget all*

the kindness shown to our family." -Tim and Barb

Christopher Snyder, DVM, DAVDC  
Director, [UW Veterinary Care](#)  
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

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## From the Archives



The view from the School of Veterinary Medicine's second-floor balcony is much different today than in this undated historical photo. Where a kaleidoscope of cars once rolled in, construction equipment and a building addition now fill the space, halfway to completion of a [new state-of-the-art facility](#).

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## School News

The [summer issue of On Call](#) was published in July, spotlighting:

- [Two current UW School of Veterinary Medicine students](#) leading national veterinary medical organizations
- A [behind-the-scenes look](#) at some of the hundreds of students and employees who keep UW Veterinary Care running and support exceptional animal care
- An SVM [collaboration with UW Health](#) hosting human medicine anesthesiology residents in our animal hospital
- [Alumna Kate Meurs DVM'90](#), dean of North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine



The School of Veterinary Medicine has launched an [Alumni Storytelling Project](#), inviting all alumni to share their school stories, career highlights, or words of wisdom and inspiration. These stories will be added to digital screens in the school and potentially shared via our publications, website and social media channels.

**William Campbell MS'54, PhD'57**, who with fellow scientists discovered the drug ivermectin and won a Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine, is one of [11 new alumni](#) to be inducted into

Alumni Park this fall. An initiative of the Wisconsin Alumni Association, Alumni Park includes artful exhibits, scenic green spaces and featured alumni who exemplify the Wisconsin Idea.

## Teaching and Learning News

*An update from Peggy Schmidt, associate dean for professional programs*

The curriculum revision process is now transitioning from curriculum design to course development. Seven new course development working groups have been created, one for each body system module in phases one and two of the revised curriculum.

Over the next two months, working groups will develop course-level learning outcomes for each module. These are:

- Defense and Barriers
- Movement and Support
- Circulation and Respiration
- Eating and Eliminating
- Cognition, Senses and Response
- Reproduction and Development
- Healthy Populations

As part of the course development process, School of Veterinary Medicine lecturers and teaching, clinical and research faculty will create an inventory of topics they currently teach. Topics will be tagged into one of three categories: must-know, should-know or could-know.

- Must-know topics are those in which a day-one-ready veterinarian's practice will be severely impacted if they do not have the knowledge or skill set integrated and accessible for immediate recall.
- Should-know topics are those in which a day-one-ready veterinarian can continue to develop knowledge and skills after graduation. There will not be a severe impact on their ability to practice if they do not have this knowledge integrated and accessible for immediate recall.
- Could-know topics will not impede a day-one-ready veterinarian's practice if they do not have full knowledge or recall. It is not foundational or essential for all graduates, and, if needed, they can continue to develop it outside of the program or after graduation.

The topic inventory project aims to create a shared understanding of the current content taught in years one through three of the DVM curriculum. It will help the course development working groups ensure there are no critical gaps in the revised curriculum.

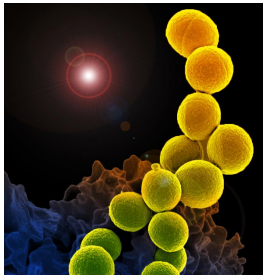
## Faculty and Staff News

Professor **Yoshi Kawaoka** was featured in Madison365's annual list of [Wisconsin's most influential Asian American leaders](#) for his global expertise in virology. A nonprofit news publication, Madison365 has published annual power lists recognizing Wisconsin leaders from different racial and ethnic groups since 2015.

Congratulations to **Calico Schmidt** (Department of Pathobiological Sciences) and **Karen Hershberger** (Department of Comparative Biosciences with a partial appointment in Pathobiological Sciences), both appointed as assistant teaching professors.

In the Office of Academic Affairs, welcome to **Brian Webb**, an educational technology specialist who provides consultation, training and support for learning technology tools and platforms used in the SVM, including Canvas, ExamSoft and eValue. Congratulations to **Molly Harris**, who begins a new position with the office as curriculum coordinator, leading course development efforts for the revised curriculum and ongoing coordination of the current curriculum. And farewell and best wishes to **Andrea Kunze**, former assessment and curriculum specialist, who joins the faculty at Delta State University in Mississippi, and to **Kathy Hendricks**, who in July retired from her position as an instructional designer. Kathy was a tremendous resource for innovating instructional material and instrumental in the school's transition to hybrid learning during the COVID pandemic.

## Research News



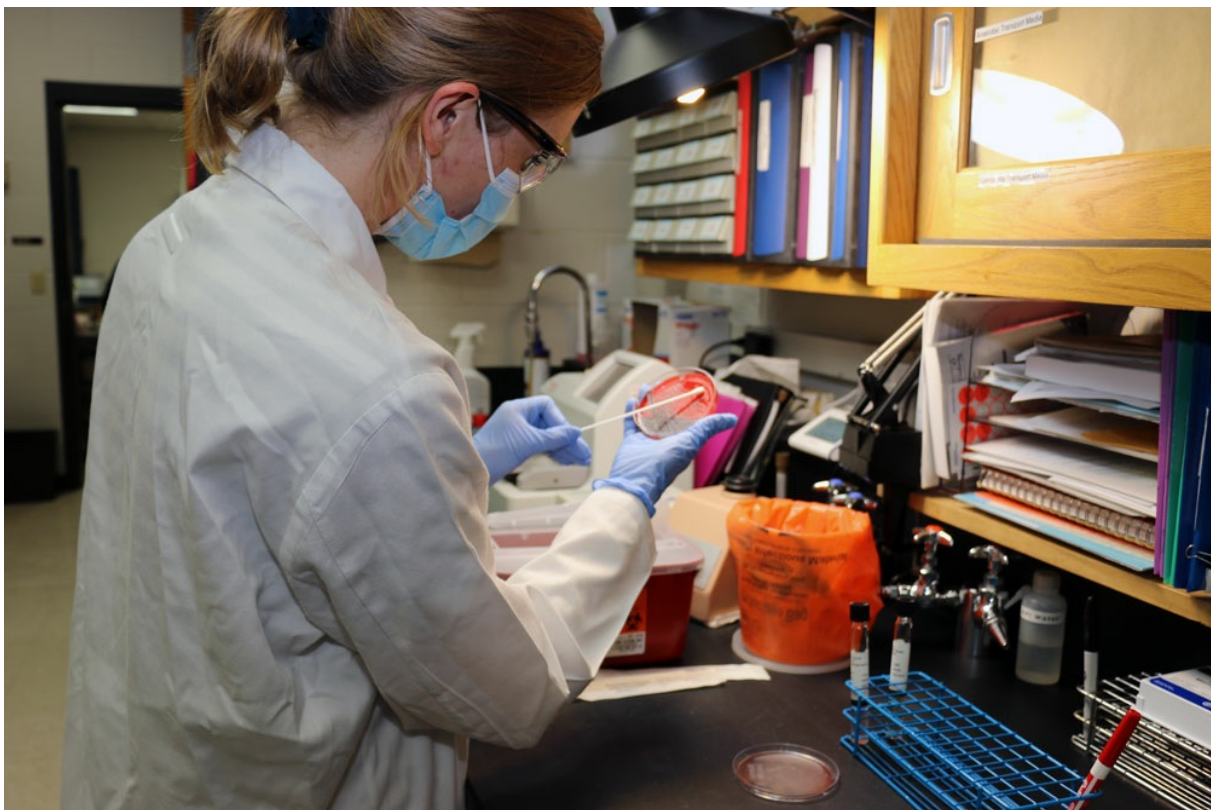
A new study led by **Wilmara Salgado-Pabón**, professor of pathobiological sciences, provides a [new understanding of “superantigens.”](#) These small toxins produced by *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria bind to white blood cells and over-activate the immune system. They can cause complications for the circulatory system and undermine the body’s ability to heal. The findings may point the way toward improving the treatment of infections with *S. aureus*, more commonly called a staph infection.

**Emily Binversie MS’16, DVM’18, PhD’21** is the recipient of the 2022 basic sciences [research manuscript award](#) from Phi Zeta, the international honor society of veterinary medicine. Her winning paper was “Analysis of copy number variation in dogs implicates genomic structural variation in the development of anterior cruciate ligament rupture,” [published in PLOS One](#).

The [Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease](#), co-directed by School of Veterinary Medicine Professor **Lyric Bartholomay PhD’04** and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Professor Susan Paskewitz, has been renewed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new project award period is expected to span through 2027.

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## A Day in the Life



Medical laboratory scientist **Sarah Miller** selects bacteria for an antimicrobial susceptibility test in UW Veterinary Care’s Clinical Pathology laboratory. The hospital’s full-service lab for comprehensive diagnostic tests was part of a recent On Call story [showcasing behind-the-scenes impacts](#) of faculty, staff and students.

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## Upcoming Events

**August 9**  
**SVM Education Day: Critical Thinking to Clinical Reasoning**

**September 16**  
**Dean’s Get Together**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Dejope Hall

**August 19**  
**Dean's Get Together**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
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**September 30**  
**Save the Date: Career Exploration Day**  
For DVM students; details to follow  
5-7 p.m.  
School of Veterinary Medicine

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## SVM in the News



[Who Looks More Trustworthy, Vets in Scrubs or Vets in White Coats? Dress Makes a Difference to Clients](#)  
American Animal Hospital Association

[Pollution and Cancer in Dogs: Dr. Lauren Trepanier](#)  
Dog Cancer Answers

[13-Year-Old Holstein Wins Star of the Breed Dairy Star](#)

[4 Ways to Help Producers Prevent 'Milk Fever' and Minimize Cow Culling](#)  
Bovine Veterinarian

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**“Take a chance, step up and reach out. ... When we see our peers and friends manifest the courage to step up and do something potentially uncomfortable or challenging, it encourages and empowers others to take that chance as well.”**

*-Zachary Tooley, a member of the UW School of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2023 and current president of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association*

