



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



October 2021

## Fall Is Well Underway

The fall semester is off to a great start, minus the outcome of Badger football games. We've had very few disruptions to the educational experiences we are providing to our students, thanks in large measure to the overwhelming majority of our faculty, staff and students becoming vaccinated against COVID-19 and other precautions in place. We will continue to monitor and help ameliorate any disruptions that may occur throughout this semester and the entire academic year.



We had a very productive faculty meeting last month to discuss the school's recommendations from the PREPARE Graduates Task Force and the future of our curriculum. We're creating new working groups to draft a curricular framework based on the recently affirmed guiding principles for curriculum revision and feedback on previously proposed curricular structures. The curricular framework will be presented to faculty in the winter of 2022. I very much support and am looking forward to this proposal, as I am certain it will significantly enhance the education we provide to our students once implemented.

The school continues to prepare for our accreditation site visit this coming January. The second week of November, we will hold a mock site visit, including a tour of all educational sites where students receive instruction and mock interviews with various groups.

One outcome of drafting and completing an accreditation self-study is having an opportunity to look back over the last five years and all that we've accomplished. I'm extraordinarily proud of our accomplishments, not least of which is the significantly enhanced diversity of our students, our net gain of numerous new faculty with associated staff growth, and the extraordinary success of the research we perform.

I, along with others within the school, look forward to meeting with the site visit team in January and demonstrating all that we have accomplished – and will continue to do – to better educate our students, perform research that benefits both animal and human health, and enhance the clinical care we provide in our hospital.

I hope each of you has an outstanding October.

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## UW Veterinary Care Updates from the Director

Welcome to new UW Veterinary Care employees **Keisha Cyliax**, a pharmacy technician; **Corinne (CJ) Dunwiddie**, a radiology technologist with the Diagnostic Imaging team; **Samantha Gartner**, greeter/cashier with Reception; **Daniel**

(**Danny Hurd**, CVT, a technician with the Anesthesia team; **Heather Naxi**, the new client care liaison for Small Animal Internal Medicine; **Trisha Roehling**, CVT, the new Small Animal Central Supply/Surgery/Operating Room CVT supervisor; and **Linda Yang**, a pharmacy technician. In addition, **Leah Krawczyk**, CVT, has transitioned to a new role as the client care liaison for Medical and Radiation Oncology.



Congratulations to numerous new diplomates of their respective specialty colleges:

- **Kyle Bartholomew**, American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia
- **Puja Basu, Erika Hoffeld, Laura Lee, Omer Lerman, Nataly Mamaliger, Andrea Pohly, Dane Rahoi, Diya Sharma** and **Ryan Taylor**, American College of Veterinary Pathologists
- **Jane Lund** and **Seamus Hoey**, Equine Diagnostic Imaging (American College of Veterinary Radiology)
- **Ellen Scherer** and **Amy Thomson**, American Veterinary Dental College
- **Laura Staats**, International College of Veterinary Pharmacy
- **Marilia Takada**, Radiation Oncology (American College of Veterinary Radiology)

Congratulations also to residents **Kelsey Jorge** and **Molly Viner** on successfully completing the qualifying examination in Diagnostic Imaging (American College of Veterinary Radiology).

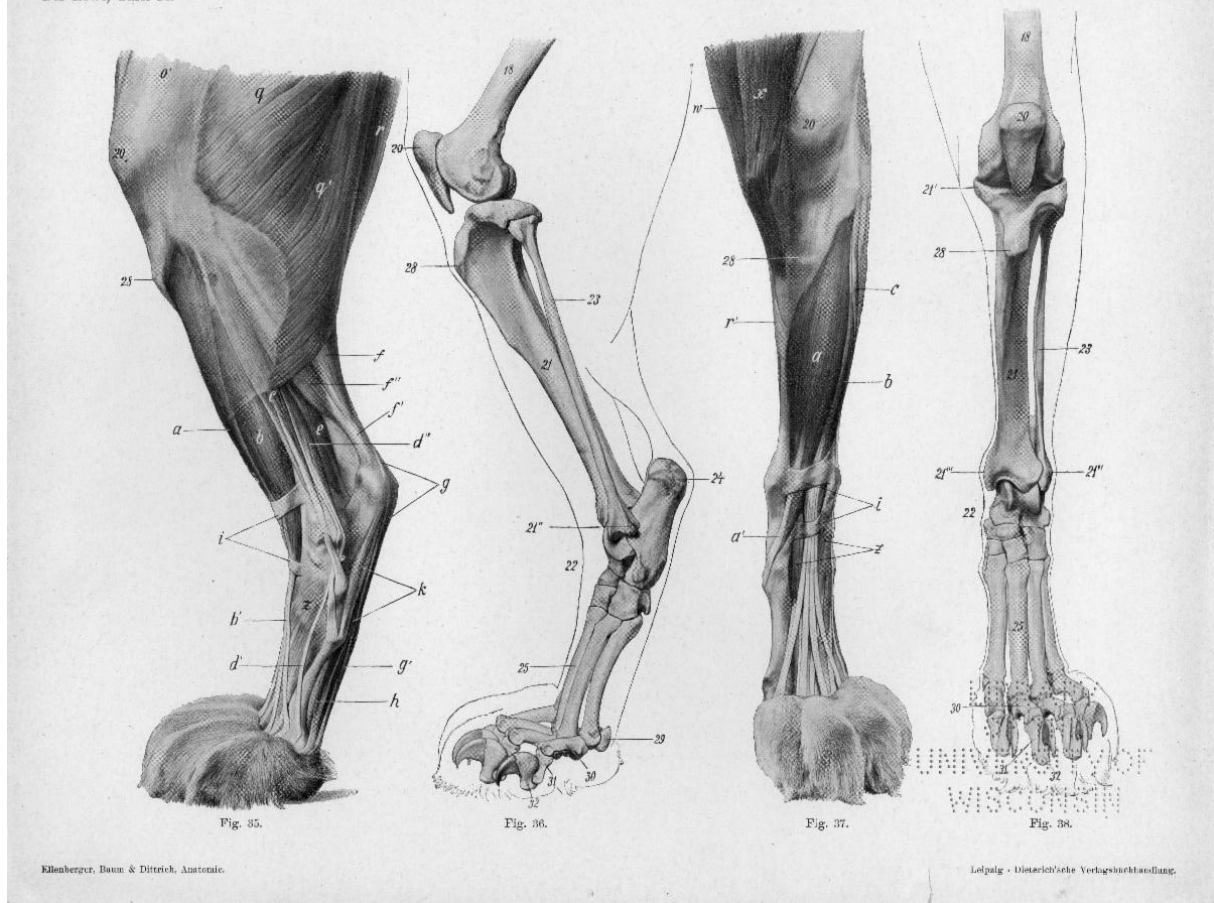
Each and every member of our hospital contributes greatly to our clients' satisfaction, as reinforced by the below comment from a recent client of Primary Care and Small Animal Internal Medicine. To all of you, thank you. When asked in our client survey, "Is there someone on the staff you'd like to compliment?" this client responded with the following:

*"Everyone (from people answering phones, students, doctors and pharmacy). We have been going to the Vet School for over 30 years ... always has been a positive experience!" -Judy*

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

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**From the Archives**



All the better to pounce with! These [veterinary anatomical illustrations](#) show the lateral, cranial and dorsal views of the musculoskeletal system of the left hind limb of a lion. The illustrations are digitized from classic works of German medical illustrator Hermann Dittich, published in 1911 through 1925. Source: [University of Wisconsin Libraries](#)

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## School News

Last month the school hosted an Alumni Palooza celebration – a combined tailgate, 2020 and 2021 alumni reunion, and in-person celebration for 2020 and 2021 graduates. We also recognized the recipients of the 2020 and 2021 Alumni Advisory Board's alumni awards, and alumnus **John Hallett DVM'90** highlighted his progress on the school's Forward Together sculpture. [View photos from the event](#) and [read more about the 2021 alumni award recipients: Myron Kebus MS'90, DVM'92, Katie Kuehl DVM'12, Bernard Easterday MS'58, DVM'61 and Susan Hyland MS'73, PhD'78.](#)



With flu season here, campus community members are strongly encouraged to receive the flu shot. Flu vaccines are free and being offered at a number of locations throughout campus via appointments and flu shot clinics. [View details.](#)

*Corpus Callosum*, Ebling Library's online art journal, is now [accepting original visual, written and multimedia art](#) from students, faculty and staff in UW-Madison's health sciences departments and schools. Submissions will remain open until Oct. 22. (For inspiration, [view the spring issue.](#))

## Teaching and Learning News

An update from Peggy Schmidt, associate dean for professional programs

The SVM returned to in-person events with the annual SVM Education Day on August 10. Mary Thompson from UW Student Learning Assessment and Andrea Kunze from the Office of Academic Affairs led activities about using rubrics to assess student performance. Kristen Friedrichs and Liddy Alvarez presented on rubrics they developed for use in their own courses. The day ended with a session where faculty and instructional staff shared educational innovations and inspirational ideas in both posters and presentations.

On Sept. 10, SVM faculty affirmed a set of guiding principles for the continued curriculum revision efforts. Next steps include creating new working groups who will begin to develop the courses that will populate the new curriculum. Be on the lookout for calls to participate in these working groups or other ways to get involved in the revision process. Our goal continues to be implementation of the new curriculum in fall 2023.

## Faculty and Staff News

Congratulations to **Paul Miller**, clinical professor of comparative ophthalmology, on his retirement today, Oct. 1. Paul has been at the University of Wisconsin since 1987, starting with an ophthalmology residency and moving into a faculty position in 1990. He is recognized worldwide for his contributions to clinical veterinary ophthalmology.

**Lauren Trepanier**, the Melita Grunow Family Professor in Companion Animal Health, will [present a TEDx talk](#) titled How Environmental Toxins Impact Your Dog on the evening of Oct. 20, discussing her research into lymphoma and bladder cancer.

## Student News

Welcome to five new Ross University students who began their clinical year with the SVM in September and join the Class of 2022: **Sabrina Daniels**, **Neftali Flores**, **Elizabeth Lane**, **Alexandra Thore** and **Courtney Turk**.

**Sophia Chao DVMx'22** has been awarded a [2021 Compassionate Care Scholarship](#) from the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA) for her work in animal welfare. Her efforts include coordinating spay/neuter clinics at the UW SVM, volunteering with Pets for Life in Milwaukee, and leadership roles with the UW HSVMA student chapter.

**Abbey Williams**, a PhD student in Comparative Biomedical Sciences, and her advisor, Lisa Arendt, an associate professor in Comparative Biosciences, have [received a Gilliam Fellowship for Advanced Study from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute \(HHMI\)](#) to study how obesity affects the risk of breast cancer progression. HHMI Gilliam Fellowships have a twofold mission: to support underrepresented PhD students to pursue scientific research and to foster more inclusive academic environments at institutions that are committed to advancing diversity and inclusion in the sciences. Student fellowship recipients join a strong community of early-career scientists, while the advisors participate in mentorship development training. Both receive funding to implement diversity and inclusion initiatives on campus.



## Research News

Associate Professor **Robert Lipinski** will present a [Waisman Center seminar](#) Oct. 15 at the John D. Wiley Conference Center, from noon-1 p.m., titled New Approaches for Solving the Gene-Environment Puzzle and Preventing Human Birth Defects.

Principal investigators are invited to submit project proposals for the [WARF Therapeutics](#) program by Oct. 8. WARF Therapeutics collaborates with researchers to advance their work closer to clinical testing, a “bench to bedside” approach. The program invests in the development of drug-like molecules using industry-centric drug discovery resources and approaches led by a team of preclinical drug discovery experts.

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## A Day in the Life



Bucky Badger admires sculpted works by **John Hallett DVM'90** at the school's Alumni Palooza celebration on Sept. 11. In the background, alumni and their families view progress on the school's [Forward Together sculpture](#) (designed and created by Hallett) and design renderings of the SVM building expansion.

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## Upcoming Events

*Any in-person events must follow campus policy for [schools/colleges/divisions](#) and [student organizations](#).*

**October 5**

**SVM Discussion of “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?”**

(AAVMC Diversity Community Reads selection for fall 2021)

12:00-12:50 p.m.

[Microsoft Teams](#)

**October 22**

**Dean’s Get Together**

(Held concurrently with UW SVM Fall Research Day and UW SAVMA Fall Auction)  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

*School of Veterinary Medicine, outside under the overhang*

**October 22**

**UW SAVMA Fall Auction**

\*If interested in donating auction items, email [savma.fundraising@vetmed.wisc.edu](mailto:savma.fundraising@vetmed.wisc.edu).

4:30-8:30 p.m.

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## SVM in the News

[Can Animals in Heat Be Spayed?](#)  
Veterinary Practice News



Pet Care: Large Animals And Farm Animals  
Wisconsin Public Radio

When They Learned Their Dog Might Not  
Live Until the First Snow, They Brought Snow  
to Him

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bye Bye Mosquitoes!

WTMJ-TV

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**“Our core team of amazing certified veterinary technicians work tirelessly to help care for our patients, communicate with our clients and teach our students despite the stress of working through constantly changing protocols, long and hectic hours, and risk of illness. As clinicians, we are truly appreciative and inspired daily by our technicians’ dedication to their work.”**

*-Elizabeth Alvarez, clinical assistant professor and section head of Primary Care, describes the critical role of veterinary technicians each and every day, and in particular throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. A [recent SVM news story](#) shares some of the pandemic's impacts in the hospital and expresses gratitude for clients, referring veterinarians and all who are delivering compassionate, lifesaving care under challenging circumstances.*

