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Message from the Dean | April 2018

Springing into the Spring Game!

Although it's been slow in coming, spring is finally here. There are lots of exciting things happening this month at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine.

On Friday, April 13, the Wisconsin football team will play its annual [Spring Game](#). I'm excited to share that the proceeds from the game will benefit the UW School of Veterinary Medicine's "[Animals Need Heroes Too](#)" building expansion campaign. We look forward to an exciting evening with lots of planned festivities. The game is scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. Preceding the game, be sure to check out the Badger Sports Kids' Fair in the McClain Center (4:30-6 p.m.). Fans young and old will enjoy interactive activities including an SVM booth, the chance to meet Badger student-athletes, and much more.



I'm also pleased to announce that earlier that week, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Shelia Harsdorf, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, will visit the SVM to give a noontime presentation and take a tour of the school. Secretary Harsdorf is a tremendous friend of the agricultural community and we look forward to working with her in the coming years as the School of Veterinary Medicine continues to focus on enhancing the state's dairy and agricultural industries.

Before you know it, in about six weeks, the Class of 2018 will graduate and pursue the wide range of career opportunities available to them, both within the state of Wisconsin and around the world. Good luck to all of our students as the semester comes to an end.

On a sad note, a long-time faculty member at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine and dear friend, [Dr. William Goodger](#), passed away on March 13, 2018. The highlight of Bill's career was working at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a professor of epidemiology in the SVM, with his beloved teaching herd of dairy cows. As his department chair, Bill was a great friend who will be remembered for his passion, compassion, engaging laugh, and love for our veterinary medical students. We wish Bill's wife, Pat, and his family all the best during this difficult time.

UW Veterinary Care Updates from the Director



I'm excited to share that **Kate Hawley** will be joining the UW Veterinary Care administration as our new Assistant Director, effective May 1. She comes to UWVC from the UW School of Business.

I am also pleased to announce that **Rebecca Sandee** is the new Medical Records Manager, a supervisory position that was established to oversee all functions and staff associated with both the paper version and electronic version of the hospital's medical records.

Please join me in welcoming **Chloe Ciarrocchi** back to UWVC Pharmacy. Many of you will recognize Chloe, who was our first pharmacy resident. She began her role as a full-time pharmacist in mid-March.

Congratulations to **Mark Oglesbay**, who was recently granted emeritus status by Chancellor Blank in recognition of his impressive professional achievements and contributions to UW-Madison.

We had another month of making a difference in the lives of our clients and their animals. Here are some enthusiastic words from one of them:

"Everyone we interacted with was wonderful, attentive, kind, knowledgeable. I will be coming back for check-ups. Our doctor and our tech were both EXCELLENT. I cannot say nice enough things about the care and compassion we received! I felt comfortable and confident that Dr. Martel knows birds/parrots, I cannot say I have felt that way about avian vets over the years, especially where diet is concerned! It's clear that everyone cares about animals and their owners. I now will look forward to our yearly check-ups, and will recommend to others."

- *Hallie, Deerfield, Wisconsin*

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Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

School News

The SVM supports the recent [joint statement](#) from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association (LGVMA), the Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association (BSVSA) and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) on the value of diversity and inclusion in the veterinary community.

In pursuit of fostering an environment that promotes the open expression of thoughts and opinions, the school's Engagement, Inclusivity and Diversity committee invites the SVM community to participate in its Just Cause event throughout April in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. As part of the event, you are invited to anonymously [share a story](#) about how autism has impacted your life. Other activities include wear royal blue day on April 2 to mark the start of the month, informational displays on different aspects of autism on April 9 and 16, and a "draw your piece of the puzzle" event on the sidewalk in front of the Veterinary Medicine Building on April 23.

The Engagement, Inclusivity and Diversity committee will also host a discussion of this year's campus Go Big Read book, *Hillbilly Elegy*, on April 13 (2-3:30 p.m.). The UW-Madison libraries have copies of the book, and there are several free copies around the SVM. You can also [request a free copy of the book online](#).

Student News

Congratulations to **Carl Magnusson DVMx'19** and **Emil Walleser DVMx'20**, who were among the 56 outstanding veterinary medical students from around the world selected to receive [Merck Animal Health scholarships](#). The awards are presented to second- and third-year students pursuing careers in companion animal or large animal medicine selected based on academic excellence, financial need, leadership, and area of interest within the profession.

Faculty and Staff News

Congratulations and welcome to two new faculty members who will soon be joining the Department of Pathobiological Sciences. **Sophie Aschenbroich**, begins her appointment as clinical assistant professor of anatomic pathology on May 1, and **LaTasha Crawford**, assistant professor of immunology, will officially join the PBS faculty in September.

Effective March 8, **Phil Bochsler** has stepped down as Director of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) and resumed in his position as a pathologist at the WVDL. **Keith Poulsen** has been named interim director as we conduct a search for a new director. **Chuck Czuprynski** will serve as chair of the search committee for the new director.

Funded by a grant to the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, the second event in a series of translational summits was recently held in Orlando, Florida. The conference brought together researchers studying cardiomyopathies in humans, cats, and dogs and explored the use of regenerative medicine (stem cells) to treat the condition and related diseases in these species. The series was started by the CTSA One Health Alliance (COHA), a consortium of veterinary schools affiliated with NIH-funded [Clinical and Translational Science Awards](#) (CTSAs). **Lauren Trepanier**, professor in the Department of Medical Sciences, was principal investigator on the grant and chair of the COHA Clinician Scientist Education subcommittee that developed the translational summit concept. The first summit, also funded by a grant to the SVM, was held in spring 2017 at UW-Madison, and brought together experts in calcium oxalate urolithiasis.

Upcoming Events

Global Health Symposium

April 10
4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Union South
[More](#)

SVM-Phi Zeta Research Day

April 11
11:50 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Veterinary Medicine Building
[More](#)

Dean's Get-Together

April 20
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Second floor lobby, Veterinary Medicine Building
[More](#)

Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet

April 28
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Varsity Hall - Union South
[More](#)

For more SVM-related events, visit the school's [online calendar](#).

SVM in the News

[Are We Over-vaccinating Our Pets?](#)

Channel3000.com

[In the Field: Alumni Making Their Mark in Veterinary Medicine](#)

Grow Magazine

[Lung Ultrasounds Promote Healthier Replacements](#)

Bovine Veterinarian

[Blue Sky Science: How Many Species of Snakes are There?](#)

Wisconsin State Journal



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