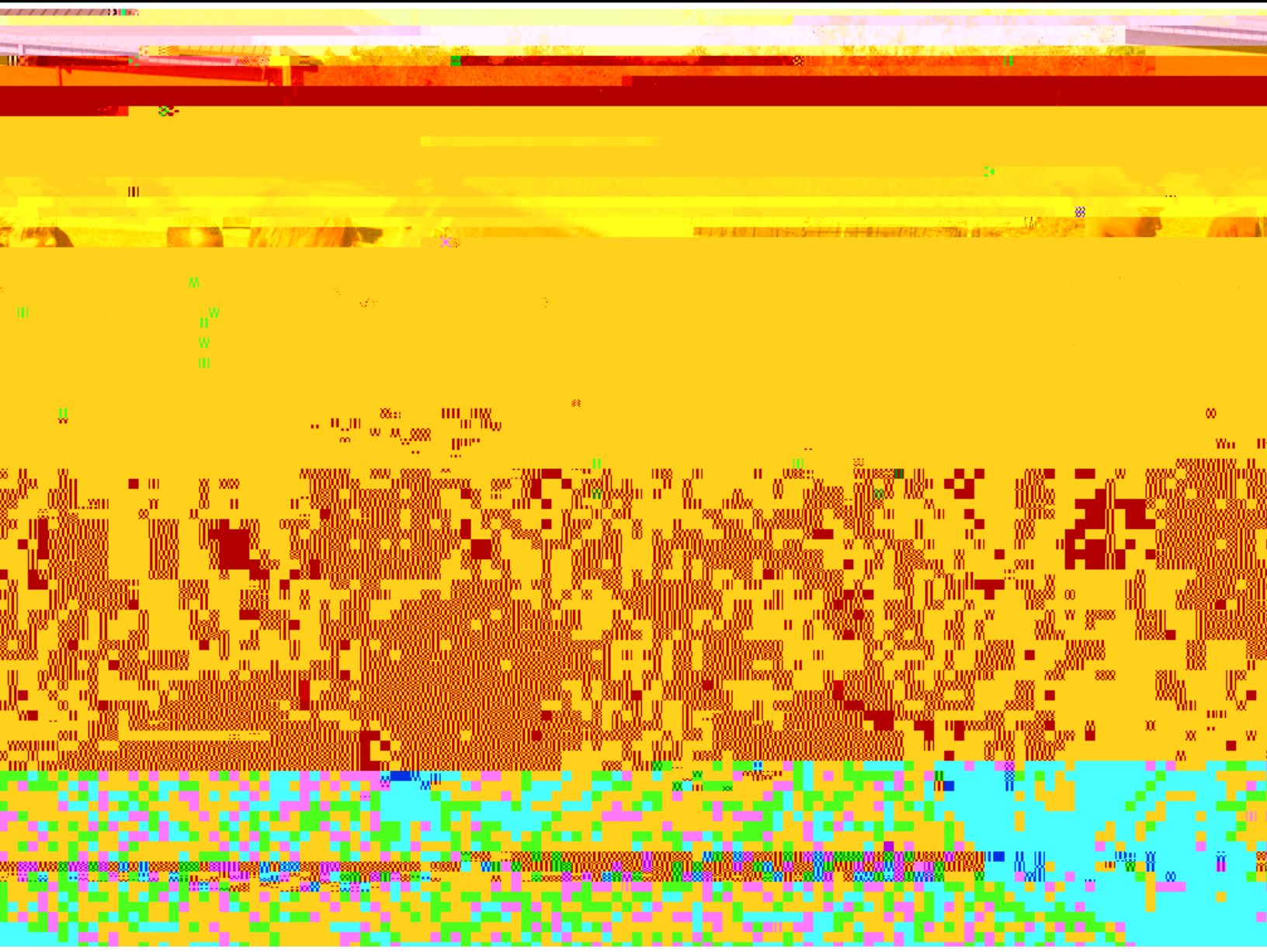


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Greetings Alumni,
Friends, and
Supporters of the
Tuskegee University

College of Veterinary Medicine
(TUCVM) and welcome to the
latest issue of the Veterinary
Medical Perspective. The Spring/
Summer 2016 edition highlights
alumni achievements, and the
accomplishments made by the
faculty, staff and students in
advancing our academic and

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Message of Appreciation to Alumni
from Dean Ruby L. Perry

At the 51st Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium, the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA) demonstrated the kind of support that has sustained the legacy of our beloved alma mater over the many years since its envision in 1945. In 1935, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson became the third president of Tuskegee Institute and began fulfilling his vision to establish the School of Veterinary Medicine. With over 2,600 alumni, we shall sustain our Legacy. Over the past year, we have been able to remove all accreditation deficiencies with the exception of one which is the Curriculum (Standard 9). We are in the process of revising the Curriculum which is scheduled to be completed in 2017.

At the TVMAA business meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2016, the alumni pledged to develop a \$250K renovation fund specifically to assist with the Phase

II renovations of the Veterinary Medical T 4 \jê R G A± 31,2tD0Mnt 75of ()10c61(i P4.1f re

TUCVM appreciates your continued support. For more information on ways to give, please consult your financial advisor. For further assistance, you may also contact Dr. Cheryl G. Davis, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Executive Director of External Relations, 334-724-4178, davis@mytu.tuskegee.edu

Tuskegee Alums are Cast of New Animal Planet Series and Encourage

SPOTLIGHT on the Hardy Men...

“A Legacy Continued...”

“Mother Tuskegee” and the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine’s (TUCVM) outstanding track record of producing legacies is putting the spotlight on the Hardy Men (Drs. John D. Hardy, John M. Hardy, Gregory Hardy and Douglas Hardy) in this Spring/Summer issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective.



Dr. John D. Hardy, a member of the Class of 1963, started

a true legacy of Tuskegee veterinary graduates when he decided to become a veterinarian. It is a true

statement of the impact The Tuskegee Experience had on him that trickled down to his three sons. Each son has a similar story to tell in what led him to follow in their father's footsteps.



Dr. Gregory A. Hardy

“I have been around pets and helping them since I can remember. One of my earliest memories was taking puppies shortly after they were removed by c-section from their mother and helping get them breathing and keeping them warm. It may have been at this time when I fell in love with veteri-

nary medicine. It was sometime around my 5th birthday. Wow, so young! It didn't hurt that my father was the veterinarian. When I began my college career at UCLA it was no question that I would pursue a career in veterinary medicine. My brothers also chose to follow this path. I had always been a good student but it wasn't until vet school at Tuskegee University that a passion for learning was awakened and I took to it like I had been raised to learn this stuff. Gaining the ability to help pets in the manner that I had grown up observing, was a dream come true. After school, I worked with my father and absorbed all the knowledge possible from a seasoned professional before venturing out and experiencing work elsewhere.

Dr. Gregory Hardy is now working in the San Gabriel Valley area and resides in Arcadia with his wife and two children.

ing ahead, 'I want to go!' His office was always exciting. There was always a room full of people with their pets. It was a very high energy environment. I started out helping by washing windows, pulling weeds and cleaning cages. Soon, I graduated to animal patient restraint for exams and on occasion while observing surgery I would hear, 'Doug, scrub in, put some gloves on and hold this' I probably knew earlier, but the first time I recall knowing that I wanted to be a veterinarian was when I was 12 years old. And by the time I had finished high school, I knew that I wanted to go to Tuskegee for veterinary school. After graduating in 1992, I joined the practice with my father and my brother, Greg. Years later, my brother John graduated. Working in a family practice was challenging and rewarding at the same time.”

Dr. Douglas Hardy is on staff for a referral hospital in Los Angeles. He resides in Lakewood, California with his wife and children.



Dr. John M. Hardy

“My Dedication to helping pets has been a lifelong commitment. I spent summers working in a veterinary hospital since age five. My fondest memories include assisting with c-sections by helping the newborns breathe and keeping them warm. Ever since veterinary medicine has been my passion. After earning my undergraduate degree in biology from Tuskegee University, I continued on at Tuskegee and earned my veterinary medicine degree. Gaining the ability to help pets in a manner that I had grown up observing, was a dream come true as well for me. A deep satisfaction is gained whenever I can help an injured or sick animal return to health. After school, I briefly worked as a veterinarian in Las Vegas as well as

ALVMA Recognizes Alums

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA), the oldest and largest professional veterinary association in the state of Alabama, held its annual conference, the 2016 Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference, June 1-5. During the June 2nd Awards Luncheon,

<http://www.healthimaging.com/topics/technology-management/patient-safety/research-review-what-we-know-so-far-about-gadolinium-contrast-toxicity>
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10534-016-9931-7>

Dr. Robert Davis

The project that led to the production of this article was coordinated by Dr. Deidre Quinn-Gorham, TUCVM alum ('95) and faculty member in the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM). After reading and viewing several articles,

news releases, and videos, Dr. Quinn-Gorham, who is also the coordinator of educational programs and instructional technology in the college, made it her primary goal to get a first-hand look at 3D Printing technology and then strat

of Veterinary Medicine. The partnership is currently in the
in which sample specimens are being scanned, printed,
This partnership is pivotal in providing a means for the
college to further explore and develop
curriculum. This will also provide opportunities for inter-
disciplinary collaborations, particularly towards funded projects.

Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium Highlights ...

Alum Dr Diarra Blue - The Vet Life TV co star

Alumni/Students Basketball Game

Alumni/Students Basketball Game

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Dr Allen Cannedy

Dr. E. Bray's last Symposium

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Dean Perry with international visitors from Egypt

Veterinary Students with Dean Perry

State of the School Lunch

T. S. Williams Lecturer Dr. David Brooks

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Wet Lab

March 30-April 2 united some and reunited others. Participants also attended the legal/law and pathology review that met various state board continuing education requirements for licensing as well as the many other various fellowship and networking sessions and activities that were planned for all including pre-veterinary students.

gathered at Tuskegee University for the 50th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center and the Veterinary Medicine Complex. The symposium kicked off its scientific sessions with a variety of topics focused on the theme of "Innovative Initiatives in Redefining and Expanding Veterinary Healthcare Delivery."

"This year's theme was very important and appropriate considering the rapid advances in healthcare technology, and the economic impact on delivery of quality healthcare. With the improvements in the quality of life of the population, people are living longer, and their pets are also following the same trend," said Dr. Ruby Perry, dean.

"Therefore, unprecedented opportunities must be identified to expand the delivery of veterinary health care to not only

our clients with pets who are also part of the family in their homes but to the entire community of people with pets. Our symposium explored these emerging and innovative ways."

On March 30, an alumni/student reception that was sponsored by The Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association provided a platform for students to network and identify mentors with alumni and speakers in various disciplines.

A combination of a professional conference and alumni reunion, the symposium featured a number of large and small animal research presentations; uniform services, public health, lab animal medicine and pathology topics as well as presentations from the perspectives of interns and resi-

The keynote speaker for the opening T. S. Williams Lecture was alumnus Dr. David Brooks, a 1978 graduate, who has demonstrated over and over again his deep passion, great heart of pride and unwavering thankfulness for his alma mater. Dr. Brooks was the first minority to serve on the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (NCVMB) and has been a forerunner by serving as the first Lumbee Indian veterinarian and for over ten years serving as the first and only Lumbee Indian to own and operate a clinical veterinary practice.

The Alumni Banquet, which is one of the most highly anticipated features of the Symposium, was held on Friday night, April 1 honoring the alumni reunion classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 (Golden Class), 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 (Silver Class), 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011. The Symposium continued on Saturday at the Veterinary Complex and was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday afternoon with the alumni barbeque and annual basketball game featuring the alumni vs. the veterinary students.

Tuskegee University 131st Annual Spring Commencement Exercises

Filmmaker and Philanthropist Tyler Perry Serves as Commencement Speaker and Bids Farewell to the Class of 2016

The Spring Commencement Graduation was held on May 7 at the University's General-Daniel "Chappie" James Center for Aerospace Science and Health Education. This was a day full of excitement as entertainment mogul Tyler Perry gave an inspiring commencement address and saluted as well as challenged the Tuskegee University Class of 2016. This special day also kicked off the beginning of professional careers in veterinary medicine for 69 new graduates of TUCVM. Twenty-nine of the 69 students graduated with honors. They included: Eight "Summa Cum Laude" Miranda Barrick, Amanda Edwards, Veronica Jones, Jaya R. Kochenburg - er, Brittini S. Lenz, Brooke L. Manderson, My T. Nguyen, and Christopher Reed; and



Small Animal Health Fair 2016 Highlights ...



Horse Health Fair 2016 Highlights ...

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Dr. Dominique Carter, TUCVM Diagnostic Imaging/Radiology Intern (Class of 2014 alum) was selected as one of 10 participants in the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) Veterinarians' Day on February 3, 2016 at the Georgia State Capitol as a member of the GVMA's Power of Ten Leadership Academy initiative. The members of the GVMA were invited by the State of Georgia to sit in senate meeting and contribute.

Dr. Wirtu is also an associate professor. She will maintain her current position as System Analyst/Webmaster for the College.

Varonika Hardman joined the CVM in June as the new Assistant Director of Student Success. The Assistant Director for Student Success is a leader and integral part of the Office of Student and Academic Affairs, Recruitment and Retention. Hardman is responsible for the development and implementation of programs that enhance student academic success and a holistic approach to the well-being of the student.

Dr. Tomeshia Hubbard joined the Department of Clinical Sciences in April. Dr. Hubbard is specialty trained in veterinary dermatology and is also a TUCVM alum, Class of 2002. She has previously served as an adjunct clinical dermatology professor at TUCVM lecturing third and fourth year veterinary students. Since 2006, Dr. Hubbard served as the owner of Alabama Veterinary Allergy and Dermatology Service in Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Andrew Lovelady, Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences and board-certified Theriogenologist, has accepted the position of Director of Clinical Programs.

In this role, Dr. Lovelady is responsible for the guidance and leadership of all clinical programs that involve students including clinical rotations and preceptorships.

Varonika Hardman who is currently the Assistant Director for Student Success has accepted the additional responsibility of coordinating the Office of Student Affairs.

Crystal James joined the CVM as an assistant professor in Public Health, effective July 1. As a faculty member in the Public Health Graduate Program, her responsibilities include teaching, conducting research, and being involved in community engagement through a multidisciplinary environment. James is an accomplished attorney, educator, leader, and motivator.

She reports to Dr. Roslyn Casimir, Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Dr. Andrew Lovelady, Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences (large animal section), was interviewed on April 13 as a guest on the radio/podcast show, "The Land Show," to talk about the ownership of horses and cattle from a veterinarian's perspective. This radio/podcast show is broadcasted across the state and available world-wide via the internet (<http://www.thelandshow.com>). The show is broadcast on Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m.

Tammie B. Hughley, Manager/Coordinator (Office of Research and Advanced Studies), has written two digital children books on Amazon.com and her daughter, Miracle, helped illustrate one of the stories. Book 1: A Squirrel in the House? Book 2: Henrietta and Cinderella.

Gabriel B. Mpilla, joined the TUCVM in April as an Anatomy Laboratory Coordinator for the Department of Biomedical Sciences. Gabriel Mpilla was born in Cameroon and moved to the U.S. in 2010. He attended Delaware State University and obtained a degree in Biology (Cell, Molecular and Biotechnology). Mpilla worked at the NIH and Harvard University on tumor and plant related research.

Susie Tatum-Smith, Office Manager/Administrative Assistant (Pathobiology), has written a book (Kindle Edition) entitled, Dealing with the Rain'. The book is available on Amazon.com.

New TUCVM Appointments

In June, Dean Ruby Perry announced the following new administrative appointments for several faculty and staff that accepted the charge as leaders to assist with moving the College to a "knowledge-based, data informed and outcomes-oriented target environment." They are:

Dr. Gemechu Wirtu - appointed as Interim Department Head, Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Ayman Sayegh previously served in the dual roles of Department Head of Biomedical Sciences and Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies. In light of the high demand that the two positions carry, the role of Department Head, Biomedical Sciences was shifted to Dr. Wirtu. Wirtu's role

Both JaNeen Roberts, Donor Relations Manager (Office of External Affairs) and Catina Woods, Executive Assistant to the Dean, were elected to serve on the 2016-2017 Tuskegee University Staff Senate. Elections were held in April. Woods and Roberts are two of the nine members of the new staff senate.

Dr. Caroline Schaffer, Assistant Professor/Director of the Center for Human-Animal Interdependent Relationships, was featured in the May 2016 AARP Bulletin for giving expert advice as a veterinarian. The AARP Bulletin reaches more than 23.5 million households each month.

Academic Achievement Awards
Brooke L. Manderson
Veronica L. Jones
My Thuy T. Nguyen
Christopher Reed
Jaya R. Kochenburger

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The Tuskegee University family, Tuskegee community, as well as the veterinary medical profession lost an admired and respected retired professor and administrator, and dedicated member of the Veterinary Medicine family - Dr. Edward T. Braye, Sr. Dr. Braye departed this life on June 4, 2016 at the age of 86.

Braye gave over four decades of dedicated service to Tuskegee University and the veterinary medical profession. He retired from Tuskegee University in 1998. During his tenure at Tuskegee University, Braye served as professor of large animal medicine, director of clinics, department head of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, instructor in the Department of Small Animal Medicine, and extension veterinarian and public health specialist in the Cooperative Extension Program. His areas of special interests included epidemiology, internal medicine, and livestock health in the tropics. Braye was a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He is credited as the first president of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni

TUCVM Deceased Alumni Spring/Summer 2016

Dr. Louis Sparkman Graham III ('78) –
August 2016 (Hendersonville, Tennessee)

Dr. Alfred P. Godwin ('58) – passed
March 2016 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Dr. Michelle N. Holloway ('80) – passed
April 2016 (Knoxville, Tennessee)

Dr. Melvin Howard ('69) – passed
July 2016 (Annapolis, Maryland)

Dr. Earl Rippie, Jr. ('67) – passed
June 2016 (Morrestown, New Jersey)





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