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Greetings and welcome to this issue of the 2022 *Veterinary Medical Perspective* magazine. Due to the continuation of the pandemic now for the third year, the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) has navigated through the challenges of a hybrid curriculum to using the virtual platform for necessary meetings, activities and events to remain connected as a TUCVM family.

This issue highlights a combination of events and accomplishments for the 2021-22 academic year to include several highlights of development news from our dedicated industry partners to the highlights of the important work of our faculty and staff, the achievements of our students and faithful alumni.

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

decades to come," said Jay Mazelsky, IDEXX President and

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ners at Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine to support an initiative that helps students thrive by going beyond full academic scholarships to include the complete student experience."

A pioneer in veterinary medical education for 75 years, the TUCVM has a proven track record of increasing access to veterinary medical education, educating 70% of African American veterinarians.

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Brittany Howard is a veterinary student now attending Tuskegee University who previously attended Fort Valley State University and earned her bachelor's degree in animal science. Ms. Howard is from Birmingham, Alabama, and the oldest of four siblings all raised by a single mother who poured all she could in them to be high achievers. Ms. Howard is a woman of faith and believes that God called her and her siblings to work hard and achieve. She plans to use her background knowledge of animal agriculture and animal welfare to further her education while earning her DVM degree.

Ms. Howard has not settled on what she would like to specialize in yet; however, her career interests include owning a veterinarian cooperation chain. She desires for this chain of veterinarian-related businesses to consist of private practices, specialty practices, shelters, pet stores, and more. Ms. Howard's other interests outside of veterinary medicine include reading the Bible, meditating, and practicing yoga.

Justin Hodrick is from Houston, Texas, and now enrolled in the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. Mr. Hodrick has been pursuing his interests in veterinary medicine for six years. Prior to entering the veterinary professional program, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Texas Tech University. Mr. Hodrick is currently interested in small animal orthopedic surgery and large animal theriogenology with hopes to open his own practice in his hometown, Houston.

He is profoundly involved in his community and has enjoyed his time volunteering at the Houston Humane Society, South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and mentoring at-risk youth in the Lubbock, Texas area. Mr. Hodrick wishes to continue to be active in his community throughout his academic and professional career.

Sydney Johnson is a veterinary student attending the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine and is originally from Upper Marlboro, Maryland. She loves suburban areas and has the future ambition, after receiving her DVM, to start her next adventure in a suburban community. Currently, Ms. Johnson, is unsure of what she desires to specialize in as a veterinarian but is open to learning all the options available in the profession and knows she enjoys working especially with small animals. Her current interests include veterinary dentistry, orthopedic surgery, sports medicine and rehabilitation /Lang (en-US)/MCID 328 BDC 0.003 Tw T*[ ]an shwn av(gery involved isereivinn as a volunteth in thme(-)TjEMC

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To further its commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity in the veterinary industry, Ceetis ...

TUCVM is grateful to the Synchrony Foundation for its generous multi-year grant to support veterinary medical education. TUCVM is the recipient of a $400K grant from the Synchrony Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of Synchrony (NYSE:SYF), a

desiring to obtain their DVM from Tuskegee University, this grant will help increase educational and training opportunities for Tuskegee veterinary students and expand pathways for increased diverse representation in the veterinary industry.

"As the only veterinary medical professional program located on the campus of a historically black college or university (HBCU) in the US, the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has a sustaining legacy of training and educating underrepresented

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"Connect, ReConnect, & Stay Connected Campaign"...

Please join Dr. Saralyn Smith-Carr & Dr. Lloyd Jarmon, Co-Chairs of Dean Perry's Alumni Board, in promoting the "Connect, Reconnect, & Stay Connected" campaign to help TUCVM update our alumni database. If you know of a TUCVM alumnus or family that you feel we need to contact, please send the information to our designated alumni communication e-mail at tucvmalumni@tuskegee.edu.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU ALUMNI
FOR ALL YOU DO FOR YOUR ALMA MATER & MOTHER TUSKEGEE!

March 26 at 9/8c on Nat Geo WILD. Based out of Georgia, Drs. Hodges and Ferguson have been friends for over three decades, a camaraderie that is evident in every episode of the show. Past seasons are already streaming on Disney+ and the new season

"Mother Tuskegee" and the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's (TUCVM) outstanding record of producing legacies are putting the spotlight on the Stobaeus/Kluska Family (Mother – Dr. Janeen Kluska, Father – Dr. Rick Stobaeus, and Son – Dr. Nobuki Stobaeus) in this issue of the Veterinary Medical Perspective.

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Dr. Janeen Kluska grew up in the city and the suburbs of Chicago and knew from childhood that she wanted to be a veterinarian. While in high school, she worked as a kennel girl, a veterinary assistant in several small animal practices and an emergency clinic in the Chicago area as well as did some volunteer work. In 1980, Dr. Kluska graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Agriculture Science and initially got accepted

veterinary education on the island of Dominica and also there met her future husband, Dr. Rick Stobaeus. After they returned to Chicago, Dr. Kluska worked as a veterinary technician while applying to the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine (TUSVM). **Now known as the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine.**

Currently, Dr. Kluska is doing relief work with the PeachState Animal Rescue Foundation in Jesup, Georgia, and has a house call practice. She also helped to start two low-cost spay/neuter clinics and worked for two rescue organizations. She still enjoys instructing veterinary students, especially in the areas of surgical skills and shelter medicine. As a hobby, she raises and rehabilitates orphaned and injured wild birds.

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Dr. Rick Stobaeus was born in New Jersey and grew up in New England and New York. He went to Berlin, Germany for eighth

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mon School from ninth to 12th grades. After graduating from high school, Dr. Stobaeus volunteered at Robinson Animal Hospital in Madison, NJ in 1972-73 and then also volunteered at Bonnie Plant Farm in Union Springs, Alabama in 1973. He had several experiences in veterinary medicine prior to completing his DVM and after completing his DVM to include worked as a work study student at JT Vaughan Large Animal Teaching Hospital from 1973-77; Rhesus Monkey Research,

While Dr. Kluska and her husband then Dr. Stobaeus attended TUSVM they had two children. Once they moved

of their children have earned Bachelor's degrees and beyond. However, their oldest, Dr. Nobuki Stobaeus, was born while Dr. Kluska was a student at TUSVM. He followed in his parents' footsteps graduating from Tuskegee with his DVM in 2012. Both Dr. Kluska and Dr. Stobaeus are grateful that their son is a Tuskegee legacy and proud that he was able

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ing needs of the veterinary profession: diversity, sustainability, and mixed/rural medicine practice. Recipients of the 2022 Zoetis Foundation Veterinary Student Scholarship Award will receive $2,000 for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. "Zoetis' long-standing commitment to the mission of assisting veterinary students is unwavering," said Tuskegee Alum

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dent, Veterinary Medical Services and Outcomes Research at Zoetis.

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The Tuskegee Chapter of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV) received national praise and was spotlighted in the yearly national business meeting in the fall semester. The Chapter was noted for their achievements including creative webinars, volunteer opportunities, and their social media presence. They were also praised for the design of the club logo, which was created by Erin Pettibon. Ms. Pettibon serves as the Class of 2023 fundraising chair, past president for AAWV 2020-2021 and Zoo & Exotics Club president for 2021-2022. The TUCVM AAWV is

was founded in February 2019. Members of the club and E-board include: **@s`k`mh I`bjrnm+ C`mmx S`oh`+ Dqhm Ods, shanm+ Sqhinm Vghsd+ O`sqhbh` Aq`ckdx+ Rdqdm` I`bjrnm**, and **Rhdqq` Ingmrnm-** p62 7 T*m560041000120410001002CF0410001402C0051F0541≥8 ∈0470050005500 5C0051004B0002≥14F04E004

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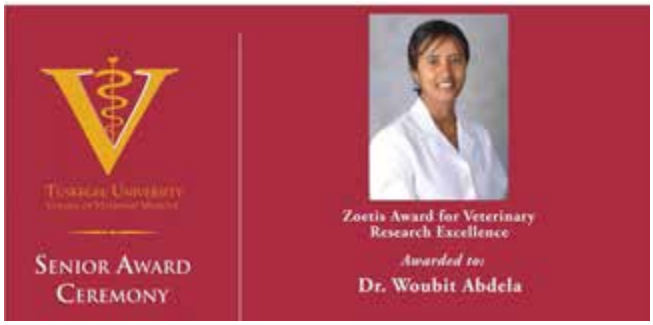

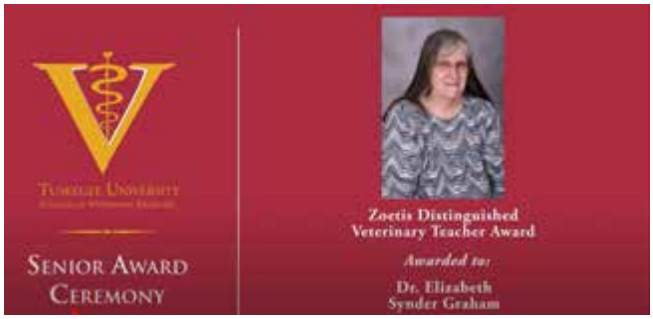

Dr. Benjamin Adu-Addai

Cq- Admi`l hm @ct,@cc`h, assistant professor of veterinary pathology in the Department of Pathobiology (Mentor/ Principal Investigator), Dr. Jatna Rivas (IBS Ph.D. student), and Ms. Dominique Lyles (DVM student) all represented TUCVM at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) in Chicago, Illinois, on December 3-7, 2021. At the conference, their work on an alternative treatment approach of mastitis using three combinations of synergic products was presented.

Dr. Marc Alkhal

Cq- L`qb @kjg`k, joined TUCVM in the fall semester as a Clinical Instructor in Diagnostic Imaging assigned to the Large Animal Clinical Sciences Dept. Dr. Alkhal is a 2017 graduate of The University of West Indies, School of Veterinary Medicine (UWISVM) in the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago, After obtaining his DVM degree, he spent three years as a teaching assistant in small animal medicine and surgery at the UWI SVM and received additional training in his area of interest - Diagnostic Imaging.

C`qxk Aqnvmkdd, Director Veterinary Operations recognized credential to help showcase the mastery of skills and knowledge across the entire facility management spectrum. The CFM is a comprehensive exam, which reviews 11 core facility management competencies. Mr. Brownlee is also a member of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA).

Deetra L. Benn

Cddsq` K- Admm joined TUCVM as Coordinator of Veterinary Recruitment and Admissions effective February 2. Ms. Benn is a proud native of Montgomery, Alabama. She is a two-time graduate of Troy University, having earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science, and master's degree in Counseling and Psychology. Although she had plans to attend law school, her love for education lead her into a career with the collegiate system. No stranger to higher education, Ms. Benn has over 13 years of experience ranging from Enrollment Management, Records and Registration to Student Support Services (TRiO). She is also an author/writer, and when not being of service to students, Ms. Benn enjoys writing and being a motivational speaker.

Chankia Sherell Berry

Bg`mjh` Rgdqdkk Adqqx joined the college as the Veterinary Medicine Social Worker, effective March 1. She is an alumna of Tuskegee University where she earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work. Ms. Berry also earned her master's degree in Social Work from Barry University in 2014. She has experience in working with diverse groups of all sizes to include working with populations in hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities, and the Department of Family and Children Services.

Dr. Benjamin C. Datiri

Cq- Admi`l hm B- C`shqh was recently presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who. Dr. Datiri is a research associate professor in the Department of Pathobiology and assistant director of Animal Care at TUCVM.

I` Ih`k LhkkdqjoinedTUCVMasLab Animal Technician. Mr. Miller is currently a graduate student at Tuskegee University pursuing a master's degree in Veterinary Science. He grew up in San Diego, California, and after graduating high school, he attended Landmark College in Vermont. Mr. Miller graduated in 2015, earning an associate degree in Science and Life Science. After graduation, he enrolled in Tuskegee University and earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science. While seeking his master's degree, he is also now working as a Lab Animal Technician in TUCVM's Comparative Medicine Resource Center. His future

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Cq- L`cqxm R- Ncnl joined TUCVM as the Director of Academic Support Programs, Student Success and Retention, effective March 14. She has an extensive educational background having ecLang eAcLaedeDoector ofEeducatio ecatieL

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Eq`mbhrb` Pt`qbnn joined TUCVM as the Grants and Financial Administrator –

to this position, she was the Assistant to the Director of Integrative Biosciences (IBS) Ph.D. Program at Tuskegee University for about seven years. Before joining Tuskegee, she served as an Administrative

in Ghana. Her professional experience

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The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) Class of 2022 had 47 new doctors of veterinary medicine recognized on April 30. Tuskegee University held its in-person Spring Commencement Graduate and Professional Schools Ceremony at the General "Chappie" James Center followed by the college's in-person Veterinary Medicine Oath and Hooding Ceremony at the university's Chapel. Thirty of the 47 students graduated with honors. They included four "Summa Cum Laude," eight "Magna Cum Laude" and 18 "Cum Laude." Both ceremonies were live-streamed for those not in attendance to view and are also available on the university's YouTube channel for anyone who missed them to view later.

Also, during the university's commencement ceremony, three TUCVM graduates received the Master of Science in Veterinary Science degree (Darius L. Caffey, Twanda H. Collins, and Bria J. Khabeer); two TUCVM graduates received

She gave a powerful veterinary oath address entitled “Leadership in a post pandemic world…where legacy meets newfound modern-day success.” During her presentation, Dr. Brabham charged the graduates to live a “3- DIMENSIONAL LIFE, that strives at cultivating personal LENGTH, BREADTH & HEIGHT.” Dr. Brabham also encouraged the graduates letting them know

They have to just continue to rise up to the occasion just like their veterinary student predecessors.

She said, “You all are unique jewels amongst many, able to showcase our multi-generational years of strength. Please know that in-spite of everything there’s absolutely nothing you cannot achieve. Just lean-in on our rich Tuskegee Legacy, that has educated 70% of African-American veterinarians world-wide.”

with profound authenticity, honor and with charity. now the piton has been passed to you our amazing graduates all you have to do is catch it…congratulations!”

Dean Perry also recognized the CVM Distinguished Alumni Awards recipients during the veterinary oath ceremony program.

This year’s honorees included:

- Veterinary Oath Speaker

  veterinary radiologist with over three decades of experience and currently a medical director with IDEXX Telemedicine Consultants;

- Dr. Michael J. Blackwell, retired assistant surgeon general, USPHS and current director of the Program

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Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association (TVMAA) Awards Recipients recognized during 2022 Virtual Veterinary Medical Symposium:

- Recent Graduate Achievement Award Winner **Dr. Derrick Jones Jr '18**
- Distinguished Service Award Winner **Dr. Gina Wilkerson '85**
- Distinguished Service Award Winner **Dr. Karen James-Preston '80**
- Distinguished Alumni Award Winner **Dr. Anita R. Stampley '84**
- Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM) welcomed alumni, students, faculty, staff, pre-veterinary students, friends and supporters to the 56th Annual Veterinary Medical Symposium held in a virtual platform on March 23-25, 2022. This year's symposium marked the third year in which TUCVM pivoted from a traditional veterinary symposium to a virtual platform because of the pandemic.

This year's symposium theme was "Veterinary Medicine Preparing for a Post Pandemic World: New Norms, Mental Health and Innovation." It was timely and underscores the commitment the university, college and TUCVM's partners have to navigating the new normal and engaging all stakeholders to work together to have the best practices necessary for sustaining TUCVM's legacy of preparing students to be career-ready veterinary medical professionals.

Although the college had hoped the circumstances would have allowed for an in-person traditional gathering this year, for the safety of all participants, it was decided to be held virtually once again. The symposium was RACE® approved where participants had the opportunity to fully engage in various sessions from either pre-recorded or real-time presentations and earn up to 20 continuing education units of credit.

A combination of a professional conference and alumni reunion was experienced virtually by participants from hearing featured speakers on large and small animal research, uniform services, public health, lab animal medicine, human-animal bond and pathology topics as well as presentations from the perspectives of interns. Networking opportunities and chances to interact with symposium sponsors and exhibitors were also provided. This year's format also included

and Recruitment.

The opening general session keynote speaker, Barney S. Graham, MD, Ph.D., gave an exciting

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immunologist and former Deputy Director of the NIAID Vaccine Research Center, NIH.

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After being able to only do a virtual white coat ceremony last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, 58 students were excited to have an in-person ceremony this year held on February 26 at the Tuskegee University Chapel. Pride and excitement marked the transition of this year's veterinary medicine students to the clinical phase of the curriculum in which family and friends were still allowed to participate in the celebration through live-streaming on the university's YouTube channel.

The event was sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health, the American Veterinary Medical History Society, Inc. in association with participation from Alabama, Kentucky and South Carolina Veterinary Medical Associations. The Annual White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic event for students transitioning their education from classroom study to the clinical phase of their veterinary education. The white lab coat is a symbol of medical professionalism and marks a turning point in the education of the 58 members of the Class of 2023.

Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean of Academic Affairs, with assistance from Mr. Anthony McCloud, director of Student Affairs, and the White Coat Ceremony Planning Committee organized this year's event under the direction of Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the college. In-person greetings were given by Dean Perry; Dr. Calvin M. Johnson, dean of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Steven T. Murphree, president of Alabama Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. Jason Rodgers, president of Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. Mike Ferguson, president of South Carolina Association of Veterinarians; and congratulatory greetings were read on behalf of faithful sponsor Dr. Harvey Crumm, senior academic liaison with Zoetis Animal Health, who was unable to attend.

The white coats for the students from Alabama, Kentucky and South Carolina were purchased and presented to the students by the presidents of the respective veterinary medical associations. Dean Perry presented the white coats to the other non-resident students.

"The annual white coat ceremony is a celebratory moment for our students as this is one step closer to our students becoming career-ready veterinarians. We appreciate the support of our sponsors, faculty, staff, students, and alumni as these veterinary medical students begin their clinical journey before entering into the veterinary profession," Dr. Casimir said.

For anyone who missed the ceremony, it can be viewed at the university's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/tuskegeeuniversity.

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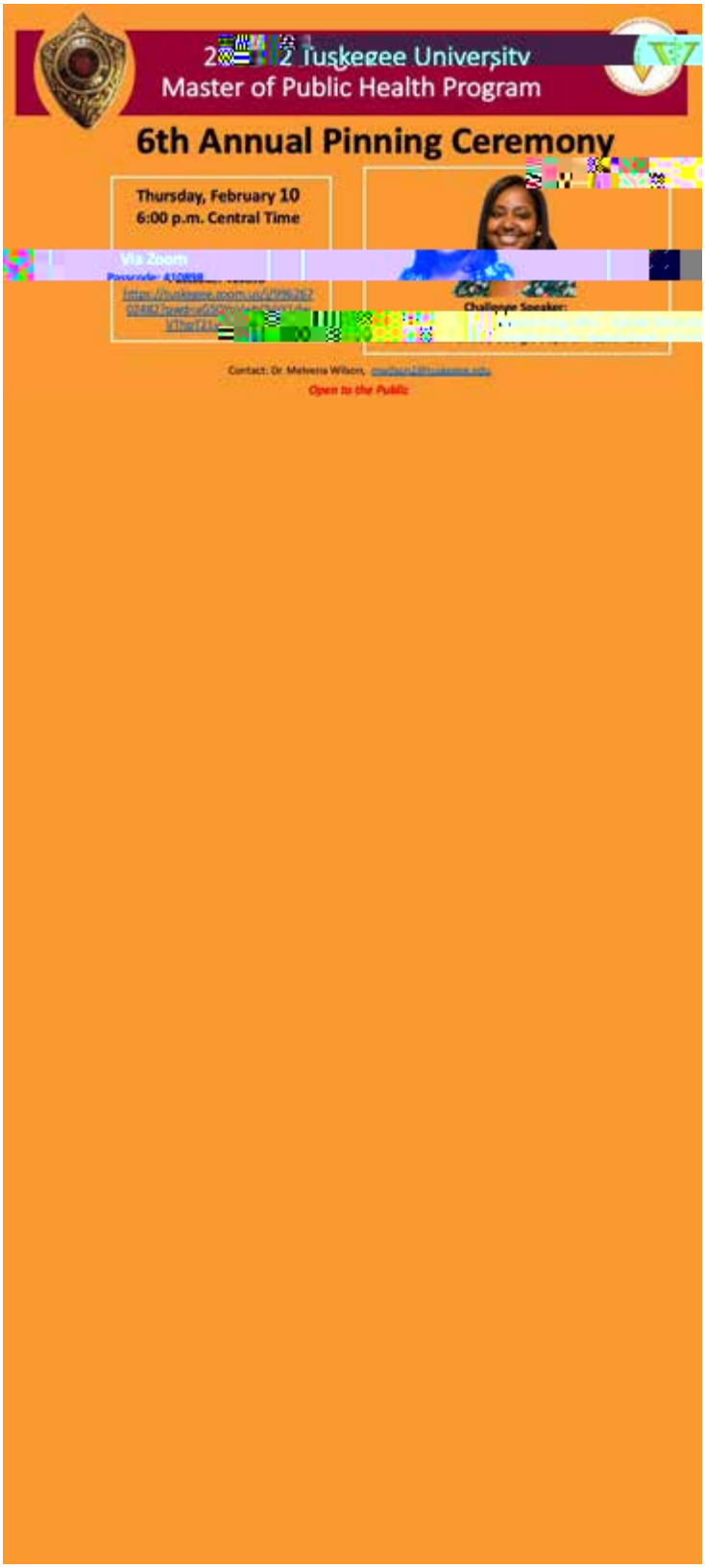

communities by training the next generation of public health professionals with an eye towards health equity through the lens of ethical public engagement," said Dr. Charlotte P. Morris, President of Tuskegee University.

The CEPH is the independent agency recognized nationally by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools and programs of public health. CEPH assists schools and programs in evaluating the quality of their instructional, research, and service efforts, and grants accreditation to those schools and programs that meet its published criteria. CEPH accreditation sets a standard by which all accredited schools and programs of public health work to enhance health in human populations, through organized community effort.

Tuskegee University's Public Health Program is now one of the only two CEPH-accredited public health programs in the State of Alabama. The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Public Health is the other CEPH-accredited program in Alabama.

"The Graduate Public Health program here at Tuskegee University has been diligently working towards accreditation

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The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine's (TUCVM) Department of Graduate Public Health (DGPH) master's in public health program is now fully accredited by the Council on Education for

President Dr. Charlotte Morris that the Tuskegee University Master of Public Health Program was reviewed by the CEPH Board of Councilors which acted at its June 1-3, 2022, meet-

period.

"Tuskegee University is elated to build on the legacy of the only College of Veterinary Medicine within a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the United States with the

staff and students support the university and the surround

to CEPH in November 2021 and subsequently led to the Graduate Public Health Program's full accreditation for the

> The mission of CEPH assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners. As part of the re-accreditation cycle, CEPH requires schools and programs to apply for re-accreditation. A critical part of re-accreditation is a self-study process of 18-24 months followed by a site visit. Tuskegee University's Graduate Public Health Program will have to apply for re-accreditation in 2027. To

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Cq- Vdmcdkk B- A`jdq passed on August 19, 2021. He had practiced veterinary medicine for over four decades. Dr. Baker was the previous owner of Baker Veterinary Clinic, which was a clinic that specialized in, working on larger animals on cattle ranches, exotic animals, non-farm animals such as deer and a variety of other pet care services. His funeral was held on August 27 in Hempstead, Texas.

Cq- Sgnl`r Bq`venqc passed on December 13, 2021. He was a former owner and one of several area vets to establish the Pet Emergency Clinic. Also, Dr. Crawford was the former owner of WJBE and was CEO of WBMK-1430, Broadcast Media of Knoxville Inc. His memorial service was held on December 29 at St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church. He was a former trustee of Cannan Baptist Church and sat on the board of directors of Golden Age Retirement Village in its planning and establishment. He worked with the Animal Welfare League to get medical assistance for low-income families. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Cq- Qnfdq Drsdo passed on December 16, 2021, in his restful sleep. He crossed paths with a multitude of individuals. After receiving his DVM from Tuskegee University, with the exception of a stint at NIH, Dr. Estep spent the majority of his career at Howard University. Beginning with leading the Lab Animal Program to retiring as Vice President of University Relations and -

dent of National AALAS in 1971. He was also

Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) community throughout his career. Preceded in death by his wife, he is survived by his son. The Dr. Roger D. Estep Endowed Scholarship Campaign was kicked off in February and donations can be made to support it at: www.tuskegee.edu/giveestep.

Cq- Dkkhr L`chrnm G`kk, a veterinary medicine trailblazer, professor emeritus and retired Tuskegee University Veterinary Medicine faculty member, passed on August 4, 2021. Dr. Hall's funeral service was held at the Hall's Family Farm on August 14. After receiving his DVM, Dr. Hall had over 40 years of experience teaching veterinary medicine at Tuskegee University. He had a rich history himself and took great pride in being a graduate of Tuskegee University. Dr. Hall was an orphan in Robeson County after the death of both of his parents who later rose to be a successful veterinarian and

radiology. He also had a Ph.D. degree. Dr. Hall was a remarkable individual that lived by his life philosophy, "to stay in his Master's will and do the right thing." He is survived by his wife who is also a Tuskegee alumna, and six children, also all graduates of Tuskegee University. Dr. Ellis Hall is also credited with being the "Father of the Lumbee Veterinarians."

Cq- Qhbg`qc ®Cnb¯ Ktb`r passed peacefully in his sleep on August 3, 2021, in Flagstaff, Arizona of natural causes. He was 92 years old. After receiving his DVM from Tuskegee, he and his family moved to Safford, Arizona where he joined the Safford Animal Hospital. In 1987 he became the sole owner of the hospital. Doc was a kind and gentle veterinarian in a practice that covered Graham, Greenlee and Cochise counties, treating all animals; large and small. He was the racetrack veterinarian in the southeastern region of Arizona. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A mass of remembrance was held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Oct. 5.

Cq- Dtfdmd ®Cnb¯ Odsdqrnm passed in April 2022. Dr. "Doc" Peterson was considered a Virgin Island (V.I.) Cultural Icon and his death shocked the Community. Doc was considered a true friend by the G / m1BDC 0.009 eBrDk 110 z Vmmusland.1 (. . Oandchildr)18 (en and one)-30 ( )]T r129

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