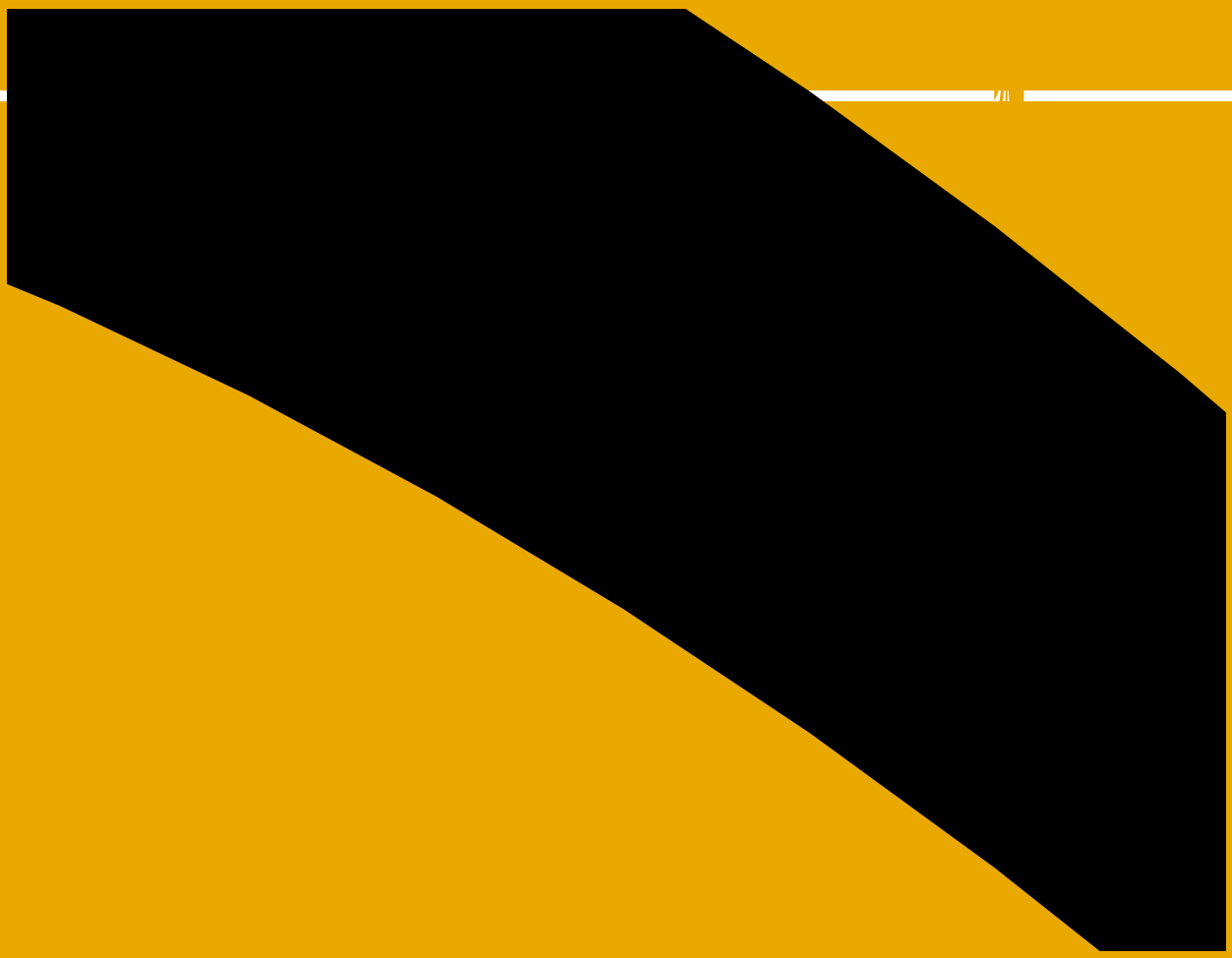

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Sabrie Moze, as of the Fall 2020 Semester, is a third-year student of Haitian descent, has a 4.0 GPA, and received her B. S. in Animal Science from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has also worked in the Washington, D. C., Virginia, and Maryland areas with various Humane Shelters, assisted investigators in animal cruelty cases, and has an ultimate goal of be - coming a small animal surgeon. Ms. Moze interests include Surgery, Shelter medicine and Emergency medicine. Ideally, she would like to pursue high volume spay & neuter/TNR programs in shelter medicine or go for a Surgical residency.

“I love shelter medicine due to the fa P ẄẠom

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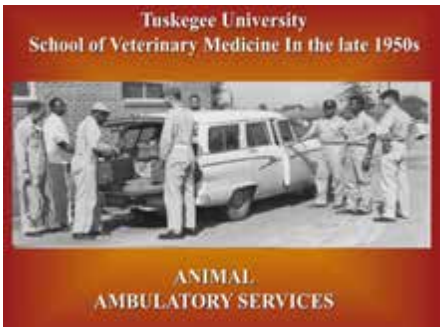

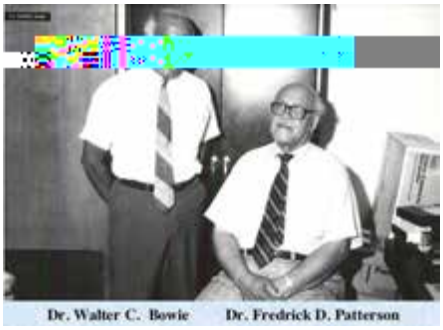

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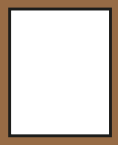
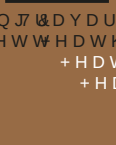
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
75th Diamond Anniversary Celebration …
"Sustaining Our Legacy & Advancing Veterinary Medicine for Future Generations"

On March 11, 2020, out of concern for the safety and well-being of all participants at the annual veterinary symposium, Dean Perry sent formal notification to alumni, faculty, staff and stude to postpone the symposium this year and move it to year in March of 2021. Dean Perry's announcement i the following statement, "We are facing uncertai growing concern about the spread of COV referred to as the coronavirus. At for the alumni, studen in the 55th annual make responsible decisions relative to the and the safety of our constituents," said Dean Perry.

Much appreciation to the Tuskegee veterinary medical community and our symposium sponsors, exhibitors, vendors, and volunteers who have dedicated so much time and work into preparing for the symposium. We are excited that we are still going to celebrate our 75th Diamond Anniversary… just in a different way, now virtually. The 75th Diamond Anniversary Virtual Celebration on October 10, 2020, will allow us the opportunity to still honor the reunion classes for this year of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970 (50th year - golden class), 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 (25th year - silver class), 2000, 2005, 2010, & 2015 and honor our historic veterinary program's 75 years of existence!

T all for your patience as we work through the gistics in rescheduling our veterinary sympo- ear. Please remember to tune in October 10, celebration and join in on the Virtual TUCVM October 10 in honor of our 75th Diamond An- ual Celebration. Information is below for par - e 5K event. Also, be sure to visit our web page rmation on the 75th Diamond Anniversary ration: https://www.tuskegee.edu/programs- ges-schools/cvm/cvm-75th-virtual-diamond-

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The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine celebrated and recognized its Class of 2020 graduates during a virtual graduation, oath and awards ceremony on Friday, May 1 at 1 p.m. The ceremony recognized the college's 56 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree candidates with the administration of the Veterinarian's Oath followed by their Awards Cere - mony.

Dr. Ruby L. Perry, dean of the veterinary medicine college, presided over the program. Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean for academic and student affairs, and Dr. Gopal Reddy, associate dean for research and advanced studies, assisted during the virtual ceremony.

The ceremony was broadcasted live on YouTube at www.youtube.com/tuskegeeuniversity.

"One of the greatest honors I have as dean of the college is

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Maria Estefania Colon , then a fourth year

STUDENT NEWS

TUCVM students honored as commissioned
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Corps scholarships

TUCVM held a commissioning ceremony pre COVID-19 honoring two veterinary medicine students, Alexandria Bufford (class of 2020) and Chelsea L. McDonald (class of 2021). Amongst family members, friends, veterinary college administration and mem - bers of the United States Army, Bufford and McDonald were sworn in as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. In addition to receiving their offcer commissioning, Buf- ford and McDonald were also the recipients of the Army Veterinary Corps Health Professions Scholarship. The U.S. Army of- fers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships in the health care feld, the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). Recipients are eligible to earn a three-year full-tuition scholarship, plus a monthly allowance to cover books and supplies through the HPSP.

About the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
One of the six corps of medical specialists that make up the U.S. Army Medical Department, the Army Veterinary Corps is composed of professionals with military, public health and specialty skill sets rarely found in the private sector. These highly trained specialists have a unique role in U.S. defense strategy. U.S. Army veterinar- ians ensure the strength of the veterinary public health capabilities through veteri - nary medical and surgical care, food safety and defense, and biomedical research and development.

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veterinary curriculum

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many spring and summer plans for the university had to be revamped including the TUCVM's Summer Enrichment and Reinforce- ment Program (SERP). Under the leadership of Dean Perry, students still had the opportunity to strengthen their skillset through virtual sessions for the veterinary curriculum and their future career ambition. This year's participating summer class

ogy (now, Department of Pathobiology) in December 1984. Currently, Dr. Tippett is a tenured, board certifed pathologist and former head of the Department of Pathobiology. He has also assumed a major teaching role in the pathophysiology course offered to professional-phase nursing students, serving as junior and senior advisor to the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, faculty advisor to the Tuskegee University Sunday School, faculty advisor to the TUCVM Christian Veterinary Fellowship, faculty advisor to the Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and faculty advisor to the departmental intern. Dr. Tippett's earlier research at Tuskegee resulted in the successful acquisition of about a million-dollar MBRS Thematic research grant involving several veterinary medicine faculty. Dr. Tippett has served as vice-chair of the university faculty senate; a member of TUCVM's Personnel Committee; member of the transition team for uniting the School of Nursing and Allied Health and the School of Veterinary Medicine; chair, of the Academic Advisory Committee; member of Team Ghana - exploring the feasibility of establishing two veterinary schools in Ghana, West Africa; leader of Team Haiti - assessing the national veterinary laboratory capability and providing diagnostic training for Haitian technicians in Haiti and at Tuskegee. Dr. Tippett hopes to build upon the strong legacy handed down by the various associate deans before him.

Ebony Gilbreath, DVM, PhD, DACVP was ap - pointed by Dean Perry as the new Department Head for the Department of Pathobiology, effective July 1. Dr. Gilbreath is a board-certifed veterinary anatomic pathologist who has served on the faculty at Tuskegee University since 2011. She has been awarded multiple grants, published numer - ous manuscripts and has advised PhD, Master's and undergraduate students. Additionally, she has been the faculty advisor for several student groups, serves on numerous committees and notably chaired the 1st Phi Zeta Research Day in 2012. Currently, she is also the Diversity and Inclusion Representative for the College as well as the Necropsy Section Chief. Dr. Gilbreath has continually sought to foster her leadership skills and has earned an Executive Certifcation in Leadership and Management, a Certifcation for Diversity and Inclusion in Veterinary Medicine and completed the AAVMC Leadership Academy as well as the Veterinary Leadership Experience. Dr. Gilbreath earned her B.S. degree in Animal and Poultry Science in 2000 followed by her DVM degree in 2004. She completed an internship in Anatomic Pathology, also at Tuskegee, and then went on to Michigan State University where she completed a residency in Anatomic Pathology and a Ph.D. in Pathology, before returning to her alma mater in 2011. Dr. Gilbreath is married to Mr. Anthony McCloud and they have 3 children.

Mrs. Tabitha Nelms Reese , a native of Auburn, is now the Business Offce Manager for the TUCVM Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, previously held by Mr. Daryl Brownlee, who is now the Director of Veterinary Operations. Previously she served as the administrative assistant for the Dept. of Biomedical Sciences in the college. Mrs. Reese has an educational foundation and a passion for fnancial management. Prior to working for Tuskegee University, she served nine years as a fnancial service representative and in offce administration. Mrs. Reese received her B.S. in Business Administration and Finance from Auburn University at Montgomery in 2013. Additionally, she will receive her Master of Science degree in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University in the spring of 2021. During her free time, Mrs. Reese enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys.

Mr. Damien Sears is the IT Liaison for the College of Veterinary Medicine through the Tuskegee University Offce of Information Technology. He is a full-time employee in the College and is leading the informational and instructional services for faculty, staff and students.

Mr. Sears came to us with an extended history of work in higher ' B a hin◘ I ☪ M of

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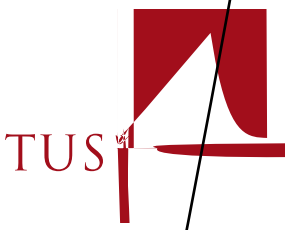
Dr. Roscoe (Scoddie) Byrd ('64) passed away on May 31, 2020. He was a Professor Emeritus at Virginia State University where he led the Animal Sciences Department from 1985-2002. Prior to joining the faculty at Virginia State University, Dr. Byrd had a career in Public Health with the United States Army. He entered the Army Veterinary Corps in 1964 and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1985. His career included food inspection and directing a ra - bies laboratory. In 1973, Dr. Byrd received a Master of Science in infectious disease from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee Institute in 1964. Tuskegee is also his hometown. He completed The Tuskegee Institute High School in 1956. Dr. Byrd's parents were also Tuskegee alumni. He is survived by his children and his grandchildren.

Dr. Barbara Diffay ('89) passed away on June 30, 2020 in California. Dr. Diffay retired from the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health (now known as College of Veterinary Medicine) as Associate Dean for Administration on January 18, 2008. She gave 18 years of loyal and dedicated service to Tuskegee University. Dr. Diffay worked as a volunteer under the "Obama for America" Presidential



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