



VOICE

VETERINARIANS AS ONE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, EMPOWERED

WELCOME

Hello from VOICE National! We are very excited for the events and opportunities that are planned for the 2017-2018 school year, both at the national level and at our 23 local chapters.

This newsletter, to be published monthly throughout the school year, will serve as a portal for all VOICE-related news: event ideas, deadline reminders, tips for filling out the budget, and notices of scholarships and grants, and summaries of national diversity symposia.

We are growing, at all levels, and with the recent addition of diversity and inclusion requirements for AAVMC for accreditation, there has never been a more exciting time to be part of the movement.

We thank you for your participation in our club, and for your hard work toward a better profession and a better world.

NAME CHANGE

Effective for the 2017-2018 school year, the VOICE National Exec Board voted for a unanimous name change. Formerly "Veterinary students as One In Culture and Ethnicity," VOICE now stands for Veterinarians as One Community for Empowerment.

These changes were chosen to more closely reflect our values as an organization, and to better highlight our goals. First, we removed "students" to emphasize our commitment to diversity and inclusion in the entire profession, alumni and current students alike.

The change to "Community for Empowerment" marks our work toward inclusion in all aspects of diversity, not just ethnic and cultural.

Event of the Month: School Supply Drive at Auburn

During its first year of existence, the VOICE chapter at Auburn University has worked closely with a local K-12 school, as part of VOICE National's accreditation requirement that local chapters participate in a community service project each semester.

This work initially involved the setting of a tutoring program at Notasulga High School, located 20 miles from Auburn University, and culminated in a trip to the vet school's Open House in April (*pictured, right*).

This month, the Auburn chapter ran a school supply drive for the school, which raised over \$200 in cash donations, plus hundreds of essential items like pencils, paper, notebooks and binders.



Students from Notasulga High School pose in front of Green Hall at Auburn University during Open House

National Officers & Advisers

President: Valerie Marcano

School: University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine

Year: 2nd

Blurb: "I grew up in the Dominican Republic and currently am a DVM/ PhD student at UGA. My focus is on poultry research, specifically virology. I believe the presence, embracement and celebration of all forms of diversity allows for healthy growth of our world."

Vice President: Kyle L. Granger, Jr.

School: University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine

Year: 2nd

Blurb: "Originally from East Saint Louis, IL, Kyle is a current second year with many interests within veterinary medicine. While he has not yet chosen a career path, he does aspire to be a Clinical Instructor to better enhance the education and clinical practices of those he will encounter later in life. In his spare time, he likes to exercise, watch a multitude of TV shows and lounge with his dog, Gracie Mae."

Treasurer: Eymarie Prado Sanchez

School: Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Year: 3rd

Blurb: "I'm a DVM/MPH dual degree student originally from Puerto Rico. I've been involved with VOICE as a volunteer and currently preside our school chapter. Diversity to me is the foundation to create a more integrative community and professional career. It's important to tackle difficult task as an inclusive community in order to empower each other and complete them."

Marketing Chair: Wendy Cheng

School: Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine

Communications Chair: Matt Miller

School: Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine

Year: 3rd

Blurb: "Before moving to Alabama for vet school, I have lived in Kentucky and Tennessee. Professionally, I am interested in neuroscience and pathology. I believe that diversity is loving other because of our differences and not in spite of them."

SAVMA Liason: Michelle Luis

School: University of California, Davis -School of Veterinary Medicine

Year: Third

Blurb: "Michelle is interested in small animal and food animal medicine working in rural areas throughout the United States and Mexico. She is originally from Monterey, California and enjoys dancing and spending time with her pet rat, Floja."

Adviser: Dr. Greenhill

Blurb: Dr. Lisa Greenhill is the senior director for institutional research and diversity at the AAVMC and the national advisor to VOICE. Outside of work, she is mom to a teenage daughter and a 3 year old yorkie terrier mix. She holds a masters degree in public administration a doctorate in higher education administration and organizational change.



Zoetis Liason: Dr. Clark

Dr. Laura P Clark is the Associate Director, Veterinary Services (CAD), Veterinary Medical Information & Product Support at Zoetis. She also serves as the Zoetis liaison to VOICE. A Veterinarian by training, the majority of her career has been spent in industry. She has two adult daughters and lives in a small cottage in the "countryside" of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania with her two dogs and two cats.



Zoetis Liason: Dr. Jenkins Jenkins received her BS degree in Animal Science from Florida A. & M. University and her DVM from Tuskegee University. She completed an internship at UF and a residency at the University of Tennessee in small animal internal medicine. Prior to joining industry, Dr. Jenkins was a tenured Associate Professor of Medicine at UT-Knoxville.

October Retreat at UGA

The weekend of October 27th, VOICE National will be hosting a national treat for all officers of local VOICE chapters. The retreat is expected to run from Friday night until Sunday morning, and will be held at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine in Athens, Georgia.

The events will include discussions from talented speakers on topics like microaggressions and wellness and community-building. There will also be an opportunity for community service, as well as social functions to become acquainted with fellow VOICE officers from other chapters, all across the country.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to vetvoice@gmail.com expressing your interest, as well as your home school and officer position. If funding is an issue with your club, please mention that as well to discuss your options for travel.