

VOICE

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. - MLK

Upcoming Events

Hogwarts 21 day Wellness challenge

Stay tuned for the upcoming challenge. Our Marketing Coordinator has been working diligently to provide a fun experience for everything and has included more personal wellness and individual competition. I can't wait to share more!

VOICE Nationals Online Conference

As an alternative to the unfortunate cancellation of the VOICE Nationals Retreat, we will be hosting a VOICE Nationals Online Conference! Please stay tuned!

National Elections

It is that time of year where we will be looking for new executive board members to continue carrying out our mission! More information on positions and how to run coming soon.

Chapter Awards Nominations - [Click here](#) - Deadline Feb 14, 2020

If you think your school chapter deserves recognition for being advocates in diversity, consider nominating the chapter! The four awards are:

- Chapter of the Year,
- Most-Improved Chapter,
- Programming Excellence,
- Excellence in Servitude and External Relations

Opportunities

Purdue Diversity Certificate

Scholarship Application: [Click here](#)

Those "who seek to improve their communication, leadership, and cultural competency skills" should consider applying for this scholarship to participate in the Purdue Diversity training program.

Multicultural Veterinary Medical Association - [MCVMA](#)

The MCVMA's vision is to foster a community of veterinary professionals from diverse backgrounds and cultures to create a network for its members to provide support for each other within the profession, and to harness the collective knowledge of its members to address both its members' needs and the needs of a multicultural society.

National Goals

Increased Intercollegiate Collaboration - [Click here](#)

Last year we asked if your club would like to work with other clubs for event planning. That service is still available! Please consider adding any events that your school has hosted so others may be inspired.

Global Events

Australian Bushfires:

Hopefully, you have heard of the bushfires that have been sweeping across the continent. "So far, more than 10.7 million hectares of Australian land have been burned. At least 33 lives have been lost and over 2,700 homes lost...It's been estimated that around **1.25 billion** animals have been killed across Australia to date." [WWF Fund Website](#)

The Australian Veterinary Association has set up a donation to support vets who have lost their homes. [AVA Benevolent Fund](#)

If at all capable, please consider donating to the Bushfire fund [here](#) handled by WWF.

Puerto Rico Earthquake:

Puerto Rico has been experiencing trembles since January 7th, the most severe being a 6.4 magnitude. A service provided by the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez recorded 15 quakes alone on MLK Day! The island sits on top of an active boundary zone, between two tectonic plates. As those plates move, the island feels the shakes. The [American Red Cross](#) is working with the local and federal governments to provide support.

Lunar New Year

This calendar is based on the cycles of the moon. The 2020 Lunar year began on January 25. Erroneously called the "Chinese New Year", this phrase is the name of the holiday is celebrated by mainland China. It is one of many celebrations occurring in that region. The Chinese New Year is a 15-day festival! This year begins the Year of the Rat, the first of a 12 animal zodiac used in the Chinese calendar.