



**“We should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry,
and we must understand
that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value
no matter what their color.”**

Maya Angelou



**VOICE National
NEWSLETTER**
November 2020 Edition

WHO ARE WE?

Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment (VOICE) is a student-run organization that seeks to increase awareness, respect, and sensitivity to differences among all individuals and communities in the field of veterinary medicine. We aim to celebrate diversity within our profession, to encourage campus environments that embrace diversity and promote the success of all students, and to emphasize the importance of cross-cultural awareness in veterinary medicine in order to meet the needs of our diversifying clientele. Lastly, in order to ensure a more diverse future for veterinary medicine, VOICE chapters provide leadership and mentorship to youth, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, who are interested in careers as veterinarians.



**VOICE NATIONAL'S
SPOTLIGHT**



- ✦ **Virtual Town Hall & Chapter Check-In November 12th at 6/7PM CST/EST! Don't miss it!!**
- ✦ **The VOICE National Retreat 2021 will be VIRTUAL January 16-17th, 2021!**
- ✦ **Biannual Chapter Report submissions are due again January 15th, 2021.**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

#WakeUpVetMed



- ✓ Read our [AVMA actionables here](#)
- ✓ Sign the [petition for change here](#)
- ✓ Don't stop having conversations.



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- ✓ Read our [statement here](#)
- ✓ Explore our [resources here](#)
- ✓ Just because media coverage lessens, **doesn't mean the fight should.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

**EMPOWERING DIVERSITY WITHIN
VETERINARY
MEDICINE GRANT**

SAVMA Integrative Communications and Diversity Committee

We will be awarding up to five grants ranging from \$250- \$500 to deserving individuals or groups who host a diversity-based activity that facilitates conversation and awareness about diversity and inclusion in veterinary medicine.

The scope of the grant is not limited to cultural diversity and may include factors such as ethnicity, economic status, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.

APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 15TH



- ✦ **\$250-500 grants available through SAVMA!**
- ✦ **Please direct any questions to Djon A Holness: savma.icdc@gmail.com**
- ✦ **Apply [here](#) by Nov 15th!**



✓ Check out this podcast [here!](#)



- ◆ Learn about Dr. Zager's journey and experiences [Nov 5th at 5/7/8 pm PT/CT/ET!](#)
- ◆ Register for this drinks & discussion [here!](#)



✓ Make sure to [check out](#) MCVMA's new series!



- K-State recently lost one of their beloved students. Come join them and be a part of this powerful discussion [Nov 10th @ 12pm CDT](#)
- [Zoom: 963 3483 4799](#)
[PW: CVM](#)

DID YOU KNOW?...

- ...the percentage of pet owners in America is growing?
- ...that the majority of this growth is fueled by Hispanic and Black populations?

MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW US ON



TO STAY UP TO DATE AND ALSO SEE WHAT OUR AFFINITY ORGS ARE UP TO!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER?

[Let us know here!](#)

NOVEMBER...

...is Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month and November 27th is Native American Heritage day! There is so much rich culture and history, learn more [here!](#)

...20th is LGBTQ+Transgender Day of Remembrance. And the week before is Transgender Awareness Week. Find resources and ways to be involved [here!](#)

These are only a couple of the important events in November. Do you have any that you celebrate? Make sure to teach your friends about them and share your culture!



The time is here. The time to vote.

Our country and democracy are stronger when we all stand together. VOTE!

<https://www.whenweallvote.org/voting-resources/>