



**“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  
January 2021 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, 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.



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★ **VOICE National Retreat 2021 is virtual January 16-17<sup>th</sup>!**

Requirements aside, you don't want to miss this one so **register now!!**

All VOICE members and advisers welcome.



★ **Apply here** and/or encourage your peers by **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm EST!!**

★ **Biannual Chapter Report** submissions are due **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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?

Special Seminar Davis/Thompson Foundation  
**BLACK VOICES IN PATHOLOGY:**  
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**Friday, 8 January**  
9 am-11 am PST  
10 am-12 pm MST  
11am-1 pm CST  
12 pm-2 pm EST

Moderator:  
Dr. Angela K. Brice  
University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Darlene Dixon  
NIH

Dr. Harold Davis  
Tuskegee University

Dr. Susan M. Williams  
University of Georgia

Dr. Fred Williams III  
University of Missouri

Dr. Monique Y. Wells  
Toxicology/Pathology Services Inc.

FREE RACE and MOC credits. This seminar will provide 2 (non-medical) RACE and IAGVP Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



- ✓ Check out this podcast [here](#)!



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



- ✓ [Take a look](#) at the AVMA's DEI resources!

### DID YOU KNOW?...

- ...that women are overrepresented in non-tenure track positions?
- ...that racial and ethnic faculty populations do not reflect the general population?  
Would you consider academia? Check out the current [statistics here](#)!

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!](#)

## JANUARY...

4<sup>th</sup> is World Braille Day. Did you know Braille is the last name of the person who invented it?  
[Learn more here!](#)

... 27<sup>th</sup> is Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah). The impact of these events is sadly more devastating than most realize. Read about more and [register for talks here!](#)

*These are only a couple of the important events in January. Do you have any that you celebrate?*

*Make sure to teach your friends about them and share your culture!*

*We can only grow by learning together. ☺*