



Finalists for college dean visit campus

In early September, the search committee for the college's next dean announced four finalists who, throughout this month and into early October, have visited or will visit the Blacksburg campus and the University of Maryland campus in Baltimore for interviews and open forum presentations. The finalists are (pictured, from left) Susan Cork of the University of Calgary; Dan Givens of Auburn University; Dominique Griffon of Western University of Health Sciences; and Spencer Johnston of the University of Georgia.

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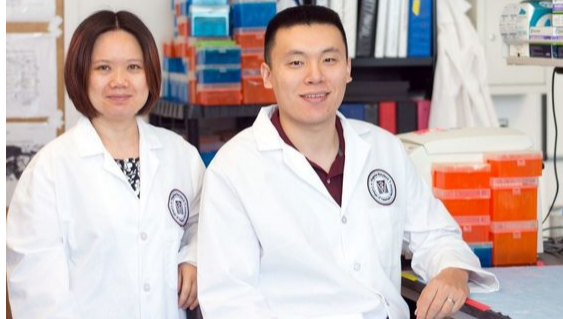
Around the College



VA-MD Vet Med researcher collaborates for a cause

Irving Coy Allen, associate professor of inflammatory disease, and other researchers in the veterinary college and the College of Engineering are studying tumor ablation and immune system activation to advance cancer treatments.

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College researchers aiming to develop therapeutic strategies for pregnant women with lupus

Researchers in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology explored the possible role of gut microbiota in the link between pregnancy and the exacerbation of lupus.

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Virginia Tech on path to connect research, education across many disciplines

"People working with each other to solve problems and trying to overcome the barriers to help people and communities is an integral part of who we are at Virginia Tech," said Laura Hungerford, head of the Department of Population Health Sciences.

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American Heart Association award to help researchers study stroke recovery

Associate Professor Michelle Theus is on the research team led by John Chappell, an assistant professor at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, who aims to unpack the complex effects of ischemic brain injuries on blood vessels.

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Researchers working to develop vaccines to fight opioid addiction

What if opioid addiction could be prevented with a simple vaccination? Professor Emerita of Pharmacology and Toxicology Marion Ehrich is a partner in the effort to develop this novel, life-saving solution.

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Vet Med in the News

For Fat Cats, The Struggle Is Real When It Comes To Losing Weight And Keeping It Off

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New style of partnership is next step in fighting opioid addiction, Virginia Tech says

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People are feeding their dogs meat-free food. Can dogs really go vegan?

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Curbing your dog's scent-drive curiosity

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Alumni Corner



For fat cats, the struggle is real

NPR Weekend Edition Saturday told the story of how (right) Megan Shepherd (DVM '06, PhD '12) and (left) Lauren Dodd (MPH '19) led this study, which set out to discover how owners' perceptions of their cat's quality of life were influenced by adding food toys to the cats' weight-loss regimen.

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Emily Hickey (DVM '95) named executive vice president of operations at Biomere

Hickey is a drug-discovery executive with 19 years of experience driving programs from target discovery through clinical development and registration for human health.

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Featured Faculty Research Publications

[Mutations present in a low-passage Zika virus isolate result in attenuated pathogenesis in mice](#)

VIROLOGY

Book chapter: Rice bran usage in diarrhea

"Dietary Interventions in Gastrointestinal Disease: Food, Nutrients, and Dietary Supplements"

ELSEVIER SCIENCES

[Infectious cDNA clones of two strains of Mayaro virus for studies on viral pathogenesis and vaccine development](#)

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Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 28, EMC Annual Open House**
Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA
- **Sept. 28, National Rabies Day**
[Take a quiz to test your knowledge of rabies](#)
- **Oct. 11, Continuing education for veterinary technicians**
Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA
- **Oct. 11, 2 p.m., Pregame Hokie Talks: Health**
Blacksburg, VA, location TBD; Nick Dervisis, associate professor of oncology, will present "Cancer research: Dogs lead the way for cures in humans"
- **Oct. 26, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fall Community Dog Wash**
VA-MD Vet Med, Blacksburg, VA
- **Oct. 30, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Trunk or Treat**
VA-MD Vet Med parking lot, Blacksburg, VA

- [Alumni Events](#)

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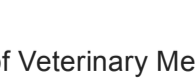
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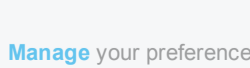
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