



M. Daniel Givens named dean of VA-MD Vet Med

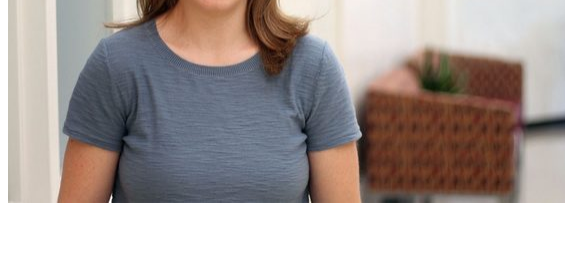
Following a national search, M. Daniel Givens, a veterinarian, researcher, and educator, has been named the veterinary college's fifth dean, effective June 1, 2020.

Currently the associate dean for academic affairs and a professor in the Department of Pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University, Givens will succeed Interim Dean Gregory B. Daniel, who will return to his faculty position in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences.

"Dr. Dan Givens is a highly respected researcher, clinician, and academic leader who brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine," said Virginia Tech Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke, who served as dean of the veterinary college from 2013 to 2017.

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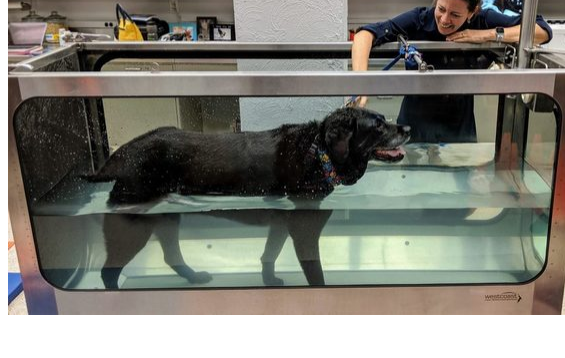
Around the College



College's wellness initiatives care for students, clients, and practitioners

Work is ongoing to create a supportive culture that reduces stigma and encourages people to access the resources they need.

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Physical rehabilitation at college enhances pets' quality of life

The college's rehabilitation service works with geriatric, neurologic, post-surgical, and orthopedic patients, many of whom are referred to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital for treatment.

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Equine Medical Center breaks ground for new indoor arena, celebrates Nathaniel White

Demonstrating the power of philanthropy to enhance EMC's ability to treat sport horses, the Steven and Jane Hale Indoor Arena was made possible by Aimee & Frank Batten's challenge gift.

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Virginia Tech Beef Cattle Health Conference

Co-hosted by the college and Virginia Cooperative Extension, the annual Virginia Tech Beef Cattle Health Conference welcomed more than 200 attendees for lectures and labs led by VA-MD Vet Med and Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty.

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Horse Sense

An assistant professor of animal and poultry sciences and a member of the equine science team in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Caroline Leeth (DVM '01) studies adaptive immune response in health and disease, including equine protozoal myeloencephalitis.

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Alumnus presents lecture at VMX national veterinary conference

Zenithson "Zenny" Ng (M.S. '13), clinical assistant professor of community practice at the University of Tennessee, presented "The Secret Life of Vets: Embracing the Human-Animal Bond" on Jan. 18 at the VMX conference in Orlando, Florida.

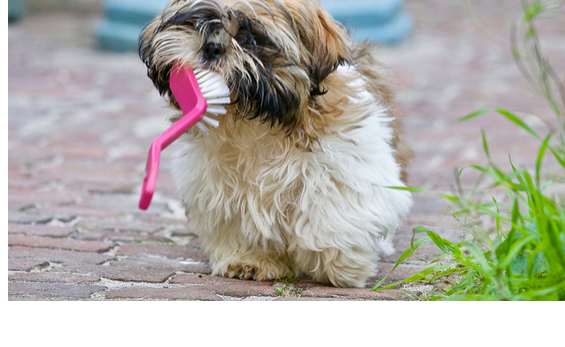
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Faces of Fauquier: Vet favors 'holistic' pet care

Becky Verna (DVM '89), who owns Paws for Holistic Pet Care in Fauquier County, Virginia, rarely turns away a patient. Then again, "if somebody brings in a poisonous snake, I'll probably draw the line," she said with a laugh.

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7 veterinary dentistry tips for general practitioners

Kendall Taney (DVM '02) offers action-oriented tips to emphasize pets' urgent dental needs by keeping owners informed, soothing their fears, communicating, and addressing cost concerns.

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Featured Video



Improving quality of life for retired service dog

An 11-year-old black Labrador retriever, Saint is a retired service dog from Saint Francis Service Dogs of Roanoke, Virginia, who began experiencing mobility issues and hind limb weakness. Now that Saint regularly visits the veterinary college's [physical rehabilitation service](#), he has made a significant turnaround. "He has a job again," said Flori Bliss, a licensed veterinary technician who works with Saint. "He really lights up."

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Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 31, [Annual Continuing Education Day for Veterinarians](#)**
Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA
- **Feb. 11, [Tuesday Talk: Dentistry 101](#)**
Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA
- **Feb. 27-29, [VVMA Conference](#) and [Alumni Society board meeting](#)**
The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA
- **Feb. 28-29, [APVMA Symposium](#)**
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- **Apr. 4, [Annual Open House](#)**
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