

## Vet Med News

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### Editorial: The map the Fralin Institute puts Roanoke on, and where it leads



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Representatives from Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, and the Commonwealth of Virginia [ceremonially opened the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC addition](#) on Oct. 12. The \$90-million, 139,000-square-foot expansion is home to the [Animal Cancer Care and Research Center](#), which began treating patients in 2020.

## Around the College



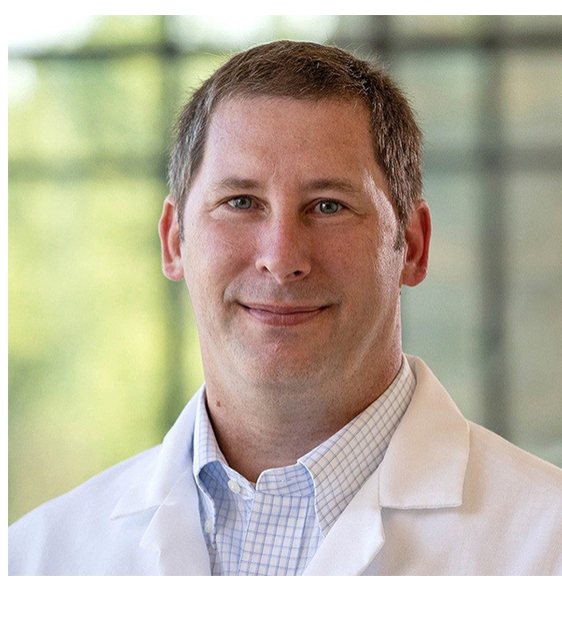
### New study examines quality of life in mini pigs

With the popularity of pet pigs on the rise, [Sherrie Clark](#), professor of theriogenology and interim head of the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences (DLACS), and [Megan Shepherd](#), DLACS clinical assistant professor of clinical nutrition, aim to establish a standardized way to measure pet pigs' quality of life.



### Flu season is here – and flu vaccines are ready for the Virginia Tech community

[Laura Hungerford](#), head of the Department of Population Health Sciences, is one of three experts who stressed the importance of the flu vaccine, provided guidelines for limiting the impact of the contagious virus, and answered questions about how the flu vaccine and the COVID vaccine interact.



### DBSP faculty member mentors medical student research fellow

[Irving Coy Allen](#), associate professor of inflammatory disease in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology (DBSP), is the research mentor for Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine student Benjamin Tintera, a Charles J. Schleupner, MD, Research Fellow. Tintera's project seeks to identify a novel drug target to potentiate the immune-mediated destruction of pancreatic cancer cells seen after the use of tumor ablation therapies.

## Vet Med Alumni

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### In case you missed it ...



Video recordings of the Connect 2021 Continuing Education Program held on Sept. 18 are now available for viewing! [Check out our alumni lectures](#)→

### Save the dates!

Equine Continuing Education Series: January 2022



Lectures (1.5 CE hours each) will be held 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022
- Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022
- Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022
- Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

## Vet Med in the News

AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

[New listings in AVMA Animal Health Studies Database](#)

COLLEGIATE TIMES

[Vet school visions: Tech's grad programs for pre-vet students](#)

[Jacquelyn Pelzer](#), director of admissions and student services, DVM program; associate professor of practice, Population Health Sciences

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP

[White House aims to ensure 'every American' has access to COVID-19 testing](#)

[Laura Hungerford](#), professor and head, Population Health Sciences

U.S. EVENTING ASSOCIATION

[My horse has a fever: Now what?](#)

[Elizabeth MacDonald](#), clinical instructor, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Equine Medical Center

VIRGINIA TECH NEWS

[Geosciences' emeritus professor Michael F. Hochella honored with two society medals for research](#)

[Irving Coy Allen](#), associate professor, Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology

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[CDC urges pregnant women to get vaccine](#)

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[Data: Pregnant women should get vaccinated against COVID](#)

[Rachel Silverman](#), research scientist, epidemiology, Population Health Sciences

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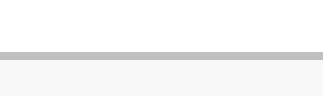
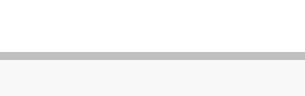
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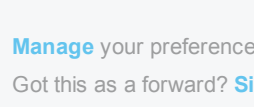
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