

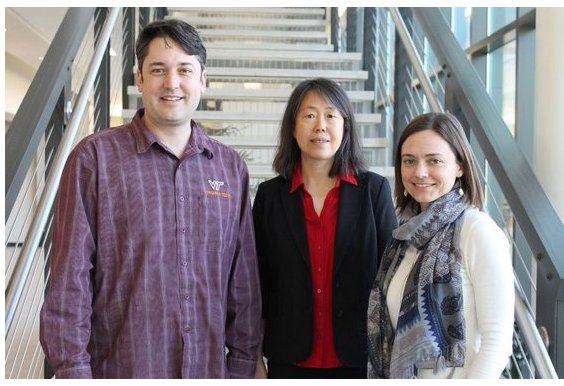


## AAVMC keeps focused on inclusion

At the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) annual conference, faculty from the college's Office of Academic Affairs participated in panel discussions on developing a more diverse and inclusive student population. "We should have the courage to address the hidden aspect of privilege within our admissions practices and embrace the value of multiple excellences other than hanging on to our historic perceptions of what merit and excellence looks like," said Jacquelyn Pelzer, director of admissions and student services.

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## Around the College



### Virginia Tech researchers join global effort to develop new vector control strategy to prevent malaria

Cassidy Rist (far right), assistant professor in the college's Department of Population Health Sciences, is principal investigator for a \$1.4 million grant to conduct two multidisciplinary clinical trials.

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### Universities lead effort to help Appalachians trapped by opioid epidemic

Kimberly Horn, professor in the college's Department of Population Health Sciences, is co-principal investigator for the Opioid Research Consortium of Central Appalachia.

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### An evening of gratitude

In late March, the college hosted its second annual Evening of Gratitude, a special event to express appreciation to those who have generously supported students through scholarship funding.

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## Vet Med in the News

### Urban chicken movement requires legislators to learn chicken basics

POULTRY HEALTH TODAY

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### ETSU and Virginia Tech kickstart coalition to fight the Appalachian opioid epidemic

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### Virginia Tech student earns pre-vet leadership award

THE ROANOKE TIMES

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### SAVMA went down to Georgia

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## Alumni Corner



### Vet and author Croushore educates about agriculture

Bill Croushore (DVM '97) has spent the past 22 years working alongside Pennsylvania farmers—and has written a weekly column for the Daily American since 2009. Those columns, along with vet wisdom, are the centerpiece of his recently published book, "The View from the Back 40."

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## Featured Video



### Feline Obesity Study

Because implementing weight-loss plans can be challenging for cats and pet owners alike, Megan Shepherd, assistant professor of clinical nutrition; Lauren Dodd, clinical nutrition resident; and study sponsor Purina set out to discover how owners' perceptions of their cats' quality of life were influenced by adding food toys to the cats' weight-loss regimen.

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## Upcoming Events

- [Annual Bob Duncan Memorial 5K](#)
- [Spring 2019 Commencement](#)
- [Continuing Education Events](#)
- [Alumni Events](#)

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