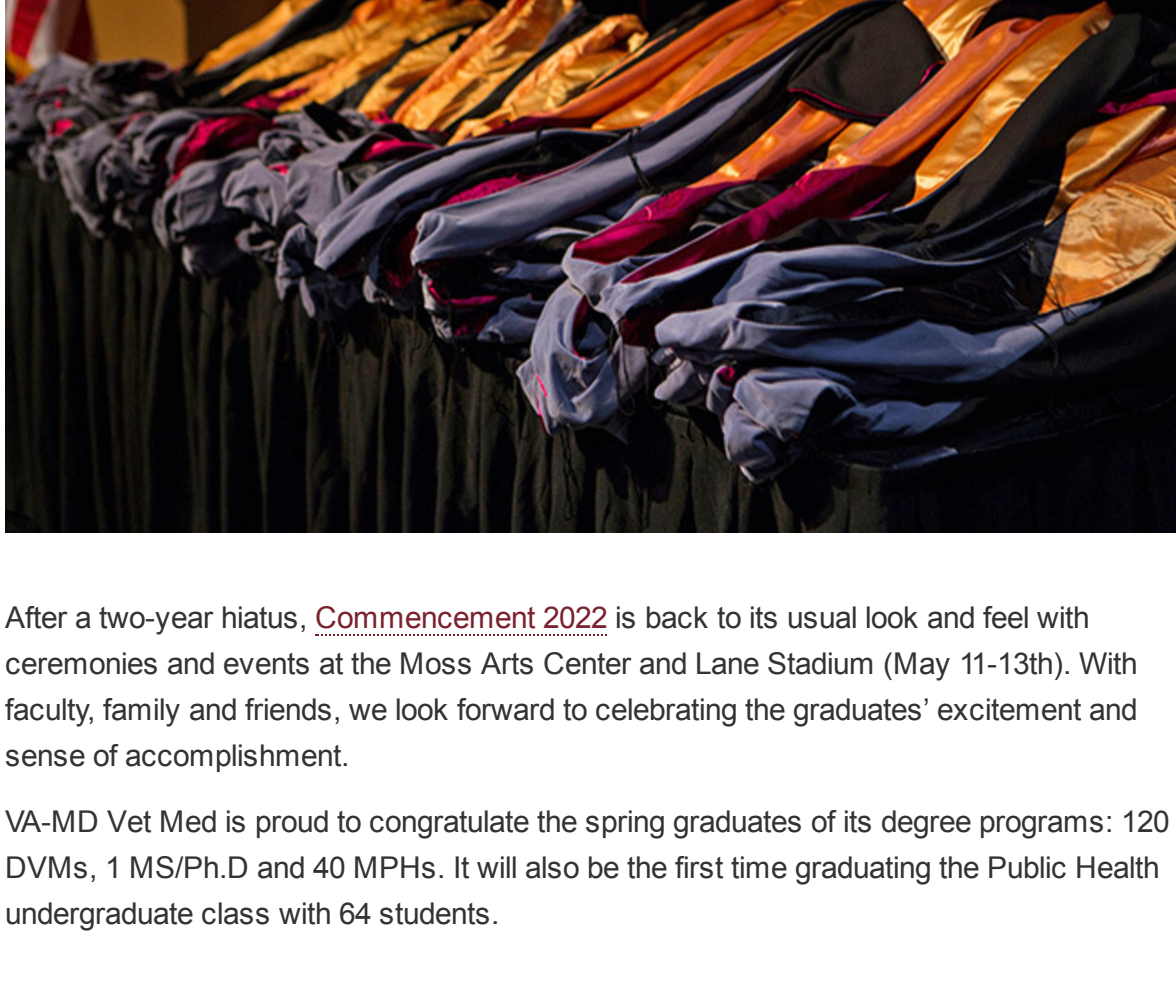


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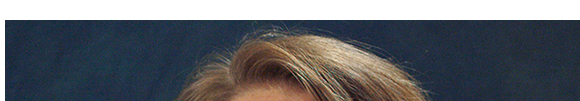
### Congratulations to our graduates!



After a two-year hiatus, [Commencement 2022](#) is back to its usual look and feel with ceremonies and events at the Moss Arts Center and Lane Stadium (May 11-13th). With faculty, family and friends, we look forward to celebrating the graduates' excitement and sense of accomplishment.

VA-MD Vet Med is proud to congratulate the spring graduates of its degree programs: 120 DVMs, 1 MS/Ph.D and 40 MPHs. It will also be the first time graduating the Public Health undergraduate class with 64 students.

### Around the College



**X.J. Meng recognized at Virginia Tech Celebrating Innovation event.**

[X.J. Meng](#) National Academy member and University Distinguished Professor at VA-MD Vet Med, was recognized as a Commercialization Champion. This category recognizes Virginia Tech faculty members who embody the spirit of innovation and have played an outstanding role in supporting technology translation through technology licensing.



**Linda Dahlgren awarded the 2021 Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence**

[Linda Dahlgren](#), professor of large animal surgery was awarded the 2021 Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence, which acknowledges researchers whose innovative studies have advanced the scientific standing of veterinary medicine. Dahlgren's research primarily focuses on regenerative medicine approaches to treating musculoskeletal injuries.



**Four President's Award for Excellence winners announced**

Connie "Lynn" Heffron, laboratory specialist senior for the Meng Lab of Molecular Virology at VA-MD Vet Med has been selected as one of the Four President's Award for Excellence winners.



**Students and faculty receive awards at Graduate School's annual ceremony**

At its annual awards reception during Graduate Education Week, the Virginia Tech Graduate School recognized master's and doctoral degree students from across Virginia Tech's campuses. Congratulations to outstanding doctoral degree student Sarah Kuchinsky, outstanding master's degree student Emily Hellstern, outstanding faculty mentor [John Rossmel](#), the Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey Taylor Mahin Professor of

Neurology and Neurosurgery.



**Cancer Research Alliance forges new collaborations, strengthens research programs at inaugural retreat**

More than 100 cancer researchers from across Virginia Tech met at the first Cancer Research Alliance retreat hosted by the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC.



**New ventilator provides breathing help for critical care veterinary patients**

Because of a multidisciplinary team from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital the Veterinary College now can provide mechanical ventilation for patients in long-term care.



**Spring Community Dog Wash**

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Dog Wash that is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit its sponsors: the college's chapter of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association and the DVM classes of 2024 and 2025. For details, view the [Facebook event](#).

### Continuing Education

**New Sport Horse Injury/Lameness Prevention & Care Online Course Coming Apr 25 – May 6 NEW!**

Travis Burns, Associate Professor of Practice in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

[Register to attend](#)

### Vet Med Alumni

[VA-MD Vet Med Alumni online→](#)



**Meet Gail Schroder, OVMA President**

Gail Schroder (DVM '01) of Greenhill Humane Society is the new OVMA president. Following are her remarks from the recent OVC business meeting.



**Harrisonburg veterinarian wins statewide professional leadership award**

Maureen Ostlund Ward (DVM '09), received the VVMA's 2022 Distinguished Virginia Veterinarian Award. The award recognizes contributions to the field in the form of community leadership and outreach.



**Alumnus joins Virginia Tech veterinary college as the associate director of student success**

Jay Kyle (BS '88, DVM '93) recently joined the college as the "Associate Director of Student Success," where he will work to increase retention, support academic success, and champion the overall student experience.



**In Memoriam  
Constance Carr Houk (DVM '86)  
1958-2022**

### Vet Med in the News

**Gregory B. Daniel, Professor of Radiology, honored with Alumni Award**

[Gregory B. Daniel](#), former interim dean of the VA-MD Vet Med has been honored as one of the 2022 winners of the Wilford S. Bailey Distinguished Alumni Award during a ceremony April 7. The award is the highest honor given to Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine alumni to recognize their professional accomplishments in veterinary medicine, outstanding contributions to their communities and the overall advancement of animal and human health.

**Heritage Breeds stamps voted overall favorite in Linn's 2021 U.S.poll**

Linn's Stamp News readers selected 10 non-denominated (55¢) commemorative forever stamps showcasing different American heritage breeds as the overall favorite United States 2021 stamp issue.

**Pet Insurance Really Worth It? Your 101 Guide**

[Katie Krebs](#), instructor, community practice, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences

**More Dogs Needed for Project to Improve Canine Lifespan**

[Audrey Ruple](#), associate professor, quantitative epidemiology, Department of Population Health Sciences

**Research Methodology Fellowship Launched (Makerere University, Uganda.)**

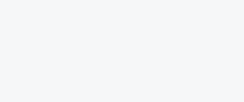
A training in Research Methods, Experimental Design and Data Analysis kicked off on the 1st of April 2022 at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio Security (CoVAB).

[Patrick Pithua](#), associate professor in epidemiology, Department of Population Health Sciences

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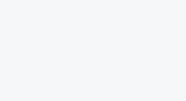
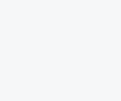
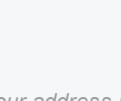
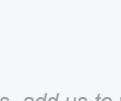
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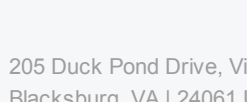
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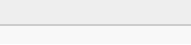
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