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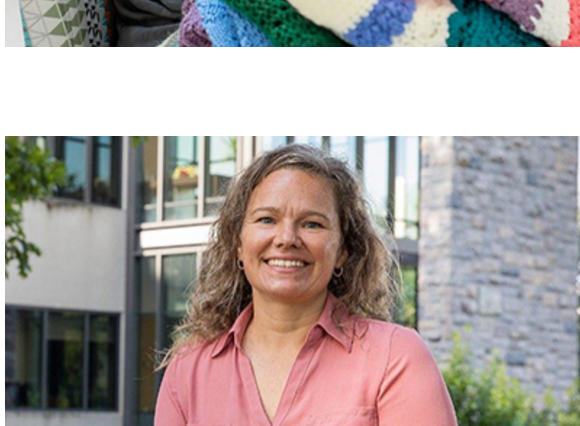
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Virologist Kyrene Kehn-Hall to direct the Center for Emerging, Zoonotic, and Arthropod-borne Pathogens

Kyrene Kehn-Hall, professor of virology from the veterinary college has been appointed director of the Center for Emerging, Zoonotic, and Arthropod-borne Pathogens (CeZAP) in the Fralin Life Sciences Institute.

Around the College



Researchers to involve expectant moms in study of how opioids, other disruptors influence a child's development

The team is recruiting 300 pregnant women to represent western Virginia in a nationwide study that will follow them through their child's first decade.



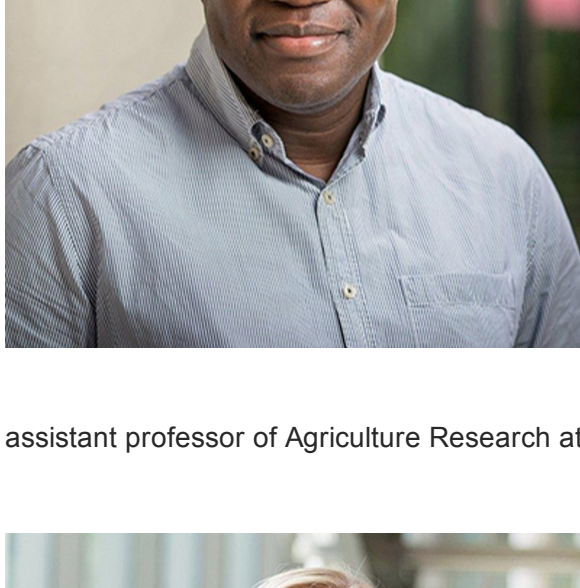
Julia M. Gohlke wins NASA grant to study health damages of extreme weather events

Julia M. Gohlke, associate professor of environmental health in the department of population sciences at the veterinary college, has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She will work alongside co-PIs Ryan Calder, assistant professor of environmental health and policy at the college; Samarth Swarup of the University of Virginia; and Benjamin Zaitchik of Johns Hopkins University.



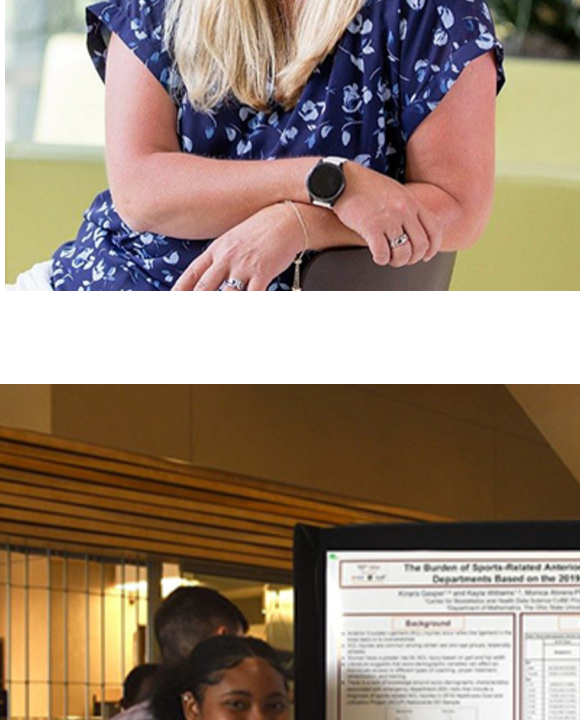
Veterinary College gains new communications skills and depth of experience with new hires

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine has made two strategic hires to enhance its capabilities as it prepares to support a new series of fundraising campaigns and increase its digital communications and marketing capability.



Researchers to examine Virginia's food system and antimicrobial resistance in sheep and goat populations, a possible surveillance blind spot

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/USDA has granted \$150,000 for a three-year study of antimicrobial resistance in small ruminant agrosystems. Patrick Pithua, associate professor of Epidemiology in the Department of Health Sciences at the veterinary college and Eunice Ndegwa, assistant professor of Agriculture Research at Virginia State University, will lead the research.



Julie Rosenberger selected for national business officer leadership program

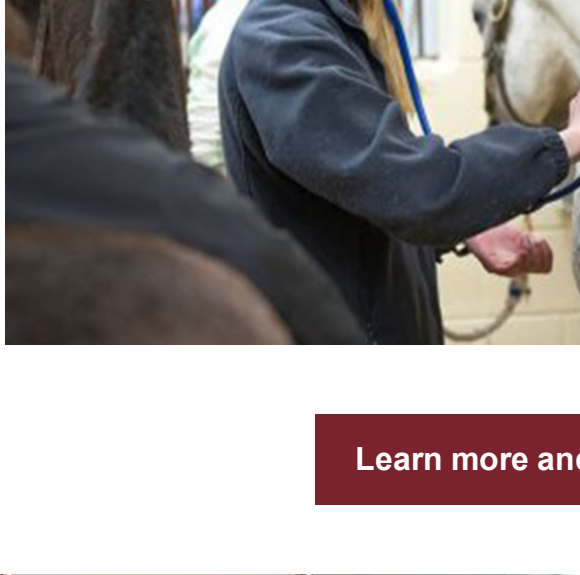
Julie Rosenberger, director of budget and finance at the veterinary college's Office of the Dean, has been selected for the Emerging Leaders Program at the National Association of College and University Business Officers.



Pilot program gives underrepresented undergraduates hands-on experience in collaborative biostatistics

An eight-week training program, the Collaborative Undergraduate Biostatistics Experience was designed to give motivated, underrepresented minority undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in a full-time collaborative data science experience.

Continuing Education



Continuing Education for Veterinary Technicians at Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center

The ninth annual continuing education day for veterinary technicians will take place on Friday, October 28.

This hybrid event will offer attendees up to six hours of continuing education credit. Registered guests are welcome to attend in person at the Equine Medical Center or remotely via a Zoom webinar link.

[Learn more and register here →](#)

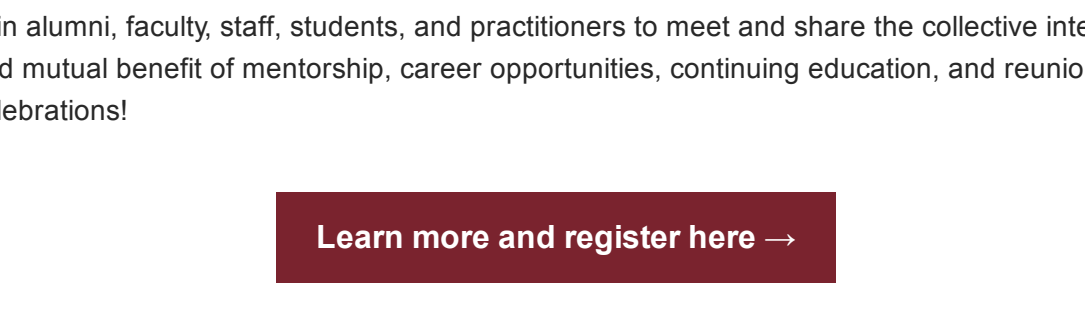


Virtual Small Animal Continuing Education Series Success

Drs. Ian Herring, Richard Shinn, Ana Figueiredo, and Camille Brassard gave engaging and informative presentations for the 2022 VMCM Small Animal Continuing Education Series. The series raised \$2,800 for wellness initiatives at the college. Recordings of these lectures will be shared on our website in October.

Vet Med Alumni

[VA-MD Vet Med Alumni online→](#)



Class reunions are next month as part of the Connect 2022 events! All alumni are welcome, with special focus on the classes of '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12, or '17. Come join in on the fun!

Join alumni, faculty, staff, students, and practitioners to meet and share the collective interest and mutual benefit of mentorship, career opportunities, continuing education, and reunion celebrations!

[Learn more and register here →](#)

Vet Med in the News

How the Pet Humanization Trend Is Creating New Brands and Business Opportunities

Andry Ruple, associate professor, Quantitative Epidemiology

Obesity toll for kids and teens in Virginia grew during COVID

Already on an upward trend with nearly 15 percent of Virginia teens having obesity in 2019, doctors, dietitians, and health experts are worried that the pandemic increased teen obesity rates.

Kathy Hosig, associate professor & director, Center for Public Health Practice and Research

Emerging tick-borne disease is killing cattle

Theileria is transmitted by the Asian longhorned tick, or ALT, which arrived in the United States in 2013 and was first found in Virginia in 2017 in Albemarle County.

John Currin, clinical associate professor, Production Management Medicine / Food Animal

Understanding laparoscopy in veterinary surgery

Laparoscopic surgery, sometimes referred to as keyhole surgery or minimally invasive surgery (MIS), involves the use of high-quality telescopes connected to a digital video camera.

Justin Ganjei, adjunct assistant professor, Small Animal Surgery

Pet Insurer Creates Platform That Can Predict Your Dog's Medical Future

Pet insurance company Fetch by The Dodo announced today that it has created a dog disease database that will enable dog owners to learn what medical conditions their pet is at risk for, and to take preventive measures.

Audry Ruple, associate professor, Quantitative Epidemiology

Traveling with a cat or dog? Here's what you need to know, according to experts

Mark D Freeman, clinical assistant professor, Community Practice

Adult Horses Get Pneumonia, Too

This inflammation of the lungs most commonly affects foals, but that doesn't mean your mature horse isn't at risk.

Harold C. McKenzie III, professor, Large Animal, Internal Medicine

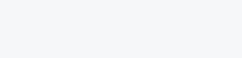
Phone Photography: Three Ways I Was Doing It Wrong

Andrew Mann, communications and marketing director, Advancement

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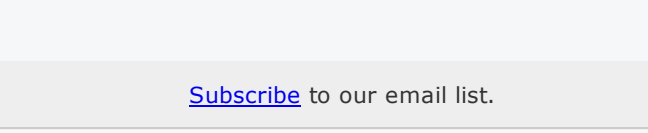
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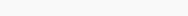
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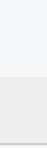
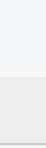
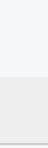
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