

CPVMA NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- MEET THE 23-24 EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS
- PRE-VET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT
- 2024 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ATTENDEES

WELCOME TO THE 1ST ISSUE OF THE CPVMA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!!

The monthly newsletter is your go-to source for all things CPVMA. Stay connected with event updates, read articles of inspiring experiences shared by pre-vet and current vet students, new opportunities for . Keep up with our news and highlights to empower your journey into veterinary medicine. All our newsletters will be available to read in our Newsletter Archives on our website. Thank you for being a part of our community.

EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES

The executive team has been hard at work planning our biggest event of the year: the 2024 CPVMA Symposium: The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine. This event promises to be an incredible experience for everyone in the pre-veterinary community. We have curated an impressive lineup of expert speakers who are eager to share their insights and ideas with you. We are actively seeking sponsors whose generous support will make more events like this possible.

In addition, we are excited to announce a pre-vet professional development event, featuring veterinary students from different provinces. They'll share their experiences with the application process and offer advice on strengthening your pre-vet journey. We are also exploring new ideas for CPVMA merchandise that you can enjoy. Finally, we are launching a CPVMA Reddit account to connect with university communities.

More details in following pages...

by your VP of Public Relations

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy Spring! As the school year wraps up for most students, we wish you all a restful break or enjoyable summer semester! The CPVMA is thrilled to release our first newsletter and thank you all for your support! We hope to make this a fun and convenient way for our Canadian pre-vet community to stay in the loop about upcoming events, opportunities, and current trends in veterinary medicine. We also hope to get to know each other better and invite members to share their stories, perspectives, and pictures of furry/scaly friends!

As pre-vets ourselves, we know how keen vet med enthusiasts are about learning anything and everything vet-med related! As you scroll through the pages, you'll find lots of cool opportunities to learn from veterinary professionals, including their journey to vet med and tips on applying. Don't miss our upcoming professional development event which deepdives on vet school applications with current DVM students! If you are planning to apply to vet school soon, our upcoming annual symposium, "The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine" will host many vet schools who will present their admission requirements and are more than happy to answer your questions! But there's more! Our awesome speakers are excited to share all the amazing things they have achieved once graduating and all the possibilities the DVM degree offers. You can explore these avenues through interactive panels, lectures, and labs covering an array of vetmed topics and network with industry experts who may be your future colleagues or employers!

As an organization whose focus is to help individuals on their educational journey to veterinary medicine, we want to tailor this newsletter to be as applicable and relevant to you, and so we would love your feedback! Please tell us what you find helpful, what aspects are lacking or that there's too much of, and anything we didn't consider that would make this newsletter better than ever! With that, we hope you enjoy this preliminary edition and find inspiration within its pages!

Sincerely yours,

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2023-2024 Co-Presidents



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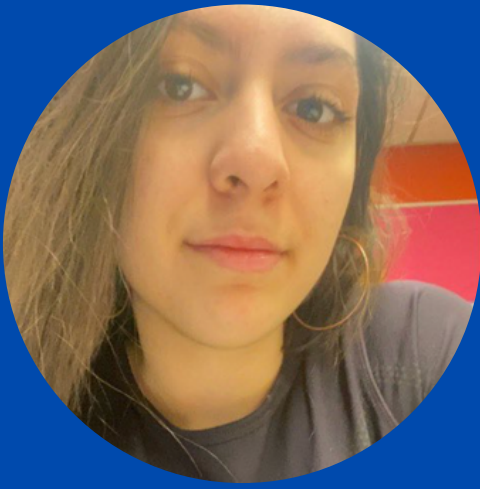
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PRE-VET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Mark your calendars! The Pre-Vet Professional Development event will be held [virtually on May 4th, 2024 11am - 1 pm ET](#). We invite all pre-vet students to join us for this insightful session.

One current DVM student from each of the five Canadian vet schools will join us to share their journey to vet school. Get your questions answered as students discuss the veterinary school application process and share inside tips on becoming a successful applicant. We hope this event will provide pre-vet students with valuable insights and strategies to navigate the application process more effectively. We look forward to seeing you there!

GET TO KNOW THE PRESENTERS

UCVM: MORGAN MCLEAN

Hello everyone! My name is Morgan McLean, and I am a second-year student at the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. I began the first two years of my degree at Red Deer College and completed my Bachelor of Science after transferring to The University of Alberta into the Animal Health program. I am interested in both emergency medicine and surgery after graduation, but I haven't closed the door on mixed animal practice yet either! I have a passion for mentorship, and I am excited to share my journey into vet school including my stats, applying in-province (and abroad) and most importantly, tips for the UCMV admissions process!



AVC: ANNIE CASSELL

Hi everyone! My name is Annie Cassell and I am headed into my third year of the DVM program at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island. I absolutely love AVC and I am excited to share a bit about my journey and application process with you all. My interests lie in Anatomical Pathology as well as Bacteriology, and I hope to complete a Master's and Residency in either field after I graduate. I very much enjoy being able to chat with Pre-Veterinary students about the program and get them excited about the wonderful world of Vet Med! See you all there!



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PRE-VET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

OVC: SAMMI LUK

Hi everyone! I'm Sammi, a Phase 1 DVM student at the Ontario Veterinary College. I am interested in wildlife and exotic medicine, and was lucky enough to gain experience in small and emergency practice before getting into vet school. I'm excited to share the nitty gritty details on my path to vet school, and look forward to speaking to you all!



WVCM: JOEL BILYK

Hey everyone, my name is Joel Bilyk, and I am currently attending the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. Originally from British Columbia, I traveled all the way across the country to complete my undergraduate degree at the University of Prince Edward Island. In my spare time I enjoy running, playing basketball and spending time with family and friends!



FMV: MARIANNE DESCARREAUX

Hi everyone! My name is Marianne and I'm a second-year veterinary student at the University of Montreal. I am also a Ph.D candidate studying ovarian follicular development in dairy cows. Aside from research, I am interested in shelter and exotic medicine. I have been working part-time in our veterinary hospital for a year, gaining experience working with exotic species and prey birds. I look forward to talking with you about my experience at UdeM, my somewhat unusual path to veterinary medicine and your questions about the program!



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2024 CPVMA SYMPOSIUM: THE CHANGING FACE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The 2024 CPVMA Symposium will take place [virtually](#) on TEAMS from [May 31st to June 2nd](#). This online event will feature a series of presentations, university talks, virtual labs, and a panel discussion centered around our main theme: The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine.

Our goal is to:

1. Foster connections among pre-veterinary students
2. Provide resources and networking opportunities to pre-veterinary students
3. Give more insight to the veterinary industry and the careers it offers in the future

Each presentation lasts around 50 minutes, allowing ample time for in-depth exploration of specific topics and ask any questions. Scheduled breaks will be provided to give you time to recharge and refresh, with a lunch break in the middle of the day. We strongly encourage you to take full advantage of the event by interacting with our speakers, sponsors, and university admission officers.

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Non-clinical veterinary career panel
- Labs: Fear-free handling in veterinary practice Communication in veterinary medicine
- Lectures: Innovations in technology in veterinary medicine, including use of AI Financial crisis in veterinary medicine and access to veterinary care
- Gender equality and diversity in the veterinary field
- New emerging areas of veterinary medicine, including aquarium fish and bees
- Underserviced areas of veterinary medicine, including remote and low-income communities
- Veterinarians working in international crises
- Mental health and well-being in veterinary practice
- One Health in veterinary medicine, including climate change and ethics



ANIMAL NEWS OF THE MONTH

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR DURING ECLIPSE

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/13/world/eclipse-zoo-animal-behavior-nasa-soundscapes-scn/index.html>

<https://www.timescolonist.com/national-news/quebec-zoo-examined-animal-behaviour-during-last-weeks-total-solar-eclipse-8598044>

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The Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

WHO ARE WE?

The CPVMA is a student led, not for profit organization that aims to connect the pre-veterinary community across Canada. Our goal is to provide resources to pre-veterinary students and give them the opportunity to network with fellow peers and professionals in the field.



OUR EVENTS

- Held online and accessible from anywhere in Canada
- Feature veterinary professionals and current veterinary students
- Prepare pre-veterinary students for success in their future!

GET INVOLVED

- Volunteers are accepted on a rolling basis... visit our website to apply today!
- Check out our executive positions- elections take place at our Annual General Meeting

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