

# CPVMA NEWSLETTER

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- PRE-VET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECAP
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### WELCOME TO THE 2ND 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 animal experience. 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 ensured a smooth run of the 2024 CPVMA Symposium: The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine, which successfully concluded after three days of insightful presentations, interactive lab workshops, and dynamic networking sessions. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all attendees, speakers, and sponsors for your invaluable participation. We hope you enjoyed the event and found it enriching and inspiring. We will soon be distributing free tote bags to all participants to show our gratitude for your support and involvement in making this symposium a success.

Last month, the events sub-committee hosted a successful pre-vet professional development workshop. The workshop featured veterinary students from all five regional vet schools in Canada, who shared their experiences and insights about their application journeys

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by your VP of Public Relations

## EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT



Hi everyone! My name is [Saneh Saini](#) and I just finished my last year at University of Toronto with a biology specialist :) In CPVMA, I am currently serving as one of the [co-presidents](#). Veterinary medicine has always meant many things to me. As a veterinarian, you not only get the ability to help out our cute furry friends, but also serve our community at the same time. As a result, much of my experience has been centered around human medicine and veterinary medicine. I got the chance to volunteer at a stable and work with ponies!! My biggest advice to anyone reading this is to not give up. You have so much potential and one rejection/failure does not define you. I am happy to say I will now be attending vet school this coming September!! This was only possible if I didn't stop believing I could do it!

Hello everyone, my name is [Surleen Sandhu](#) and I am going into my fourth year in Biological Sciences at the University of Guelph. I am the [VP of Events](#) so I have planned and executed different events throughout the year such as a games night and the professional development event. In preparation for our annual symposium, I had the pleasure to meet numerous professionals across Canada and broaden my understanding on the different ways a veterinarian can contribute to society. I had a particularly cool animal experience last summer when I got to work on a Turkey research trial with a PhD student, exploring the impact of light on Turkey reproduction! My advice for other pre-vet students is to take it one day at a time. Sometimes the road can look long and grueling, but it is important to do the best you can at this very moment. One day, those small steps will add up.

### SANEH & SURLEEN



# PRE-VET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT RECAP

On May 4th, the CPVMA hosted its first-ever Professional Development Event, bringing together five current veterinary students from across Canada to share their insights on vet school applications and interviews. We were delighted to welcome a diverse group of attendees from various provinces, all eager to learn about different vet school requirements and application processes.

The event kicked off with an inspiring presentation by Marianne Descarreaux from Université de Montréal. Marianne, who is embarking on a unique DVM-Ph.D. pathway, passionately discussed her interest in research and shelter medicine. Following Marianne, Annie Cassell captivated us with her tips and journey for overcoming the highest hurdle to gain admission into the Atlantic Veterinary College as a Newfoundlander. Then, Morgan McLean from the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine shared her experience of facing two application rejections, highlighting the importance of perseverance in the pre-vet journey. Joel Bilyk from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine continued the presentations and shared his involvement in the varsity team during undergraduate studies, inspiring attendees to pursue their passions, much like he did for basketball. The event concluded on a high note with Sammi Luk from the Ontario Veterinary College, who shared her extensive veterinary-related and extracurricular experience while reminding pre-vet students to prioritize mental health and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

## TIPS FOR ASPIRING VETERINARY STUDENTS

- Grades matter, but so does who you are beyond the classroom. Engage in extracurricular activities to showcase your personality and passion!
- Equally vital is prioritizing your mental health and practicing self-care.
- Resilience is key. Rejection may be part of your journey; don't be discouraged by setbacks.
- Seek out diverse veterinary and animal-related experiences to broaden your horizons and deepen your understanding.
- There is no one-size-fits-all path to gain admission to vet school. Embrace your unique journey with passion and determination.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our speakers for their enlightening contributions and to our attendees for their enthusiastic participation. Thank you all for joining us and making this event a success!

# 2024 CPVMA SYMPOSIUM: THE CHANGING FACE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The 2024 CPVMA Symposium was an engaging and informative virtual event that successfully achieved its goals of fostering connections among pre-veterinary students, providing valuable resources and networking opportunities, and offering insights into the veterinary industry and its future innovations.

This year's symposium was hosted using Teams for the first time, a platform that facilitated smooth and efficient delivery of presentations and interactions among participants. All recordings of vet school presentations will remain accessible to attendees in the "Veterinary School Admission Presentation" channel attachments.

We are pleased to have had a total of 18 sponsors, 23 speakers, and 96 attendees from across Canada, thank you all for participating and we look forward seeing you in our future events!

## **Exciting Instagram Takeover!**

We are thrilled to announce a special Platinum Sponsor Instagram Takeover by Ross University, St. Matthew's University, and Trupanion Pet Insurance. The takeovers will provide you with unique insights into their programs and services. Stay tuned for more details.

## **Free Tote Bag!**

We will also be sending out free tote bags to all participants interested in receiving this unique CPVMA merch. The design of the tote bag is being finalized, so please keep an eye on your emails and our social media channels for updates.

## **Feedback Survey!**

Attendees, your feedback is important to us as we strive to improve our events and better serve the veterinary community. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the QR code below.





## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POISED TO TRANSFORM VETERINARY CARE

This is an interesting article discussing the significant potential of artificial intelligence (AI) to revolutionize veterinary care. AI technologies, such as machine learning algorithms and data analytics, are increasingly being integrated into veterinary practices to improve diagnostic accuracy, treatment planning, and patient outcomes.



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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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