

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

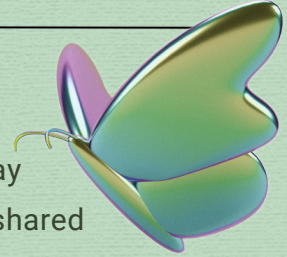
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Save the Date: 2025 Symposium – May 2nd to May 4th!

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!



Highlights of this issue:

- 2025 Symposium Tickets are LIVE
- Speakers of Symposium - Part 1
- Executive Spotlight - Hanna
- Merchandise Store Opening in April
- Article of the month

Executive Team Updates



Registration for the CPVMA 2025 Symposium: Sustainability in Vet Med is now live on the vFairs platform. Building on last year's success, this new platform will enhance accessibility, networking, and engagement for attendees. Our social media team is actively announcing the incredible speakers joining us, and we are in the final stages of securing sponsors and finalizing the event schedule. Beyond the symposium, our Merchandise Team is launching CPVMA designs, available on our Shopify store in April and May. We are also collaborating with university pre-vet clubs across Canada to organize therapy dog sessions, offering attendees a relaxing and interactive experience with wonderful canine companions. Stay tuned for updates—we look forward to seeing you at our events!

by your senior VP of Public Relations

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Join us for the fourth CPVMA Pre-Veterinary Symposium, a hybrid event that will bring together leading experts and students from the field of veterinary medicine. Come learn about sustainability practices that will help this vital industry keep thriving now and for future generations. This is a unique opportunity to network, learn, and gain valuable insights from industry leaders. The symposium will take place on May 2-4, 2025. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this groundbreaking event. Register now to secure your spot and be a part of shaping the future of veterinary medicine!

🔗 Register now: <https://cpvmasyposium.vfairs.ca/en/#about>
Or visit the 2025 Symposium tab at our website cpvma.ca



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Early-Bird	Purchase before April 9th** <small>DEADLINE EXTENDED</small>	\$7
Regular	Purchase before May 2nd	\$10



Meet Our Speakers

We're excited to introduce some of the wonderful speakers who will be joining us at this year's Symposium! To learn more about each speaker and their respective topics, please visit our social media channels or the registration link. This is just Part 1—stay tuned for next month's issue, where we will introduce the remaining members of our exceptional lineup!



Dr. Crystal Lee
Opening Speaker



Dr. Stephanie Schiavone
Topic: Environmental Sustainability



Dr. Diccon Westworth
Topic: Environmental Sustainability



Dr. Emma Borkowski
Pathology Lab

Meet Our Speakers



Tracey Lawrence

Topic: Public Understanding



Antonia Laoutaris

Topic: Public Understanding



Dr. Christian Catalano

Topic: Public Understanding



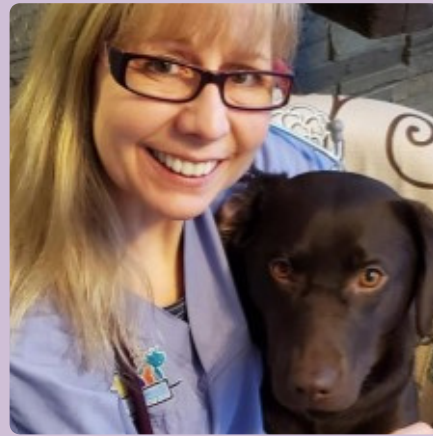
Melanie Savage

Topic: Mental Health

Meet Our Speakers



Dr. Stef Lim
Topic: Mental Health



Dr. Colleen Fisher
Topic: Financial Sustainability



Dr. Susan Kilborn
Topic: Financial Sustainability



Dr. Sue Burlatschenko
Topic: Managing a Vet Practice

Executive Spotlight

Meet Hanna

Hello pre-vet students!

My name is Hanna, and I am the senior Vice President of Fundraising at CPVMA. I'm currently in my final semester at the University of Ottawa, studying Biology with a specialization in Animal Physiology. In my role, I help raise funds to support CPVMA events and initiatives.

I currently work at a small animal general practice clinic in Ottawa and volunteer with Community Veterinary Outreach, where I have learned how deeply animal health and human health intersect. I'm incredibly passionate about animal welfare and hope to specialize in shelter medicine in the futures.

My love for animals started young—I grew up in a rural community where I participated in 4-H, showing beef cattle and competing in equestrian events. I spent the summer after my second year working at an animal shelter, and I currently serve as the Veterinary Coordinator for Ottawa Dog Rescue. I love learning! I completed my honours thesis researching on *Manduca sexta* moths, studying thermal plasticity and mitochondrial metabolism.

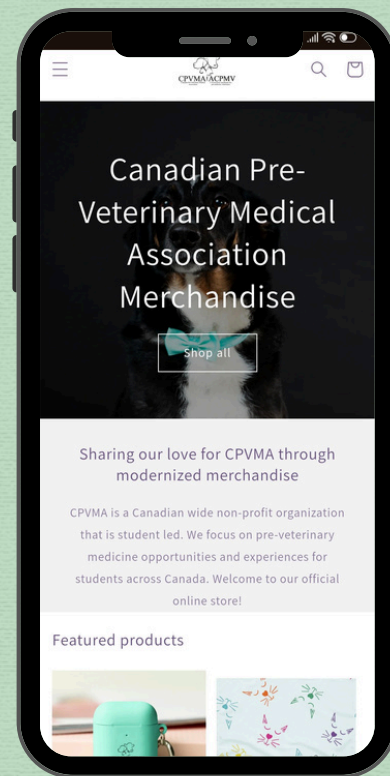
This application cycle, I applied for both the Ontario Veterinary College and Rowan University School of Veterinary Medicine in New Jersey—and I am thrilled to share that I have just received my acceptance to Rowan's inaugural class!



Advice for pre-vet students?

Be yourself, and don't doubt yourself. Everyone's path looks different, and that's okay. Trust your journey, lean into your passions, and surround yourself with people who uplift you. Most importantly, take care of yourself and remember to celebrate how far you have come!

SHOP THE OFFICIAL CPVMA MERCHANDISE STORE - OPEN EXCLUSIVELY FOR APRIL AND MAY!



🌟 **Stickers**—Brighten up your notebooks, laptops, and more with a splash of CPVMA spirit!

🐾 **Pet Bandanas**—Adorable and stylish accessory for your furry friends

🧢 **Hats for Every Style**—From baseball caps to beanies, keep it cool (and cozy) with CPVMA-branded headwear

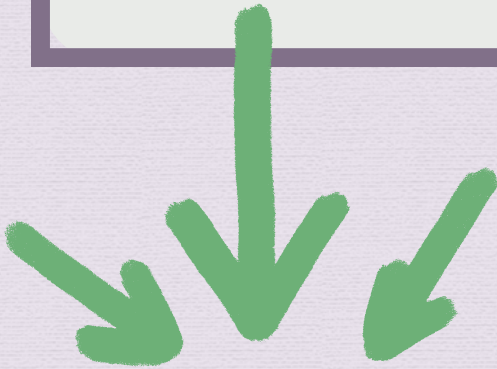
👕 **Comfy Clothes**—Study in ultimate comfort with our soft tees, hoodies, and sweatpants

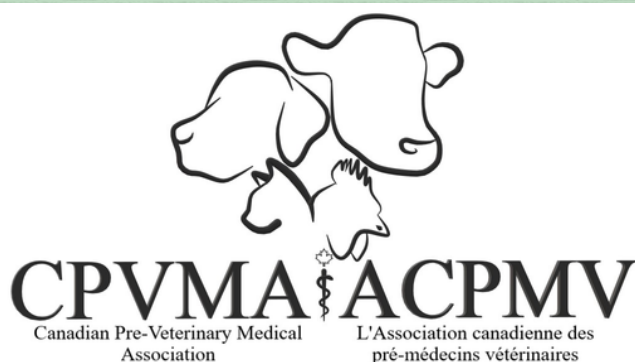
SHOP NOW

Please support us as we are a non-profit organization, and every purchase helps us continue our mission to serve the pre-vet community. Shop now and show the world you're part of the CPVMA community!

Article of the Month

This March, the Vancouver Aquarium marked a special milestone, the "rescueversary" of Kunik, a playful female sea otter who has captured hearts since her rescue in 2016. After being found stranded in Homer, Alaska, and deemed non-releasable, Kunik was rehabilitated and eventually found a permanent home at the Vancouver Aquarium. Known for her love of ice and her playful nature, Kunik continues to bring joy to visitors and staff alike. Her story is a heartwarming reminder of the incredible work being done to protect and care for marine animals in need.





The Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

WHO ARE WE?

The CPVMA is a student-led, non-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!

SPONSORS NEEDED!!

CPVMA would not be possible without our generous sponsors. If you or your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor for the year 2024-2025 or have any questions please email us at cpvma.acpmv@gmail.com!

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