

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians

President's Letter

On June 6, 2012, the NCAVT set up a booth at the North Carolina Legislative Building in the 1000 section for the day. This gave an opportunity to educate the visiting public about the field of Veterinary Medical Technology. I also walked around to visit various House & Senate members. I discussed the practice act, the upcoming open position for a Veterinary Technician on the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board, and the need for more vet techs in NC. I was able to explain what a veterinary technician does, the various job opportunities in the field, and the important role they play in the veterinary team.

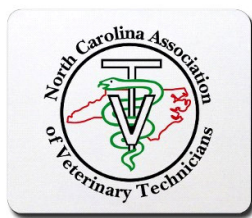
~Amanda Dillard, RVT

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Changes on the horizon for Central Carolina Community College

CCCC has served thousands of students over the years and has established itself in reputation among the other veterinary technology programs. Currently, CCCC accepts 64 students each Fall semester. Last year, 2 "alternates" were invited to attend classes, with the stipulation that if a seat opened up within the first week, they would be officially enrolled into the program and allowed to continue. Last year's alternate students did indeed receive a permanent seat, and are currently working their way through the program. Due to the success of this trial, the school proposed to the CCCC Advisory Board Committee that this "alternate" protocol be adopted as a permanent change. It was passed by the board unanimously. The VMT faculty are very excited about this new opportunity, as it may afford the college a way of increasing the number of graduating students each year.

During the last CVTEA site visit (January 2009), the Association made a major recommendation for CCCC to begin plans for a new building for their Clinical Practices Laboratory. This recommendation was made in support of the goal of the CCCC VMT program to increase fall-to-fall retention rates, as well as graduation rates. The Department Chair, Dr. Kim Browning has been meeting with college officials to work out details for this plan. At the last Advisory Board Committee Meeting, Dr. Browning presented several of the ideas for possible locations and layouts for the new facility. The Advisory Board Committee was in full support of this recommendation as well. Stay tuned for more, exciting details in the future!

Central Carolina Community College re-instates SCNAVTA chapter

The Vet Med students at CCCC have re-instated the Student Chapter of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. The chapter has participated in several fundraising activities including selling home made dog treats and bandanas, bake sales, and a "Night Out at Chili's". They will use the funds raised, along with support from the college, to present an Essay Contest in the fall, host activities for National Vet Tech Week, and send the clubs president to the NCAVT Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. More fundraisers are on the way and these students are always looking for a way to serve the community and promote their profession.

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Membership Update

The NCAVT membership has reached a milestone. We have exceeded over 200 members! This may not seem like a huge number compared to other states but this is a great achievement for the association, since I have taken over the secretary duties in March of 2009. When I originally took over the books membership stood at 77 members since then we have slowly increased our numbers to consist of 18% of the Registered Veterinary Technicians in the state of North Carolina with a few members living in other states. Memberships allow us as an association to exist, offer the scholarships for VMT students, donate to deserving rescues, offer continuing education, lobby the NC legislation in hopes in updating the practice act and educating the public.

Thank you and we hope that you will continue to support the association.

CCCC VMT Graduation

On May 11th, 2012, the students, their families and instructors from CCCC celebrated the 2012 graduating class. Prior to graduation, everyone met in the school gym. First year students decorated and provided food. One of the Instructors, Jonathan Loftis provided a picture slide show for the students of their time in the program. New director, Dr. Browning presented Certificates of Achievements to the students that maintained a high GPA throughout the program. Recipients included: Christine Lavelle, Jeanne Southall, Catherine Krizan, Jennifer DeMarco, Amie Howie, Kristen Seawell, Phoebe Hazzan, Leah Hamilton, Sarah Elder, Mary Sikes, Lucy Sumners, Jennifer Begany, Audra Bullock, Amanda Dickens, Krystina Pierce, Kendra Marley, Lydia Speight, and Anna McKellar. Christine Lavelle received the Award for the highest GPA. Krystina Pierce's name was drawn from a large group of students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the second award. Both students were given a gift of \$100 from NCAVT. The entire class received copies of the Veterinary Technician's Oath from NCAVT and free membership to NCAVT for 1 year. Congratulations to the entire 2012 Veterinary Medical Technology class:



Row 1 (left to right)

Tricia Taylor - Cary
Amie Howie - Carthage
Amanda Dickens - Moncure
Braelyn Headley - Apex
Jordan Lesh - Wilmington
Kendra Marley - Asheboro
Krystina Pierce - Sanford

Row 2 (left to right)

Alyson Boswell - Wilson
Jeanne Southall - Denton
Katelynn Lucas - Linden
Kristen Seawell - Angier
Lucy Sumners - Cary
Leah Hamilton - Erwin
Angela Dickerson - Cameron
Anna McKellar - Cameron
Jennifer DeMarco - Zebulon
Lynsey Olson - Raleigh
Audra Bullock - Fuquay-
Varina

Row 3 (left to right)

Henry (horse)
Cherrokietaylor - Moncure
Lydia Speight - Asheboro
Jennifer Begany - Erwin
Tiffany Beck - Cameron
Lilly Catlette - Raleigh
Amanda Robinson - Knightdale
Catherine Krizan - Greensboro
Mary Sikes - Seagrove
Amanda Bush - Raleigh
Ashley Basnight - Chapel Hill
Christine Lavelle - Cary
Sarah Elder - Cary
Tuesday Tucker - Robbins
Cocoa Pebbles (cow)
Phoebe Hazzan - Raleigh



Gaston VMT Graduation

On May 9th, 2012 the students, their families and instructors from Gaston College celebrated the 2012 graduating class. Everyone met at City Café in Mt. Holly, NC at 6:00pm. Students thanked their instructors and family for their support. One of the graduates, Amanda Ryan performed a short comical stand up routine about the ups & downs of being a vet tech student and their instructors. She brought the house down with laughter! Another student, Jeni Ferguson read a beautiful poem that she dedicated to all the animals that the students were able to practice with during the program to say thank-you. It was titled "Today I saved a human". She also dedicated a stained glass window that she made with the veterinary caduceus on it to the school. Julie Schoenheit received the award for the Highest GPA. She maintained a 4.0 throughout the entire program. Courtney Tignor received the Clinical Excellence Award. She was nominated by the instructors for her outstanding clinical skills demonstrated in the labs. Both students were given a gift of \$100 from NCAVT. The entire class received copies of the Veterinary Technician's Oath from NCAVT and free membership to NCAVT for 1 year. The pinning ceremony was a wonderful event full of laughter, tears, & joy. Congratulations to the entire 2012 Veterinary Medical Technology class:

Stacey Craig	Ryan Crisp
Anna Deason	Jennifer Foutty
Alice Hately	Jana Hughes
Lauren Jenkins	Megan Martin
Megan Micco	Naomi Moscheo
Adrienne Mullis	Alecia Myers
Allison Purpura	Amanda Ryan
Melanie Sanders	Tenille Schmidt
Julia Schoenheit	Angela Severs
Judi Speed	Jennifer Szatkowski
April Taylor	Traci Terry
Courtney Tignor	Brittany Tyler
Kaylin Walkowiak	Neal Wyant



Congratulations to NCAVT member Heather Sidari

Heather Sidari is the recipient of the "Outstanding Small Animal Technician" award from the NCSU fourth year veterinary students. This award is given once a year from the graduating class to the technician they felt stood out for their teaching and technical skills as well as a positive role player in their fourth year rotation in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Heather is a 2006 graduate from CCCC and has worked at the Veterinary Health complex as an Anesthesia Technician for the past 2 years. She served on the NCAVT board from 2010-2011 and is currently working on her VTS in anesthesia. If you or a member you know has been recognized by their peers' or the community, we would love to know. Feel free to e-mail us at info@ncavt.org



NCAVT Income Statement

1/1/12 - 6/16/12

Income

Conference Registration	\$5,390.00
Membership Dues	\$3,885.00
Sales	\$270.00

Expenses

Administrative	\$40.00
Bank Fees	\$6.00
Conference	\$3,088.20
Donations from NCAVT	\$833.16
Mailing Fees	\$390.36
Office Supplies	\$467.73
Paypal	\$260.41
Phone	\$265.79
Storage Building	\$636.00
Website	\$107.40

Checking Account Total \$11,790.03

Meet the Member and Join us in Congratulations...

The Board of Directors has some exciting news to share. We all knew that Mrs. Robinson had retired recently from CCCC. We celebrated her dedication to the field of veterinary technology at our Spring Conference this year. This summer, she will complete her appointment as the first veterinary technician to serve on the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Again, we are grateful to all the hard work that Mrs. Robinson did for our field of work. We are also pleased to announce that our own Jonathan Loftis (current President Elect for NCAVT) has been appointed by the NC Speaker of the House, Mr. Tom Tillis to represent the voice of veterinary technicians on the NC Veterinary Medical Board.

Jonathan has been working in the field of veterinary medicine for 24 years. Jonathan received his Associates in Applied Science in Veterinary Medical Technology from Central Carolina Community College in 2001. Jonathan received his Bachelors in Applied Science in Veterinary Medical Technology from St. Petersburg College in 2010. Jonathan is currently completing his Masters Degree in Agriculture Management. He worked for 2 years at the North Carolina State University Large Animal Hospital. Currently Jonathan is the Animal Facilities Manager and an instructor for the Veterinary Medical Technology Program at Central Carolina Community College. Jonathan has served on the Executive Board of the North Carolina Association Veterinary Technicians for the past 5 years.

Jonathan is dependable, extremely organized, hardworking, self motivated, energetic, and a great leader. Jonathan has an unsurpassed passion for the field of veterinary technology. His life has been dedicated to advancing the field professionally. We have no doubt that Jonathan will make a tremendous impact on the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. We are positive that he will make outstanding contributions to the Board. He will be a fantastic asset to the Registered Veterinary Technicians in North Carolina and we are extremely proud to have him represent us.

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Fall Conference in Asheville

NCAVT is announcing the 2nd annual Fall Conference in Asheville, NC on October 20, 2012! AB Technical College will be hosting the conference and we will have 6 great speakers for technicians to earn 6 CE credit hours. We will have great topics this year ranging from Malignant Hyperthermia and Clinical Research in the Veterinary Practice to Acute Pain Management in Cats. Come out and enjoy the beautiful mountains in the fall while learning and fellowshiping with others!



REGISTRATION FORM

NCAVT Fall Conference; Saturday October 20th, 2012
Asheville-Buncombe Technical College
340 Victoria Road
Asheville, NC 28801

Name _____
 RVT _____ VTS _____ Vet Assistant _____ Other Staff _____ Student _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Employer _____
 Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Please check one:

____ \$50.00 NCAVT member Fall Conference fee only
 (Applicable **only** if membership dues were already paid for 2012)
 ____ \$80.00* Non-member Fall Conference fee
 ____ \$35.00* Student member fee (Applicable **only** if membership dues were already paid for 2012)
 ____ \$45.00* Student non-member fee
***\$10.00 will be added for on-site registration**

Please remit this form along with check or money order by October 1, 2012 to:
NCAVT Fall Conference
P.O. Box 815
Elon, NC 27244

In order to insure your registration discount and lunch choice, registration must be received no later than October 1, 2012.

No over the phone registrations will be accepted. All registration fees are non-refundable. If you have any questions please call 888-709-2789 or e-mail us at info@ncavt.com.

We will be serving box lunches this year from Jason's Deli. Please check just one choice below:**

☐ Ham ☐ Roasted Turkey ☐ Vegetarian

** We will be charging an additional \$10.00 fee for any non registered guest to cover the cost of meals. Please include this fee in your payment along with the names of your guest(s).

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The North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians is a non-profit organization designed to support the veterinary technician profession. It began as a small group of dedicated veterinary medical technicians in the Wake County area in the early 1980s. The number of members grew to 62 in 1987 and became the North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians. In 1992-93, officers of the NCAVT were instrumental in helping Bill 747 pass in the NC General Assembly. The bill essentially kept the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act from becoming open to individuals who had not graduated from an AVMA accredited program of veterinary medical technology and successfully completed the National Veterinary Technician Exam and State Boards.

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AVMA Accredited Programs

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919-775-5401
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Director: Dr. Kim Browning, DVM

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www.gaston.edu
Director: Dr. Kristine Blankenship, DVM