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LSU SVM ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

The LSU SVM is now on Facebook and Twitter. On <http://www.facebook.com/>, search for "LSU School of Veterinary Medicine" and become a fan. Gretchen Morgan, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs, is the administrator for the Facebook page, and Ginger Guttner, Public Relations Coordinator, is providing the "tweets" for the Twitter page. For Twitter, go to <http://twitter.com/LSUVetMed> and click "Follow." If you have anything you'd like to share with Facebook fans or Twitter followers, please send it to Ginger at gguttner@vetmed.lsu.edu or Gretchen at gmorgan@lsu.edu.

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LSU SVM HOSTS PHI ZETA RESEARCH EMPHASIS DAY



On September 23, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine held its annual Phi Zeta Research Emphasis Day--a day established to promote research in schools of veterinary medicine, to recognize research conducted by veterinary students, residents, graduate students and faculty, and to encourage veterinary students to pursue careers in research. Phi Zeta is the national veterinary honor society, which recognizes and furthers

scholarship and research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals. The importance of this day to the SVM is underlined by the fact that the Veterinary Teaching Hospital is closed except for emergencies to allow all students and house officers to participate.

Phi Zeta Day provides an opportunity for national experts to speak to students on current research in various fields and to present a picture of global veterinary research. This year's speakers were Susan Eades, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, Professor of Veterinary Medicine, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine; and Andrew Lackner, DVM, PhD, DACVP, Director, Tulane National Primate Research Center. Dr. Eades discussed "Equine Laminitis Research: Battle Against a Clinical Nemesis," and Dr. Lackner spoke on "AIDS Pathogenesis: Insights from Nonhuman Primate Models." **For a list of award winners, please go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Phi_Zeta_Research.**

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LSU SVM HOSTS DERMATOLOGY WORKSHOP

Dermatology: The Epidermis and Beyond is the theme of the workshop hosted by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine on Sunday, October 18. LSU faculty and Louisiana veterinarians will make presentations on topics such as weird fungi in the skin, skin biopsies, diagnostic imaging, staphylococcal skin infections, dermatologic peculiarities of exotic animal species, flea control, and more. The registration fee is \$150 if postmarked on or before September 15 (\$175 if postmarked after September 15). Fee

includes seminar materials, break refreshments, and a catered lunch. Eight hours of continuing education credit or 0.8 CEU credits (one hour equals 0.1 CE unit) will be earned for this course.

To download a copy of the workshop brochure, go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing_education.htm.

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LSU SVM HOSTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On November 7, the LSU SVM will host the 78th Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. We are excited about our upcoming 78th Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians and the Alumni Weekend. This year's conference will once again focus on companion animal practice and features experts on internal medicine, soft tissue surgery, and dentistry, as well as members of our own faculty discussing a variety of topics, including

liver disease, dermatology, reproduction, ophthalmology, neurology, oncology, exotics, anesthesia, and practice management. There is also a session for veterinary technicians, who are a significant part of the veterinary community.

In addition to the eight hours of continuing education credit you can earn, there are several other activities available. On Friday, November 6, the LSU SVM will host Pharmacy Day, and conference attendees are invited to meet with exhibitors. The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented at the reception on Saturday, November 7 after the conference. Exhibitors will be on hand to meet with you on Saturday throughout the day as well. I also hope to see you at the golf tournament at Pelican Point Golf & Country Club on Sunday, November 8. This tournament will raise funds for the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. **To download a brochure, please go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/continuing_education.htm.**

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Congratulations! LSU SVM SALUTES FACULTY

The LSU SVM would like to acknowledge its faculty for their accomplishments. Some faculty members have been granted tenure, others became board certified in their clinical specialties, others have received grants or grant renewals for their biomedical research, and another has received an award. **For a list of faculty with their respective accomplishments, please go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/faculty_recognition.htm.**

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LSU SVM STAFF UPDATE

Gretchen Morgan as of August 1 has assumed the responsibilities as Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs. She will continue to assist with SVM Open House but will find her primary duties in developing and implementing the Advance Veterinary Medicine Fund (annual fund) and working closely with our alumni to engage and support them. Gretchen's tenure with SVM, working first in our Equine

Health Studies program and now with the Advancement team, will greatly benefit the growth and sustainability of our Annual Giving program. Her continued work with our alumni will advance our relationship with our graduates who continue to respond to her creative outreach and support. Please welcome Gretchen into this new leadership role!

Judith Roberson, previously the Associate Director of Student Aid and Scholarships at LSU, will join our team as Major Gifts Officer, Associate Director of Development. Judith has six years working with LSU and the student scholarship program and an additional eight years with Nellie Mae a financial institution providing federal and alternative loan programs to post-secondary institutions. Judith will bring a strong understanding of LSU policies and procedures, a passion for engaging our community for the benefit of students, faculty and clients and a love of LSU!

Pictured above are Judith Roberson (left) and Gretchen Morgan.

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MIRACLES HAPPEN AT LSU'S VETERINARY CLINIC THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

Healing power is a wonderful and amazing thing. It comes from science, technology, and maybe even divine intervention. But we believe it also comes from you and other caring supporters of LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine. With your help, our clinic's faculty, staff, students, and facilities are making a miraculous difference in the lives of large and small animals – both domestic

and wild – every day. From family pets with heart or kidney problems to injured show horses and magnificent birds that are unable to fly, we're here to help.

To make an online gift to support student scholarships, please go to <https://www.lsufoundation.org/contribute.php>, select the School of Veterinary Medicine as the beneficiary unit, and select, "Unleash Your Power to Heal" as the fund. Please call Judyth Wier, executive director for institutional advancement at **225-578-9870** for more information about giving opportunities.



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ALUMNI NEWS AND EVENTS

Gretchen Morgan, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs, and Judith Roberson, Major Gifts Officer, recently spent two days visiting alumni in Houston. They would like to extend their thanks to all who so graciously took time out of their busy day to visit with them. What great alumni we have!

On November 7, the **Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004** will celebrate their milestone reunions (thirty, twenty-five, twenty, fifteen, ten and five years, respectively). These reunions will take place following the Annual Conference, which will be held on the same day. A reception for all alumni and conference attendees will take place at 5:15 p.m. at the SVM, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented. Reunions for the Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

For information on alumni events, contact Gretchen Morgan at gmorgan@lsu.edu or 225-578-9565 or go to http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm_alumni_&_donors.htm and click on Alumni Activities. LSU SVM alumni are encouraged to visit http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/alumni_resources to provide the school with their most up-to-date contact information.

Members of the Class of 2007 visit during the LSU SVM Alumni & Friends Reception at the AVMA Conference in Seattle, Wash.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

October 10	Florida vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
October 18	Dermatology Workshop
October 24	Auburn v. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
October 28	Grand Rounds: Shelter Medicine presented by Dr. Wendy Wolfson, Instructor of Veterinary Surgery
October 31	Tulane vs. LSU Football, Baton Rouge, La.
November 6	Pharmacy Day
November 6	Fall Family Picnic
November 7	SVM Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians
November 7	SVM Alumni Reunions
November 7	LSU Football vs. Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu.

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CLASSIFIED ADS FROM LSU SVM ALUMNI



FOR SALE: SUITABLE AS START-UP, SATELLITE OR EMERGENCY PRACTICE

2400 sq. ft. modular building used as a 3 DVM small animal veterinary hospital for past 3 years, grossing over \$1.5 million/year. Available Nov./Dec. 2009. Buyer is responsible for moving from present location. Large Waiting/Reception area, Dispensary, Retail Food area. Two examination rooms, Treatment/Lab area, Surgery room, Kennel, Radiology room, Laundry/Food Prep area, 2 bathrooms, 2 private offices, Reception desk, Cabinets/countertops & automatic X-ray processor included. Wired for CAT5 computer networking (14 workstations), and wired for phone system, security system & digital radiology. For photos, go to www.lakeviewvet.com or visit in person at 6243 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA. \$79,900. **Contact Dr. Joe Morris 985-892-1931 or Dr. Gary Levy (LSU 1982) 504-482-2173.**

Locally owned Banfield hospital in Lafayette, La. searching for a fulltime associate. Relaxed environment practicing high quality small animal medicine and surgery. **Please call Dr. Scott Tate (LSU 1994) at 337-984-1668 or e-mail om0638@banfield.net.**

Are you looking for career options? The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Cactus, Mount Pleasant, and San Angelo, Texas. Our Public Health Veterinarians work in Meat and Poultry establishments and are vital to the safety of the American Food Supply. We offer a competitive salary - a new veterinarian will make at least \$54,494.00 (GS-11) to start. Some salaries will be higher, depending on the location and qualifications of the person selected. Many of our Public Health Veterinarian positions advance to the next grade after one year of satisfactory performance and conduct. The starting salary for the next grade (GS-12) is \$65,315.00. We offer a recruitment bonus of 25% of starting salary with a one year service agreement, as well as a paid move. We offer paid sick and vacation leave, health, life, and dental insurance, and an attractive retirement plan. In addition, any work performed over 40 hours per week is compensated, and training is provided. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested or would like more information!

Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Beasley-McKean (LSU 1993).

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