



Welcome to the **December 2008** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the dedication of [Connections](#), LSU's [reaccreditation](#), the 22nd International Exhibition on [Animals in Art](#), an SVM student who is finalist for [business award](#), [alumni events](#), [supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



LSU SVM DEDICATES SCULPTURE TO THOSE WHO COME TO THE AID OF ANIMALS

On November 6, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine dedicated *Connections*, a bronze statue to honor the people who support animals in need, which is epitomized by the rescue, shelter, and reunification of animals in the aftermath of hurricanes. This one-of-a-kind artwork, designed by Kentucky sculptor Meg White, is a central part of the Milton J. Womack Serenity Garden. Donated by the Womack family and dedicated in memory of the late Milton J. Womack, Sr., the Serenity Garden is

located near the Small Animal Clinic entrance of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Landscaped by LSU landscape architecture graduate students, it provides a peaceful spot for reflection. The Serenity Garden can also serve to honor special people and pets through the placement of an engraved pavement brick. *Photo courtesy of Harry Cowgill, LSU SVM.*

For more information on *Connections* and the dedication ceremony, click [here](#).

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LSU AGAIN RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION

Following a triennial site visit in July 2008, Louisiana State University has once again been granted "full accreditation" status from the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC, Int.). Full accreditation indicates that LSU's research and teaching animal care program meets or exceeds federal standards for humane animal care and program excellence.

LSU first received accreditation in 1980, and was revisited in 1983, 1986, 1989, 1992, 1995, 1999, 2002, and 2005. Each time "full accreditation" was continued. Accreditation

is granted for a three year period. LSU's research and teaching animal care program is administered through the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

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LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL CALLING FOR ENTRIES FOR ANIMALS IN ART EXHIBITION

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will hold the 22nd International Exhibition on Animals in Art beginning with an opening reception on March 28, 2009, and concluding on April 26, 2009. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 9, 2009. **For more information and to download a Call for Entries brochure, click [here](#).**

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VETERINARY STUDENT IS FINALIST FOR NATIONAL BUSINESS AWARD

Marc Bordelon (Class of 2009) was a finalist for the Simmons Educational Fund National Business Aptitude Award and will receive \$1,000 from Simmons & Associates. The winner this year is Nina Kieves from the University of Minnesota. "Simmons & Associates received numerous entries from all over the United States, and it was very tough just to choose one winner," said David King, DVM, Simmons & Associates South Central. "However, Marc Bordelon's entry impressed the SEF board so much that we elected to send him a \$1,000 check for the effort. LSU should be very proud. You have competed among the nation's finest and have done very well. LSU had the national winner with Brad Singletary two years ago, last year Leslie Andermann was a finalist and received \$1,000, and now Marc has done the same. I am very impressed with what I see from LSU; whatever you are doing - keep it up." **For more information about this award, click [here](#).**

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

On January 18, the LSU SVM will host a hospitality suite for alumni and friends at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Fla. In February 2009, the LSU SVM will host alumni receptions at the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting in New Orleans, La., and the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. Also in February 2009, the LSU SVM will host a hospital suite for alumni and friends at the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas, N.V. **For information on these alumni**

events, contact Gretchen Morgan at gmorgan@lsu.edu or 225-578-9565. For information on other upcoming alumni activities, click [here](#).

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SUPPORT THE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The Advance Veterinary Medicine supports the SVM's long-term goals

The mission of the LSU SVM is to provide superior education in veterinary medicine and related fields, to offer a wide range of superior services to the general public and the veterinary medical community, and to maintain a relevant, high-quality research program in basic and applied fields. The annual Advance Veterinary Medicine Fund is the cornerstone of advancement for the School of Veterinary Medicine and is imperative for the SVM to reach its goals. The School's long-term strategic plan sets progressive objectives that will advance veterinary medicine locally, regionally and internationally. These high standards can only be met through private sector donations to enhance our resources beyond appropriations. The future of the School is dependent upon the Annual Fund.

To learn about the Advance Veterinary Medicine Fund and other ways that you can support the SVM, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 225-578-9948 or visit our website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu and select "Support the LSU SVM."



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

December 12	SVM semester ends
December 19	LSU Commencement
December 24-January 1	Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Veterinary Teaching Hospital will be open for emergencies only.
January 5	Semester begins
January 12	LSU classes begin

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

Locally owned Banfield hospital in Lafayette, La. searching for a fulltime associate and a relief veterinarian. 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.**

Associate position available in Hammond, LA in a mixed animal practice. Our clinic is approximately 70% small animal and 30% large animal. Salary based on experience, new graduates encouraged to apply. Compensation package includes all fees related to licensure, malpractice and liability insurance, CE, AVMA, LVMA and local VMA dues. **Please contact Dr.**

**Jody Bondurant (LSU 2004) at Knight and Associates Veterinary Practice, 46631 River Road, Hammond, LA 70401.
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Are you looking for career options? The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Center, Del Rio, Lufkin, Mount Pleasant, and Stephenville, 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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Associate Veterinarian wanted - come for a visit - stay for a career!!

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State: Nevada

A great opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a brand new facility! Our small animal general practice is steadily growing and we are breaking ground in the immediate future for a new clinic building. We have an excellent support staff, who enjoy what they do; great clientele, and we are in the fastest growing county in Nevada. We offer exclusively laser surgery, quality medicine and work in a great atmosphere with its fair share of challenges. Clientele are excellent and we have easy access to specialists. Fernley is a great safe place to raise kids, we still have a small town farming community atmosphere complete with our well known junior and senior pro rodeo right here in town. Fernley Nevada is almost rural - but close to Reno, Nevada, to the northwest and Fallon naval air station to the southeast. Lake Tahoe with all its summer and winter recreation opportunities is a 2 hour easy drive from here. New graduates welcomed, mentorship program is in place. Salary is negotiable DOE, standard benefits package offered. **Contact Dr. Laura Remsen (LSU 1990) @ 775-575-5851 or send resume to Animal Care Center, 805 E Main St., Suite D, Fernley, NV 89408. Email - animal.cc@earthlink.net.**

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