



Welcome to the **May 2009** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about [Staff Awards](#), the [Veterinary Summer Scholars Program](#), [Supporting Scholarships at the SVM](#), the [International Exhibition on Animal in Art](#), [alumni events](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



LSU VETERINARY SCHOOL PRESENTS STAFF AWARDS

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine's Staff Committee presented awards to five staff members at a spring reception on April 30. Awards were given for Outstanding Achievement, Administrative Support, Academic Support, Operations Management, and Technical Management. Employees who reached milestone years of service to the University were also recognized. Pictured are (from left to right) David Jandle (Technical Management Award), Gaye Gomila (Outstanding Achievement Award), Dean Peter F. Haynes, Kathleen Kirvin (Administrative Support Award), and John Ladner (Technical Management Award). Not pictured is Susie Brown (Academic Support Award). **To read more about the awards and award recipients, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Five Staff Awards](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Five_Staff_Awards).**

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SEVENTEEN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VETERINARY SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Seventeen students have been selected to participate in the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Summer Scholars Program, an introduction to biomedical research through research-driven activities. The 2009 Summer Scholars Program is funded by the Merck-Merial Veterinary Scholar Program, a grant from the National Institutes of Health, and research funds from the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. The Summer Scholars Program serves to further students' learning and experiences beyond the required classroom and clinical training. The program is competitive and based on proposals submitted by first- and second-year veterinary students. The program encourages innovative studies in human and animal diseases, and lends further understanding to veterinary careers in biomedical research. ***The 2009 Veterinary Summer Scholars are (front row from***

left to right) Julie Pate (standing), Kathleen McCarthy, Jade Tenberg, and Janel Doud; (second row, seated from left to right) Stephanie Rutherford, Sarah Huber, Melissa Smith, and Joey Bynog; and (standing from left to right) Rebecca Neis, Jessica Trichel, Patrick Cutbirth, Grant Middleton, Eric Martinez, and Jessica Khodadad. For more information about the program and a list of this year's projects, go to [http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Seventeen Students](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/news & events.htm#Seventeen_Students).

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SUPPORT THE LSU SVM

Sit Up and Take Notice: It's a Matter of Life and Debt

Fourth-year veterinary student Verna Serra, knows the value — and the price — of a great education. As a three-time scholarship recipient at LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine, she appreciates the financial assistance she's received in pursuit of her dream. And she knows that those funds would not have been available without the generous support of donors like you. Being a veterinary student at LSU is intense. It takes commitment, passion, focus, and, of course, money. But scholarship awards help ease our students' financial strain. Your donation toward scholarships will give them less worry so that they can devote their full attention to the things that matter most. Please donate now.



Visit <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/giving.htm> for more information about giving opportunities. To make an online gift to support student scholarships, go to <https://www.lsufoundation.org/contribute.php>, select the School of Veterinary Medicine as the beneficiary unit, and select, "It's a Matter of Life and Debt" as the fund.



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ANIMALS IN ART RAISES FUNDS FOR LSU SVM

The 22nd International Exhibition on Animals in Art ran from March 28-April 27. Two hundred and seventy artists from 41 states, Canada, Spain, Finland, Mexico, and the Netherlands submitted 585 entries for the show. Seventy-five pieces were featured in the exhibition, which can still be viewed on-line at http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/art_show_2009.htm. Thirty-one works sold out of a total of 75. Proceeds entry fees and commissions from pieces sold will be split between the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana and the Veterinary Medicine Library.

Pictured here is "Bird's Nest," an oil by George Gonzales. "Bird's Nest" received the 2009 SVM Program Award and will be used to promote the 2010 exhibition.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

On July 13, at 6 p.m., the LSU SVM will host a reception for alumni and friends at the Top of the Market at Pike Place Market as part of the **American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference** in Seattle, Wash. **Pictured here is the alumni and friends reception at the Tropical Isle in New Orleans at the 2008 AVMA Conference.**

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

May 11	SVM Commencement
May 15	LSU Commencement
May 17	SVM Small Animal Medicine Conference

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 (www.hammondvet.com), 46631 River Road, Hammond, LA 70401. 985-345-0440 bondurantjb@yahoo.com**

Are you looking for career options? The USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service is currently hiring veterinarians in Friona, Plainview, Amarillo, and Cactus, 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!

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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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