

HSVMA Veterinary Student Mentorship Program

Having like-minded people to support you while in veterinary school is important to your education and your well-being. For this reason, HSVMA has started a [Veterinary Student Mentorship Program](#). Now you can visit our mentor webpage and find a veterinarian who is willing to offer advice about future career paths, provide connections to members across the country, or just lend a friendly ear to welfare-related concerns. Each mentorship partnership will be tailored to fit the interests, needs, and availability of the participants. Our HSVMA veterinarians benefitted from mentorship during their vet school education, and now they want to offer current vet students the same compassion and support they received. Visit our [Student Mentorship Directory](#) to find a mentor today!

Student Scholarships

As rising student debt continues to be an issue on the forefront, we are happy to offer information about two scholarships coming up this spring. The [HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship](#) is now open for applications! First-, second-, and third-year veterinary students who have demonstrated a passion for animal welfare are welcome to apply. Because of generous donations from our leadership, we will be offering awards of \$3000, \$2000, and \$1500 this year! Please see our [webpage](#) for more information about the application requirements and process. Read about our 2017 winners [here](#)!

The Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs (ACC&D) is holding a student essay contest with the prize being a trip to their [6th International Symposium on Non-surgical Contraceptive Methods of Pet Population Control](#) in Boston, MA, July 22-24, 2018. Veterinary students and graduate students in relevant fields are eligible to submit and applications must be received by April 20, 2018. See all application requirements [here](#). Included in the award is round-trip airfare to Boston, hotel accommodations, symposium registration fee, and a food allowance. Our very own HSVMA Florida State Representative, [Dr. Sy Woon](#), was ACC&D's International Scholarship Recipient in 2013!

HSVMA Website Resources for Students

If you haven't visited our website lately, check out www.hsvma.org and see what's new at HSVMA! Besides our new [Veterinary Student Mentorship Directory](#), we have several pages that are continually updated with new animal welfare information. Our [What We're Reading](#) page lists recent articles from periodicals and the media covering an array of subjects from disaster response to companion animal enrichment. Check out our [In the News](#) page to see how our HSVMA leadership has been contributing to the animal welfare community. Our webpage, [Recommended Reading & Viewing](#), is dedicated to welfare-related books available for purchase or download and movies that are available in theaters or streaming online. Feel free to email

students@hsvma.org with book or movie suggestions! Don't forget to register for one of our upcoming [live webinars](#) (*The Multiple Cat Household: Why Can't They Just Get Along?* is Wednesday, April 11) or watch one of our many [archived webinars](#). Visit our home page for recent news and events such as the upcoming [Animal Care Expo](#) May 14-17 in Kansas City, MO. Lastly, follow us on [Facebook](#) for more events and information from the animal welfare world!

2018 World Spay Day

This year HSVMA provided support for five veterinary schools that held a World Spay Day clinic either at their school or at a collaborating institution.

- Several Western University veterinary students traveled to [Santa Maria Valley Humane Society](#) for a full day of surgeries.
- A group of third-year veterinary students from Auburn University traveled to [Alabama Spay/Neuter](#) in Birmingham and helped with approximately 50 spay and neuter surgeries. Participating Auburn student JD Longoria said, "Spending World Spay Day at Alabama Spay & Neuter was a true professional game changer in my book because I will forever utilize the skills and knowledge I took home with me that day."
- Students from Midwestern University performed 80 feline sterilizations at [Maricopa County Animal Care and Control](#). Katherine Crocco, a class of 2020 vet student at Midwestern, said, "Working with MCACC and [Animal Defense League of Arizona](#), along with my colleagues at Midwestern University, has given me a newfound respect for all involved in the trap, neuter, and release of feral cats in our community."
- Veterinary students from University of Wisconsin, Madison and veterinary technician students from Madison College helped sterilize 59 cats. This clinic was held at Madison College and the cats were patients of the [Madison Cat Project](#). Kelly Dulli, the HSVMA Student Chapter President at University of Wisconsin, helped facilitate the World Spay Day clinic and provided us with a special [behind the scenes look](#) at the day.

Our thanks to everyone who helped at World Spay Day clinics this year. HSVMA and the animals thank you!