

## 2020 Compassionate Care Scholarship Deadline: May 31

The May 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline for this year's HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarships is quickly approaching! For the past four years, HSVMA has awarded scholarships to veterinary students who show a dedication to animal welfare while working toward their degree. You can read about last year's incredible recipients [here](#). Applicants must currently be in their first, second or third year at an AVMA-accredited school within the US or Canada (Ross and St. George's included). Learn more about the application requirements and apply [here](#). Awards in the amount of \$3000, \$2000 and \$1500 will be awarded. Please address any questions to Heather Schrader, Program Manager of Student Outreach, at [hschrader@hsvma.org](mailto:hschrader@hsvma.org). Submit your applications by May 31<sup>st</sup>!

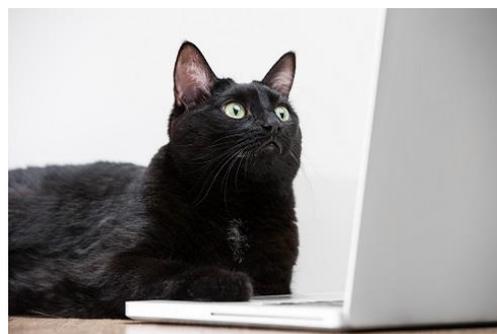


*Last year's second place scholarship recipient, Faye Varias*

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## NEW Student Summer Lecture Series!

Like the rest of the world, HSVMA is struggling to maintain a new normal as we adhere to ongoing shelter-in-place orders and get acquainted with distance learning. In order to stay in touch with our student members and offer them additional options for summer learning, we are introducing our [Student Summer Lecture Series](#). We will be scheduling Zoom webinars on topics from our [Speakers Bureau](#) in addition to some new, timely topics. These webinars will be approximately one hour in length with an additional 10-15 minutes of Q&A afterwards. Registration for these lectures is **FREE** for



all HSVMA student members! If you know of a friend who would like to register but is not a HSVMA member, please let them know that student membership is **free** through the first year after graduation. [Joining HSVMA](#) is simple and will allow access to the summer lecture series schedule and registration links on this page. Join us for our first lecture on Tuesday, May 26, at 5 pm PT/8 pm ET. Dr. Kathleen Cooney will be presenting her lecture, [Understanding Animal Hospice Within Welfare Work](#). Alerts will go out to student members as new lectures are added or you can check the schedule [here](#).

## COVID-19 Resources on HSVMA Website

HSVMA maintains a [COVID-19 webpage](#) with a variety of resources to help veterinary professionals cope with the crisis. It features the latest updates from the CDC, the World Health Organization and other agencies, a community communications toolkit, shelter specific resources, upcoming and archived webinars from HSVMA and other partners, and a link to a white paper on the role that wildlife markets played in the pandemic. Join us for our upcoming Town Hall on Wednesday, May 13, at 5 pm PT/8 pm ET. Dr. Teresa Telecky, PhD, a zoologist and Vice President, Wildlife, for Humane Society International (HSI), will explain the suspected origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its relationship to the wildlife trade. She will also outline HSI's efforts to move governments around the world to ban wildlife trade, transport and consumption in order to reduce the risk of yet another pandemic of zoonotic origin. An overview of federal and state legislation aimed at ending the wildlife trade and shutting down live wildlife markets in the US will be given. A Q&A session with Dr. Telecky will follow. Read more about Dr. Telecky and register for this town hall [here](#).



## How the CARES Act Can Help Students

Since the [CARES Act](#) was passed, students across the country have the opportunity to take advantage of the [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#). According to the US Department of Education, the relief fund “provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.” Students must contact their school as the funds will be distributed directly from their institution, not from the US Department of Education. University of Washington has a good [webpage](#) with more basic information, but you must contact your own school for guidance on how to apply.



Comments or questions about HSVMA student outreach programs and activities?  
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