Welcome back to school! Learn how fellow HSVMA student members are gaining experience through volunteerism, and check out new student programs we’ve launched this year.

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**Enhancing Surgical Training**

Since 2009, the HAARTS Program (Helping Alachua’s Animals Requiring Treatment and Surgery) has given University of Florida veterinary students the chance to improve their surgical skills by providing medical and surgical treatment to deemed treatable though unadoptable, helping more than 1,500 community animals heal and find new homes. [Model for success](#)

**Trap-Neuter-Return ...and Learn**

Oklahoma State veterinary students get hands-on experience providing medical care for free-roaming, un-owned cats by volunteering with Operation Catnip Stillwater. The organization’s monthly large scale, less frequent clinics are able to provide effective vaccination and spay/neuter services to stray cat populations, while making the most of locations and resources – including volunteer availability. [Teamwork and camaraderie](#)

**New Opportunities for 2014/2015**

HSVMA has developed some new programs and talks for students. Learn about these new opportunities and find out how you can get involved. [Check them out](#)
Rural Area Veterinary Services

The HSVMA-RAVS 2015 clinic schedule will be posted in mid-November. Student applications will be accepted during a two-week application period at that time. Check the schedule page for updates»

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