College of Veterinary Medicine

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THE AVIP

Preceptor Communiqué

Dear Affiliated Veterinary Instructional Partners (AVIPs),

I am happy to introduce you to this first AVIP *Communiqué*. The objective of this newsletter is to provide program updates and information to our affiliated instructional partners. Realizing everyone is busy, this correspondence will be brief and only distributed quarterly unless time-sensitive information is more urgent.

Thank you for what you do to elevate the veterinary medical profession and provide positive experiences for future professionals. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.



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PROGRAM UPDATES

- Jacobsen Construction has been selected as the general contractor for the construction of the College of Veterinary Medicine's (CVM) education building, with a groundbreaking slated for late spring 2024. Look for that announcement next spring.

- The building location is on the northwest corner of 1400 North and 1200 East, Logan. This is across from the USDA Poisonous Plants Laboratory and close to the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. It currently is a gravel parking lot for the cross-country course, and some might remember it as the former USU veterinary clinic and SCRAPIE research farm.

- The American Veterinary Medical Association – Council on Education (AVMA- COE) completed its consultative site visit to USU from September 10 – 14. Their report is being finalized, but tentative results are very positive. Some of you participated by allowing your clinics to be visited. The site team was complimentary of our practices and practitioners. Stay tuned for the next step of a comprehensive visit in the accreditation process. We are hoping that it will be scheduled in early summer 2024.

- The CVM has launched a Pet Memorial Program through which veterinarians can memorialize a client's beloved pet at the time of death. Memorial donations help support student scholarships, strengthen research, and help make capital improvements to support future veterinarians. When a memorial donation is made, the pet owner receives a personalized letter from the college's dean acknowledging the donation made by their veterinarian in their pet's honor. Feedback from veterinarians participating in the program indicates that is has been very well received by their clientele.

AVIP TRAINING

In each *Communique* we will highlight training resources available to preceptors. Understanding best practices in instructing future veterinarians as they develop professional and clinical skills will be key to a successful preceptor-student-program experience. As veterinary-specific pieces of training are created, they will be highlighted.

MENTOR-MENTEE RELATIONSHIP FOR PRECEPTORS

The training linked here is from the USU Dietetics program, which includes rigorous pre-professional experiences supervised by preceptors. I find the material to be translational to veterinary preceptors. Hint: you can adjust the playback speed by hovering over the video, selecting the gear sign, and then changing the playback speed.

