

March 27, 2026

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



Favorite Faculty Moments

Watching the students do the skills for the first time and seeing the smile on their face when they get it! I get so excited to see them complete a skill and nail it!

- Mrs. Stout

Hands-on demonstrations. Learning in-the-moment, even if it is unexpected, can be very helpful for students to see real-time scenarios. In some instances, just talking about it is not enough.

- Dr. Ritz

Multiple moments throughout the years when someone that is nervous around the rats realizes how amazing they are and falls in love with them as a species. <3

- Mrs. Dixon

Dressing up as cool people for Halloween.

I also love when the students do funny senior pranks before leaving for externship. The camping out in our office is definitely one to beat!

- Mr. Williams

I really love to see a student who has been struggling improve and do well. I like when students who heavily doubt themselves, do well! And recognize how truly capable they are! Seeing students be proud of themselves and excited to learn more and do better truly gives me life.

I also love any opportunity for a high five, giving knuckles, or dancing in celebration!

- Mrs. Crocker

When I'm helping with skills or surgery and they're super nervous and then they do it flawlessly the first time, and that sense of accomplishment they feel.

- Mrs. Schuster

I love going to the farms for students in LAP.

It is so fun to get out of the building and work on skills.

- Mrs. Kleiman

I always love when students get to expose and process their first radiographic film.

I always find it so fun to see how excited and proud students are to get a good quality diagnostic image.

- Mrs. Long

VTI Student Voices

Ava Scheerer

11DV25

Being a part of VTI has been a meaningful and rewarding experience for me. Before finding this path, I explored several healthcare fields at a different college, including Dental Hygiene, Sonography, and Radiology. While I valued those experiences, I realized that working in human medicine was not where my passion truly was. After taking a gap year to reflect on my goals and interests, I continued to pursue my love for working with animals and decided to go into this program to become a Vet Tech.



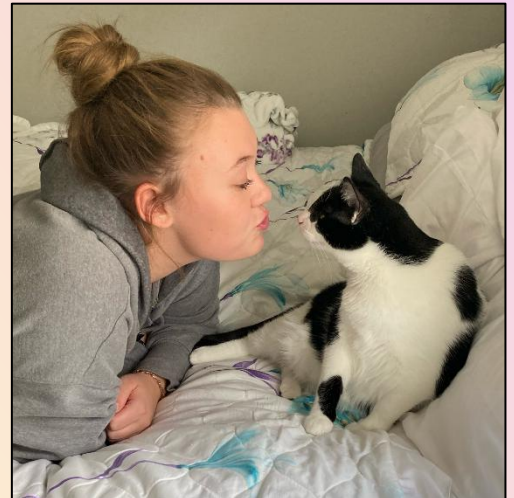
One of the reasons I chose this program is because it is a shorter program than most and, it's close to home, which allows me to commute every day. That has made it easier for me to balance school and my personal life.



What motivates me every day in this program is that I know I'm truly passionate about it. Even on the hard days, I remind myself that I'm doing this for something bigger than the stress or the struggle, it's for the animals I will be helping one day! I didn't choose this path by accident. I found it after taking the time to really understand what I wanted, and I know in my heart this is where I'm supposed to be. The long days, the challenges, and the moments where I feel overwhelmed are all part of the process of becoming what I want to be. When things get tough, I remind myself why I started. I think about the animals that will depend on me and the difference I'll be able to make in their lives.

Some study strategies that have helped me are using Quizlet and practicing active recall. These methods have made a big difference in how I understand and remember the material. My biggest advice for new students is to keep going, even when it feels hard. You were accepted into this program for a reason, and you're capable of more than you think. Also, don't be afraid to make friends! We are all here for the same reason and have the same passion. Having a good group of friends to study with and support you can make all the difference.

After graduation, I want to go into a specialty, either in veterinary dentistry or in rehabilitation for marine life. I'm really interested in finding ways to pursue that path and continue learning more about it, so, I can build a career doing something I truly love!



Photos Around Campus



11DV25 student Riley Packard gets some good snuggles in with her favorite dog during advocacy time.



11DV25 students Arabella Durato, Riley Packard, Kelsey Bailey, James Mangan, Carolanne Kritsch, and Jacee Nugent pose for a quick photo while giving XX a little love.



Students take time to talk and connect with each other during the ice cream social and succulent planting event.



Students planted succulent seeds and learned the basics of starting plants from seed.



11DV25 students Maddie Neal and Aubri DeLong show off their seed packets before planting their succulents.



03DV26 student Elizabeth Short, 07DV25 students Mia Myers, Lexi McCormick, and Autumn Langenecker, and 03DV25 student Lexi Lloyd enjoyed time relaxing, talking, and planting together.

Photos Around Campus



11DV25 students Aubri DeLong and Caidance Griffith celebrate with a quick photo after their first attempted and successful cephalic venipuncture!



11DV25 students Carmen Shelton and Ava Scheerer pose with one of their favorite Admissions Representatives, Robin Edwards.



Instructor Katy Schuster spends a fun minute with students in the hallway during a break.



11DV25 students Chloe Trick, Kady Whitehead, and Jazmyne Wallace showing off their hard work!

Nice job, ladies!



11DV25 students Mallory Glosser, Lexi Clift, and Kristina Carter celebrating with a quick photo after their first attempted and successful cephalic venipuncture!

NEWSLETTER PHOTO SUBMISSION

We are looking to include more student life photos in our weekly newsletter, and we would love your help.

How to Participate:

→ Please make sure you receive permission from all students in the photo before submitting it.

→ Please include the names of the students in the picture if you can, but if not, I can figure them out.

→ You can email photos to me at any time at amiller@vettechinstitute.edu



Important reminder:

Photos must NOT include any Vet Tech Institute animals. This is very important for our animal partnership policies.

Good photo ideas:

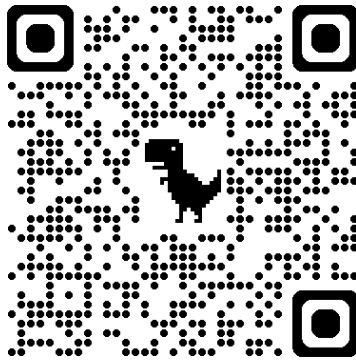
- Studying with classmates
- Hanging out in the student lounge
- Working on homework together
- Housing/apartment life
- Campus events
- Group selfies with classmates
- Fun moments between classes

Show Your School Spirit

The webstore will be open through Tuesday, March 31 at noon, and orders will be delivered to the school office by Friday, April 24.



**SCAN QR CODE
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APPAREL**



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VTI STUDENT VOICES

We are excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter featuring YOU!

Students are invited to submit:

A short article (200-400 words)

An optional photo of yourself

Not sure what to write about? Here are some ideas:

A reflection about your experience

Advice for other students

Why you chose veterinary technology

A challenge you've overcome in the program

What has surprised you most so far

A meaningful moment in kennel or class

Study tips or time management strategies

What motivates you to keep going on tough days

Your goals after graduation

What being part of VTI means to you

If selected, your submission will be featured in the newsletter,
and you will receive a small thank-you gift as a token of appreciation.

Submit your entry by emailing Ashley Miller at amiller@vettechinstitute.edu.

Please include your name and cohort with your submission.

All submissions should be respectful, appropriate, and school-related.

Please note that submissions may be lightly edited for clarity, length, and professionalism.

No need to be a "perfect writer" – we just want to hear your voice and your experience.

Being featured is also a great addition to your resume or professional portfolio.

Let your voice be heard! We can't wait to hear your story.



IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR

26-27 FAFSA

FINANCIAL AID WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

If you have any questions, please see Kesia immediately. We look forward to helping you complete your FAFSA for the 26-27 academic year!



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APRIL

Deadline

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE THIS ON YOUR OWN, YOU AND YOUR PARENT(S) CAN FILE YOUR FAFSA AT HOME.

Please Join Financial Aid for

26-27 FAFSA WORKSHOPS



DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH

Please have your FSA ID ready! Parents are welcome to join, BUT if they cannot make it, please have their email address available so we can invite them to your FAFSA.

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2:30 PM TO 4 PM

RM: 104

Time & Room

TUESDAYS &

THURSDAYS

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