

February 13, 2026

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



Remember to always embrace challenges, new experiences and amazing opportunities!

Practice makes perfect, it's not always about being the best, but doing your best!

- Kate Hawkins – 11DV24

Take what everyone says with a grain of rice. Your experience will be uniquely yours! From how tests go, to how hard individual terms are, to how fast you feel like you're going through the program! You got this! Study hard and love on those animals! Good luck!

- Robin Mitchell – 11DV24

Words of Wisdom from Your Peers

The quote I have lived by for most of my life is, 'Be the change you want to see in this world.'

I apply this in my studies and everyday life by always communicating with my friends and their mental health, going the extra step with my studies, but also thinking of how I can make a difference when I get out into the field.

- Lilly Carson – 11DV24

Don't take a learning opportunity for granted! If you get yourself involved at VTI, there are so many opportunities for advancement! Join a club and make some friends! It makes the time here even more enjoyable! Also, don't be afraid to ask questions, you're here to learn and grow! Enjoy it while it lasts! Time sure does go by fast! :)

- Sierra Adkins – 11DV24

Strive to do your absolute best, because that's what really counts!

- Lexi Lloyd – 03DV25

Don't be afraid to bond with the animals. They need it, and who knows? You might discover that you needed it too.

- Hannah Bachmann – 11DV24

Student of the Week **Kenzy Triezenberg**

We are excited to recognize Kenzy Triezenberg

Kenzy consistently stands out in class for her present, focused, and ready to participate. asking thoughtful questions, or actively strong commitment to learning each and

Her positive attitude and willingness to supportive classroom environment for everyone around her. Kenzy's dedication to her education and her steady presence do not go unnoticed.

Keep up the great work, Kenzy. We are proud of you!



as this week's Student of the Week!

attentiveness and engagement. She is always Whether it's contributing to discussions, listening during instruction, Kenzy shows a every day.

be involved help create a productive and

Graduate Spotlight **Reese Sommers**



What advice would you give to students currently in the program?

"If you're struggling, my advice is: don't give up and just keep swimming. The hard days are real, but the reward is too. Lean on your instructors, they genuinely care and want you to succeed. For anyone wondering if they should choose this program, without hesitation, do it! I would choose Vet Tech Institute again a hundred times over."

Anything else you'd like to share about your career journey?

"Right after graduation, I joined a general practice clinic and started using everything I learned during my time at VTI. I'm still working in clinic now, and I absolutely love it. Every day is different, and I believe that is one of the best parts of Veterinary medicine."

Grab Some Popcorn & Dive into These Vet Tech Features!
(Click On Each Picture to Be Redirected to Video Link)



Behind the Scenes with the Vet Techs at the NC Zoo



Army Vet Tech Loves the Joys of the Job



A day in the life of a vet tech at a general practice clinic.



A Wildlife Vet Tech



A day in the life of a Vet Tech at an animal hospital.



Vet Tech: A Labor of Love



Small Animal Vet Tech

Photos Around Campus



Study, snack, relax, repeat. 07DV25 students Daniel Cygielnik, Hailey Brower, James Ball, and Shelby Emerick making the most of some downtime in a Recharge Room.



11DV24 student Lorelle Edenfield bravely wearing the "Sign of Shame" after a minor pre-op nick. Mistakes happen, what matters is how we learn from them.



Hallway happiness! Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Golden making the walk to class look like the best part of the day.



Bowie (yes, named after the wonderful David Bowie) keeps Mrs. Lewis company while she discusses cardiovascular function and demonstrates how an ECG unit helps monitor heart rate and rhythm.



11DV24 students Ericka Rouse, Sydney Wilkerson, and Miranda Silvestre smiling bright as they make their way to class.



Moments before administering medication, 11DV24 students Robin Mitchell and Lucy Jones pause in the hallway, focused and ready for patient care.



Mr. Williams keeping students engaged as he highlights the critical role of the lymphatic system during Chemistry.



Even during busy days, there's time for connection. 11DV25 students Alitza Goar, Stephanie Bradley, Carolanne Kritsch, and Kendall Hobbs enjoying a study break together.

Photos Around Campus



Radiographs complete and finishing touches underway! 11DV24 students Lucy Jones, Kylie Steele, and Isabelle Marley caring for their patient with a nail and paw trim.



Gowned, gloved, and ready. 11DV24 student Synaira Crosby prepares for Bronco's neuter with a smart tape solution to keep her glasses in place.



11DV24 students Lorelle Edenfield, Emily Trammell, Sydney Sickafus, and Jadlyn Lee in action during surgical prep, staying attentive as their patient transitions into anesthesia.



11DV24 students Emma Gentry, Rylan Foxx, Destyne Basler, and Zoie Butcher carefully preparing their dental patient with oxygen prior to anesthesia.



Diagnostics in action! 11DV24 student Lorelle Edenfield performing bloodwork analysis to help gather critical patient information.



11DV24 students Brittany Grider and Abby Blair working together during a dental procedure, with Brittany performing the prophylaxis and Abby carefully monitoring anesthesia.



As the primary for surgery, 11DV24 student Emily Matthews references identification charts in the mini lab to ensure accuracy during pre-op lab work.



11DV24 student Emma Gentry carefully performing a dental prophylaxis to support her patient's oral health.

 Student Song of the Week 



What's Your Current Favorite Song?

[Click Here or Scan QR Code to Answer!](#)

We will share a random student's music pick each week!



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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

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