

March 6, 2026

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



On-Campus Tutoring

Tutoring Schedule from 3/2/26 – 4/23/26

Monday through Friday

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Monday through Thursday

2:30 – 5:30 PM

Remember, tutoring is ALWAYS:

- ✓ With Peer Tutors
- ✓ In the Library
- ✓ Free

**Start early in the term and make tutoring part of your routine!
Earn extra credit by participating!**

Your Tutoring Team

Wynter Harris – 11DV25



Trick for studying: Word association! Relating words and sounds to help you remember terms is extremely helpful!

Motivation: Knowing that being here is helping me prepare for what I want to do in my career for the rest of my life!

Fun fact: I love photography!

Favorite subjects: I love tutoring any subject and helping as many students as I can!

Caitlin Yarusso – 07DV25



Trick for studying: Color coordinating a subject or group of stuff to a specific topic.

Motivation: Very intrinsic, it makes me feel better about myself when I succeed.

Fun fact: I coach gymnastics!

Favorite subjects: Math, A & P, and AnTech!

Avery Hirt – 07DV25



Trick for studying: Having someone ask me questions out loud!

Motivation: Learning! It sounds silly and simple but there is no better confidence boost than knowing that I am working hard to understand why we do this, how we do this, and how to have fun while doing it!

Fun fact: I drive a manual car.

Favorite subjects: AnTech, Clin Med, and any other troubles you may have!

Lexi Lloyd – 03DV25



Trick for studying: Using flash cards.

Motivation: My passion for animals and their medical care.

Fun fact: I have 7 siblings!

Favorite subjects: AnTech, Clin Med, and Math.

Caitlin Throop – 07DV25



Trick for studying: With a white board & active recall.

Motivation: My animals at home!

Fun fact: I love reptiles & plan on going into exotics after I graduate.

Favorite subjects: Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology, and Math.

Student of the Week **Sarah Somerville**



Sarah Somerville is an outstanding example of the kind of student who helps make the Vet Tech Institute of Indiana community stronger. She is consistently present, communicative, and fully engaged in her coursework, demonstrating reliability and a strong work ethic every day. What truly sets Sarah apart is her willingness to support those around her. She is always looking for ways to help her classmates succeed and often spends time tutoring friends and peers who need extra support. Sarah has even volunteered to be a helping hand to the newest students who recently started the program, offering guidance as they adjust to life at VTI. Her kindness, leadership, and commitment to lifting others up make her incredibly deserving of this recognition. Congratulations, Sarah!

Photos Around Campus



Elizabeth Bradshaw and Allyson Sewell relaxing on the couch and enjoying the welcome pizza party with their fellow 03DV26 classmates.

Desiree Freeman and Gemma Fairbanks kicking back and enjoying the pizza party as they settle into life as 03DV26 students.



Nothing says welcome like pizza and new friendships!

03DV26 students kicked off their journey with a fun celebration, and our upperclassmen helped make it even more meaningful.

We're so glad you're here!

Elizabeth Short and Grace Hansen all smiles as they celebrate the start of their journey.



Upperclassmen Lexi Lloyd, Mia Myers, and Lexi McCormick showing their support for the new 03DV26 students at the welcome pizza party.



Carolynn Motley and Kaylee Green sharing a seat and some laughs during the pizza party.



Photos Around Campus



03DV26 students taking in first-day information as they begin their path toward becoming veterinary technicians.

07DV25 students Avery Hirt, Mia Myers, and 11DV25 student Mara Porter taking a moment to catch up between classes.



03DV26 getting the inside scoop from Dr. Ritz on what's ahead in the program. Let's get started!

Mrs. Stout walking students through important material during Clinical Lab III.



Mrs. Lewis showing 03DV26 the surgery suite in Animal Tech III. Future surgical rockstars in the making!



Underrated Animals

Axolotl

The axolotl is one of the most fascinating and unusual animals on Earth, yet it often flies under the radar compared to more well-known amphibians. Native to the ancient lake systems of central Mexico, this small salamander looks almost mythical with its feathery external gills, wide mouth that appears to form a permanent smile, and gentle movements through the water. Unlike most amphibians, axolotls never undergo full metamorphosis. They remain aquatic and keep their larval features for their entire lives, a trait called neoteny. Because of this, axolotls continue breathing through their external gills rather than developing lungs and moving onto land like many other salamanders.



In the wild, axolotls are found primarily in the canals of Lake Xochimilco near Mexico City. These waterways are the last remnants of a much larger lake system that once covered the region. Unfortunately, pollution, urban development, and invasive species have drastically reduced axolotl habitat, making them critically endangered in the wild. While they are rare in nature, axolotls are commonly raised in laboratories and aquariums around the world due to their remarkable biology.



Axolotls have a surprisingly long lifespan for amphibians. In captivity, they can live around 10 to 15 years when provided with stable water conditions, proper nutrition, and a low stress environment. In the wild their lifespan is often shorter due to

predators, environmental changes, and habitat loss. Most axolotls grow to about 9 to 12 inches long and spend their lives along the bottoms of lakes and canals, feeding on worms, insects, small fish, and other aquatic organisms.

Scientists are especially interested in axolotls because of their incredible regenerative abilities. If an axolotl loses a limb, it can grow an entirely new one that functions just like the original. Even more impressively, they can regenerate parts of their spinal cord, heart tissue, and even sections of their brain without leaving scar tissue. This ability has made them extremely valuable in regenerative medicine research, where scientists study them to better understand tissue repair and healing.



Cool Facts About Axolotls

- Axolotls can regenerate entire limbs, including bones, muscles, nerves, and blood vessels.
- Axolotls have the genetic ability to transform into a land-dwelling salamander, although this rarely happens naturally.

Food Banks in the Area

1. Crooked Creek Food Pantry

Address: 6940 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Phone: 317-399-7500

Website: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/>

Hours:

- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. & 3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

2. Gleaners Food Bank – Drive-Thru Pantry

Address: 3737 Waldemere Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46241

Phone: 317-925-0191

Website: <https://www.gleaners.org/>

Hours:

- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

3. Boulevard Place Food Pantry (St. Vincent de Paul)

Address: 4202 Boulevard Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Phone: 317-924-3461

Website: <https://www.svdindy.org/locations-hours/>

Hours:

- Wednesday (drive-thru): 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Thursday (indoor shopping): 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

4. Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center – Drive-Thru Pantry

Address: 2990 W 71st St, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Phone: 317-293-2600

Website: <https://www.faybiccardglickcenter.org/food-pantry>

Hours:

- Tuesday: 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

5. Christamore House – Drive-Thru Pantry

Address: 502 N Tremont St, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Phone: 317-635-7211

Website: <https://christamorehouse.org/>

Hours:

- Please call to confirm current drive-thru pantry schedule (varies).
- Office open Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

6. Hunger, Inc. – Drive-Thru Service

Address: 1416 E Epler Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Phone: 317-782-3321

Website: <https://hungerinc.org/>

Hours:

- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

7. Mt. Carmel Church Food Pantry – Drive-Thru

Address: 9610 E 42nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46235

Phone: 317-890-2740

Website: <https://www.mtcarmelindy.org/food-pantry>

Hours:

- Wednesday: 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

8. The Caring Place – Drive-Thru Food Distribution

Address: 30 N Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Phone: 317-898-2096

Website: <http://www.thecaringplaceinc.org/>

Hours:

- Select Tuesdays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
(Recommended to call or check events page for exact dates.)

9. Westminster Neighborhood Services – Drive-Thru Pantry

Address: 445 N State Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201

Phone: 317-632-9785

Website: <https://westmin.org/food/>

Hours:

- Monday: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
(Drive-thru used during high-traffic days; indoor shopping also available.)

10. Pantry of Hope at Rise Church

Address: 6001 W. 52nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46254

Phone: 463-263-4664

Website: <https://www.riseindiana.church/hope-worldwide/>

Hours:

- Drive-thru distribution on selected Saturdays (10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., while supplies last)

FeedingTeam.org

OUR MISSION ABOUT US MEDIA DONATE SUGGEST A PANTRY VOLUNTEER CONNECT

Locations

Map Satellite

- ✓ Anderson, IN
- ✓ Arcadia, IN
- ✓ Atlanta, IN
- ✓ Carmel, IN
- ✓ Charlottesville, IN / Eastern Hancock
- ✓ Cicero, IN
- ✓ East Indianapolis & Lawrence, IN
- ✓ Elwood, IN
- ✓ Fishers, IN
- ✓ Indianapolis, IN
- ✓ Kokomo, IN
- ✓ Noblesville, IN
- ✓ Pendleton, IN
- ✓ Portland, IN
- ✓ Seymour, IN
- ✓ Sheridan, IN
- ✓ Westfield, IN
- ✓ Whitestown, IN
- ✓ Decatur, AL
- ✓ Las Cruces, NM
- ✓ Sapulpa, OK

Need groceries NOW?

FeedingTeam.org offers unmanned food pantries located throughout the city. Just drive up, pick up what you need, and go.

Available 24/7. No appointment required.

Visit [FeedingTeam.org](https://www.feedingteam.org) to find locations near you.

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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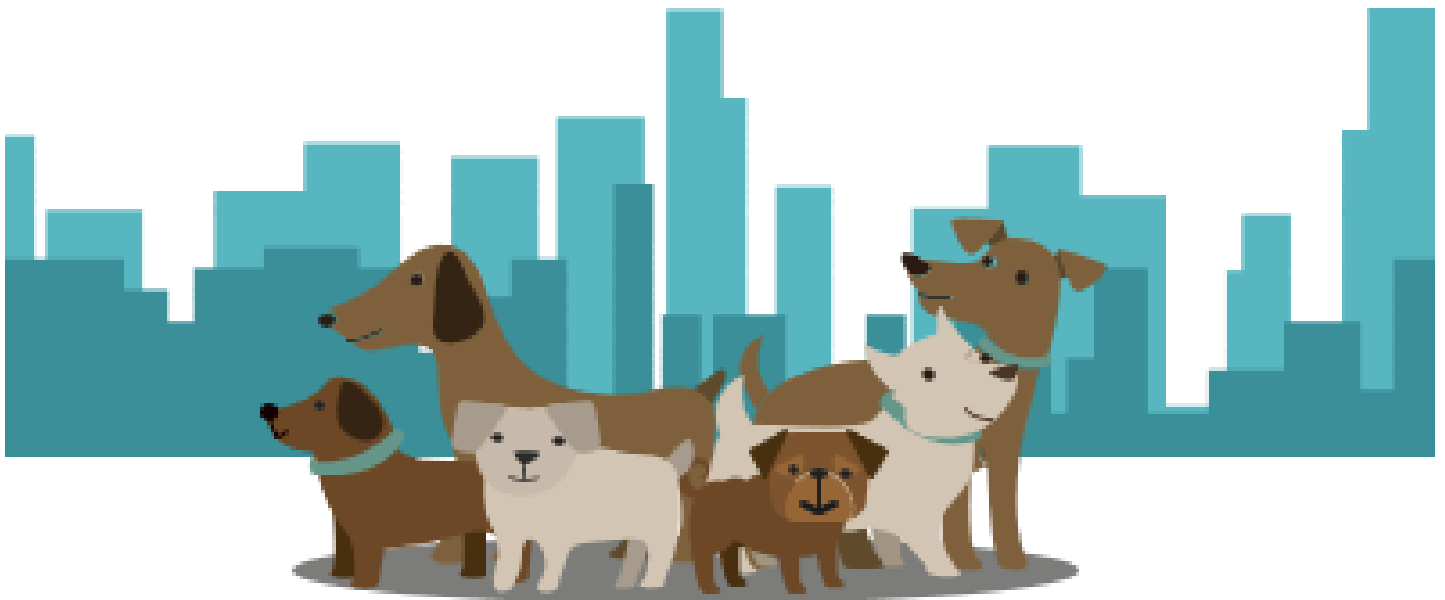
APRIL

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

2:30 PM TO 4 PM
RM: 104

Time & Room

TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS

Days

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