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VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



Staff Spotlight **Krista Trent**

If you've ever met Krista Trent, you know she has a futures. Krista has been with Vet Tech Institute of as a presenter before stepping into her current role

Before joining VTI, Krista attended IUPUI for working in Wayne Township schools. She then home with her daughter until she started school, along.



true passion for connecting students with their Indiana for over 20 years, beginning her journey as Regional Admissions Manager six years ago.

Elementary Education and spent three years took some time away from the workforce to stay when the perfect opportunity to join VTI came

Krista's favorite part of her job is watching a student's initial spark of interest turn into a clear career path. "Seeing them thrive with our program and ultimately succeed in their chosen field validates the importance of these outreach efforts and the value VTI brings to the community," she says.

What many might not know is that Krista's role can require over 1,000 miles of travel in a single week, sometimes starting as early as 3:30 or 4:00 a.m. to reach high schools across the state. She's even had some unique adventures along the way, last September, she filmed with MTV's *Teen Mom* during a birthday party scene for one of the featured moms. She's also a proud mom of three and grandmother of two and recently welcomed her very first pet, a sweet kitten named Sutton Soleil Trent.

Outside of work, Krista loves to travel, often catching a Friday night flight and returning Sunday to recharge. She and her son take an annual birthday trip together, with this year's destination set for Scotland. She's also a big music fan who enjoys concerts of all genres and looks forward each year to attending the Smiley Morning Show's Adult Prom, complete with the perfect dress and a glamorous night out.

Her advice to students and colleagues is simple but powerful: "*College is a roller coaster of emotions and experiences. Just hold on tight and enjoy the ride!*"

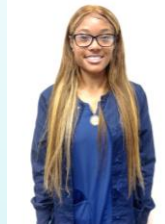
Spotlight: Student of the Week

Mikaya Roby

Mikaya Roby stands out for her dedication and the farms.

Over time, she has shown remarkable growth in every task with focus and persistence. She never and continues to be a strong example for her

In addition to her success in the program, Mikaya is a Indianapolis Zoo, where she has earned praise for her reliability, strong work ethic, and positive attitude. Her commitment and professionalism make her a valued member of the team, and she continues to represent VTI with excellence.



determination, especially during her work out at

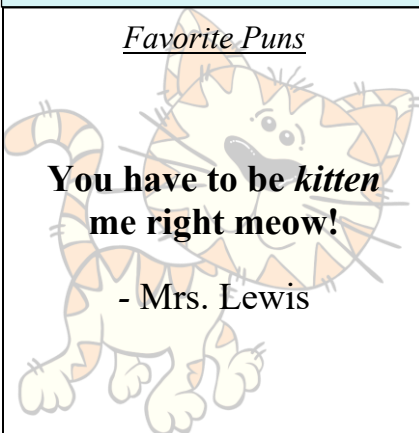
both her attitude and work ethic, approaching makes excuses, works hard to master her skills, classmates.

Federal Work-Study participant at the

Favorite Puns

**You have to be kitten
me right meow!**

- Mrs. Lewis



What's Your Teaching Theme Song?

**One Moment In
Time**

By Whitney Houston

🎧 Mrs. Hix 🎧

What's Playing?

We asked, and you answered!

Student pick of the week:

**The Blood Still
Works**

By Malcom Williams



Life at VTI: This Week in Photos



07DV24 students Gabriela Rodriguez, Reese Smith, and Tristan Scott, work on CPR skills together during class.



07DV25 students Alyssa Walls, Kenzie Stidham, and Jacklyn Johnson hanging out in the hallway between classes.



Who needs a chair when you have coworkers like these?

Pictured above: Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Golden, Ms. Lewis, and Mrs. Long



07DV25 students Briana Burton, Emily Dean, Hailey Brower, Shelby Emerick, and Savannah Alexander taking a break to sit outside in the fresh air and sunshine.



Flying high with a little help from my friends!

Pictured above: 07DV24 students Abby Coomer, Mikaya Roby, Mariah Hinton, Makhia Smith, Kayla Graves, Shelby Able, and Allison Rees.



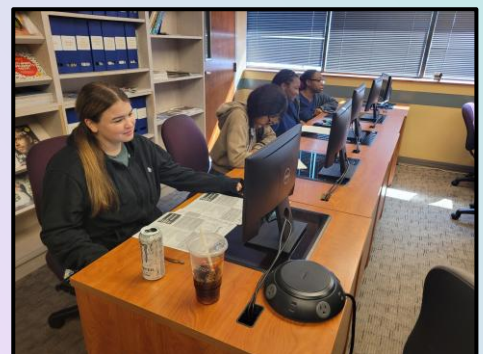
07DV25 students Caitlin Yarusso, Lucas Riley, Tannah Tillison, Whitney Wilcox, hard at work studying together in the student lounge.



03DV25 student Lucy Jones and Mrs. Golden finishing some paperwork.



07DV25 students Autumn Hensley, Daniel Cygielnik, Maddox Osborne, and Victoria Velie pose together for a picture in math class.



07DV24 students Abby Coomer, Mikaya Roby, Makhia Smith, Mariah Hinton making good use of the computers in the library during a study session.

Look Who Found Their Forever Home

Pancake



From left to right: Coco, Pancake, and Bo

Pancake has officially found her forever home with Vet Tech Institute of Indiana student Jaycee Bailey!

She's now part of a fun, furry trio alongside her new canine siblings, Bo and Coco.

Pancake has already shown off her smarts, she can sit on command and give a friendly shake with *either* paw. She's now working hard on learning the "down" command, and we have no doubt she'll master it in no time.

With her sweet personality, quick learning, and loving new family, Pancake is living her best life!

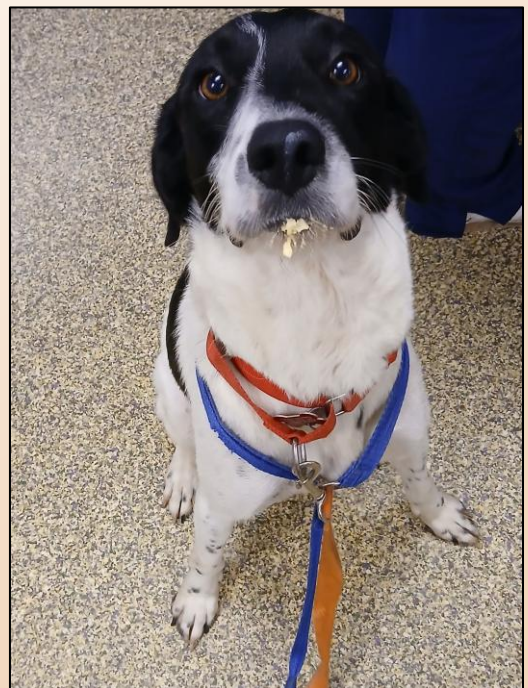
Star Pet of the Week

Gladys

Say hello to Gladys, one of the sweetest girls you'll ever meet! Rescued in Kentucky, Gladys has been adjusting beautifully to her new environment and has already captured the hearts of those around her.

Earlier this week, Ms. Lewis and I had the chance to work with Gladys during skills lab, and she amazed us with her treat-catching talent! Not only is she eager to learn, but she also has a clear favorite snack, cheese. If there's cheese around, you can bet Gladys is close by with her tail wagging.

We're so lucky to have Gladys with us. Her gentle personality, willingness to participate, and love for all things cheesy make her a favorite among students and staff alike.



Student Song of the Week

🎧 **What's Your Current Favorite Song?**

[Click Here to Answer!](#)

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

Student Joke of the Week

😄 **What's Your Favorite Joke?**

[Click Here to Answer!](#)

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

Don't Forget: Job Shadows Earn You Points

EACH TERM you can earn 10 extra credit points by participating in a (4 hour +) job shadow at a vet clinic.

Please see Amber Savage to pick up your Job Shadow form.

Underrated Animals

Cheetah: The Fastest Cat on Earth Faces a Race Against Time



When most people think of powerful predators, lions and leopards often get the spotlight. But one of the most fascinating, and sadly, most underrated, big cats is the cheetah.

Cheetahs hunt to survive, but their hard-earned meals are often stolen by larger predators like lions, leopards, and wild dogs. Their young face constant danger, with many cubs killed by lions or leopards before reaching adulthood. Cheetah mothers face an especially heartbreaking challenge, they must leave their babies behind to hunt, leaving them vulnerable to predators. Many mothers go hungry themselves to make sure their cubs eat.

This struggle for survival often pushes cheetahs toward "easy" food sources, such as livestock, which puts them in conflict with farmers. Tragically, this can lead to retaliation killings. On top of that, cheetah cubs are highly sought after in the illegal pet trade, with many dying during transport.

Cheetahs once roamed Africa in the tens of thousands. Today, only about 7,500 remain in the wild, making them one of the most endangered big cats. Yet, against all odds, they continue to thrive in certain pockets of Africa.

Their resilience is one of the many reasons Mrs. Hix proudly supports the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), an organization dedicated to protecting these incredible animals.

The cheetah's story is one of beauty, struggle, and survival, and it's why they deserve far more recognition than they get.



– Mrs. Hix