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VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



Staff Spotlight

Hannah Kleiman, RVT, B.S.



Hannah Kleiman has been a valued member of the VTI teaching team since joining our faculty in February 2025. With a strong academic background and diverse clinical experience, she brings an engaging and insightful perspective to the classroom.

Hannah earned her associate's degree in veterinary technology from Purdue University in 2015, then went on to complete her bachelor's degree in animal sciences in 2018, also at Purdue. Before entering education, she worked in Emergency and Critical Care as well as Oncology, which provided her with the kind of real-world expertise that truly benefits her students.

Beyond her professional life, Hannah is full of interesting talents and hobbies. She's a music lover who collects vinyl records and named her black Labrador Henley after Don Henley of the Eagles. She also enjoys leatherworking and even sells some of her handmade pieces in a local shop.

When she's not teaching or crafting, Hannah and her husband love being outdoors, especially hiking through wooded trails and visiting National Parks. Her goal? To visit every single one someday. A fun and surprising fact: Hannah is actually allergic to ocean and lake water, but that hasn't stopped her from being an avid nature lover!

We're lucky to have such a passionate and well-rounded instructor helping shape the future of veterinary medicine, Hannah's knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm make a lasting impact on our students.

Spotlight: Student of the Week

Sierra Adkins

We're proud to recognize Sierra Adkins as this exceptional student who consistently positive presence in the classroom. Her strong remains focused and engaged during lectures.



week's Student of the Week! Sierra is an demonstrates dedication to her studies and a academic performance speaks for itself, and she

What truly sets Sierra apart is her upbeat personality to everyone in her cohort, always open to having fun friendly energy brighten the day for those around her.

and kindness toward others. She's a great friend and building connections. Her constant smile and

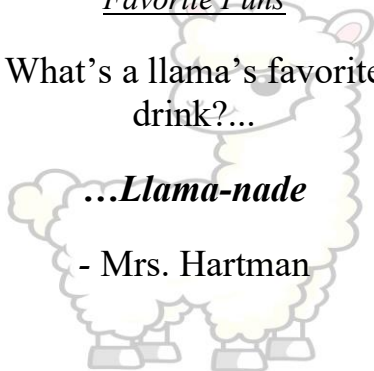
Way to go, Sierra! Keep up the amazing work, you're making a difference both academically and personally.

Favorite Puns

What's a llama's favorite drink?...

...Llama-nade

- Mrs. Hartman



What's Your Teaching Theme Song?

Don't Rain on My Parade

from *Funny Girl*
(the musical)

🎧 Mrs. Long 🎧

What's Playing?

We asked, and you answered!

Student pick of the week:

Beating Heart Baby
By Head Automatica



Life at VTI: This Week in Photos



Getting a head start on the day, 07DV25 students Aliya Tomlinson, Autumn Langenecker, and Kim Kurek studied together in one of the recharge rooms.

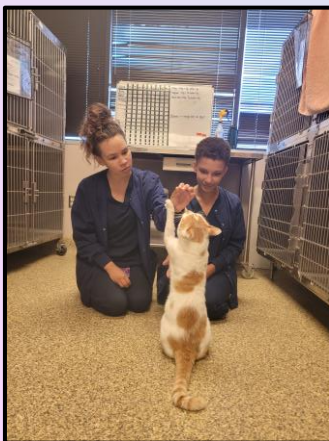
Spotted a Good Photo Moment?
If you see something fun, exciting, or newsletter-worthy happening on campus, let me know!
Email Ashley Miller and I will stop by to snap a photo for an upcoming newsletter.
Help us spotlight the moments that make VTI special!



Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Dixon, and Mrs. Stout share a sweet moment together, gathered around Mrs. Dixon's growing baby bump.



03DV25 students Abigail Haider, Lexi Lloyd, and Casey Reardon assist Mrs. Lewis by applying digital pressure on Gilly the cat to a venipuncture site post blood draw.



Advocacy time was well spent for 11DV24 student's Jayda Fraley-Bryant and Kate Hawkins, as Kitty the Cat put on a show jumping for her treats in the kennel room.



Enjoying the sunshine during a one-hour break, 11DV24 students Sierra Adkins and Delaney Meyers took their study session outdoors.



Lovingly dubbed "The Breakfast Club" by Mrs. Lewis, this group of 07DV24 students gave our new bean bag chair a proper test run! Pictured above: Abby Blair, Addy Jensen, Allie Jensen, Kennedy Kiger, Leon Baker, Rhys Smith (by phone), and Tristan Scott.



A study session turned playful when 07DV24 students Abby Coomer, Kayla Graves, Shelby Able, Katie Seger, and Makhia Smith decided to test out the cat tunnel in the



Two thumbs up from 07DV25 student Erick Mendoza Rascon, who's ready to head to class on time after a productive study session in the student lounge.



Under Mrs. Crocker's supervision, 03DV25 students Jane Guest and Constance Baniaga practiced the medial saphenous blood draw on Gonzo the cat during Animal Anatomy and Physiology.

Unusual Case Study
A Fence, a Bite, and an Unforgettable Injury

Working in veterinary medicine means encountering heartbreaking and unforgettable cases, but some stick with us more than others. One case that came through the ER was especially devastating.

A toy poodle mix was brought in after being attacked through a fence by a neighboring dog. The bite was so severe that the victim's entire upper jaw had been removed. What remained was only the lower jaw and exposed tongue, an image that left even the most seasoned veterinary professionals stunned.

Despite immediate evaluation and the team's efforts to consider all possibilities, the extent of the trauma left no viable options for recovery. The kindest course of action was humane euthanasia.

Even in a field where difficult cases are part of the job, this one left a lasting impression on everyone involved. It served as a powerful reminder of how quickly accidents can happen, and just how important secure fencing and supervision are, especially in homes with multiple pets or neighboring animals!

- Mrs. Stout

Vet Tech Tip of the Week
Making the Most of Your Study Time

Between classes, labs, and hands-on work, your time is precious, so studying smart matters just as much as studying hard. Here are a few strategies tailored to vet tech students that can help you retain information more effectively and avoid last-minute cramming:

1. Use Active Recall

Instead of re-reading notes, *quiz yourself*. Try covering terms and definitions, then saying them aloud or writing them from memory. Flashcards (physical or apps like Anki or Quizlet) are great tools for this.

2. Break It into Short Sessions

Aim for focused 25–30-minute study blocks with 5-minute breaks in between. It's easier to stay engaged and retain information in short bursts than in marathon sessions.

3. Prioritize High-Yield Topics

Focus on what your instructors emphasize most, these are likely to show up on quizzes and tests. Don't get bogged down in memorizing every small detail at once.

4. Study Daily (Even Just a Little)

Try to review material from each class every day, even for just 15–30 minutes. Spaced repetition over time builds stronger long-term memory.

5. Teach It to Someone Else

If you can explain a concept in your own words to a friend or classmate (or even your dog!), you've really learned it. Teaching is one of the best ways to reinforce material.

Bonus Tip: Schedule your study time like an appointment and stick to it. Consistency and routine can help reduce stress and boost confidence heading into exams.

VTI Student Picks

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

[Click Here to Answer!](#)

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

Blood Drive – Save the Date!

When: Tuesday, August 12

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Front Parking Lot

Who: Faculty, Staff, and Students



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Underrated Animals

Bats: The Underrated MVPs of Nature

Bats tend to get a bad reputation thanks to spooky stories and common myths, but these misunderstood creatures are actually some of the most important, and impressive animals in the natural world. For starters, they're incredible at pest control. A single bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes in just one hour, helping to keep insect populations in check and making your evenings outdoors far more pleasant without the need for chemicals.

But bats do more than just munch on bugs. Many species also serve as essential pollinators for plants like bananas, mangoes, and agave (used to make tequila). Others help forests stay healthy by spreading seeds as they travel. In this way, bats quietly support both the environment and the global food supply.

They're also the only mammals capable of true flight, with wings made of flexible skin stretched over elongated fingers. There are over 1,400 species of bats worldwide, making them one of the most diverse groups of mammals on the planet. Many species use echolocation, sending out high-pitched sounds that bounce off objects, to navigate and hunt in complete darkness. It's like a built-in sonar system, and it's just one of many reasons bats are so fascinating.



Despite popular fears, bats are not aggressive or interested in people. Most are shy and harmless, preferring to snack on insects or fruit. In fact, you can help support your local bat population by installing a bat house in your yard. Not only will you be providing them with a safe place to roost, but you'll likely see a noticeable drop in pesky insects as a result.

So, the next time you spot a bat flitting through the night sky, don't be afraid, be grateful. These winged wonders are working hard behind the scenes to keep our environment balanced and our backyards bug-free.