Updates from the Board

Happy summer APVMA members! We are all working diligently over here to keep everything running and organized! The president has been collaborating with Virginia-Maryland to tie up some loose ends regarding the 2020 symposium. The vice president has been reaching out to new organizations and introducing them to who we are as APVMA. The treasurer has been sending out scholarship awards and updating information. The secretary has been working on new ideas for the monthly newsletters. The webmaster is still accepting applications for member of the month and the pet contest!
Hello APVMA Members,

I hope your summer is off to a fun and successful start. I am sure many of you are taking part in interesting internships, studying abroad, and taking advantage of shadowing opportunities. I hope that you all will take this summer to broaden your understanding of veterinary medicine and explore pathways that you haven't considered before. Maybe you'll explore lab animal medicine, or reproductive services, or other interesting fields, but whatever you do I hope that you will make the most of your summer.

For those of you that did not know, the AAVMC will be hosting a series of free virtual workshops this summer, covering topics such as VMCAS and the Road to Veterinary School. For more info check out https://www.aavmc.org/students-applicants-and-advisors.

At the end of July your APVMA executive board and advisors will be having our summer meeting to layout new policy for the 2019-2020 year. Stay tuned as we will be posting a version of our meeting minutes so that all of our members can see what they have to look forward to.

Thanks and Best Wishes,
Sam
As the summer is progressing, Virginia Tech has been working diligently to put together another incredible symposium for us. More updates will follow as more details are set in stone, but as for right now SAVE THE DATE because our next symposium will be held February 28-29th of 2020!

Special Announcement!

APVMA is still looking for any potential hosts for our 2021 symposium! If you're interested PLEASE email americanpvmapresident@gmail.com
Cover Letter Tips

As all of you are progressing on your veterinary endeavors, there may be several instances where you might have to write a cover letter. Here are some helpful tips to help you get a good jump start!

Introduction:

• Include your hiring manager’s name if possible! It makes it more personable. If you don't know who that is it never hurts to call the company and ask.

• Open up with an interesting line that highlights your excitement for working there. You could never go wrong with a generic introduction for yourself, but adding a little personality or creativity never hurts.

Body:

• You want to avoid repeating what is on your resume. Instead of restating your bullet points, explain how you approached going about that task/responsibility.

• If you're stumped try writing about your personality or passion that allows you to get the job done. Don't be afraid to elaborate on what you can do for their company and how you can be a great asset to their team.

Conclusion:

• Keep it short and sweet! Most cover letters do not exceed a page.

• Finish strong and be enthusiastic! Many cover letters end with, "I look forward to hearing from you", which is perfectly fine but don't be afraid to use that ending line to emphasize your enthusiasm or how you would be a great fit for the position.
Fun Fact of the Month

Did you know...a housefly hums in the key of F?

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Club of the Month

University of Kentucky's Pre-Vet Club

President:
In addition to serving as your APVMA president, Sam Johnson from Louisville, Kentucky, also serves as the University of Kentucky’s Pre-Vet Club president. He is a senior animal science major. His goal as a vet is to eventually run a low cost vet clinic, and to serve as an advocate for all pets and their owners. In his free time, he enjoys running, reading, and traveling. This summer he is returning for his fifth summer as a nurse at Shively Animal Clinic in Louisville. He is also traveling to Peru on a veterinary service trip.

Vice President:
Morgan Murray, originally from Hillsborough, North Carolina, is a junior animal science major at the University of Kentucky. She has an interest in large animal medicine and plans to pursue a masters in public health in the future. In her free time, Morgan loves to kayak and hike with her Australian Shepard, Scout. This summer, Morgan is helping on a research project at Duke University and volunteering at the North Carolina Zoo’s wildlife rehabilitation center.

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Club Highlights

The University of Kentucky's Pre-Vet Club strives to provide members with hands-on opportunities to learn and grow in their professionalism. This year the club introduced small, interactive workshops available throughout the school year. With the help of local veterinarian, Dr. Radhakrishnan from Bluegrass Veterinary Specialty, we were able to put on two successful suture labs. Members were able to learn the basics of suturing and try it themselves on bananas. The UK pre-vet club is excited to introduce more workshops in the coming year.
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