



St. George's University

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Grenada, West Indies

COMMENCEMENT



Sunday, June 2, 2024

USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Flushing, NY

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

St. George's University is proud to have been part of your development as artists, craftspeople, and scientists—a body of professionals whose goal, individual and collective, is to ease the suffering of each man, woman, child, and living creature, thus furthering the possibilities of humankind, as well as the animal kingdom as a whole, as we become released from the shackles of pain and disease. We know that you will hold a part of us in your soul as you evolve, as we will hold a part of each of you as we teach others to follow in your footsteps.

Good luck and Godspeed.

Charles R. Modica, JD
Chancellor

“The animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time.”

Henry Beston

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

St. George's University faculty and staff take great pride in recognizing your successes today. We know that through your education at SGU, you will make exceptional members of one of the noblest of health professions. We welcome you to that profession. On behalf of all members of SGU School of Veterinary Medicine, I wish each of you fulfillment and joy in your career.

Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD
Dean

“Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind.”

Albert Schweitzer

DAIS PARTY

ADMINISTRATION AND HONORED GUESTS

Charles R. Modica, JD
Chancellor

Glen Jacobs, DEd
Provost

Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Lucy Clunes, PhD
Dean of Students

Brendon L. La Grenade, MBA, EdD
Vice Provost, Office of Institutional Advancement.

Calum N.L. Macpherson, PhD, DIC
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Ray Kaplan, DVM, PhD, DipEVPC, DiplACVM
Senior Associate Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Tara Paterson, BSc(Hons), DVM, MSc
Associate Dean, 4th Year Clinical Training, School of Veterinary Medicine

Hugo Fonseca, MV, MSc, PhD
Professor, Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology

Thomas Hanson, DVM, MS
Professor, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery

Justine John, DVM
Instructor, Small Animal Clinic

Loren Goldstein, DVM
School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni, 2012

Aaron Spacher, DVM
School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni, 2017

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional..... Subtle Cheetah Brass Quintet

Welcome.....Dr. Glen Jacobs
Provost

National Anthems.....United States, Grenada, Douglas Jabara

Invocation.....Monsignor Brian McNamara

Introduction.....Dr. Glen Jacobs
Provost

Remarks.....Dr. Charles R. Modica
Chancellor

Remarks.....Dr. Neil C. Olson Dean
School of Veterinary Medicine

Remarks.....Dr. Tara Paterson
President, School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association

Degrees Conferred, School of Veterinary Medicine..... Dr. Charles R. Modica
Chancellor

Hooding and Presentation of Diplomas..... Chancellor and Dean

Academic Oath, School of Veterinary Medicine.....Dr. Tara Paterson
Associate Dean, 4th Year Clinical Training, School of Veterinary Medicine

Student Speaker..... Briana Kinsey

Closing Remarks.....Dr. Neil C. Olson
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Benediction.....Monsignor Brian McNamara

Recessional..... Subtle Cheetah Brass Quintet

*For your safety and the consideration of others,
we ask that you remain seated throughout the ceremony.*

STUDENT SPEAKER

Briana Kinsey-Trimble, DVM

Class of 2024 Keynote Speaker



Dr. Kinsey-Trimble is a January 2024 graduate of St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. While studying at SGU, she served as a class coordinator for Student Government, held the student chair on the SGU SVM Awards Committee and Executive Board for the SVM Wellness Committee. She finished her fourth year at Oklahoma State University before securing a position as an associate veterinarian at Animal Medical Center of Amarillo, Texas.

Recently, she married her college sweetheart Stephen Trimble, and together have adopted "Munchi," a kitten with Evans Syndrome. Her passions include client education, mental health in the veterinary profession, and sharing her journey on TikTok.

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Brendon L. La Grenade EdD, MBA

Vice Provost Institutional Advancement
(Head of Alumni Affairs)



It is a pleasure to congratulate the graduating class of 2024 and welcome you as our newest inductees into the SGU School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association (SVMAA). You've worked hard and persevered, and for this; you should be proud. You are now members of a phenomenal network of veterinary physicians. Continue to represent SGU, your alma mater, with pride. You are now part of a remarkable heritage of veterinary physician success (#SGUProud).

As you transition from student to alumnus veterinarian and your new journey takes you in many varied directions, know that you are not alone. You are now part of a vast alumni network and connected you are stronger.

The next phase of your professional journey begins now as a veterinarian. Along the way you will encounter fellow SGU alumni, some may be colleagues who you support and inspire, and others may be mentors and leaders who inspire you. Be proud of your SGU heritage and identify with your network. You all started on the tiny island of Grenada and now represent a culture of proud veterinarians—you did it. The bonds you made are forever. Only you and your SGU colleagues understand what it takes to be an SGU Alumnus. Wear this with pride.

Additionally, with you and your fellow class of 2024 inductees, this illustrious alumni network of veterinarians has grown. You should be proud of your achievements. You are part of a great alumni network. Together you can and will do great things, and we are proud of you.

As your new professional journey begins, know that your Alumni Affairs team and your SVMAA are here to support you. Please stay connected.

Once again congratulations, today is your day, and we celebrate you!

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Hailey Ahrendt

Sarah Alecxih

Peterlyn Alexander

Michelle Almodovar

Sean Anderson

Christian Susu Andres

Brianna Aquino-Moreta

Peter Arena

Jaylen Aronson

Melissa Ballantyne

Emily Barron

Jade Basha

Samantha Batchelor

Hayden Bauer

Heidi Beck

CoryBen Berna

Logan Bernstein

Kara Blankenship

Dawnell Bleasdille

Kate Bockhorn

Letty Bonilla

Hannah Boone

Allison Boswell

Kirsten Braccili

Alison Bradley

Abigail Brenner

Brin Brown

Katherine Buchanan

Riley Burrows

Patrick Byrnes

Sahony Caba Paulino

Alexa Cameron

Catherine Chang

Brianna Chin

Caitlin Coartney

Alexandra Colella

Emily Compton-Boughton

Justin Conner

Chantal Coutu

Victoria Cowell

Carmina Craciun

Shelly Crenshaw

Macey Cropski

Melissa Crouch

Marie Crowe

Peter Cruz

Alexandra DeLeon

Martin Desales

Alexandra DeStefano

Gianna DiFeo

Peyton Dillon

Matthew Drouin

Shayna Dubos

Lauren Dunbar

Griffin Dyson

Eryn Ebinger Christian

Lindsay Edgar

Melissa Edloff

Ashley Emmett

Yvana Ephraim

Amanda Ernst

Alexa Feist

Melissa Ferguson

Sarah Fischer

Andrew Fitzgerald

Lauren Fleming

Gabriela Frontanes

Anca Gagliardo

Savana Gagne

Allie Gantt

Alexandra Garrett

Celine Gellineau

Megan Gilmore	Allison Lockhart
Molly Ginn	Kari Lohr
Courtney Glotzer	Erin Loos
Krista Godbey	Cameron Lorica
Delia Gomez	Katherine Lounsbery
Haley Gorman	Danielle MacStudy
Kevin Greenberg	Marissa Marash
Cobi Guilbeau	Victoria Marchello
Elise Gutierrez	Leandra Margolies
Rachele Hart	Marissa Marinaccio
Larissa Henry	Stefanie Marshall
Briana Hernandez	Elizabeth Martin
Stephanie Ho	Elizabeth Martinez
Samantha Hoover	James Mason
Celine Hosten	Erin Maud
Kevin Howell	Tori McCarthy
Emily Hughes	Marisol McFarland
Kacey Hung	Maricella Medina
Daniel Ingram	Angelica Melara
Nicole Jennings	Jennifer Memleb
Acacia Johnson	Christopher Merrill
Adrian Jones	Shahrzad Mesbah
Jade Jordan	Angela Michael
Richard Joyce	Sarah Mikhail
Allison Kearney	Sara Miner
Julia Kerr	Christopher Modica
Briana Kinsey	Cassandra Morales
Alexandra Koutras	Michelle Mordachai
Margaret Kovach	Madeline Muntean
Alyson Kreideweis	Nicole Murphy
Laura Krenik	Selina Nackley
Charlene Kriegsman	Ryan Navarro
Maureen Kruhlak	Taylor Nealy
Katherine Langan	Brittney Nguyen
Hannah Lavin-Sauchenco	Allison Nickell
Carais Lawrence	Antonia Nickleberry
Rayner LeBlanc	John Nugra
Alexy Lefebvre	Jessica Oliveira
Kassidy Leon	Cindy Ortega
Nastassia Lini	Kendra Pacholok

Taryn Paquet	Stephanie Smick
Pierina Paradizo	Carlin Smith
Elizabeth Peck	Lauren Smith
Mahathi Pentavalli	Sydney Spampinato
Olivia Pleasanton	Lindsay Sperry
Trent Plier	Taylor Stanton
William Pyryt	Matthew Stark
Kira Rasmussen	Casey Strauss
Kendra Rehnblom	Casey Stringer
Hope Reichle	Eric Taite
Cristians Rivas Morales	Mackenzie Tarockoff
Gabrielle Rivera	Kathleen Temple
Silvestrelvidio Rivera	Jacquelyn Terrell
Aleeka Roberts	Evan Thorpe
Amanda Rottman Torres	Emily Tomkiewicz
Samuel Ruch	Spencer Trinca
Valerie Ruiz	Shannon Vallone
Alyssa Rutherford	Sarah Voors
Danielle Sackett	Tavia Watkins
Bethany Sakowski	Jacob Weggeland
Harrison Saling	Janine Wettergren
Christina Sanchez	Erica White
Valerie Savino	Abigail Wilebski
Sara Schectman	Kimberly Williams
Emily Schleinkofer	Taryn Williamson
Brittany Schoen	Chelsea Wilson
Mario Semma	Abigail Winebaugh
Mary Shenouda	Kenneth Winebaugh Jr.
Emily Shin	Madeline Wolfe
Autumn Silva	Andrew Yacoub
Jayont Singh	

Cord Colors

Phi Zeta Honor Society—Grey

SGA Board Members—Green

SGA Representatives—White

Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA)—Gold

*Appearance of a student's name on the list of candidates
is not presumptive of a degree.*

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Michelle Almodovar

Sean Anderson

Logan Bernstein

Letty Bonilla

Riley Burrows

Caitlin Coartney

Lauren Dunbar

Amanda Ernst

Melissa Ferguson

Lauren Fleming

Anca Gagliardo

Alexandra Garrett

Celine Gellineau

Stephanie Ho

Samantha Hoover

Acacia Johnson

Adrian Jones

Charlene Kriegsmann

Maureen Kruhlak

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Leandra Margolies

Jennifer Memleb

Christopher Merrill

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Sara Schectman

Stephanie Smick

Taylor Stanton

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Brianna Aquino-Moreta

Jade Basha

Heidi Beck

Dawnell Bleasdille

Shayna Dubos

Eryn Ebinger Christian

Yvana Ephraim

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Kimberly Williams

Taryn Williamson

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Sarah Alecxih

Peter Arena

Abigail Brenner

Brin Brown

Martin Desales

Alexa Feist

Megan Gilmore

Courtney Glotzer

Kevin Howell

Richard Joyce

Alyson Kreideweis

Carais Lawrence

Cameron Lorica

Angelica Melara

Antonia Nickleberry

Cindya Ortega

Pierina Paradizo

Amanda Rottman Torres

Brittany Schoen

Mario Semma

Jayont Singh

Lauren Smith

Erica White

Madeline Wolfe

PHI ZETA HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Originated in 1925 by New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University, Phi Zeta is a veterinary honor society created to recognize students for their superior academic achievement. The society promotes scholarship and research pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.

Phi Zeta is an abbreviation adapted from the Latin form of the Greek word, philozoi, which means "love of animals." The Alpha Delta chapter at St. George's University became the first international chapter of this prestigious honor society.

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VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.