Hello from the office!

Veterinary Career Connections is a bi-annual career newsletter for alumni, employers, and friends of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Our goal is to provide news and relevant information to our constituents through stories and online resources, as well as highlight the great things our students are doing. A little about our office: Amanda Fark joined the college in November of 2012 and was charged with developing a Career Management office to serve the needs of veterinary students, alumni, and employers. Amanda provides one-on-one career counseling, develops resources, meets with employers and alumni, and hosts career workshops and presentations. Kelsey Kerstetter joined the team in July 2013 and manages the online job posting board, coordinates events, and implements marketing efforts. We look forward to working with you on all your career needs.

Best Regards,

Amanda Fark & Kelsey Kerstetter

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Reunion-Homecoming Weekend Networking Luncheon: October 17, 2014

Interested in on-campus interviewing? Call or email Kelsey at (614) 292-1556 or Kerstetter.21@osu.edu
Student Spotlight

Pamela Soda-Gray is a fourth year veterinary student who knows the importance of not only working hard in the classroom, but developing the professional skills she needs to succeed as a veterinarian. Pam will earn her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in May of 2015. She already has her Master of Science in nutrition and plans on pursuing a career in small animal medicine.

Pam was a Hill’s Student Representative for two years as well as a Veterinary Assistant at VCA Antech in Columbus, OH before starting her clinical year. She is involved in many clubs, including Veterinary Business Management Association, SCAVMA, and Alpha Psi. Balancing work and school can be challenging, but Pam was able to apply what she was learning in the classroom to her employment opportunities. “The technical skills we learn are so important, but communication and professionalism are two crucial topics covered in our Professional Development course. The communications labs that we have are very beneficial to developing great client communication skills. The scenarios we encounter in clinics and working in a veterinary environment are very similar to the actor simulations, and it is great to practice communication skills in a low pressure, learning environment,” she says.

She also utilizes the many services offered by the Office of Career Management. “The resume advice, networking workshops, and mock interview opportunities have been invaluable to me in preparing for my future career. The Office of Career Management offers so many resources, and I cannot wait to apply all that I have learned as a veterinary professional.”

Pam welcomes your advice as she enters the veterinary profession; feel free to email her at sodagray.1@osu.edu. To meet with our soon to be graduates, schedule an on-campus interview today!

LinkedIn and the Buckeye Vetwork

The Ohio State Veterinary Alumni group is for students, staff, alumni, employers, and friends of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine! Share ideas, post job opportunities, and connect with other Buckeye veterinarians and students:

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Ohio-State-Veterinary-Alumni-5170406/about

You can also join the Buckeye Veterinary Network subgroup (The Vetwork) to serve as a mentor for students!

The Online Job Posting Board and Career Center

Your one stop resource to post and search for job opportunities, access important employer resources, and connect with potential employees through the resume search feature.

The Benefits of the Career Center:

- Post an unlimited amount of job opportunities with Ohio State students, with options to post nationwide with the Veterinary Career Network
- Access to hundreds of resumes and potential employees
- Explore important employer resources, including how to create an effective job posting and attract top talent

To Create Your Account:

- Click the Job Posting Board icon on careers homepage
- Click Employers? Sign in and more
- The “Sign Up Now” button will appear; create your account, and begin posting job opportunities!
Buckeyes Hiring Buckeyes
Connecting Alumni and Students to Build Lasting Partnerships

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine boasts an impressive network of alumni employed in all 50 states and around the world. Current students and recent graduates of the college are lucky to have a vast resource of mentors, role models, and potential employers from which to seek career guidance and professional advice. The Office of Career Management works to connect alumni and students and build lasting bonds within the veterinary Buckeye community by partnering with alumni to host career development events for students and posting their employment opportunities. When Buckeyes hire and mentor fellow Buckeyes, they contribute to a cycle of continued support that will ultimately benefit Ohio State veterinary students for many years to come.

Dr. Anthony Potorti is a 1987 graduate of The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine. When he had two openings at his large animal practice, he contacted The Office of Career Management to post the employment opportunity. He interviewed candidates from veterinary schools across the country and around the world. None were as impressive as Dr. Mallory Titler and Dr. Alexander de Roziere, 2014 graduates of The Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine, who joined his team following their graduation from the college in May.

According to Dr. Potorti, Dr. Titler and Dr. de Roziere stood out from the other candidates in many ways. "Ohio State students are obviously more finished and ready for practice," he said. "They are better prepared to perform a thorough physical exam, take a good history, develop a differential diagnosis, and work through a case logically and systematically when they graduate. This has not been true for several students from other schools I have hired in the past. I think this is a result of not only good instruction, but exposure to a larger and varied caseload versus other schools."

Dr. Tod Beckett, class of 1989, also hires current students for part time and summer employment. Alumni working with current students is beneficial because they have been through similar training, he says. "They are getting the same fundamental training I did when I was in veterinary school at Ohio State, so I know where they are in their training and where they need to be with a couple more years of school. I help students make the vast amount of data they get in school relevant in a clinical case environment and challenge them to think like a doctor," he said.

Dr. Potorti and Dr. Beckett are both giving back to students and recent graduates in important ways. As mentoring becomes more prominent in the workplace, Dr. Portorti believes it is important for veterinarians to support each other and current students. "Any professional with several years of experience needs to share that knowledge base with younger students of their profession," he said. "It aids our patients, clients and the profession as a whole. It helps to improve our quality of care. Younger professionals bring with them a wealth of new knowledge and enthusiasm as well to share with the practice. If handled properly, the mentor and the student can learn volumes from each other!"

Have a story or an idea you would like to share? Contact Kelsey at Kerstetter.21@osu.edu.
Zoetis has launched a new online resource for veterinary professionals. VETVANCE has brought together contributors from across the country to impart years of practical experience to help new veterinarians establish their careers. Their various areas of expertise as well as diverse backgrounds help bring emerging veterinary professionals the information they need to handle the non-clinical aspects of their business. Visit www.vetvance.com to create your account today!