Congratulations, graduates, and welcome to our profession!

As members of the 68th class to graduate from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, you join more than 4,800 of our College’s alumni in a profession that I know you will find rewarding.

Your interests are diverse, but we all are bound by our concern for the welfare of animals and our mission of preserving a healthy interface between animals and people. At every opportunity, help the general public understand the value, depth and breadth of our profession’s service to people and animals. Encourage young people to pursue veterinary medicine by demonstrating how fulfilling our work can be.

I urge you to maintain and build unity within our profession by participating in organized veterinary medicine at the local, state and national levels. Join your local and state associations. There you will meet other veterinarians who can advise you as your career develops.

By joining the American Veterinary Medical Association, you will unite with veterinarians across the country so that your voice will be heard regarding issues pertaining to animal welfare, public policy and other matters related to our profession.

Finally, I encourage you to join and stay active in the Alumni Association of our College. We value your input and support as we serve our primary mission: educating tomorrow’s veterinarians.

I hope you will use every opportunity to visit us and to keep in touch. All of us enjoy following your progress as you advance through your career. Do not hesitate to call on us if we can help you in any way. And please remember, you will always be a part of our community.

Sincerely,

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