



College of
Veterinary Medicine
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Department of Physiology and
Pharmacology

of the

College of Veterinary Medicine

recognizes graduates with a

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical
Physiology

Fall 2024 Convocation

Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00pm

College of Veterinary Medicine , Room 1920 | Athens, Georgia

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ONE HEALTH.**

TEACHING. RESEARCH. SERVICE

This is the place where theory intersects with action. Where science is connected to service. UGA College of Veterinary Medicine – the intersection of research and impact.

The Biomedical Physiology major was introduced in 2022 to meet student demand for a program to further their understanding of how living organisms function. The curriculum fosters a strong knowledge base in physiology and related sciences as well as critical thinking skills and workplace competencies. Student enthusiasm has led to rapid expansion in enrollment which has been met with an increase in faculty and course offerings.

Program

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Dr. Gaylen Edwards, Department Head, Physiology and Pharmacology

Gaylen L. Edwards, DVM, PhD is in his 35th year at the University of Georgia. He is currently the University of Georgia Athletic Association Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Head of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Georgia. He also serves as the interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Edwards received his DVM and PhD from Washington State University and conducted postdoctoral studies in the Cardiovascular Center at the University of Iowa. His research has focused on signaling from viscera and control of behavior, particularly ingestive behaviors.

Dr. Edwards has served on multiple committees and panels for national and international organizations, including the American Physiological Society, FASEB, and AAALAC, where he advocates for science policy and basic science research.

CLASS SPEAKER

Brooke Mangano, Student Speaker

REMARKS

Dr. Lisa Nolan, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Lisa K. Nolan is the Georgia Athletics Association Distinguished Professor and Dean of the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to joining UGA, she served as professor and Dr. Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean (2011-2017), associate dean of research and graduate studies (2009-2011), associate dean of academic and student affairs (2007-2009), and chair of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Preventive Medicine (2003-2008) at Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She was also Professor and Founding Director of the Great Plains Institute of Food Safety at North Dakota State University (1999-2003).

Nolan has received several honors over the course of her career, including being named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Microbiology, an honorary diplomate of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society, a Distinguished Educator Award from the Blue Key National Honor Society, and the Academic Alumnus of 2016 from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.

Nolan is a proud triple dog earning her DVM, MS and PhD from UGA.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Gaylen Edwards, Department Head, Physiology and Pharmacology

CLOSING COMMENTS

Dr. Karen Wells

RECEPTION

Snacks provided outside

Degree Recipients

Sydney M. Bacon
Elizabeth K. Buescher
Sarah E. Gruschow
Daniel A. Hernandez
Allison Himiob
Brooke N. Mangano
Huynh K. Nguyen
Nhi H. Nguyen
Hawkins G. Pontes
Abigail M. Ulrich
Hunter Valbuena-Jordan
Ryan J. Willoughby
Brooklynn J. Yates

Congratulations from the Faculty and Staff
of the Department of Physiology and
Pharmacology!



Your support of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology will provide for a student's educational experience that will help them forge a path to success and create memories of UGA friends and professors that will last a lifetime.

Research experiences for our students

Provides undergraduate scholarships

Provides a personalized convocation celebration for our fast-growing Biomedical Physiology major which is a way to applaud our students' achievements with their family and friends.

Attendees who wish to support the program may do so at the links below:

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[UGA CVM Undergraduate Support Fund](#)