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What is SAVMA?

The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) was created in 1969 as the national organization of veterinary students. The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) exists to support, empower, and inspire all veterinary students in improving their lives, education, and career, along with securing a better future for our profession.

The objective of SAVMA is to introduce veterinary students to the concept of organized veterinary medicine; to promote, enhance and support professionalism and veterinary medical education; to advocate for and promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and wellbeing in veterinary medical education and extracurricular programs; and to encourage the development and empowerment of students as leaders in the profession of veterinary medicine and the community as a whole.

Student AVMA (SAVMA) Membership is open to any full time student enrolled in a program of study leading directly to a professional veterinary degree, granted by a school or college of veterinary medicine. [Join SAVMA](#) today to start taking advantage of your membership benefits!

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Fundraising Co-Chair: Shannon Hawkins (she/her)

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Class of 2022 Rep: Michael Greener (he/him)

Class of 2023 Rep: Jason Szumski (he/him)

Class of 2024 Rep: Grace Wischmeyer (she/her)

Class of 2025 Rep: Theo Belanga (they/them)

Special thank you to our faculty advisors:

Dr. Sander (he/him)

Dr. Wismer (she/her)

Dr. Hague (she/her)

CHEERS TO ANOTHER YEAR!

Hello Vet Med! We are officially finished with another semester and therefore, that much closer to becoming doctors! SAVMA is so proud of all you have accomplished!

Fourth Years- Congratulations! Good luck on all your future endeavors as you become the next set of leaders in the veterinary field.

Third Years- Congratulations on starting clinics. Although it will be a tough year, there is so much to look forward to and so many opportunities to learn and grow!

Second Years- Here comes junior surgery and starting to put all the pieces together!

First Years- Although anatomy is done, I'm not sure it gets much better from there. Good luck!

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Coming to Illinois



SAVMA SYMPOSIUM 2023

SAVMA has over 17,000 veterinary student members worldwide. We look forward to welcoming more than 1,000 of them to our college in March 2023.

Special shoutout to Leah Nehila, Max Paulson, and Erica Greene for leading the winning bid!

Interested in volunteering to help make this event a success? Email: wschmyr2@illinois.edu or kharmes2@illinois.edu



Congratulations Class of 2022!





Spring 2022 President's Report

We did it! Congratulations on finishing another semester toward your DVM. The SAVMA E-Board has enjoyed being able to plan some fun in-person events for us all, as well as brainstorming and advocating for important changes to make sure you get the most out of your veterinary school experience. Below is the highlight reel of each position's accomplishments this semester. If there is anything in this report you are particularly happy to see, I would love to share your feedback with the board members so please utilize the link below. If you have any questions, please contact me by email and I would be happy to provide additional information about any of these topics.

Please continue to implement suggestion box, which I filter through and distribute productive comments and concerns (or positive feedback!) to the appropriate E-Board member and ensure that action is taken when possible. Check out my section of the reports below for changes or other info that came from suggestion box items. Thank you for any feedback you provide. <https://forms.gle/EkFPCn8W1ARje2mf7>

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President – Erica Greene 2023 and Crystal Munguia 2024

- Erica ordered new anesthesia monitors for junior surgery using Hill's funding, ran a successful fourth year Ophthalmology Lab, coordinated food for the bus to 2022 SAVMA Symposium, and transitioned Crystal into the President role
- Crystal organized 2022 SAVMA Symposium attendance:
 - Took 46 Students to Minneapolis, MN to attend the symposium hosted by the University of Minnesota
 - Won Outstanding Chapter Attendance Award, 6th year in a row
 - Currently working on where to put all previous trophies
- Crystal's Communication Initiatives:
 - Started club representative meetings: to take place once every quarter
 - Contacted presidents from UIUC professional schools to increase university wide student collaboration
 - Made it easier to update corporate representative information
- Working with Dorothy Echols to include DEI statement in local SAVMA chapter.

- Crystal also joined the 2023 SAVMA Symposium Planning Team and will be attending VLE as a student facilitator.
- Using Hill's funds Crystal and Max were able to install 4 new microwaves in BSB, replace a broken one in SAC basement, and provide the students with a Keurig.

President-Elect – Hassan Hanna 2025

- Transitioned into role from Crystal Munguia 2024.
- Hassan submitted the SAVMA Summer Sale Order Form to ASA after updating
- Attended 2022 SAVMA Symposium as President-Elect, joined the 2023 SAVMA Symposium Planning Team, and will be planning iVLE for the Class of 2026.
- Working with the Class of 2025 to create a Yearbook Committee

Vice President – Tori Martin 2023 and Jenna Henderson 2024

- Tori Martin 2023: Finished election for new SAVMA E-board, put together T-times and transitioned role to Jenna Henderson 2024
- Jenna ran the Spring SAVMA Clothing sale, completed the T-times, and will be updating BSB bulletin boards over the summer

Senior and Junior Delegates – Max Paulson 2024 and Emily Verwers 2025

- Completed 2023 Symposium Planning Committee [see section below for more details]
- Hosted dinner with Dr. Gill, one of the board members of the AVMA
- Sat in House of Delegates (HOD) meetings during 2022 SAVMA Symposium. Motions passed by HOD:
 - SAVMA as a national organization added its name to the Gender Identity Bill of Rights.
 - Granted representation in the HOD for satellite chapter members at South Dakota State University 2+2 Program
- Max Paulson was elected SAVMA national President-Elect; attended his first AVMA BOD Meeting and started National President-Elect duties
- AVMA Legislative Fly-IN spoke to US Representatives and Senators about two bills:
 - Healthy Dog Importation Act
 - Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Enhancement Act
- Completed the Plant and Grow Wellness and Gratitude Event
- Both delegates will be attending VLE over the summer and Emily will be planning iVLE for the Class of 2026.

Secretary – Katie Hiskes 2023 and OC Kirkland 2025

- Katie Hiskes 2023: Registered incoming students for SAVMA memberships and renewed all other years' members and refined this process to make sure there is no lapse in membership for any students. Transitioned OC into role.
- OC sent Jackie Ross the confirmation for 22-23 local dues and May grad verification list.
- Coordinates e-board meeting location, sends out agenda, and writes minutes to keep board organized

Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect – Laura Nearing 2023, Jade Williams 2024, and Myranda Richied 2025

- Laura Nearing 2023 met with Jade Williams to transition out of the Treasurer role.
- Budget changes: Increased club funding, conference funding

- Jade collected and distributed funds raised for NOMV and need-base club funding.

Philanthropy Chair – Madison Hudder 2023 and Varun Seth 2025

- Madison Hudder 2023: completed blood drive, helped out VSOP, and transitioned the role to Varun Seth 2025.
- Varun set up blood drive April 7th, 2022, VSOP boy scout and teddy bear hospital participation, set up school supply drive, and is working on coordinating the “be the match” drive for September.

Webmaster – Hayley Rossiano 2024

- Updated the SAVMA Website
- Created a SAVMA Instagram @illinoissavma
- Created a functional events calendar and working on consolidation of club emails.

IVSA Representative – Tess Cummings 2024

- Applied and received the 2022 IVSA-SAVMA Local Chapter Support Grant for \$500 to be used for a lecture series or a Cultural night next year
- Sent out a Veterinary Study abroad survey and discussed with Dr. Souza
- Discussed the Vets and Wildlife lecture with Dr. Souza

Diversity and Inclusion Chair – Hollie Heape 2023 and Dorothy Echols 2025

- Hollie Heape 2023 transitioned role to Dorothy Echols 2025. Hollie helped students join the ISVMA DEI committee, organized SAC locker assignments to promote gender inclusion, and met with pre-vet club to promote Purdue DEI certificate.
- Dorothy is running registration for the Purdue Diversity and Inclusion Certificate program and is aiding to draft a DEI statement to local chapter bylaws.

Fundraising Co-Chairs – Elle Donnelly 2023, Amanda Predki 2024 and Shannon Hawkins 2025

- Elle Donnelly 2023 transitioned role to Amanda Predki. Elle sent out a fundraising preview for students for ideas, from the old SAVMA T-shirts were sold some proceeds went to NOMV and the rest towards club funding grant.
- Amanda and Shannon accomplished the Club Funding Grant/NOMV, sticker, and plant fundraisers.

ISVMA Representative – Lauren McKay 2023, Jessica Diepholz 2024, and Brianna Huff 2025

- Lauren McKay 2023 transitioned role to Jessica Diepholz 2024. Lauren Met with Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange Office and Dr. Souza, reached out to LVM for a second Spanish lunch lecture, and worked with the match program with Illinois veterinarians.
- Jess accomplished an ISVMA Q&A using poll questions that were gathered, should be up on ECHO360.

Class Representatives –Michael Greener 2022, Jason Szumski 2023, Grace Wischmeyer 2024, Theodore Berlanga 2025

- Michael coordinated several NAVLE reviews for Class of 2022
 - Congratulations Class of 2022 for graduating from the UIUC Veterinary program. We will miss you!
- Jason met with admin to discuss White Coat Ceremony and helped with the interview of new wellness counselor.

- Grace worked on supporting transition for transfer students, became 2023 SAVMA Symposium manager, and continues to work on student life betterment.
- Theodore Compiled class comments about clinicals to improve student experience, attended Q&A orientation panel for the Class of 2026, hosted a first-year forum, created a First Year Survival Guide, and will be attending VLE to plan iVLE for the Class of 2026.
- Theo will also be attending the Iverson Bell Midwest Conference.
- All participated in several meetings with Dean Constable and Associate Dean Foreman, discussed several student concerns and solutions, including:
 - UIUC acquired the Eastern most round barn and is planning to make the house into housing for visitors. Brainstorming for round barn use is flex space for events.
 - Improving relationships between staff and students
 - Fourth year clinic scheduling
 - Goals for increased class size (2026 and on)
- Participated in Hill's Funding meeting [see report below]

Other Topics/Discussions

- 2023 SAVMA Symposium: Gracie Wischmeyer and Kaelan Harmes are the 2023 SAVMA Symposium Planning Team Managers. They have:
 - Successfully presented symposium at an all-faculty meeting on April 18th
 - Assigned committees to student volunteers
 - Reviewed iHotel & Conference budget
- Hill's Backlong Fund used for:
 - Anesthesia Monitors for Junior Surgery
 - Poisonous Plant Garden Update
 - Microwave/Keurig Update
 - Purdue Diversity and Inclusion Program Certificate
 - \$1000 Hill's Scholarship
 - Plumb's Voucher for Graduating Fourth Years
- Club Funding:
 - VOICE Bulletin Board Update
 - AAVMP Tea Ceremony
 - CAVA: Animal Behavior Lecture
 - NAVAS: Large Animal Nerve Block
- Conference Funding: This year the UIUC Local SAVMA Chapter has decided to apply some of the budget to support student attendance at conferences. This year 6 conference grants were awarded.