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WSU College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions E-Newsletter

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Happy 2007!

Welcome to 2007 !

A new year, fresh beginnings and loads of exciting things bound to happen!

Hopefully this newsletter finds you off to a successful start of your next semester or quarter and the new

classes you have are refreshing and (at least right now at the beginning...) interesting. Remember, the information will come in handy someday!

You have a chance to make this year whatever you want it to be, so even if you're not a believer in New Year's resolutions, at least take some time to think of how you want to use the year ahead you — to improve yourself, accomplish goals, be more appreciative and

possibly come and visit WSU if you haven't already (alright there's my cheesy plug!).

No matter how you approach the new year... the Student Services Team here at WSU wishes you all the best in 2007!



Admissions Timeline:

- *Mid-January = Interview and deny letters are mailed for WA/Out-of-Area applicants, WICHE funding is announced*
- *Jan. 18 & 19 = Idaho interviews*
- *Feb. 12–14 = OOA interviews*
- *Feb. 20–22 = WA interviews*
- *April 14th = WSU CVM Open House*
- *April 15th = Acceptance deadline*
- *May 1st = First day unsuccessful candidates can contact WSU-CVM Student Services for feedback*

Financial Aid Reminder

Don't forget to submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) no later than February 1st to guarantee consideration for financial aid if admitted to WSU. The FAFSA can be



completed and submitted electronically, but be sure to enter WSU as a school that will receive your data.

General university scholarship information can be found at:

<http://www.wsu.edu/future-students/scholarships/index.html>.

CVM scholarship information will be provided in late spring to those students admitted into the DVM program for Fall 2008.

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Meet Current Student — Issac

This month we will feature current students, both 2nd year male students.

Hello! My name is Issac and I am a second year DVM student at WSU-CVM. I was raised on a farm in the small town of

Castle Dale, Utah. My family owns a small pure-bred Simmental cattle operation.

Growing up, I had many opportunities to raise and work with animals for the local annual stock shows

and state fairs. My interest in veterinary medicine really sparked while I was working with some farmers in the Andes Mountains of Peru. I found that my simple

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Issac's Bio/Perspective, con't.

knowledge of animal husbandry was enough to help dramatically improve the overall well-being of the animals and the help increase production for the farmer.

I returned from a two year stay in Peru in 2001 and began my college studies at the College of Eastern Utah. I later transferred to Southern Utah University where I completed my bachelors degree in Agricultural Science and Industry.

I applied to and was accepted to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University and

began my studies here in 2005. I have particular interest in production animal medicine and large animal Theriogenology (reproduction medicine).

I have really enjoyed my experience here at WSU thus far. My wife is also



Issac, a 2nd year DVM student at WSU

a student at WSU and is majoring in Human Development. We have an 18 month daughter named Kaycee and we have found Pullman to be a very good place to raise a family. Upon graduation, I would like to someday return to the small town where I was raised and own and operate a mixed animal practice.

If you have questions for Issac, please email them to: admissions@vetmed.wsu.edu.

D.iscover V.eterinary M.edicine @ WSU

Concurrent with the annual College of Veterinary Medicine Open House on April 14th, CVM Student Services will again be hosting the "D.iscover V.eterinary M.edicine @ WSU" recruitment event.

D.V.M@WSU is a jam-packed day whereby participants can find out about the professional DVM program here at WSU,

ask questions of the actual Admissions Committee, talk to current students about their thoughts, learn more about the application and admissions process

and also find out about living in Pullman. Not to worry, time is also built-in so that participants can also check out the Open House with all it's displays, mini-lectures and demonstrations.

Because of the resounding success of last year's event, this we will have a firm registration cap at 125, including parents, guests or pre-vet advisors. Registration will be online at www.vetmed.wsu.edu starting January 16th and remaining open until all seats are filled or March 15th, whichever occurs first. Each person planning to attend must register separately and **all fields on the registration form will be required.**

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Letters and What They Mean

If you are a current applicant you may have already received a letter from the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Or maybe you're checking your mailbox daily. Maybe you're not a current applicant, but you've heard something about "letters" during the process. Well, let's see if we can demystify the letters that you might be receiving.

The first letter most applicants would

receive is a letter informing them that they have been selected for an **interview**. The letter will let you know the date and time of your pending interview, should you choose to participate.

The next letter applicants will receive is the **accept/deny** letter. After a student has interviewed

(except for WICHE-funded students) a letter will be sent, usually within 3-5 business days of the interview, notifying them if they have been accepted, if they have been put on an alternate list, or if they have been denied admission at this time. If a student is admitted, they



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D.V.M.@WSU, con't.

One big difference at the 2007 D.V.M.@WSU will be presence and coordination of two current DVM Student Ambassadors. Third year student, Julie, and second year student, Carey, will be helping put on the event, so you can look forward to meeting them!

If for some reason you are not able to get a spot during registration, the Open House itself is open to the general public and we would encourage you to at least attend that function to get a taste of the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Information about those events will be posted on the CVM website at:



www.vetmed.wsu.edu as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of Assistant Director of Admissions/Recruiter Abbie DeMeerleer as early as possible at:

abbiedem@vetmed.wsu.edu or 509-335-5107.

Letters and What They Mean, con't.

will also receive a phone call on the day the letters are put in the mail. In the acceptance letters there will be a gray acceptance form. On the form are two boxes and signature lines—one to say, “Yes, I’m coming to WSU!” and the other to decline your offer and let us know that you won’t be coming. Either way, please be

There are many types of letters you can receive from the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, but the 3 most common are:
Interview, accept/deny and interest.

sure to fill out the form and get it back to us as soon as you’ve made your decision so we can plan accordingly.

For WICHE students there is another letter that may precede the

other letters. There is an **interest** letter that is sent to those WICHE candidates whom the Admissions

Committee feels are strong candidates and whether they get funding or not, WSU-CVM would be interested in them as students. This letter explains that should the student not receive WICHE funding, they will be guaranteed an interview for consideration in the out-of-area admissions pool. *This letter is NOT a letter of acceptance!*

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Student Services/Faculty Bio—Dr. Gilbert Burns

I wear a lot of different hats in the College of Veterinary Medicine. As the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, I administer the many functions of the Office of Student Affairs, direct the design, implementation, and refinement of the courses offered in the college, and oversee the major college committees.

I help organize major college events like the Student Orientation Leadership Experience, the White Coat and Transitions ceremonies, the annual Open House, the Scholarship banquet, and graduation. I also serve as the



director of the Office of Admissions, where I ensure that each application to the college is considered fairly, consistently, and in a timely manner. As a member of the teaching faculty, I serve as an

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instructor in the first semester Veterinary Anatomy course. I also teach in the Success as a Veterinarian course and in the Leadership Development series.



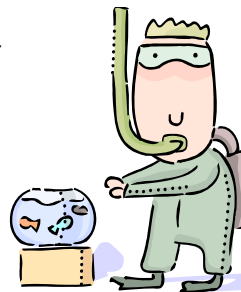
Finally, I have an active, federally-funded research program. The members of my laboratory group,

including my two gifted collaborators Drs. Bob Ritter and Mihai Covasa, and I study the hindbrain neurocircuitry involved with the control of food intake.

My hobbies: My wife and I are PADI-certified recreational divers. When we are not diving in the Caribbean or Hawaii, you might find us driving down the highway or camping in one of the wonderful local parks in our motor home.

Pets: While we have owned a whole host of

dogs and cats over the years, we currently are the proud parents of a 10-year-old Lhasa apso named “Bud.” He is an avid RV dog and a diligent protector of his “pack.” On one occasion, he chased off an adult black bear that had confronted his dad. He’s The Little Man!



If you would like to contact Dr. Burns, he can be reached at: 509-335-3063 or gab@vetmed.wsu.edu.

Daniel — A WSU DVM 2nd Year Student

My name is Daniel, and I’ve been asked to give you some perspective on my rise to the coveted position as vet student. But first, a little about myself.

I grew up in a small community in central Utah. I have been involved in agriculture at various levels my entire life, starting with our 500 head cow/calf ranch and 5000 head custom feedlot. I have been involved in FFA, 4-H, and basically am your country bumpkin’ through and through.

I lived in the Caribbean Islands for a couple years as a missionary for my church, found some clarity in my life, and decided that veterinary medicine melded all my passions into one career. I have a love for agriculture, enjoy the

mystery of science, and have a tinkering nature that won’t let me leave things alone.

Deciding was the easy part, however, and I struggled through my prerequisites and GRE test. Then made it into vet school as a WICHE funded student.

I think that the reason I was accepted at every school I applied to wasn’t my barely average GPA

and GRE, but the other things I had done with my life. I was the President of Utah State University Agriculture Ambassador group which traveled around Utah and neighboring states promoting agriculture and USU to high school students. I lived on a ranch and had a million “experience” hours. I had also worked in a nontraditional vet field, the Utah Diagnostic Lab where I worked with pathologists,

microbiologists and virologists in diagnosing diseases. Basically I believe I stood out from the traditional vet student crowd by displaying traits most lacking in the field at present: communication (Continued page 4)

Basically I believe I stood out from the traditional vet student crowd, and displayed traits most lacking in the field at present: communication skills, hands on agriculture skills, and training in a non-private practice field.



Dan, a 2nd year DVM student at WSU



Dan's Story, con't.

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I am now an average second year vet student with plans to focus on becoming a mixed animal rural vet. I am also a WSU-CVM Student Ambassador.

I am also married with a 17 month old daughter and a son to be born in mid-January. My family is my biggest support and the motivation that keeps me going, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

If you have questions for Dan, please email them to: admissions@vetmed.wsu.edu.



Dan with the painted cow at the annual WSU-CVM Open House

WSU-CVM Animal Planet Commercials

If you live in western Washington, particularly on the I-5 corridor, and if you watch Animal Planet at all...you may have seen the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine featured among the commercials that come up during your favorite programs.

Right around Thanksgiving the WSU-CVM Public Information Officers, Charlie Powell and Darin Watkins, finished the final touches on two

commercials that share with the public just how cutting-edge and caring the WSU Teaching Hospital is for its clients.

If you're not from western Washington, not to worry! You can still check out these commercials and get a glimpse into our facilities and see what you think! The commercials can currently be found on the WSU-CVM website at:

<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/videos/Bond.asp>

Please check them out and let us know what you think!



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Coming soon: Cougar Quest 2007

Cougar Quest is an academic summer camp for highly capable students on the Washington State University Pullman campus. The camp is designed to meet the educational and social needs of young



Participants in 2006 Cougar Quest

college-bound students entering grades 7 through 12 in fall 2007.

There are two weeks of camp, one to accommodate 7th through 9th graders and the second for 9th through 12th

graders.

For one exciting week high achieving students attend three rigorous workshops of their choosing. The workshops are taught by Washington State University professors and are full of hands-on activities that are meant to challenge and keep the interest of students.

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The Washington State University (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is the 5th oldest CVM in North America. WSU is a non-tracking program and home to the newest teaching hospital in the nation. The WSU CVM provides enrollment access to Washington and Idaho resident students and has a long history of serving Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Compact. The program also accepts students from all over the nation and the world.

Upon satisfactory completion of this program, the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree is conferred by the Regents of Washington State University (WSU). A minimum of seven years is required to obtain the DVM degree. These seven years represent three or more years of pre-professional (pre-veterinary) training, which can be obtained at WSU, UI, or other institutions with equivalent courses, followed by four years of professional study in the DVM program at WSU. The DVM program at Washington State University is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Council on Education.

Letters and What They Mean, con't.

All of the information sent out in the letters can only be provided in writing, so if you do get antsy and try to call or email to find out, we'll only be able to tell you a whole lot of nothing, so just hold tight!

Once you receive a letter, if you have any questions, at that point feel free to contact us to clarify any information. Please contact: WSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Student Services, 509-335-1532 or abbiedem@vetmed.wsu.edu if you have questions once you've received a letter.



Watch for something like this if you are a current applicant! There's a bunch of reasons you could be receiving a letter!

Cougar Quest 2007, con't.

Students truly get to choose their own route to discovery at camp and have access to workshops such as, Lego Mindstorm Robots, Batty about Bats, Culinary Arts, Alien Quest and many more. Through interactive activities and use of top of the line technology and techniques, students get to experience an amazing summer of learning. Here, learning is a combination of fun and exploration.

Cougar Quest is not only about motivating academically inclined students, however. Part of the experience of camp is to explore the WSU campus and see how rewarding college life can be. Social and recreational activities are planned throughout the week. Additionally, students live in a residence hall and eat in a dining center, making for a unique experience.

After attending camp many students show an increased interest in pursuing higher education and look forward to next summer when they can continue to learn about topics not usually taught in school.

Highly rewarding and exciting, Cougar Quest is the camp for students interested in being challenged yet having a good time while learning.

We look forward to seeing you at WSU and sharing a memorable week with you this summer.

Registration for Cougar Quest 2007 is now available at: <http://www.cougarquest.wsu.edu/> Seats in the Veterinary Medicine session fill quickly so register soon!

For more information, please contact Kim Mueller at: 509-335-1235 or cougarquest@wsu.edu.