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WSU College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions E-Newsletter

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Application Deadline Looming

Don't forget that both VMCAS and WSU veterinary school applications must be submitted by **October 2nd**. Complete WSU applications must be turned in by **5pm** and complete VMCAS applications must be submitted by **11:59pm** Eastern Standard Time.

Complete applications include online application forms, GRE scores, all official transcripts, and all 3 letters of recommendation. Applications that are not complete on October 3rd will not be evaluated for admissions.

Keep in mind that there have been problems with the VMCAS server in the past. So, try not to wait until the last day or two to submit your application because a high volume of users on the system could cause

another crash. If your application is lost in a crash, it is considered incomplete or not on-time and will not be considered.

As soon as applications are received, the WSU-CVM Office of Student Services will tier them and then the committee will begin reading and consid-

eration.

If you have any questions about the process, application, etc. Please feel free to get in touch with Abbie or Barbara in Student Services! Best wishes to everyone participating in this year's admission's cycle!



DON'T FORGET:

- *Applications are due October 2nd*
- *All materials must be received by that time for your application to be complete.*
- *Abbie will be on recruitment sweeps, so be sure to meet up with her in your area!*
- *Check out the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine MySpace page!*

Current Student Bio/Perspective

This month's current student perspective comes from Julie Hunt, Class of 2008. That makes her a third year student. She'll discuss why she wants to become a veterinarian, as well as why she selected WSU for her DVM pro-

gram.

I've wanted to be a veterinarian for as long as I can remember. It started with horseback riding lessons in the third grade, and although many girls

grow out of their "pony craze," I never did. Initially, I wanted to be a veterinarian because I wanted to help animals and didn't really like interacting with people. With

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Current Student Bio/Perspective, con't.

time, I've come to realize that the doctor-client interaction might be the most important part of my job and I look forward to the time when I'll be able to help people by working on their pets. Veterinary medicine is an incredibly diverse field - I can work in academia as a professor, in the field with agricultural animals, with small animals, for the government or drug companies, for myself as the owner or someone else....the list goes on! On a more personal note, I'd like to work solely with horses and maybe own my

own mixed animal practice with my husband (who happens to be a classmate of mine).

I grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico and chose to apply to WSU for my undergraduate education simply because Pullman has a college of veteri-



nary medicine. The university and the town was - and still is - a good fit for me and I made the decision to stay not only for undergrad, but veterinary school as well. The faculty and staff are friendly and willing to help, the campus has new facilities, and the school has a good reputation. I enjoy the small town feeling, and if I want something a little bigger, Spokane is only an hour and a half to the north. Despite what many people think, there are things to do in Pullman if you're willing to look!

Abbie's Recruitment Update

So far this academic year I've been pretty busy. Right off the bat I got the DVM Student Ambassador practicum started. Those students will represent the college at various events, as well as give tours and write a section of this e-newsletter each month.

After that I hit the road. My first recruitment trip took me to Seattle for the Future Cougar Day event and football game. From there it was off to Utah where I met students from USU, Weber,



BYU, UVSC, and SUU. It was a busy week! Then it was home to get clean clothes before I took off to Montana. There I made visits at UM, Carroll College, MSU and Rocky Mountain College.

Next I'll be heading to Nevada to visit UNR and UNLV. Then it's off to see the potato people in Idaho at BYU-ID, ISU, CSI, and BSU. The week after that is a trip to Arizona to see students at UA and ASU. Almost the home stretch...it's off to Indianapolis, IN for the National FFA Conven-

tion and then to UWyo in Laramie.

If you're at any of these locations, let me know and I'll get you the visit times and locations! Off to the airport...

Pre-Vet Experience

Pre-veterinary experience is important. It's the real world experience and application of the profession that you are considering. Don't underestimate the importance of your pre-veterinary experiences when it comes to applying to veterinary school.

At WSU, we don't have a minimum or maximum number of hours in order to apply to the DVM program, but you must have *some* pre-veterinary experience. It's

really quality versus quantity.

If you can, try to get as many different experiences as you can. That will give you a better picture of what veterinarians really do on a day-to-day basis.

Also, don't forget that one of your three letters of recommendation must be from a veterinarian, so your pre-vet experience can help you create the relationship that your letter will reflect.

Whether it's volunteering or if you're paid,

be sure to ask lots of questions and get as much exposure as you can!



WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is on MySpace!

You may have hundreds of friends connected to you on MySpace.com, but how many of you have the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine as a friend? We recently launched a MySpace page

www.myspace.com/wsuveterinarymedicine



with a blog, updated information and hopefully we'll also have some pictures and other fun stuff! Here's the site address, so please check us out!



Julie's Perspective, con't. (from page 2)

If you'd like to ask Julie any questions about vet school, traveling between Pullman and New Mexico, and other vet school related things, you can contact her via the following email: admissions@vetmed.wsu.edu

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Student Services/Faculty Bio

Abbie DeMeerleer is the assistant director of admissions and recruitment officer for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

She grew up not far from Pullman, in the heart of the Pa-



louse, helping with her family's dryland crop production, raising and riding horses, as well as raising and showing Scottish Highland cattle.

Abbie attended Washington State University where she earned a B.S. in Agricultural

Communications with an emphasis in journalism and minors in economics and crop science. During her undergraduate program she lived and worked at one of the WSU Equine facilities, Hilltop Stables, as well as working in the Winter Wheat Breeding, Genetics and Cytology program.

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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.

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She also took 2 years out of college to work for the National FFA Organization as a professional development trainer and recruiter. During that time she traveled around the United States, Europe and Japan educating and training individuals regarding American agriculture, leadership, communication, personal development.



She started working for the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine in the spring of 2005 and has been actively involved in various facets of the program; from helping facilitate at the

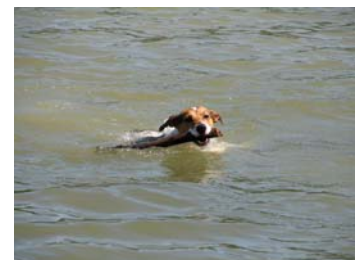
VLE and COLE conferences to hosting the first official CVM Open House recruitment event.

Abbie is also currently engaged in a master's program at WSU, with hopes to complete it before her first recruitment class walks away with doctorate degrees (likelihood...slim!).

You can contact Abbie at: 509-335-5107 or by email at:

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Meet more of our Student Services team and some of our WSU-CVM faculty in upcoming e-newsletters!



Abbie's dog, Apollo, who LOVES to play fetch...with a Frisbee, in the water, you name it!