

Veterinary Science Certificate Program

Extension Veterinary Medicine



December 2021 - News and Events



Upcoming VSCP Events

- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Online CDE Vet Science Warm-Up**
 - 3 day virtual event
 - December 7-9, 2021
 - Contest will use the VSCP textbook for the questions portion of the exam
 - Chapters 2, 4, 6, and 8 will be covered this year
 - Ag Teachers and FFA Advisors should purchase a copy of the VSCP textbook to have access to the material for the exam portion!
 - Click [Here](#) for more information about the book
 - Click [Here](#) to access the CDE manual
 - Contest will be 50 Questions, 75 ID, 2 Practicums from the 2021 approved list and math calculations portion
 - For more information contact Nikki Boutwell at nikki.boutwell@ag.tamu.edu
 - To register for CDE Contest visit:
<https://judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=13136>
- **Big Changes in Vet Science Independent Study!!**
 - Awesome opportunity to for our coursework in sections
 - 100% Virtual

- Complete the course anywhere you are
- Coursework can be applied to 200 hours of classroom hours towards your CVA
- More affordable payment structure on a reduced price
- Click [Here](#) to Purchase

• Texas CDE Vet Science News

- **Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training For Vet Assistant by Dr. Faries**
 - Test Questions for Texas FFA Contests will be pulled from this book
 - 2022 Chapters 2,4,6,8
 - Purchase book [Here](#)
- **CDE Manual**
 - Book Contains color pictures of all potential ID including instruments, breeds and organs/parasites
 - Has all rubrics for potential skills
 - Purchase book [Here](#)

• 2022 Veterinary Science Pathway Alignment January

- Provide learning opportunities for Texas high schools participating in a Veterinary Science Program
- January 18th Garland, TX:
<https://agriliberegister.tamu.edu/registerForEvent/3480>
- January 19th Killeen, TX:
<https://agriliberegister.tamu.edu/registerForEvent/3495>
- January 20th San Angelo, TX:
<https://agriliberegister.tamu.edu/registerForEvent/3478>
- January 21s Virtual Online
- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Cost of program \$175.00/day (includes lunch)
- Registration is open via Qualtrics
- For more information contact Nikki Boutwell at nikki.boutwell@ag.tamu.edu or Larissa Respondek at lrespondek@tvma.org
- Click [Here](#) for more information and future dates

• Upcoming dates for CAMPS

- We will be releasing camp dates for 2022 in January
- We are excited to increase the number of camps and locations to include both overnight and day camps
- Keep a look out for more details in the NEW YEAR

Get your VSCP gear before the end of the year and rock it at upcoming VSCP Events!!

- \$20
- https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=413
- \$6 Shipping and Handling Fee



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VSCP will be on winter break from December 24th through January 1st. Happy Holidays!

VSCP Spotlight: Saylor Kvalheim



My name is Saylor Kvalheim, and I am a 16-year-old Junior in High School, from Burleson, Texas. I am a self-driven, homeschool student who has a lot of passion. I am very active in my Community 4-H Club and Johnson County 4-H organizations. There are some people who search their whole life to figure out what path they want to take in life. I feel blessed, because for as long as I can remember, I've loved animals of all kinds. Since I was 10 years old, I've known that I want to be a veterinarian. I began my official journey to becoming a veterinarian in 2019 when I attended a 4-H Vet Science workshop in McClellan County. That night I learned that I could jumpstart my dream by completing a 4-H Vet Science curriculum AND that I could receive a CVA license through 4-H! In August of 2019, I began my journey to complete my CVA. I was accepted by Rendon Road Animal Clinic (RRAC) to complete my

internship hours. Dr. Trisha White and Dr. Megan Gaines have helped my skills develop further than I ever could imagine. Working there has allowed me to be hands-on with medical procedures, well visits, and surgeries. I have learned how to draw blood on numerous small and large animals, how to place a catheter, take an X-ray and administer medications. I have now been a part of many surgeries including spay, neuters, abscess removal, tumor removal, and hematomas. I have even been able to drain hematomas on dogs and goats at house calls. It has been a great experience to learn new skills and work with the staff. I have learned how to identify parasites, and ticks through the microscope. I can now restrain, and muzzle animals going through anesthesia and have learned how to administer shots. I chose to go in fully and take advantage of all the opportunities given. This has included participating in the Texas A&M Veterinary Enrichment Camp, and the Texas A&M Kingsville Vet Science Camp. I also took advantage of the Texas 4-H State Round-Up Vet Science Skill-a-thon. The last 2 years I was able to complete my Texas 4-H Recordbook on Veterinary Science. I won State for 2021 and went to D.C. on an educational trip. One of my main objectives has been to educate others about this program. I led a booth at the Johnson County 4-H Open House to help spread the word. I would highly suggest this program to anyone who has an interest in Vet Sciences. After completing 100 lessons, 125 hands-on skills, and over 650 hours of internship and studying, I am happy to report I am officially, Saylor Kvalheim, CVA! This goal is completed, but I am far from done. My goal is to graduate and attend Texas A&M University. I want to become a DVM and possibly minor in Wildlife Research. Thanks to this program and Dr. Susan Culp Wildlife Research is a new area of interest for me. I know the sky is the limit for me! Thank you for providing this amazing program for the youth of Texas!

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