



St. George's University  
**SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

# VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT



Saturday, June 6, 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

St. George's University is proud to have been part of your development as artists, craftspeople, and scientists—a body of professionals whose goal, individual and collective, is to ease the suffering of each man, woman, child, and living creature, thus furthering the possibilities of humankind, as well as the animal kingdom as a whole, as we become released from the shackles of pain and disease. We know that you will hold a part of us in your soul as you evolve, as we will hold a part of each of you as we teach others to follow in your footsteps.

Good luck and Godspeed.

Charles R. Modica, JD  
Chancellor

“The animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time.”

Henry Beston

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

St. George's University faculty and staff take great pride in recognizing your successes today. We know that, through your education at SGU, you will make exceptional members of one of the noblest of health professions. We welcome you to that profession. On behalf of all members of SGU School of Veterinary Medicine, I wish each of you fulfillment and joy in your career.

Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD  
Dean

“Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind”

Albert Schweitzer

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional..... Manhattan Brass Quintet

Introduction.....Dr. Neil C. Olson  
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

National Anthems..... United States, Grenada

Remarks.....Dr. Neil C. Olson  
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Remarks.....Charles R. Modica  
Chancellor

Remarks.....Dr. Tara Paterson  
President, SVM Alumni Association

Degrees Conferred, School of Veterinary Medicine.....Charles R. Modica  
Chancellor

Slide Presentation of Graduates

Veterinarian's Oath.....Dr. Lauren Wise  
Assistant Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Remarks.....Dr. Neil C. Olson  
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Student Speaker .....David Shcherbelis

Closing Remarks.....Dr. Neil C. Olson  
Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Recessional ..... Composite Slide Presentation  
Manhattan Brass Quintet

## STUDENT SPEAKER

David Shcherbelis

Class of 2020 Keynote Speaker



David Shcherbelis was born in New York City but considers Maryland his home state after moving there when he was 13. He attended McGill University and completed a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2013. He is currently completing a six-month equine internship at Piedmont Equine Associates in Madison, GA with an emphasis on theriogenology, sports medicine, and general practice. He hopes to continue to work at this practice as an associate veterinarian through the next few years.

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Kayla Akkaya  
Island Park, NY

AnneMarie Alberta  
Parlin, NJ

John Andalaft  
Boonton, NJ

Talara Araujo  
Woodland Hills, CA

Elan Armstrong  
Katy, TX

Edward Aurori  
Boonton, NJ

Alexie Baja  
Stuart, FL

Adrienne Balionis  
Houston, TX

Lelia Barden  
Stamford, CT

Lara Baxter  
Maybrook, NY

William Belt III  
New York, NY

Taylor Bernardo  
Hollywood, FL

Amanda Bevans  
Canada

Darnelle Blackman  
Trinidad & Tobago

Tonya Blanco-Kung  
Atascadero, CA

Erika Blazier  
Jupiter, FL

Megan Bolash  
Warrington, PA

Ilka Bott-Wentworth  
Boonton Township, NJ

Emily Bowman  
Marietta, GA

Madeline Boyes  
Anacortes, WA

Taylor Boyett  
Claxton, GA

Logan Boyle  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Jacqueline Brennan  
York, PA

Melissa Brock  
Bryan, TX

Jerika Brooks  
Canada

Kennedy Brooks  
Canada

Gabrielle Bruggeman  
Gilbert, AZ

Ashley Bryant  
New Orleans, LA

Hannah Burchette  
Tobaccoville, NC

Sara Cantini  
Canada

Roland Castellanos  
Marietta, GA

Raphael Cavalieri  
Raleigh, NC

Elizabeth Chen  
Galveston, TX

Alyson Childers  
Union Grove, AL

Shibani Choudhry  
Canada

Rachel Clasen  
Alexandria, VA

David Coffey Jr.  
Coushatta, LA

Travis Corbelle  
New Fairfield, CT

Sarah Cortright  
Oxford, NJ

Melissa Covert  
Palouse, WA

Heatheranne Cranson  
San Jose, CA

Sean Crimmins  
Fort Myers, FL

Corinne Crosby  
Carlsbad, CA

Silvia De Leonibus  
Italy

Atalie Delgado  
Elmhurst, IL

Alok Desai  
Novi, MI

Ashley Diaz  
Buckner, MO

Shelby Drake  
Girdwood, AK

Alissa Drozenski  
Staatsburg, NY

Sally Dry  
Nairobi, Kenya

Jasmine Duperval  
Nesconset, NY

Alexis Dupont  
Raleigh, NC

Yanni Dzoan  
Fremont, CA

Stella Espinal Fanjul  
Puerto Rico

Cortney Esposito  
Stewartsville, NJ

Beth Favaloro  
Lafayette, LA

Samanthia Fierstein  
North Beach, MD

Carina Fiorito  
Allentown, PA

Abby Fitzgerald  
Fenwick, MI

Monique Fitzpatrick  
East Granby, CT

Elizabeth Flatt  
Marietta, GA

Jaren Floreani  
Lake Geneva, WI

Ashleigh Fowkes  
Apollo, PA

Alexander Gascoyne  
United Kingdom

Lauren Gehrke  
Williamsburg, VA

Peter Gibbons  
Apex, NC

Kimberly Gobeli  
Orland Park, IL

Kaitlin Gutherman  
Levittown, PA

Felicia Gutierrez  
El Paso, TX

Lindsey Hattaway  
Lewisville, TX

Jaelene Haynes  
Grenada

Aubrey Heaton  
Frenchburg, KY

Emily Hemphill  
West Monroe, LA

Jose Hernandez Cruz  
Puerto Rico

Kelly Hicks  
San Antonio, TX

Tamara Hockley  
Canada

Andy Hsueh  
New York, NY

Haley Hunt  
Fayetteville, CA

Hannah Jacobs  
Hampstead, NC

Brandon Jacobsen  
Covington, LA

Samantha Jenkins  
Canada

Adam Jesionowski  
Orland Hills, IL

Keegan Kalies  
Marcy, NY

Marcy Kanuka  
Canada

Alexa Karen  
Lake Worth, FL

Jane Ketcham  
Deltona, FL

Savannah Kimball  
Fort Worth, TX

Chandler Kimble  
Birmingham, AL

John Komlosy IV  
San Diego, CA

Patrick Kowalewski  
Huntingdon Valley, PA

Tiffany Kurtz  
Oakdale, MN

Sarah Kussman  
Quincy, MA

Stephanie Lacayo  
Marietta, GA

Loretta Lane  
Ceres, CA

Amber Lee  
Mesa, AZ

Bryttany Lennox  
Pearblossom, CA

Keri Levinson  
Vienna, VA

Chandra Lilly  
North East, PA

Daniel Loiacono  
Bellmore, NY

Michelle Mac  
San Jose, CA

Rachel Madacsi  
Rockville Centre, NY

Stephen Maddox  
Poquoson, VA

Samantha Magg  
Church Road, VA

Nicholas Markette  
Naugatuck, CT

Nancy Maroutsis  
Flushing, NY

Tatum Marquis  
Simbury, CT

Courtney Martin  
Shreveport, LA

Michelle Martinez  
Brooklyn, NY

Rachel McCaughan  
Chagrin Falls, OH

Savannah McCurdy  
Arroyo Grande, CA

Julie Miller  
Gainesville, FL

John Miskena  
West Bloomfield, MI

Andrea Montanez Acuna  
San Juan, PR

Christen Montesanto  
West Islip, NY

Caitlin Moreland  
Clemson, SC

Shekinah Morris  
Round Rock, TX

Elizabeth Munhall  
Phoenix, AZ

Jeremy Nguyen  
Riverside, CA

Constance Nicholl  
United Kingdom

Caitlin Nordberg  
San Francisco, CA

Erin O'Shaughnessy  
Canada

Isabelle Pajak  
Worth, IL

Samantha Parent  
Canada

Rebecca Parker  
Jasper, AL

Hannah Paul  
Baton Rouge, LA

Dwayne Pearce  
Lake City, FL

Elizabeth Peck  
San Francisco, CA

Megan Pedersen  
Hankinson, ND

Brittany Perfetto  
Port Washington, NY

Joshua Peterson  
Webster, WI

Clifford Petit  
Huntington, NY

Elena Pfisterer  
New Hartford, NY

Matthew Pochebit  
Medfield, MA

Sandra Polcari  
Torrance, CA

Melissa Portwood  
Westerville, OH

Priscilla Pozo  
Bayside, NY

Vanessa Priarone  
Charlottesville, VA

Benjamin Pyle  
Newark, DE

Daniel Quinn  
Australia

Emilie Rabideau  
Bristol, RI

Nia Rametta  
Stroudsburg, PA

Lauren Rawlins  
Palm Coast, FL

Brigitte Reinmuller  
Canada

Jocelyn Renfro  
Fullerton, CA

Lauren Rexing  
Bowling Green, KY

Conner Reyes  
Long Beach, CA

Camille Richie  
Marco Island, FL

Odemaris Rivera Pola  
Puerto Rico

Krystina Rivera  
Tampa, FL

Erin Rothrock  
Bath, PA

Daniel Salinas  
Miami, FL

Salina Samnani  
Canada

Alina Sanin  
Miami, FL

Cynthia Serpas  
Brewerton, NY

David Shcherbelis  
Rockville, MD

Amanda Shedd  
New York Mills, NY

April Slater  
Fresno, CA

Christie Smicherko  
Avoca, PA

Amanda Smith  
Damascus, MD

Carlos Smith  
Coral Gables, FL

Lauren Smith  
Huntsville, AL

Carolyn Steinbeiser  
Brookline, NH

Sarah Stern  
Paoli, PA

Samantha Stevens  
Duvall, WA

Rachel Stewart  
Warner Robins, GA

Ashley Stumpel  
Amityville, NY

Monica Sutula  
Livingston, NJ

Sarah Tabin  
Pittsburgh, PA

Adam Tate  
Oregon City, OR

Monica Tetnowski  
Huntington Beach, CA

Lindsey Thayer  
Quincy, WA

Monica Trujillo  
Los Angeles, CA

Ping-Hsuan Tsai  
Taiwan

Ashley Vanderburgh-Oakley  
Canada

Kimberley Viljoen  
United Kingdom

Amanda Wattam  
Naples, FL

Amber Weaver  
Bethlehem, PA

Tabitha Wickett  
Richmond, IN

Jack Woodham  
Slidell, LA

Shelby Zehnder  
Elk Grove, CA

#### Cord Colors

Phi Zeta Honor Society—Grey

SGA Representatives—White

Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA)—Gold

*Appearance of a student's name on the list of candidates  
is not presumptive of a degree.*



# HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Alexie Baja	Peter Gibbons	Dwayne Pearce
Sara Cantini	Kimberly Gobeli	Elizabeth Peck
Alyson Childers	Jose Hernandez Cruz	Clifford Petit
Travis Corbelle	Andy Hsueh	Vanessa Priarone
Sarah Cortright	Keri Levinson	Alina Sanin
Cortney Esposito	Daniel Loiacono	Amanda Shedd
Samanthia Fierstein	Andrea Montanez Acuna	

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kayla Akkaya	Tamara Hockley	Brigitte Reinmuller
Elan Armstrong	Jane Ketcham	Lauren Rexing
Madeline Boyes	Bryttany Lennox	Conner Reyes
Ashley Bryant	Rachel McCaughan	Erin Rothrock
Melissa Covert	John Miskena	David Shcherbelis
Alissa Drozenski	Caitlin Nordberg	Sarah Tabin
Yanni Dzoan	Samantha Parent	Adam Tate
Beth Favaloro	Rebecca Parker	Amanda Wattam
Monique Fitzpatrick	Elena Pfisterer	
Alexander Gascoyne	Sandra Polcari	

## CUM LAUDE

Talara Araujo	Silvia De Leonibus	Keegan Kalies
Adrienne Balionis	Beth Favaloro	Chandler Kimble
Amanda Bevans	Carina Fiorito	Stephanie Lacayo
Heatheranne Cranson	Lauren Gehrke	Stephen Maddox
Corinne Crosby	Kelly Hicks	Sarah Stern

# PHI ZETA HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Originated in 1925 by New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University, Phi Zeta is a veterinary honor society created to recognize students for their superior academic achievement. The society promotes scholarship and research pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.

Phi Zeta is an abbreviation adapted from the Latin form of the Greek word, philozoi, which means "love of animals." The Alpha Delta chapter at St. George's University is the first international chapter of this prestigious honor society.

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# VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.



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