

2020



# COMMENCEMENT

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ROSS UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



COMMENCEMENT 2020  
**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**



## OPENING

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar

## WELCOME ADDRESS

Sean Callanan, MVB CertVR MRCVS PhD FRCPath DiplECVP  
*Dean, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Molly McAllister, DVM, MPH  
*Chief Medical Officer, Banfield Pet Hospital®*

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FOR THE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

William Guntrum, MFA  
*University Registrar*

## PHI ZETA INDUCTION

Dr. Charles Wallace, DVM, MS, DiplACVS  
*Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs*

## RECITATION OF VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Sean Callanan

## CLOSING REMARKS

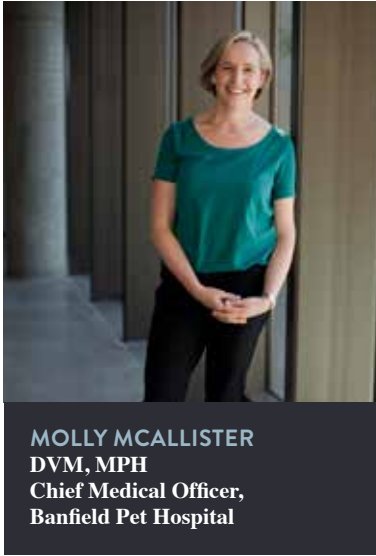
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## CLOSING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Triumphal March, Giuseppe Verdi  
Caribbean Melodies, The St. Christopher Steel Band

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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## **MOLLY MCALLISTER**

**DVM, MPH**

**Chief Medical Officer, Banfield Pet Hospital**

Dr. Molly McAllister is the chief medical officer at Banfield Pet Hospital. She is responsible for the Veterinary function, ensuring the strategy, talent, organization and culture to effectively deliver excellence in high quality medicine, as well as cultivating productive relationships within the veterinary profession. Dr. McAllister earned her veterinary degree from the Oregon State University College of

Veterinary Medicine and a master's in public health from the University of Minnesota. She joined Banfield in 2012 to lead the medical education program before transitioning to lead the Veterinary Science team and drive research from Banfield's extensive electronic medical records database. Her contributions to Banfield include the development of the first functional skills training program, establishing strong professional conference partnerships, and launching the Veterinary Emerging Topics (VET) report. She became the Chief Medical Officer in June 2019.

Dr. McAllister lives with her family in Camas, Washington, where she enjoys sharing her love of the outdoors with her husband, two young children, two dogs and two cats.



## ROSS UNIVERSITY

### SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to our newest members of the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of your career in the world of veterinary medicine. Today, you are joining the RUSVM Alumni community, a group of over 5,500 graduates, and you are an important part of your *alma mater's* short but impactful 37-year history. You have chosen a career path with many opportunities to serve animals, humans and our environment—a path that may be difficult, challenging but is extremely rewarding. The Alumni Association is here to provide support, encouragement and guidance.

The mission of the Alumni Association is to foster a robust community of active alumni through encouraging lifelong relationships with each other and with RUSVM. We aspire to be the primary provider of a lifelong experience by connecting alumni, students, faculty, and staff in valuable and meaningful ways.

We are always searching for active and enthusiastic volunteers to join in assisting us with our goals, and we encourage you to become an active participant by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations. You can also find a lot of helpful information by visiting our website at [veterinary.rossu.edu/alumni](http://veterinary.rossu.edu/alumni).

We hope that you will embrace our mission of supporting the personal and professional development of RUSVM alumni, networking among graduates, and recognizing career achievements and distinguished service to the University. Your successes are a tribute to Ross University, and our alumni community is crucial to our reputation as a quality teaching institution for future veterinarians, veterinary researchers and other veterinary-related professionals. We look forward to staying connected with you and wish you the best of luck as you embark on your career as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Wallace &  
*The Alumni Action Council*

Moses Humphreys, DVM '05,  
*Council President*

Dianne Rey, DVM '99,  
*Council Vice President*

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Kim Witalis, CVM '97

CONGRATULATIONS  
**CLASS OF 2020!**



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**CANDIDATES FOR HONORS**



# HIGHEST HONORS MEDAL

*(Double gold honor cord)*

Luz Rodriguez Rivera

Anneka Sutton

# HIGHEST HONORS

*(Double gold honor cord)*

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Julie Becker

Emily Bloom

Tzu Yu Alva Cheng

Allison Chute

Michael Dulude

Danielle Eisenstein

Alexis Fitch

Rachel Foor

Ralph Gutierrez

Morgan Hare

Angela Harrell

Ryan Heard

Ryan Howard

Marissa Jenkins

Lyndsie John drew

Kaitlyn Jonk

Charles Kalb

Kassandra Kearns

Samantha Klutchko

McKinsey Landers

Bianca Lara

Monica Leslie

Elisa Loke

Jennifer Mains

Lillian Maldonado

Santiago

Shelly Manyevitch

Jennifer McDonald

Brittany Middlebrooks

Mary Morrison

Kathrin O'Donovan

Jennifer Pierce

Paula Pingue

Johnathon Primeau

Stephannie Rivera-

Badillo

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Miriam Saleh

Mikalyna Sell

Alexandra Sevi

Leah Sheaffer

Edward Skibinski Baker

Avry Stolzman

Andrea Vargas Perez

Samantha Verlaque

Randall Walker

Morgan Weir

Anne Marie Yakoub

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Nicole Anderson

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Amanda Bernard

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Myriah Chase

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Caroline Costello

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Santos Jr

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Sally Farnsworth

Molly Graham

Brian Hargrave

Delaney Hartson

Courtney Landry

Jenna Lindstrom

Kevin Molina

Rikhil Patel

Ligia Pentzke Lemus

Corinne Perra

Lisa Phelps

Kelsey Pitzer

Chelsea Rice

Shirley

Rodriguez-Martinez

Kristin Rubach

Alix Saavedra

Kevin Samson

Nicholas Saraceno

Amanda Sarbry

Jonathan Schlossberg

Kaitlyn Scholl

McKenna Schoppe

Nikita Sokol

Courtney Sorensen

Meg Sorhus

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Fabiola Quinteros

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Students wearing a blue and green cord over the neck are recognized as *Empower Scholars* and have been recipients of an Empower Scholarship. The cords designate the recipient as someone who has demonstrated academic achievement, commitment and perseverance in overcoming obstacles on the path to completing their degree. The Empower Scholarship Fund Board of Directors and donors send their sincere congratulations to these remarkable graduates, and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

The Empower Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity that works in partnership with Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine but as a separate entity supporting student success.

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Nicole Anderson

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Julie Becker: *Dr. Jeremy Buishas Veterinary Scholarship*

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Samantha Connolly: *Blue Buffalo Foundation Scholarship*

Caitlyn Crawford: *Dr. Jeremy Buishas Veterinary Scholarship*

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Kaitlyn Schei-Childs: *Dr. John Coyne Veterinary Scholarship*

Sarah Scott

Mikalyna Sell

Meg Sorhus

Shelby Stewart: *Dr. John Coyne Veterinary Scholarship*

Savoy Sullivan

Jaclyn Tomlin

Susana Villela

Randall Walker

Madelon Webb: *Dr. Arlene*

*Rodriquez Veterinary Scholarship*

Johnny Weiss



CLASS OF 2020  
**DVM CANDIDATES**



# DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Buffy Ackman  
Nikita Ahuja  
Dana Alazzeh  
Ali Ali  
Yaniris Alvarado Luna  
Nicole Anderson  
Ann Andrews  
Elliott Antulov  
Jordan Arana  
Kayla-Marie Arenas  
David Arias  
Georgette Atalla  
Rebecca Atitya  
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Carlos Baez  
Javonne Bailey  
Kaitlynn Ban  
Allison Barbour  
Alaina Barclay  
Meghan Barnes  
Lourdes Barreto  
Joseph Bassano  
Holly Bates  
Julie Becker  
Katelyn Behm  
Amanda Bernard  
Carly Beverlin  
Mehr Bhatti  
Abbey Biddle  
Farren Billand  
Emily Bloom  
Nicholas Bogumil  
Paige Boivin  
Sydney Brancaleon  
Katherine Brauer  
Amy Brewbaker  
Emma Briceland  
Amanda Brown  
Bethany Brown  
Corie Bruketa

James Burns  
Brittany Butts  
Emilee Byrom  
Breanna Callejas  
Montana Campbell  
Daniel Carabba  
Belen Castillon  
Lindsey Chadwick  
Katie Chan  
Myriah Chase  
Tzu Yu Alva Cheng  
Vanessa Chisler  
Sung Hwi Cho  
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Allison Chute  
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Clara Cisneros  
DeAnna Cizmar  
Jordan Cleman  
Ana Colon  
Mariette Connelly  
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Linley Cook  
Gabriel Cordero  
Jennifer Cordova  
Caroline Costello  
Kelsey Cotter  
Timothy Courtney  
Caitlyn Crawford  
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Natalye Crooks  
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Crimson Cuppernell  
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Rachel Finneson  
Alexis Fitch  
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Shanelle Frett  
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Rebecca Harris	Mitchell Larson	Tiffany Moore
Kiersten Hartrim	Jolene Lathrop	Joshua Morales Mangual
Delaney Hartson	Jessica Laurel	Mary Morrison
Cooper Hasselbrink	Elena Leavitt	Manpreet Mortan
William Hawkins	Samantha Lee	Celina Nagra
Ryan Heard	Kristina Legland	Chelsea Nease
Worrell Henry	Luke Lehrling	Jennie Nguyen
Jessica Herman	Monica Leslie	Kathrin O'Donovan
Gabriel Hernandez Bermudez	Stephanie Lind	Allison O'meara
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Lyndsie Johndrow	Yazielis Martinez Torres	Julianna Perez
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Kelsey Jones	Jennifer McDonald	Lisa Phelps
Kaitlyn Jonk	Michael James McLaughlin	Ashley Phillips
Stacey Jove	Caitlin McLaughlin	Jennifer Pierce
Charles Kalb	Meleah McMillen	Paula Pingue
Kassandra Kearns	Hilary McSheehy	Kelsey Pitzer
Nikki Kelland	Whittney Merchant	Sarah Plante
Samantha Klutchko	Shaylan Meyer	Sarah Plants
Michelle Knerr	Katherine Michaelis	Kayle Plummer
Chelsie Kosir	Brittany Middlebrooks	Rafael Prim
Richard Kuan	Taylor Miller	Johnathon Primeau
Katerina Kuscevic	Monique Misfeldt	Fabiola Quinteros

Carol Raa	Mikalyna Sell	Nicole Tomczak
Josefa Ramirez	Hailee Serafin	Jaclyn Tomlin
Dane Ratajski	Kelsey Seremet	Luis Toro Agudelo
Katherine Restrepo	Alexandra Sevi	Anisa Traish
Kristen Ricca	Leah Sheaffer	Paige Tripp
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Joseph Richichi	Christopher Shockley	Keishla Urbina Figueroa
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Jennifer Rivera Aviles	Eric Sirabian	Amie Van Dorn
Karla Rivera Rivera	Edward Skibinski Baker	Andrea Vargas Perez
Stephanie Rivera Velez	Victoria Smith	Catharine Vaughan
Stephannie Rivera-Badillo	Margaret Smyth	Alondra Vega Morales
Tatiana Rivera-Sotil	Michaela Snead	Samantha Verlaque
Nicole Rodriguez	Nikita Sokol	Susana Villela
Alize Rodriguez	Laura Solis Martinez	Aakashna Virwani
Nadia Rodriguez	Courtney Sorensen	Kathryn Voelkner
Clarissa Rodriguez	Meg Sorhus	Jennifer Volz
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Luz Rodriguez Rivera	Rhiannon Spritzer	Katherine Walsh
Shirley Rodriguez-Martinez	Kayla Stahl	Caitlin Walsh
Alexandria Roehrenbeck	Lea Stawinski	Jessica Ward
Kristin Rubach	Natalia Stefanovska	Isaiah Wardsworth
Scott Rubinstein	Kaela Stellrecht	Briana Warner
Alix Saavedra	Lynlee Stevey	Kierstin Washington
Russell Sakacs	Shelby Stewart	Madelon Webb
Morgan Salazar	Avry Stolzman	Morgan Weir
Miriam Saleh	Rebecca Stone	Michael Weisberg
Kevin Samson	Mary Strickland	Johnny Weiss
Maria Santiago	Jazmeen Suleman	Mark Wenzel
Nicholas Saraceno	Savoy Sullivan	Jazmyne White
Amanda Sarby	Lauren Sumida	Candace Whittington
Elisse Schaaf	Anneka Sutton	Kaitlyn Wilks
Danielle Schafer	Ellamarie Sweeney	Janae Williams
Kaitlyn Schei-Childs	Gregory Switzer	Zachary Williams
Rebecca Schleisman	Griffin Talik	Ethan Wilson
Jonathan Schlossberg	Laura Taylor	Rachel Wisnoski
Kaitlyn Scholl	Michael Taylor	David Wong
McKenna Schoppe	Laura Teeger	Kirsten Wong
Lindsey Schwartz	Giuliana Templeton	Anne Marie Yakoub
Sarah Scott	Amanda Terry	Abbey Zackular
Mychelle Scott	Catherine Thomas	Susan Zamora
Jennifer Seco	Melissa Tilley	Danielle Zimmer
Ani Sefildzhan	Jerel Tolbert	Kekaulani Zukeran-Kerr



CLASS OF 2020  
**MSc CANDIDATES**



# MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc) BY RESEARCH

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Ysabel Wright

*'Bovine Endometrial Epithelial Cells (BEECs) stimulated with LPS And LTA highlight proteomic signatures of gram-positive and gram-negative bacterial uterine infections'*

Judit Wulcan

*'Etiology and pathology of large intestinal helminth infections in St. Kitts cats'*

# DUAL DVM/MSc BY RESEARCH

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Rebecca Schleisman

*'Identification and characterization of  $\beta$ -defensin genes in the Ovis aries reproductive tract'*

Brandi Roberts

*'The early pregnancy in Caribbean jennies'*

Tatiana Corey

*'Naturally occurring microscopic findings, including alzheimer's like pathology, in the brain of African green monkeys'*

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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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