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Momentum and Credit Eligibility

The last few weeks have seen a surge in registrations with over 150 students across Cornell signed up. DVM student sign-ups were especially strong as Dean Warnick announced credit eligibility for participation. [READ MORE](#)



Reporting Bias

Through the Reporting Bias System, Cornell is able to coordinate a response to all known bias activity. Learn how you can report bias and ensure we have an inclusive climate for all. [READ MORE](#)



Continuing the Dream

OADI's Community Development & Social Justice Program invites all to its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Commemoration. Rosa Clement '02 will speak on "The Significance of Modern Political Activism & Social Justice." [READ MORE & RSVP HERE](#)



Cards for Troops

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Peer Support Network

Are issues in the work environment getting you down? Help is closer than you think! Peer Support Network volunteers can help. [READ MORE](#)



Class Expansion Construction Update

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Hellos and Goodbyes

Meet the new employees who joined us in December. [READ MORE](#)

Upcoming Events

Date

Event

- 1/17 Tue Stem Cell WIP, Presenters Prachi Jain (Tumbar Lab), Xi Liu (Buchon Lab) (LH3, 12:00-1:00-pm)
- 1/18 Wed College Strategic Planning Town Hall to review survey results (LH3, 12:00-1:00 pm)
- 1/18 Wed Classes Begin (Class of 2020)
- 1/23 Mon Classes Begin (Class of 2018, 2019)
- 1/24 Tue "[MLK Continuing the Dream: The Significance of Modern Political Activism & Social Justice](#)" (Africana Studies and Research Center, 4:00-6:00 pm)
- 1/25 Wed [Cornell MPH Round 1 Admissions Deadline](#)
- 1/25 Wed Class Expansion Town Hall, including presentations by the architects (LH3, 3:00-4:00 pm)
- 1/26 Thu Expanding Horizons Lecture (last of the school year). "A Survey of Chronic Wounds in the Working Donkeys and Mules of Fez, Morocco," Gabby Woo (C2-537, 7:30 pm)
- 1/27-29 Fri-Sun [CVM Animal Health Hackathon](#) (eHub, 409 College Ave., Collegetown)
- 3/18 Sat White Coat Ceremony (Bailey Hall, 2:00-4:30 pm), followed by Cookies & Punch Reception (Baker Portico, 4:30-6:00 pm)
- 3/18-25 Sat-Sat DVM Spring Break

Have Events or Ideas?

Let us know what you would like to see in eNews. Also, please contribute events that you'd like to see get more visibility or even your own articles which might be of interest to your colleagues and the CVM community at-large. To do so, contact eNews at cornellvet@cornell.edu and make sure to put eNews in the subject line.

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Hackathon: Momentum and Credit Eligibility



The last few weeks have seen a surge in registrations and growing anticipation for the Animal Health Hackathon. The numbers speak for themselves:

- 157 registrations from students in virtually every Cornell college
- 32 of the registrations are DVM students (the ratio of DVM to non-DVM students is ideal to ensure that Hackathon teams are composed of students with diverse skills)
- 9 sponsorships contributing over \$36K
- Over 30 mentors for the Hackathon teams, ranging from veterinary health industry leaders to CVM faculty
- A full day on Friday of stimulating talks and panels by innovators and entrepreneurs in animal health

In addition, Dean Warnick recently announced that the Hackathon has been approved as a half credit (0.5) Special Project course.

The course requirements are:

- Completing reading and an online exercise prior to the event,
- Actively participating as a team member in the Hackathon, and
- Attending a meeting after the event to reflect on what was learned and how you might use your gained experience in your career.

Students may participate in the Hackathon without receiving academic credit (register at the [Animal Health Hackathon \(https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/\)](https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/) link). Those who want to receive course credit should register for the Hackathon AND sign-up for the Special Project course in the Dean's Suite or send an email to Dr. Marnie FitzMaurice at [mcf32@cornell.edu \(mailto:mcf32@cornell.edu\)](mailto:mcf32@cornell.edu). All registrations should be received by the end of December.

As a reminder, the Hackathon is on January 27th-29th. Registration is free and open for students in all class years by clicking the [Animal Health Hackathon link \(https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/\)](https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/).

For students, there is still time to sign-up, but don't delay as team spaces are nearly filled. Also, all faculty and staff are invited to attend, in particular on Friday to hear the wide range of talks. If you are interested, please also sign-up at the [Animal Health Hackathon link \(https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/\)](https://animalhealthhackathon.splashthat.com/), so that we best plan for attendance.



Reporting Bias



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College Sends Over 100 Holiday Cards to Heroes



The College of Veterinary Medicine recently held the second annual "Card for a Vet Volunteer Day" sponsored by the CVM Resource Management and Support Services. Faculty, staff, and students were encouraged to "paws" for a moment to make holiday cards for members of the military. Last year the cards were sent to troops overseas and this year they were delivered to the Syracuse VA Medical Center.

The center usually has 75-100 veterans, and this time of year they are closer to 100. The initial goal was to create 100 cards, but we surpassed that goal with 144 messages of hope, thanks, and holiday-themed animals of course.

"The students and staff genuinely enjoyed the activity," said Leslie Planck who

helped organize the event. "Knowing they were going to a military veteran, they put extra care and thought in their homemade cards to show appreciation for their sacrifice and service."

The event also provided a great chance for students to relax during such a hectic time of the semester.

"As I sat there and assisted the students, you could tell the stress was rolling right off their backs. It was a nice break in studying for finals for them and seeing their smiles as well, was priceless," said Planck.

Other members of the committee who helped run the event were Shannon David, Chrissy Wright, Heidi Meyerowitz-Volk and Kim Salino. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Cornell Veterinary Community Gives Back



The College community recently came together to spread some holiday cheer through the annual Giveback Challenge. Teams of faculty, staff and students held a friendly competition to collect the most loose change to benefit the Southside Healthy Pet Clinic and collect the most donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries to support the Ithaca Rescue Mission.

Together we were able to donate a total of 466 items to the Ithaca Rescue

Mission and \$532 to the Southside Healthy Pet clinic. The team of CUHA, Clinical Programs and VMC won both challenges with 163 items collected and \$230 raised.

The event culminated with a celebration which included a holiday treat baking competition. Student Maggie Chutter won the Judge's Selection for Best Dessert with her Sweetheart Cookies. The People's Choice for Favorite Dessert went to AHDC staff member Becky Callan for her Vegan Nanaimo Bars.

"Thank you for everyone who made this event a success in bringing the entire college community together in the spirit of generosity that makes me proud to be your dean," said Dean Warnick.

If you have any feedback on this event, or ideas for next year, please contact Shannon David at sd535@cornell.edu (<mailto:sd535@cornell.edu>).



The Peer Support Network

A program that seeks to sustain an environment in which all members of the college community can thrive by providing avenues to raise, explore, and address issues that affect their ability to work or study effectively.

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- [Depression and Suicide](#)
- [Harassment](#)
- [College Resources](#)
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- [Community Resources](#)

[Download](#) the current brochure with complete contact information for volunteers.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance, Fire, Police: call 911

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service: call 272-1616

(24-hour crisis line - anonymous and confidential)

Tompkins County Rape and Abuse Crisis Hotline: call 277-5000

(24-hour services through the Advocacy Center)





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CVM Class Expansion Construction Update #26 - March 1, 2017



Tile work in new cafeteria area

Construction Camera – VMIT has installed a camera for live viewing of the project. Coming Soon - new interior location to see what's happening inside! <http://web.vet.cornell.edu/college/construction/constructioncam.cfm>

What's happening and what's ahead?

Construction

- Construction for new Library/MRC/Dean's Suite wing continues. Interior framing and infrastructure installations continue. Scheduled for completion August 2017.
- Construction of the new cafeteria continues. Interior framing and infrastructure installations continue. Scheduled for completion August 2017.
- New Atrium and lecture hall building is enclosed. Interior framing, infrastructure installations continue. Block work to follow.
- Temporary Gallery wall has been taken down.
- Some temporary walls will be constructed in the Schurman tutorial corridors.
- Glass curtain wall is being installed on new Library wing and courtyard side of New Atrium.

VRT

- The new glass curtain wall assembly and office relocations are complete.
- Left to do - Punch list items and perimeter heat water hydronic balancing.
- The design efforts for levels 6 and 7 floor renovations are currently underway. Construction will tentatively begin in early Spring 2017.

Community Practice Service Building

- G.M. Crisalli & Associates is contractor.
- Demolition of the existing Poultry Virus Lab and construction of the new building will begin March 2017, with completion March 2018.

Questions or Concerns – Please call the CVM Facilities Office @ (607) 253-4455 or (607) 253-3725 or e-mail cvmexpansion@cornell.edu or wad2@cornell.edu.

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CVM Hellos and Goodbyes In December 2016

New Employees

	Employee	Unit	Position
	Martin Gilbert	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Sciences	Sr. Research Associate
	Carl Smith	Teaching Dairy Barn	Animal Attendant

	<p>Christopher J. Donahue</p>	<p>Research & Graduate Education</p>	<p>Research Support Specialist</p>
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Retirees

	Employee	Unit	Position
	<p>Patricia Reynolds</p>	<p>AHDC</p>	<p>Virology Technician</p>