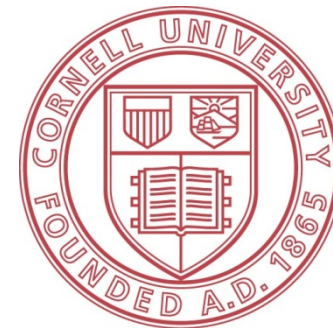


*College of Veterinary Medicine*  
**Class of 2020**  
*White Coat Ceremony*



**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Bailey Hall**



Lisa C Freeman earned a bachelor's degree in 1981, then a master's degree and a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1986, from Cornell University. She went on to earn a doctor of philosophy at The Ohio State University in 1989. She subsequently worked as a postdoctoral fellow and research scientist at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, before joining the faculty of the Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994. Dr. Freeman spent 16 years as a faculty member at Kansas State, where she served as a principal investigator on research and training grants; taught courses in pharmacology and the responsible conduct of research; and acted as a mentor to numerous graduate students, postdoctoral trainees and early-career faculty members.

In 2004-05, Dr. Freeman was a Fellow of the American Council on Education hosted by the University at Buffalo, and in 2005 she became the associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs for the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2008, Dr. Freeman became the associate vice president for innovation for K-State Olathe, with responsibility for fostering partnerships across academia, industry and the public sector to promote educational attainment, economic engagement and workforce development.

In September of 2018, Dr. Freeman was appointed as the 13<sup>th</sup> president of Northern Illinois University, an engaged, public research university located 60 miles west of Chicago. In this leadership role, Dr. Freeman works to promote all aspects of the university's mission, and to foster a learning environment where students, faculty and staff from a wide range of backgrounds feel welcome and included. She has been a member of NIU's senior leadership team and a professor of Biology since 2010. She served as NIU's vice president for Research and Graduate Studies from 2010 to 2013, and became executive vice president and provost in May 2014 after serving on an interim basis.

Dr. Freeman has been widely recognized for contributions to her profession and to the communities where she has lived and worked. She was named the Outstanding Veterinarian of the Year by the Association for Women Veterinarians in 2002, and honored with a distinguished alumni award by The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine in 2006. She has also been recognized for her achievements at Kansas State University, by the Department of Clinical Sciences for excellence in faculty mentoring, and by the MPH program for excellence in public health.

Dr. Freeman credits Cornell University, particularly the College of Veterinary Medicine, with enabling her personal and professional success. She is actively engaged with the President's Council of Cornell Women, and remains in contact with her veterinary school classmates from the Class of 1986, a class known for being inclusive, team-oriented, and positive.

## PROGRAM

### Welcoming Remarks

Lorin D. Warnick, DVM, PhD  
Austin O. Hooley Dean of Veterinary Medicine

### Coating Ceremony

Katherine M. Edmondson, PhD  
Assistant Dean for Learning and Instruction

Lorin D. Warnick, DVM, PhD  
Austin O. Hooley Dean of Veterinary Medicine

### Veterinarian's Oath

Mark Olcott, DVM '95  
President of the Alumni Association Executive  
Board at CUCVM

### The John F. Cummings Memorial Award

Leni K. Kaplan, DVM, MS  
Member of the College Awards Committee

### Address to Class

Lisa Freeman '81, DVM '86  
President, Northern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

### Closing Remarks

Lorin D. Warnick, DVM, PhD  
Austin O. Hooley Dean of Veterinary Medicine

### Class Photo

### Reception immediately following

CVM Center Takoda's Run Atrium

## Class of 2020

Justine Anderson	Megan Esbenshade	Amanda Mondt
Meghan Baker	Amber Forrestal	Sarah Morrissey
Mariah Beck	Carley Gallon	James Moyer
Halle Becker	Emily Gerardi	Mary Nasr
Michele Best-Hall	David Gludish	Ashley Nichter
Fernando Betancourt	Viviana Gonzalez	Margaret Odom
Cassandra Bianco	Margaret Goodale	Mana Okudaira
Elizabeth Bitsko	Zoe Greenfield	Liliana Ortiz
Evice Bolton	Regina Gromen	Nicholas Palmaro
Jenni Bridges	Elle Gunzel	Daniel Paushter
Lacey Brown	Eleni Healey	Tracy Potter
Katherine Brust	Emma Hurley	Jaret Pullen
Samuel Burkhardt	Benjamin Jakobek	Max Randolph
Cheyenne Cannarozzo	Leanne Jankelunas	Claire Read
Vittoria Capria	Lauren Johnson	J Hunter Reed
Xander Casad	Linda Kenison	Stephanie Rey
Trevor Chan	Bridgette Kennedy	Karina Roinestad
Frances Chen	Melissa Kieffer	Danny Sack
Colin Chik	William Koehler	Kristen Schott
Maggie Chutter	Alexandra Kravitz	Krysta Scimeca
Bryan Clifford	William La Tour	Jason Sifkarovski
Hayley Cohen	Anthony LaBarbera	Rachel Somma
Chelsea Colangelo	Joann Lam	Laura St Clair
Nycole Cole	Olivia Lenz	Renee Staffeld
Patrick Connelly	Christina Leung	Sean Stapleton
Talia Coppens	Dayna Locitzer	Morgan Stark
Yanick Couture	Micaela LoConte	Amanda Stewart
Olivia Cox	Holly Loeffler	Ashley Tang
Nancy Cross	Emily MacArthur	Eric Teplitz
Albert D'Agostino	Daisy Maher	Michelle Wemette
Alicia Davis	Jonah Marion	Travis Wingfield
Rhiannon Desideri	Elizabeth Martens	Natalie Worden
Stephie-Anne Duliepre	Maria Martes Bermudez	Elvina Yau
		Sarah Zeger

### **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 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.

### **THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

The first white coat ceremony, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, was held at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1993. Since that time, white coat ceremonies have become a tradition at many schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, osteopathy, and at veterinary medical colleges across the country.

At these ceremonies, students receive a white coat - the symbol of professionalism and empathy in the practice of medicine. The purpose of white coat ceremonies is to alert medical students to the need to balance excellence in science with humanistic patient care.

This event is also an acknowledgment and acceptance of professional values, growth, and commitment as students assume the responsibilities of the practice of veterinary medicine and its obligations before supportive witnesses.

Our College takes the celebration of this "rite of passage" one step further by honoring the mentors who have provided considerable support and special encouragement to our students along the way. These individuals will enrobe their students with the time honored mantle of the medical profession: the white coat