



SAVMA

Student American Veterinary Medical Association

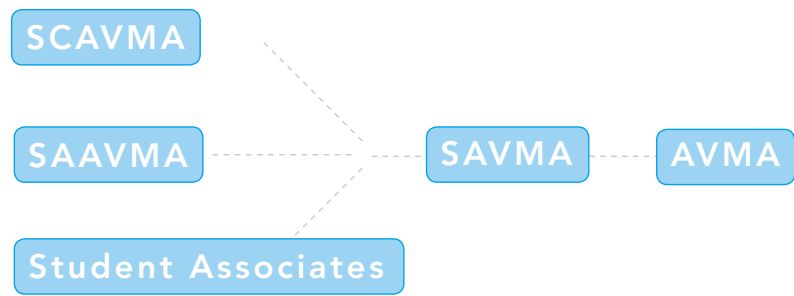


your foundation for success



Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and Student Associate of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAAVMA)

- 30 student chapters (28 in the U.S., 1 in Canada, and 1 in the Caribbean) representing SAVMA members at those accredited schools
- 2 student associate organizations in the Caribbean representing SAVMA members at those non-accredited schools
- Local organization providing:
 - > Lectures and other education experiences
 - > Camaraderie between members
 - > Local volunteer experience
 - > Student Officers – represent local organizations to improve communication between veterinary schools
 - > Faculty Advisors – AVMA members who are knowledgeable about organized veterinary medicine and familiar with the AVMA Programs
- Student Associates: Student attending an international school without a SCAVMA or SAAVMA are eligible to join SAVMA



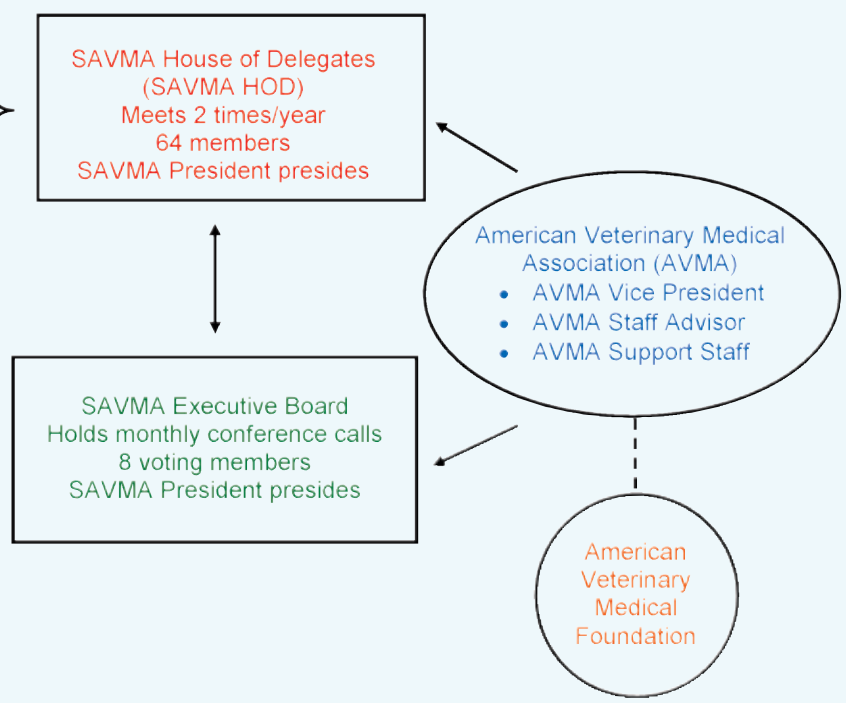
Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)

- Improves communication between the local student organizations and gives a national voice to student members around the world.
 - > Represents over 12,000 veterinary students members
 - > Over 92% of all U.S. and Caribbean veterinary students are SAVMA members
 - > International students attending a school without a SCAVMA or SAAVMA are eligible to join as student associate members

SAVMA GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

- 1 Senior and 1 Junior Delegate from each SCAVMA and SAAVMA
- Breaks into 7 committees
 - Animal Welfare/Human Animal Bond Committee
 - Education and Professional Development Committee
 - Governmental Affairs Committee
 - Integrative Communications and Diversity Committee
 - International Veterinary Exchange Committee
 - Public Health and Community Outreach Committee
 - Symposium Committee

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- International Exchange Officer
- The Vet Gazette Editor
- Information Technology Officer
- Global & Public Health Officer
- President-Elect
- Other elects (non-voting)



- All SCAVMA and SAAVMA members must also join SAVMA along with their local organization.
- SAVMA members gain a higher degree of professionalism and help the public acquire a broader knowledge of the veterinary profession.
- Two student representatives from each of the 30 student chapters and 2 associate organizations form the Student American Veterinary Medical Association House of Delegates (SAVMA HOD) that meet at the SAVMA Educational Symposium in March and the AVMA Annual Convention in July.

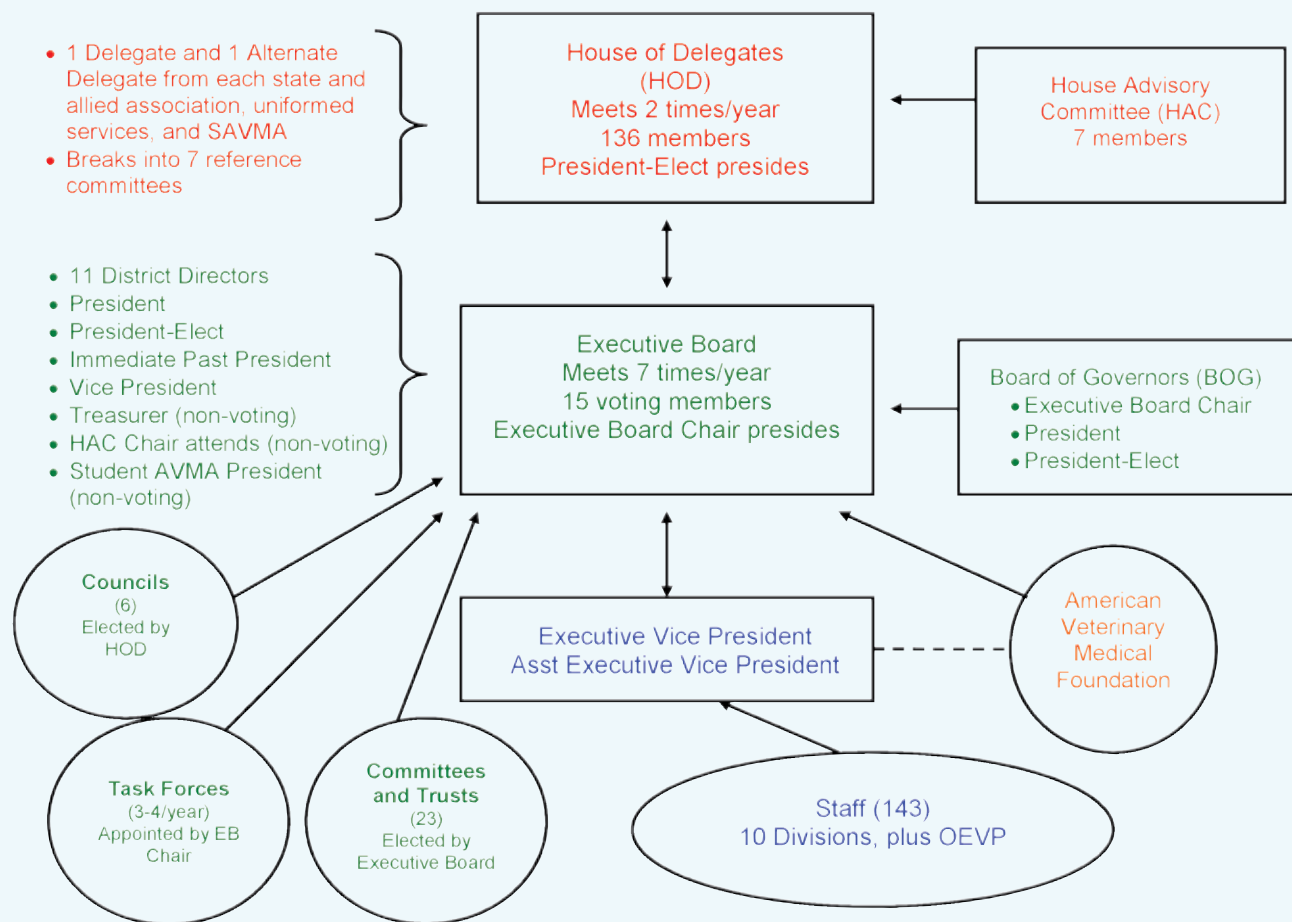
The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

Mission Statement: Improving Animal and Human Health, Advancing the Veterinary Medical Profession

- Representing over 81,500 veterinarians
 - > AVMA Vice President – The AVMA appoints their vice president to act as the official liaison between the AVMA and SAVMA.
 - > Student AVMA Advisor – The AVMA appoints an assistant director in the Membership and Field Services Division to serve as the SAVMA Advisor.
 - > The SAVMA President and President-elect represent all SAVMA members in the AVMA House of Delegates.



AVMA GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW



AVMA Journals - Reduced Subscription Rates**Journal of the AVMA (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR):**

- SAVMA members receive a reduced subscription rate to JAVMA and AJVR: \$40/year per journal; nonmembers = \$210-\$235/year per journal
- Subscribers search online journals at: avmajournals.avma.org

**The Vet Gazette**

Read The Vet Gazette Online!
(www.thevetgazette.com)

The official FREE online Journal of the Student AVMA is published for veterinary students by veterinary students. Topics include veterinary cases, money matters, letters to the editor, graphic artwork and humor pieces. Veterinary student members are encouraged to submit articles to be published and take advantage of the chance to earn a stipend for their effort.

SAVMA Awards, Competitions and Scholarships

SAVMA offers numerous awards and scholarship opportunities in a variety of categories that interest you.

- Animal Welfare/Human Animal Bond Committee Grant
- Government Affairs Committee Quiz Awards
- ICDC Multicultural Diversity Awareness Grant
- ICDC Communicating Diversity Contest
- International Veterinary Exchange Committee Scholarships
- International Veterinary Exchange Committee IVSA Chapter Awards

Learn more about these and other awards at avma.org/savma/SAVMA_Awards.asp

Automatic Conversion to AVMA Membership

Student Chapter (SCAVMA) members who meet their SCAVMA requirements to be in good standing at the time of graduation will be granted automatic membership to the AVMA upon graduation. This means:

- No application to file and no dues to pay for the remainder of the year of graduation
- Two additional years of reduced membership dues
- Free Registration to the AVMA Convention the year you graduate
- A certificate for one free registration to the AVMA Annual Convention valid for the next five years

American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

The AVMF is the charitable foundation of the AVMA and provides scholarships and volunteer opportunities for veterinary students. For applications and more information visit www.avmf.org

Scholarships:

- AVMF Scholarship Program - \$1,000 scholarships awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year veterinary students
- Pfizer Animal Health Scholarships – Approximately three hundred \$2500 scholarships awarded annually to 2nd and 3rd year veterinary students
- Winn Feline Scholarship – One annual \$2500 scholarship awarded to a 3rd or 4th year student interested in the medical care of cats

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Our Oath In Action – In conjunction with the AVMA Annual Convention, volunteer a day to rehab a local animal shelter
- Board and Committee Opportunities – Take advantage of leadership opportunities with a nonprofit organization

AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust (GHLIT)

avmaghlit.org

Coverage includes a student PPO medical program, student life & disability, a graduate guarantee offer for coverage when you graduate from veterinary school, and the portability of a plan that will go with you wherever your career path takes you.

Contact AVMA GHLIT at 800.621.6360 for more information. The program is underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company (New York, NY 10010).

AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust (PLIT)

avmaplit.com



Offers professional liability ("malpractice") coverage along with homeowner, personal auto, and renter's coverage. For a very low fee per calendar year, you can receive the same amount of professional liability coverage as your sponsoring PLIT-insured veterinarian. Student liability is secure coverage for summer jobs, part-time and volunteer work.

For application, call the PLIT at 800.228.7548 or call Fax-on-Demand Service at 800.740.7548 and request document 105.

**The Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association**

The Auxiliary provides support to SAVMA members. For the most updated information on student support visit avmaaux.org/student

Member Discounts

See the AVMA Website for details on all member discount programs!
avma.org/about_avma/benefits/default.asp#discount

• Bank of America (BOA) Credit Card

The AVMA Platinum Plus® Visa® credit card provides competitive interest rates, premier rewards and free access to a personal assistant via the MyConciergeSM service.
 800-932-2775 priority code UAA5WC

• BOA Practice Solutions

The Bank of America Practice Solutions offers a comprehensive suite of financial products and services to serve the needs of the veterinary profession.
 800-497-6076 mention code 1D7F3

• BOA Merchant Services (Credit Card Processing)

The Bank of America Merchant Services provides great benefits and reducing your processing costs.
 888-317-5402 bankofamerica.com

• Lands' End

Keep up on the new products! Save on all clothing and logo fees for yourself and your practice.
 800.374.5395 ces.landsend.com/AVMA

• Alamo Car Rental (Discount # 189183)

Reserve your rental and receive year-round discounts.
 800-354-2322 alamo.com/index.do?action=/hotDealsTemplate&msg=affil_amveterinarian_offeralamo.com

• National Car Rental (Discount # 5710068)

Reserve your rental with over 3,000 locations in over 72 countries across the globe and receive significant discounts.
 800.227.7368 nationalcar.com/index.do?action=/hotDealsTemplate&msg=ZL_AmVeterinary_Splashnationalcar.com

• Framing Success

Purchase custom-made frames for your certificate exclusively for members.
 800.677.3726

• Noffs/Atlantic Relocation Systems (Atlas Van Lines)

Whether moving across town or across the country, you can receive discounts on relocation services.
 800.323.7791, ext. 3553 or 847.870.3200, ext. 3553

SAVMA Educational Symposium

More than 1,000 students meet each year for three days to:

- Meet and compete with other veterinary schools in academic and athletic events
- Attend lectures and interactive labs that supplement your school's curriculum
- Network through social events

Upcoming Symposia include:

- Purdue University – March 15-17, 2012
- Louisiana State University—March 21-23, 2013



AVMA Convention

avmaconvention.org

The AVMA Annual Convention helps veterinarians and students gain professional knowledge and hone their skills. Student attendees:

- Receive complimentary advanced registration and reduced room rates
- Attend outstanding scientific and practice management sessions
- Network with practicing veterinarians and AVMA leadership

Upcoming AVMA Conventions:

San Diego.....August 4-7, 2012
 ChicagoJuly 20-23, 2013
 DenverJuly 26-29, 2014
 BostonJuly 11-14, 2015

AVMA Online Discussion Groups

NOAH is the AVMA's Network of Animal Health and provides discussion rooms, discussion mailing lists, and veterinary reference information you can access from your computer at avma.org/myavma/groups

Connect with us on:



Visit Us On:



The AVMA offers vast opportunities for students looking for hands-on working experience.

AVMA Governmental Relations Division (GRD)

Externship in Washington, D.C.

Application Deadline: October 14, 2011

- 4-week program based in Washington, D.C.
- Meet with veterinarians currently serving in a variety of roles for the United States government

Visit the current student externship blog at externsonthehill.com.

Download an application at avma.org/advocacy/get_involved/externships.asp or call the GRD at 800.321.1473.

AVMA Student Externship Stipend

Application Deadline: January 15, 2012

- Fifteen \$1,000 stipends will be awarded in Spring 2012
- Open to all members of the Student AVMA who have completed their first year
- To apply, the student must have secured an externship in a nonclinical or food supply veterinary practice

Download an application online at: avma.org/savma/services.asp#extern or call 800.248.2862, ext. 6693.

AVMA Headquarters Externship

Application Deadline: March 15, 2012

- Five \$1,200 stipends will be awarded in Spring 2012
- Developed for students who would like to explore the opportunities in organized veterinary medicine by working with different divisions of the AVMA Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL

Download an application online at: avma.org/savma/services.asp#avma-extern or call 800.248.2862, ext. 6693.

The SAVMA Website

avma.org/savma

SAVMA Directory

Connect with other Student Chapters through the online map of Student Chapters, SAVMA Executive Officers and SAVMA Delegates. SAVMA organizational documents, committee Web pages, and historical information can also be found online.

SAVMA International Exchange Opportunities

Expand your educational knowledge by participating in an international exchange opportunity. For further information visit avma.org/savma/ieo

SAVMA One Health Challenge

Each year, the SAVMA One Health Challenge raises funds to advance worldwide research and charitable efforts in the One Health, One Medicine arena. For further information on the latest One Health efforts visit avma.org/savma/onehealth

SAVMA & AVMA National Office Contact Information

SAVMA Member Services

800.248.2862, ext. 6693 or 6681

avma.org/savma

AVMA Headquarters

800.248.2862

847.925.1329 (fax)

avma.org

AVMA Governmental Relations Division

800.321.1473

avma.org/grd



What's New?

Front and center on the AVMA home page, the "What's New?" feature provides at-a-glance information about the most important issues of the day.

Veterinary Career Center



avma.org/vcc or 800.248.2862, ext. 6626 or 6679

The veterinary profession's most extensive online employment Website. You can:

- Browse through hundreds of current open positions
- Post your resume, making it available to hundreds of employers
- Set up a personalized e-mail notification, for e-mail alerts to new jobs that meet your criteria.
- Use the externship locator to find a position to build your knowledge and/or to meet your graduation requirements.

The VCC office team is ready to answer your questions about starting salaries and benefits, as well as emerging career opportunities for veterinarians.

Governmental Relations Division (GRD)

The GRD advocates the AVMA's policies and positions on federal legislative and regulatory issues that influence animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession. Get involved and visit the GRD Website at: avma.org/advocacy.

Each year, you will be faced with new challenges in veterinary school. Here is some helpful advice to give you a leg up each year.

First Year:

It's your first year and you are faced with a brand new environment and culture being in veterinary school. Have you started thinking about your own health insurance? If you aren't covered under your parent's insurance, look into AVMA GHLIT. The AVMA Website features a "What's new" section that keeps you up-to-date on the latest news affecting veterinary medicine. Look into The Vet Gazette, the official student AVMA publication for helpful articles and tips. Becoming involved in SCAVMA early is also important. Remaining a member in good standing of your SCAVMA has a significant impact on your future AVMA membership.

Second Year:

Now that you have a year of veterinary school under your belt, it's time to get your feet wet. Try one of the many student externships offered through the AVMA. Need personal liability insurance? Get covered for summer jobs, part-time and volunteer work through PLIT for a very low fee per calendar year.

International Exchange Opportunities give students an educational opportunity to explore veterinary medicine beyond the veterinary schools and businesses in the United States. Build lasting international networks with those willing to host a veterinary student. Remember to also be a member in good standing with your SCAVMA to positively impact your future AVMA membership.



Third Year:

You are more than half-way there. Will you be considered a SCAVMA member in good standing? If you aren't sure, now is the time to check with your SCAVMA officers. Externships are made available through the AVMA in various fields that will strengthen your skills. Personal liability insurance will cover you for jobs or volunteer work for a very low fee per calendar year. AVMA GRD offers great references, such as the newsletter The Advocate, for veterinary students wanting to learn more about the workings on The Hill. Let the VCC help make your externship and job search easier. Browse through hundreds of jobs and set alerts for the jobs you want.

International Exchange Opportunities allow third year students to continue to expand their horizons in international veterinary medicine. Creates the opportunity to share knowledge of organized veterinary medicine and build lasting international networks with those willing to host a veterinary student.

Fourth Year:

Getting closer to graduation can be exciting and nerve-racking at the same time. Take advantage of one of the many student externships available to hone your skills while in school. Personal liability insurance will cover you for jobs or volunteer work for a very low fee per calendar year. AVMA GRD offers great references, such as the newsletter The Advocate, for veterinary students wanting to learn more about the workings on The Hill. Let the VCC help make your externship and job search easier. Browse through hundreds of jobs and set alerts for the jobs you want.

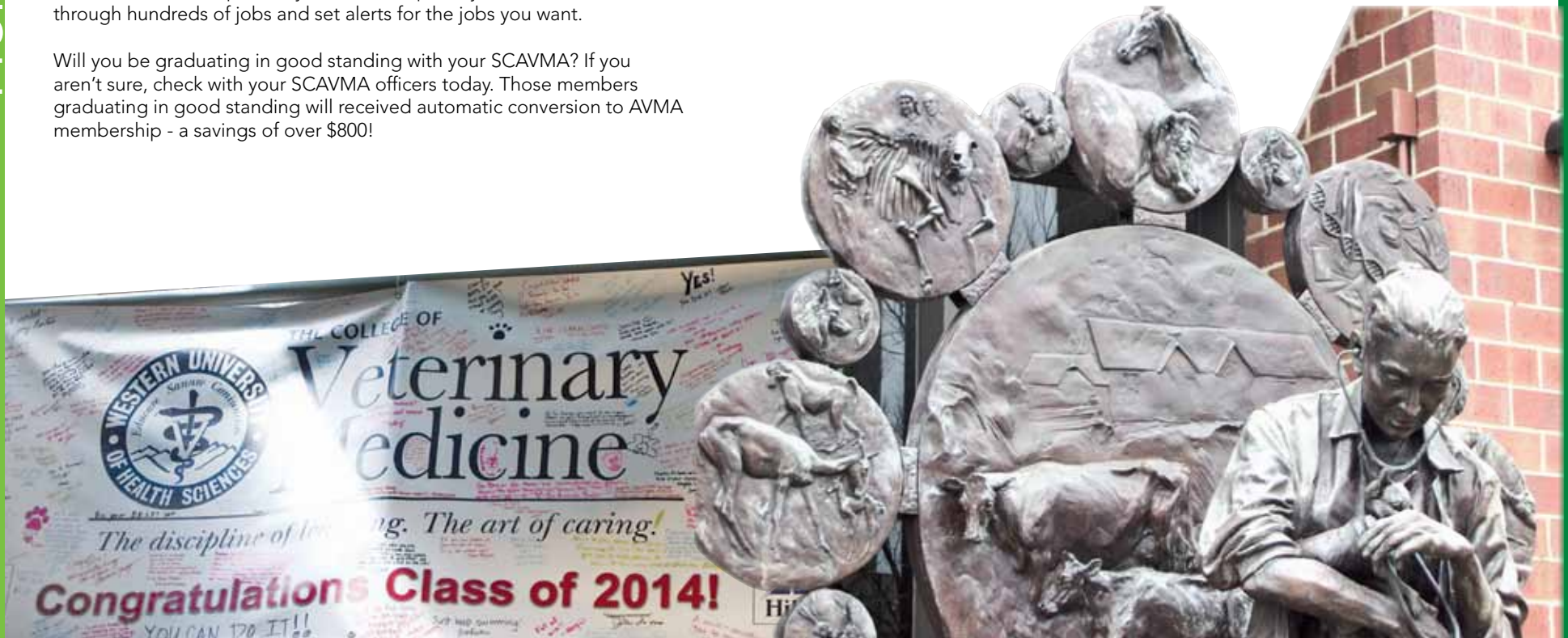
Will you be graduating in good standing with your SCAVMA? If you aren't sure, check with your SCAVMA officers today. Those members graduating in good standing will received automatic conversion to AVMA membership - a savings of over \$800!

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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