



St. George's University
SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

COMMENCEMENT



Sunday, May 17, 2026

Infosys Theater at MSG
New York, NY

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.

Satesh Bidaisee, DVM, MSPH, EdD
Interim 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

DAIS PARTY

ADMINISTRATION AND HONORED GUESTS

Charles R. Modica, JD
Chancellor

Marios Loukas, MD, PhD
President and Dean, School of Medicine

Satesh Bidaisee, DVM, MSPH, EdD
Interim Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Mark T. Clunes, PhD
Provost and Senior Associate Dean of Basic Sciences, School of Medicine

Arlette Herry, PhD
Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Vice President for Multicultural Affairs

Lucy Clunes, PhD
Vice President of Student Affairs and Senior Associate Dean of Students, School of Medicine

Nitsa Topale, EdD, PhD
Assistant Provost for Assessment & Evaluation Monitoring Systems, and Associate Dean, Evaluation and Assessment, SOM

Tara Paterson, DVM, MSc
Associate Dean, Clinical Training

Sonia Cheetham-Brow, DVM
Associate Dean, Research

Lindonne Telesford, MSPH, DrPH
Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Kerry Mitchell, PhD, BSc
Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Chair, Public Health

Anthony Andell, PhD
Vice Provost and Chair, Department of Business

Trevor Noel, PhD, MPH, FRSPH
Assistant Provost for Research and Scholarly Activity

Wayne Sylvester, DVM, MSc
Medical Director, Small Animal Clinic

Mahesh Deokar, DVM
Chair, Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology

Nyoni Winchester, DVM
Chair, Large Animal Medicine and Surgery

Inga Karasek, DVM
Assistant Dean, Clinical Training

Keith Kalasi, DVM
Assistant Professor, Small Animal Medicine and Surgery

Nuala McDermott, DVM
SVM Alumna

Cameron Henke, DVM
SVM Alumnus

Laura Harjes, DVM
SVM Alumna

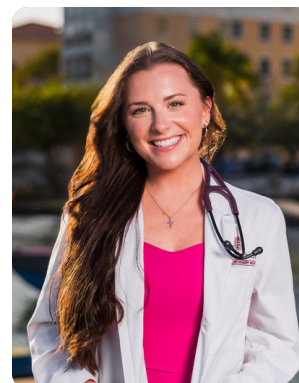
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional	Subtle Cheetah Brass Quintet
Welcome	Dr. Mark Clunes, Provost
National Anthems.....	United States, Grenada, Doug Jabara
Invocation	Monsignor Brian McNamara
Introduction	Dr. Mark Clunes, Provost
Remarks	Dr. Charles R. Modica, Chancellor
Remarks	Dr. Satesh Bidaisee, Interim Dean School of Veterinary Medicine
Remarks	Dr. Tara Paterson, President School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association
Degrees Conferred, School of Veterinary Medicine....	Dr. Charles R. Modica, Chancellor
Hooding and Presentation of Diplomas.....	Chancellor and Dean
Academic Oath, School of Veterinary Medicine.....	Dr. Tara Paterson, Associate Dean School of Veterinary Medicine
Student Speaker	Daphne Harris
Closing Remarks	Dr. Satesh Bidaisee, Interim Dean School of Veterinary Medicine
Benediction	Monsignor Brian McNamara
Recessional.....	Subtle Cheetah Brass Quintet

STUDENT SPEAKER

Daphne Harris

Class of 2026 Keynote Speaker



Daphne Harris is originally from Memphis, Tennessee. She developed her passion for veterinary medicine early on in her childhood and had the opportunity to work as a veterinary technician throughout high school and her undergraduate years. She attended the University of Memphis, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2022 before beginning her veterinary education at St. George's University that same year.

During her time in veterinary school, Daphne was actively involved in student leadership and mentorship. She participated in the PAWS Facility Program, helping support and guide incoming students, and played a significant role in the Student Government Association, where she served in multiple leadership positions, including President of the School of Veterinary Medicine. In recognition of her academic excellence, she was inducted into Phi Zeta Honor Society.

Daphne completed her clinical training at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she further developed her clinical interests in small animal medicine. She is especially passionate about client education and strengthening the human-animal bond, with additional interests in dentistry and surgery.

Following graduation, Daphne will be moving to Ocala, Florida, where she will begin her career in small animal general practice.

*For your safety and the consideration of others,
we ask that you remain seated throughout the ceremony.*

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Colin Dowe

Associate Vice President of Alumni Affairs

C.V. Rao, PhD

Dean, Alumni Affairs



It is a pleasure to congratulate the graduating class of 2026 and welcome you as our newest inductees into the SGU School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association (SVMAA). You've worked hard and persevered, and for this, you should be proud. You



are now members of a phenomenal network of veterinarians. Continue to represent SGU, your alma mater, with pride, as you are now part of a remarkable heritage of physician success (#SGUProud).

As you transition from student to alumnus veterinarian, your new journey will include clinical training, working in hospitals and practices, advancing veterinary medicine through research, and caring for animals and the people who love them. Know that you are not alone; you are now part of a vast alumni network, and connected you are stronger.

Your professional journey continues as a veterinarian, and you will encounter your fellow SGU alumni along the way. Some will be colleagues you support and inspire, and others will be mentors and leaders who inspire you. Be proud of your SGU heritage, and identify with your network. You all started on the tiny island of Grenada to now veterinarian impacting lives everywhere. You did it. The bonds you made are forever. Only you and your SGU colleagues understand what it takes to be an SGU Alumnus. Wear this with pride.

Additionally, the class of 2026 inductees, this illustrious alumni network of veterinarians has grown. You should be proud of your achievements. You are part of a great alumni network. Together you can and will do great things, and we are proud of you.

As your new professional journey begins, know that your Alumni Affairs team and SVMAA are here to support you. Please stay connected.

Once again congratulations! Today is your day, and we celebrate you.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Allie Abell

Maria Alcalá-Galaviz

Ashley Alvarez Barone

Joshua Amores

Callie Anderson

Kristen Anderson

Victoria Armas

Aide Balcazar

Melanie Barnes

Caitlin Benelli

Khalia Benjamin

Erika Billman

Carla Blain

Alexia Blanks

Elizannette Bonet Cartagena

Gabriella Bonofiglio

Kyra Boss

Elise Brehm

Abigail Brelage

Cara Brennan

Brooke Bridges

Leighton Bridgewater

Luke Brown

Adina Brucie

Megan Butler

Elaine Caceres

Adrienne Camero

Kaitlyn Campbell

Norangely Cancel

Alyssa Carbo

Alexis Care

Monica Carter

Taylor Cash

Christian Cavazos

Jilla Chamanbahar

Ziuling Cheung He

Danielle Ciampi

Jayme Clarke

Elizabeth Coelho

Caitlyn Collazo

Erin Connolly

Courtney Conway

Hannah Coplin

Olivia Coppola

Ashton Corcoran

Cheyenne Crose

Victoria Crovo

Madeline Cruger

Gabrielle Cruse

Ariel Culupa

Jenesis Curtis

Dylan Curtsinger

Andrew Darty

Candace Davidowicz

Rocio De Anda

Paige Dearington

Kaitlyn DeChirico

Rebecca DeFoe

Marlena Del Rio

Julia Louise Delgado

Kathryn Dettmering

Asiamay Diaz

Jason Diaz

David Dominguez

Danielle Donovan

Haley Doron

Nicholas Drew-White

Alexandra Ehlinger

Marisa Emmanuele

Rachel Ensz

Shahzoda Erkinova	Lucila Hernandez	Emilia Mariolis	Sharon Paredes
Maria Escanellas Juan	Samantha Hild	Jessica Martin	Jamie Park
Leslie Escobar Morla	Dajuan Hinton	Tayah Martin	Madelyn Pavlico
Jiayu Fang	Shana Hodosh	Jaiden Martinez	Brie Pavol
Julien Fazio	Hanna Holden	Michael Matrangolo	Bianca Perez
Hayley Ferranti	Lindsey Honnert	Cassandra Mayberry	Alexis Perfetto
Mackeznie Fischer	Vanessa Hubert	Isabelle Mays	Alexius Perkins
Naomi Fix	Erika Hucal	Tamara Mc Ewen Williams	Makala Perkins
Julieta Flores Rodriguez	Zachary Jacobsen	Gemma McAfee	Heather Perry
Samantha Forjan	Laura Jankowski	Jared McFadden	Daniel Petichenskiy
Elizabeth Fournier	Nicole Jaramillo Meza	Ryan McGauley	Abby Phillips
Cassidy Fox	Ishan Jhamb	Connor McHenry	Brandon Phillips
Natalia Francisco	Hailey Johnson	Emily Meade	Isabelle Phillips
Audrey Fry	Grace Johnston	Daniel Mell	Ryan Phoenix
Hannah Fuegmann	Jala Johnston	Eliza Mendoza	Ashley Pino
Lauren Funderburg	Joshua Khenkin	Bryan Merced Tolentino	Brianna Pinto
Teagan Gartley	Meena Khoram	Paige Meyers	Emma Polus
Nicole Gasparian	Ha Young Kim	Kandice Mills	Megan Pomeroy
Germaine Germundson	Susan Kim	Arianna Minnie	Wesleigh Porter
Sophia Gibbons	Sarah Knizner	Jessica Monali	Tiffany Portulano
Genesee Giedt	Katherine Kourmadas	Julianna Montella	Kasey Poynter
Marialaura Gigli	Sarah Kovacs	Alexandra Morris	Aaliyah Preudhomme
Dylan Glasser	Hyeseong Kwon	Rufaro Mukarati	Alexandra Prince
Katrina Gong	Kaitlin Law	Mikka Muramatsu	Landis Pujol
Violeta Gonzalez	Linh Le	Victoria Muttin	Elana Raaphorst
Elise Grandy	Man Pyo Lee	Margarita Nevarez	Juliana Ramirez
John Grant	Alyson Lillibridge	Alejandra Nicolas	Abby Ramlagan
Courtney Griffin	Bryan Lim	Lexi Nieves	Katia Ramos Correa
Sara Griffin	Benjamin Liu	Jamila Norman	Keli Ream
Jason Gutmann	Claire Loethen	Nicole O'Connor	Beatrice Rejouis
Cindy Guzman Rojas	Ashley Long	Siobhan O'Sullivan-Evangelista	William Richner
Ashton Haas	Xiomara Lou	Nikole Ortiz	Gabriela Rivera Tritsare
Theresa Hahn	Dariann Ludwig	Leah Orton	Emmeleine Rivera
Nicole Hallett	Alondra Maiz-Zapata	Samantha Palmer	Dennikia Roberts
Haley Harraka	Mackynzie Mancheno	Gianna Pannullo	Nahir Roman-Rodriguez
Daphne Harris	Anne Manganiello	Jacqueline Paradine	Tyler Rothka
Sarah Hattis	Andrew Mann	Alejandra Pardo Ribero	Sia Roy Jain
Yue He	Breanna Maramag	Shelby Pardoe	Gabriela Rubi Velez

Madeline Rucker	Lilliana Vazquez Rhodeside
Mallory Ryan	Lucas Veillon
Nicole Sadlier	Karla Velazquez-Llanos
Rocelyn Anne Samano	Eloise Verret
Elizabeth Sanchez	Jessica Vitale
Gabriella Sanchez	Elena Wafford
Emily Santos	Jack Warmflash
Kimberley Savinovich Medina	Brittany Watson
Kaylee Schultz	Christine Weber
Andrew Short	Stephanie West
Nicole Shuler	Audrey Wichmann
Katherine Smith	Dana Wiens
Marc Sorkvist	Carlomi Wildman
Michael Starrett	Makayia Willard
Stephanie Steinke	Elizabeth Williams
Alexandria Stevens	Alyssa Willibey
Ari Streeter	Daria Wilson
Lillian Sunday	Rebekah Wilson
Jordan Sunshine	Hailey Wiper
Sarah Szivos	Alyssa Womer
Hailey Templar	Claire Woronick
Savannah Terranova	Haley Wozniak
Olena Tkachenko	JingHan Wu
Madison Upton-Lee	Grace Xin
Emily Valdes	Mia Yap Shing
Caroline Vangi	Kendall Yates
Gabriella Varvarigos	Eric Yuen

Cord Colors

Phi Zeta Honor Society—Silver

SGA Board Members—Green

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

GRADUATION WITH DUAL DVM/MPH DEGREE

Zachary Thomas Jacobsen

Makayia Aiyako Willard

GRADUATION WITH DUAL DVM/MSc DEGREE

Emily Marie Meade

Jamila M.T. Norman

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Caitlin Benelli

Isabelle Mays

Elise Brehm

Ryan McGauley

Danielle Ciampi

Connor McHenry

Jayme Clarke

Julia Moretz

Caitlyn Collazo

Alexandra Morris

Erin Connolly

Victoria Muttin

Courtney Conway

Nicole O'Connor

Hannah Coplin

Samantha Palmer

Ashton Corcoran

Alejandra Pardo Ribero

Cheyenne Crose

Shelby Pardoe

Rocio De Anda

Brie Pavol

Jason Diaz

Bianca Perez

Hayley Ferranti

Brandon Phillips

Elizabeth Fournier

Wesleigh Porter

Cassidy Fox

Elana Raaphorst

Audrey Fry

Nicole Sadlier

Teagan Gartley

Michael Starrett

Germaine Germundson

Stephanie Steinke

Dylan Glasser

Lucas Veillon

Elise Grandy

Eloise Verret

Haley Harraka

Jessica Vitale

Daphne Harris

Elena Wafford

Sarah Hattis

Dana Wiens

Yue He

Rebekah Wilson

Shana Hodosh

Alyssa Womer

Lindsey Honnert

Claire Woronick

Sarah Kovacs

Haley Wozniak

Anne Manganiello

JingHan Wu

Jessica Martin

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MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Allie Abell

Grace Johnston

Ashley Alvarez Barone

Ha Young Kim

Erika Billman

Dariann Ludwig

Elizannette Bonet Cartagena

Breanna Maramag

Adina Brucie

Jared McFadden

Adrienne Camero

Emily Meade

Alexis Care

Bryan Merced Tolentino

Monica Carter

Arianna Minnie

Taylor Cash

Gianna Pannullo

Christian Cavazos

Jacqueline Paradine

David Dominguez

Isabelle Phillips

Jiayu Fang

Gabriela Rivera Tritsare

Mackeznie Fischer

Emily Santos

Samantha Forjan

Katherine Smith

Marialaura Gigli

Ari Streeter

Courtney Griffin

Hailey Templar

Nicole Hallett

Savannah Terranova

Vanessa Hubert

Olena Tkachenko

Laura Jankowski

Gabriella Varvarigos

CUM LAUDE

Aide Balcazar

Andrew Mann

Melanie Barnes

Gemma McAfee

Khalia Benjamin

Paige Meyers

Cara Brennan

Siobhan O'Sullivan-Evangelista

Ziuling Cheung He

Madelyn Pavlico

Kaitlyn DeChirico

Landis Pujol

Maria Escanellas Juan

Juliana Ramirez

Naomi Fix

Katia Ramos Correa

Julieta Flores Rodriguez

Tyler Rothka

Hannah Fuegmann

Sia Roy Jain

Genesee Giedt

Gabriela Rubi Velez

Katrina Gong

Lillian Sunday

Jala Johnston

Sarah Szivos

Sarah Knizner

Lilliana Vazquez Rhodesside

Katherine Kourmadas

Audrey Wichmann

Linh Le

Kendall Yates

Claire Loethen

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 became the first international chapter of this prestigious honor society.

Allie Regan Abell	Grace Johnston
Caitlin Elizabeth Benelli	Ha Young Kim
Spencer Billman	Dariann Ludwig
Adrienne Camero	Anne Monroe Manganiello
Taylor Brooke Cash	Connor Todd McHenry
Caitlyn Zoe Collazo	Arianna Nicole Minnie
Erin Honora Connolly	Victoria Muttin
Hannah Saki Coplin	Jacqueline Kathleen Paradine
Rocio Paulina De Anda	Alejandra Pardo Ribero
Jason Scott Diaz	Shelby Rebecca Pardoe
David Alexander Dominguez	Elana Marie Raaphorst
Jiayu Fang	Nicole Caroline Sadlier
Hayley Rose Cahill Ferranti	Stephanie Marie Steinke
Mackenzie Lynn Fischer	Hailey Nicole Templar
Cassidy Dianne Fox	Lucas Louis Christopher Veillon
Audrey Leigh Fry	Eloise Marie-Pier Verret
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Yue He	Haley Kristine Wozniak
Lindsey Honnert	JingHan Wu
Laura Megan Jankowski	

VETERINARY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Jiayu Fang	Dana Landry Wiens
Teagan Rose Gartley	JingHan Wu
Yue He	

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) BOARD

Genesee Noelle Giedt	Cassandra Renell Mayberry
Daphne Brook Harris	Alexandra Kelly Prince
Kaitlin Hope Law	

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) REPRESENTATIVES

Aide Balcazar	Andrew Ryan Mann
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Ashton Bree Corcoran	Michael T Matrangolo
Rebecca Alyce DeFoe	Cassandra Renell Mayberry
Marlena Del Rio	Isabelle Margaret Mays
Asiamay Owena Diaz	Ryan Phoenix
Genesee Noelle Giedt	Alexandra Kelly Prince
Haley Marie Harraka	Gabriella Renee Sanchez
Daphne Brook Harris	Emily Hope Santos
Kaitlin Hope Law	Grace Choy Xin

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.