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VERO GRADUATES FIRST COHORT OF VETERINARIANS

May 9, 2025 by Chancellor John Sharp, Chancellor's Century Council News

Four years after establishing its 2+2 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program, the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (VMBS) is celebrating the graduation of its inaugural cohort.

Texas A&M's first 15 2+2 students — who began their veterinary education at the VMBS' Veterinary Education, Research, & Outreach (VERO) campus in Canyon, Texas joined their 147 peers in the Class of 2025 on May 7 to walk across the commencement stage as Aggie veterinarians.

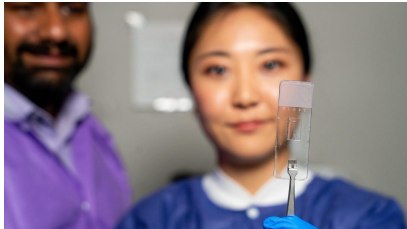
The 2+2 program was established to bring Texas A&M's internationally renowned veterinary curriculum to the Texas Panhandle. And it worked.

Over the course of these past four years, our 2+2 graduates have performed admirably in our world-class DVM program and now graduate as career-ready veterinarians who will — like their peers and our vast network of Aggie veterinarians — represent the profession and the university extraordinarily well.

Since its inaugural year, the 2+2 program at VERO has seen great success, with interest and the number of applicants growing each year. The campus provides ample opportunities for students to gain exposure to large and mixed animal rural veterinary medicine, smaller class sizes, and an almost one-to-one student to faculty ratio, allowing students and faculty to build closs-knit community.

These students join the 9,068 Aggie veterinarians who have graduated since 1916 and will utilize their passions, skillsets, and the unique opportunities gleaned from

their VERO experience to better serve people, animals, and rural communities in need across the United States. We couldn't be prouder of our first cohort and their colleagues in the DVM Class of 2025.



Credit: Texas A&M College of Engineering

REPLICATING REAL-LIFE BLOOD VESSELS TO CURE VASCULAR DISEASE

A new platform mimics various blood vessel structures, enabling more accurate models of vascular disease and patient specific research.

May 28, 2025 by Bailey Noah, Texas A&M University College of Engineering

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/05/28/replicating-real-life-blood-vessels-to-cure-vascular-disease/>

TEXAS A&M ANNOUNCES VARCITY, AGGIES' FIRST RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Longevity-centric community allows former students, fans the opportunity to reside in environment promoting longer, healthier lives

May 28, 2025 by Texas A&M Division of Marketing and Communications.

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/05/28/texas-am-announces-varcity-aggies-first-retirement-village/>

THE FABRIC OF HISTORY

Texas A&M history major Alexis Brasher '25 weaves stories of the past through her vintage clothing style and work at the Museum of the American G.I.

April 15, 2025 by Heather Rodriguez '04

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/04/the-fabric-of-history.html>



Image: Grant Czadzeck, Arts & Sciences Marketing & Communications

LEGENDARY R.C. SLOCUM SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR PLAYERS THROUGH FAITH

April 28, 2025 by David Nuño

While playing in the 2025 Aggieland FCA Golf Classic, legendary Texas A&M football coach R.C. Slocum stopped by the TexAgs Live set to discuss the positive impact his faith has had on his life, both on and off the football field.

"In my career as a coach, I coached in the A&M vs. Texas game 30 times, more than anybody else. I am proud to say I walked off the field 16 times on the winning side. We

are a great school. We have a great program and coaches. You want your guys to play hard. When I watch us play, it looks like they play really hard. Sometimes, you win. Sometimes, you don't. You go play the next day.”

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://texags.com/s/67061/legendary-rc-slocum-set-a-positive-example-for-players-through-faith>

DR. JENNIFER GLANVILLE APPOINTED HEAD OF SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Jennifer Ganville, former chair of the sociology department at the University of Iowa, joins Texas A&M as the new head of the Department of Sociology.

April 25, 2025 by Catherine White '25

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/04/dr-jennifer-glanville-appointed-head-of-sociology-department.html>

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES HONORS 10 OUTSTANDING SENIORS FOR HIGH ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Selected for their academic excellence, leadership, service and commitment, these students represent the best of the College of Arts and Sciences.

April 23, 2025 by Emily Chan '25

To read the full article visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/04/college-honors-10-outstanding-seniors-for-high-academic-and-professional-achievement.html>



Credit: Courtney Sacco/Texas A&M AgriLife

ROLLINS, KENNEDY TOUR TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE TO CONNECT AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH

The visit highlighted the role of agriculture in improving health.

April 30, 2025 by Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M AgriLife

Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins '94 and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. toured Texas A&M AgriLife on April 29 to gain a greater understanding of how Texas A&M is working to advance agriculture as a solution to health.

Rollins' and Kennedy's introduction to multiple aspects of Texas A&M AgriLife showed how agriculture is uniquely positioned to meet many health challenges, and how new opportunities to work together are possible.

“Making America Healthy Again starts with supporting America’s farmers and ranchers. In Texas, I was joined by Secretary Kennedy to do just that,” Rollins said in a U.S. Department of Agriculture announcement. “At USDA, I am negotiating with Mexico to stop the spread of invasive species like the New World screwworm, and Secretary Kennedy and I are working together to ensure that our kids and families are consuming the healthiest food produced in the USA.”

The secretaries visited the AgriLife Automated Phenotyping Greenhouse and the Norman E. Borlaug Building, which houses the Institute of Advancing Health Through Agriculture, IHA; sections of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Nutrition; and several researchers and employees of USDA Agricultural Research Service.

“It was an honor to join Secretary Rollins in her home state of Texas,” said Kennedy. “Together, HHS and USDA are taking on the chronic disease epidemic by fixing our broken food system and giving families the tools they need to eat well, stay healthy and Make America Healthy Again.”

“For nearly 150 years, agriculture has been at the heart of Texas A&M University,” said Robert L. Albritton ’71, Texas A&M University System Board of Regents chairman. “We’re as dedicated today as we were at the beginning of Texas A&M, and today we shared some of the most cutting-edge technology and integrated community health programs from Texas A&M AgriLife.”

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<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/04/30/rollins-kennedy-tour-texas-am-agrilife-to-connect-agriculture-and-health/>

SMALL CURRENTS BIG IMPACT: SATELLITE BREAKTHROUGH REVEALS HIDDEN OCEAN FORCES

Texas A&M's Jinbo Wang and an international team use SWOT satellite data to uncover powerful submesoscale eddies, reshaping our understanding of ocean-climate dynamics.

May 27, 2025 by Grant Hawkins '98, Texas A&M University College of Arts and Sciences

What if some of the smallest ocean currents turned out to be some of the most powerful forces shaping our planet’s climate?

This question is at the center of new research co-led by Texas A&M University Department of Oceanography Associate Professor Jinbo Wang, whose work is featured on the cover of the April 17 issue of *Nature*. It’s a big moment for Wang and his colleagues and the global science community — marking a milestone in a billion-dollar, international water mission two decades in the making, and reflecting Texas A&M University’s long-term strategy to grow its leadership in satellite oceanography and climate research.

“We’re building on work that started two decades ago,” said Dr. Shari Yvon-Lewis, head of the Texas A&M Oceanography Department. “Many people who helped design this satellite and the science have since retired. It’s a tribute to long-term vision, teamwork and dedication.”

Hiring Wang was a key part of Texas A&M’s investment in expanding its expertise in satellite oceanography — an area critical for understanding ocean physics and its role in the climate system. His experience at JPL and leadership in global collaborations like SWOT have positioned the university at the forefront of space-based ocean research.

Wang is also leading a NASA Ocean AI working group focused on how artificial intelligence and machine learning can help analyze existing and future satellite data and help future mission design. He is keen to contribute to the next big satellite mission.

For now, having his work featured on the cover of *Nature* is a moment to celebrate — and a reminder of how much the ocean can teach us. “This is just the beginning,” Wang said. “We finally have the tools to see what’s been hiding in plain sight.”

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<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/05/27/small-currents-big-impact-satellite-breakthrough-reveals-hidden-ocean-forces/>



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SRG Board of Directors' Resolutions for: 2024 – 2025

****To keep the Sul Ross Group (SRG) membership informed of pertinent topics and activities on campus through periodic SRG Bulletins.**

****As investors of A&M, to continue to meet with and to offer our support and assistance to the leadership of TAMUS, TAMU, the Association of Former Students, A&M Foundation, the Commandant, the Corps Commander, and student government leaders.**

****To support A&M's Core Values and traditions and share these with all we meet, especially students, stressing unity of purpose and effort within the A&M community.**

****To continue the ongoing review, execution and improvement of new student integration and assimilation into TAMU, working with and assisting the V.P. of Student**

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Affairs, if invited, by periodically observing new student orientation – avoiding “not too much nor too little” oversight of student run organizations.

****Be it resolved that the SRG support their strategic goal of preserving what sets TAMU apart as distinctive and transcendent, as elder statesmen, and in accordance with the SRG’s four established Constitutional objectives while serving TAMU, the Association, and our membership.**