Dear Member of the DVM Class of 2021,

Congratulations on your admittance to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program at Colorado State University! As you begin your first year, we know you'll need somewhere to turn when questions arise. For this reason, SCAVMA proudly aids your ROLE leaders in the pairing of a freshman DVM student to a sophomore DVM student through the "Big Sib/Lil Sib” Program. This person will serve as a resource to you not only in your first year, but throughout your time in the program.

We have paired you with a member of the DVM class of 2020 to serve as a source of information and advice during your adjustment to life as a veterinary student. Please take advantage of these student resources, as they have been in your shoes and can offer wonderful guidance!

Should you be interested in being paired with a veterinarian mentor, the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) has a fantastic program to help facilitate a match. One of the CVMA representatives will be addressing you during your orientation week and can help answer any questions regarding this program.

Your "Big Sib" will be emailing you soon to introduce himself/herself, so please let the Dean's Office know if your email address has changed. Even though third year seems far away, building these relationships now can be a tremendous help, as you will be paired with the class ahead of you during your clinical rotations. It is important to take this and every networking and communication opportunity that arises throughout your professional development and throughout your career. Once again, congratulations, and good luck!

Sincerely,

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