To the Class of 2019:

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program at Colorado State University! As President of your Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, it is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to this school and to this profession. The next four years will be engaging, challenging, and rewarding. I hope you’re looking forward to a wonderful experience!

Each veterinary school has a chapter of student government that works with the American Veterinary Medical Association to advocate for its students. The ultimate goal of CSU SCAVMA is to help enhance your veterinary experience -- professionally, academically, and socially. Our SCAVMA supports student clubs within the veterinary school and helps fund their activities, including wet labs, lectures, and social events. SCAVMA obtains the funding required to do this through generous support from our corporate sponsors, like Hill’s Pet Nutrition and Nestlé Purina, and through student dues, which are $30.00 annually. Some of the benefits of becoming a SCAVMA member are:

- An invitation to ALL SCAVMA-sponsored events
- 10% discount off all textbooks, supplies and merchandise at VetText, our student-run veterinary book store
- The opportunity to receive funding for **Unique Educational Opportunities** to travel and broaden your educational experiences
- **Reduced subscription rates** to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR)
- **Low-priced** dog and cat food from Hill’s Pet Nutrition through our own Hill’s Pet Food Store on campus
- **Low-cost** dog and cat food from Nestle Purina
- Access to less expensive insurance packages (health, liability, malpractice, etc.) and emergency loan funds, if you’re ever in a bind
- Access to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) **web resources and library**
- **A one-year free membership** to the AVMA upon graduating in good standing after 4 years of SCAVMA membership
- The opportunity to attend **SAVMA Symposium**, held every spring at a different veterinary school. The next one is at Iowa State!
To take advantage of these benefits by becoming a SCAVMA member, visit https://www.avma.org/About/SAVMA/Pages/savma-join.aspx to pay your dues and register for any journal subscriptions that spark your interest.

CSU SCAVMA prides itself on maintaining almost 100% student membership, and we're always working hard to make the benefits even better. Joining is the first step to getting involved in organized veterinary medicine and making the most of your time here at CSU!

I look forward to meeting you during the welcome events at the start of the school year. If you have any questions in the meantime about CSU, vet school, Fort Collins, housing, or anything else, feel free to contact me. I am happy to help in any way I can! Once again, my sincere congratulations on achieving this goal.

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