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Dear ISU CVM Class of 2022,

On behalf of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association at Iowa State, I would like to congratulate and welcome you to the College of Veterinary Medicine! The next four years will be incredibly challenging, but equally rewarding.

The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) is an extremely active organization that represents veterinary students and their interests on a local and national level. Essentially, we are the student version of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). We strive to enhance your veterinary education through opportunities at Iowa State and beyond. These include but are not limited to conferences, wet labs, networking socials, community outreach, and leadership building. Some additional perks include complimentary scrubs and smocks, liability insurance, and travel scholarships. I encourage you, as a student of the College of Veterinary Medicine, to become an active member of our SAVMA chapter.

In an effort to prepare you for the beginning of your veterinary education, Iowa State's SAVMA and the college administration are co-sponsoring an orientation program that is required for first-year students. Orientation will take place **Wednesday, August 15th – Friday, August 17th, 2018** at the College of Veterinary Medicine. This program will introduce you to the college, your classmates, and will help you start your life as a veterinary student. We will take care of some "housekeeping" details including distribution of your laptop computers, locker assignments, mailboxes, and anatomy bone box buddies. Employees from the SAVMA Bookstore will be available to distribute textbooks and supplies. This program will be packed with valuable information so put this **mandatory** event on your calendar today. Plus, we'll have some fun along the way! There will be optional (but encouraged) evening socials which will allow you to mingle with classmates, students, and faculty. In particular, there will be a picnic Thursday evening that parents, spouses, children, and significant others are welcomed to attend. Please **RSVP** for orientation along with the picnic.

Again, congratulations on being a member of the Class of 2022! We are excited to meet you and show you the next chapter of your life. If we can help you in any way or answer any questions before school begins, please feel free to contact us. A tentative agenda for fall orientation is on the Class of 2022 website. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we look forward to meeting you all in the fall!

Sincerely,



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