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UGA's 'Vet School for a Day' to be held in September

Athens, Ga. – The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine's sixth annual "Vet School for a Day" will be held Sept. 29. This program brings high school students from throughout Georgia to the university's Athens campus to learn more about careers in veterinary medicine.

The program is held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and includes a tour of the teaching hospital, a panel discussion by faculty veterinarians in a variety of specialties, and the opportunity for the high school students to meet veterinary student leaders. Students also will learn about the high standards for admission to the college, and what they need to study to be prepared for veterinary school.

"Through this program, we hope to encourage students interested in science to pursue one of the variety of careers available in veterinary medicine, especially in underserved areas such as food animal medicine," said Paige Carmichael, associate dean for academic affairs.

Registration, which is required for the event, will open on August 11. All students must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (parent, counselor or teacher). Students attend for free, but to help offset the cost for food there is a \$15 per person fee for each chaperone; the fee is payable on the day of the event.

"Vet School for a Day" is sponsored by the David Forehand Foundation, created in memory of alumnus Dr. David Forehand (DVM, class of 1976). More information about the event can be found at <http://www.vet.uga.edu/academic/events/vs4ad.php>.

The UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, to conducting research related to animal diseases, and to providing veterinary services for animals and their owners. Research efforts are aimed at enhancing the quality of life for animals and people, improving the productivity of poultry and livestock, and preserving a healthy interface between wildlife and people in the environment they share. The college enrolls 102 students each fall out of more than 550 who apply. For more information, see www.vet.uga.edu.

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