Tracking our Graduates

Dr. Richard Benjamin graduated from the UWI-School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) in 1998. He then worked at his alma mater as a Teaching Assistant initially in the Department of Parasitology and then in the Department of Large Animal Medicine. In 2001, Dr. Benjamin made his way to Canada where he started as a technician at the North Town Veterinary Hospital (NTVH) studying at the same time to become a licensed practitioner in Canada. By 2004, Dr. Benjamin was promoted to Associate Veterinarian at the NTVH. Just two years later he was offered the opportunity to become part owner and medical director of the NTVH. However, he chose a different path. According to Dr. Benjamin, “life had other plans for me. Leaving North Town, I became a medical director at general practice in Burlington for 2 years, before seeking my passion which was emergency medicine. I’m presently part of the “Kingston Road Animal Hospital- VETS-Toronto” team, a 24-hour emergency and referral practice in an area of Toronto called “The Beaches.”

Dr. Suzan Mc-Lennon Miguel is a 2002 graduate of the UWI-SVM. After graduation, she returned to her previous employer, the Veterinary Services Division (VSD) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Jamaica) as a veterinary officer. Her desire for continuous learning led her to pursue a Masters in Public Health program which she completed in 2008. As a senior veterinary specialist, Dr. McLennon-Miguel has championed various public health issues in Jamaica including the promotion and implementation of food safety protocols and has contributed to public awareness on food safety through public seminars and workshops. Her dedicated public service spans 30 years and her impressive contribution to veterinary public health and food safety won her the prestigious [Jamaican] Civil Servant of the Year Award for 2011. It was the first time that a Veterinarian won this award.

Dr. Glenn Ramadharsingh graduated from the UWI-School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) in 2004. During the period 1999-2000, he was elected President of the Student’s Guild for the UWI/St. Augustine Campus. After completion of his DVM, he served as an Opposition Senator during the 8th Republican Parliament and as a Temporary Senator during the 9th Republican Parliament. His contribution in this arena remains a landmark feature in his prolific career and it placed him in national focus for his oratory prowess and passionate debating skills. Apart from the recognition he earned as a practitioner, Dr. Ramadharsingh successfully set up four veterinary clinics in rural areas in dire need of vet services. Much personal sacrifice was evident on his part as he also established and operated a 24 hour mobile clinic service - Centaur Vet Services. Dr. Glenn Ramadharsingh was elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Caroni Central following the General Election of May 24, 2010. He was subsequently appointed Minister of the People and Social Development on May 28 of that year.

We applaud all of our graduates and invite everyone to send us news of their progress so that the SVM community can share in one another’s achievements. E-mail us at wivj@sta.uwi.edu.