



MEET ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATE **RAMON ROBERTS**

Greetings my name is Ramon Roberts, and I am a recent graduate of Tuskegee University. My goal is to become a veterinarian and to mentor and inspire others interested in veterinary medicine. On May 13th, 2023, I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Animal and

Veterinary Sciences. During my four years at Tuskegee, I have taken advantage of many opportunities that allowed me to become a more well-rounded student, leader, and man of service. I have been a member of clubs both related and unrelated to animal science. However, I feel my greatest impact was with the Tuskegee University Student National Association of Black Veterinarians. I served as the community service chair for two years and during that time I was able to partner with Banfield, George Washington Carver Elementary, Tuskegee Public, and Tuskegee alumni to give the students a taste of careers in veterinary medicine. Outside of Tuskegee, I was a Panda Cares Scholar, which was a program by Panda Express and the United Negro College Fund dedicated to college students with a passion for leadership and service. Through this program, I was able to go to Disney World for a leadership institute. Here, I was able to connect with others while developing my personal brand and leadership skills. Last summer, I was accepted into an internship at Purdue where I experienced what it is like to be a first-year veterinary student. As a bonus, I was offered a seat for the class of 2027 for my passion for leadership, service, research, and academic success. Finally, I have found success in winning scholarships, and I have two 2nd-place finishes at two different conferences. One was for a community service pitch contest with Panda Cares Acts



of Service Competition and the other was for my undergraduate research poster at the Professional Agriculture Workers Conference. I am proud to announce that I have been able to accomplish all of this as a first-generation student.

I attribute some of my success to the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club. I am grateful to be a part of an organization that can support its students through scholarships, check-ins, and other activities throughout the year. An example is the care package



I received in 2021 that I am still using! I am especially thankful for what the Coopers have done including but not limited to bringing me and other club members Krispy Kreme and even offering to help me with my groceries. This August, I will be starting veterinary school at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. I am forever grateful to the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club and Mother Tuskegee, and I am looking forward to what the future holds!

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