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## Veterinary Technician Oath

I solemnly dedicate myself to aiding animals and society by providing excellent care and services for animals, by alleviating animal suffering, and by promoting public health.

I accept my obligations to practice my profession conscientiously and with sensitivity, adhering to the profession's Code of Ethics and furthering my knowledge and competence through a commitment to lifelong learning.

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## From the Desk of Dr. Joanna Bassert

Several weeks ago, Sr. Cecilia, long time President of Manor College, approached me to say that she had been exploring Facebook as a means to connect the College with its alumni base. She was surprised, though confessed that she shouldn't have been, to see that the Program of Veterinary Technology had already established Facebook pages: one for students and one for alumni. It is one of many firsts initiated by the Program at Manor.

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year since AVMA-accreditation, the Program has grown in ways unimaginable since 1992 including the formation of a strong alumni base that rivals any program in energy and enthusiasm, if not in size. This year, Manor VT Pro-

gram alumni are creating, organizing and establishing an alumni association for Veterinary Technology Program graduates. It is the first program alumni association at Manor College and it is thinking big.

There are many ideas on the discussion table of the fledgling group, and among them is a kick-off event a year from now. Already, a venue and a date have been selected. Caterers are being interviewed and music and dancing are in the works. Please mark your calendars for the evening of January 15, 2011 and plan to attend this historical event. It will be an evening of fun as graduates and teachers reconnect with one another.



My students have always been a source of great pride for me and now, as many have transitioned into active, successful alumni, I look forward to next January when I hope to see you all again.

## Update from AAVSB: VTNE to become computer-based

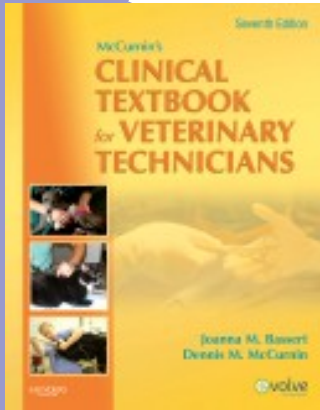
Starting this Summer, 2010, a [computer-based VTNE](#) will be offered at registered Prometric testing centers throughout the United States and Canada. The exam will be available during three (3) month-long windows. Applicants may take the exam anytime during each of the windows. The VTNE examination fee will be \$300.00 starting in the summer of 2010. **Verification of Graduation (the pink forms) must be received by the Licensing Board BEFORE the application deadline.** See below for testing times and application deadlines.

	Summer	Fall	Winter
<b>Testing Window</b>	July 15 to August 15	November 15 to December 15	March 1 to March 31
<b>Application Deadline</b>	June 15	October 15	February 1
<b>Manor sends pink</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>September 20</b>	<b>January 20</b>

## Faculty Publications

### McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians, 7th Edition

Joanna M. Bassert, VMD and Dennis M. McCurnin, DVM, MS, Dipl ACVS



The seventh edition of McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians was released last year and continues to meet the needs of veterinary technology students around the globe. Commonly referred to as the "Bible" of veterinary technology, this new edition features updated chapters on dentistry, anesthesia and emergency nursing as well as new chapters on physical therapy and rehabilitation and laws, regulations and ethics. Additionally, topics in large animal nursing have been expanded throughout the textbook. The release of this edition also marks the transition of Dr. Bassert to lead editor as Dr. McCurnin will retire.

#### LAB ASSISTANTS NEEDED



VT105 Large Animal Clinical Procedures is in need of Teaching Assistants for the Fall 2010 semester. You must be a licensed CVT. Contact Dr. Bassert if you are interested: (215) 885-2360 x221 or [jbassert@manor.edu](mailto:jbassert@manor.edu)

#### KEEP IN TOUCH!

#### FAN US ON FACEBOOK!

[Manor VT Alumni Page](#)

[Manor VT Student Page](#)

## Vet Tech Program Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE
<a href="#">CE LECTURE SERIES: ONCOLOGY</a>	February 4, 2010 Seminar Rooms, Library
<a href="#">CE LECTURE SERIES: ENDOCRINOLOGY</a>	March 4, 2010 Seminar Rooms, Library
<a href="#">CANINE BLOOD DRIVE</a>	April 15, 2010 Manor College Parking Lot
PROJECT RUNNING HAPPY PAWS	April 11—April 18, 2010
<a href="#">PINNING CEREMONY</a>	April 23, 2010 Manor Auditorium
VTNE REVIEW COURSE (more info forthcoming)	May: Wednesday and Fridays 9am—12pm
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING	May 12, 2010 Basilian Spirituality Center
GRADUATION CEREMONY	May 13, 2010 Manor Auditorium
<a href="#">NEVTEA MEETING</a>	May 19, 2010 Bergen Community College
IACUC COMMITTEE MEETING	June 2, 2010 Faculty conference room
<a href="#">CE LECTURE SERIES: EMERGENCY &amp; CRITICAL CARE</a>	October 7, 2010 Seminar Rooms, Library
<a href="#">CE LECTURE SERIES: EMERGENCY SURGERY</a>	November 4, 2010 Seminar Rooms, Library

## Manor Vet Tech Faculty Recognized in 2009

2009 was an award-filled year for the hard-working and dedicated Manor Vet Tech faculty.

In May, during the Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Kathianne Komurek was presented with the annual Teacher of the Year award by Executive Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Sally Mydlowec. Dr. Komurek was recognized for her excellence in clinical instruction and her efforts in implementing student learning outcomes and assessments.

July brought the biennial Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE) Symposium. New this year was the presentation of the AVTE/Elsevier Award for Teaching Excellence. This award was established to “honor veterinary technician educators who are recognized by their students and colleagues as being exceptional instructors.” And, of course, who better does that describe than our own Dr. Joanna Bassert? Kathi and Beverly decided to surprise Dr. Bassert with her nomination and secretly recruited others to write letters of recommendation in support of her nomination. Letters were submitted by a current student, an alumna, VT faculty member, Dean

Mydlowec, and ourselves. Each letter contained paragraph after paragraph highlighting Dr. Bassert’s professional accomplishments and heartfelt sentiments of her outstanding abilities as an educator, advisor and leader.

Somehow the secret of her nomination was kept safe throughout the days of the symposium, so that when, during the general meeting on the last day of the symposium, Dr. Bassert’s name was called as the recipient of the first-ever AVTE/Elsevier Award for Teaching Excellence, she was stunned. We, of course, were not! We are all so proud of Dr. Bassert and her dedication to furthering veterinary technician education.

Last, but of course far from least, Serena Bassert was recognized for her 10 years of service to Manor College at the annual Christmas luncheon. Serena, decked out in her finest holiday attire, trotted into the cafeteria with her head held high to receive this well-deserved award. Steve Greenbaum, master of ceremony, spoke of Serena’s dedication to clinical instruction of the students and of her ongoing research into the palatability of vending machine foods!



Dean Mydlowec, Dr. Komurek and President Sister Cecilia



Serena, in her finest, pictured with Dean Mydlowec, President Sister Cecilia, Dr. Bassert and Steve Greenbaum

## FALL 2009 PROJECT RUNNING HAPPY PAWS



Sophmores Alicia Pell, Samantha Fritz, Kim Lodise and Desiree Saraceno



“It was the best time of my life and I would never trade it in for anything. We learned so much and had so much fun. Just knowing all the animals we helped was worth every second. I'll never forget it.” -Kim Lodise



“The trip was amazing. I never would have thought that I would have learned so much in the amount of time I was there. It was an experience of a life time.” -Alicia Pell

“The trip to Project Running Happy PAWS in New Mexico was an experience of my life that I will never forget. It gave me hands on experience working with large animals out on farm calls and small animals in a clinic. All of the veterinarians and technicians on staff were very caring and helped in any way possible to make the trip memorable.”

“The appreciation from the owners of the pets we helped was overwhelming, and the amount of new clinical experience I gained was priceless; I will never fail to remember it. I was told NAVS spayed, neutered, and vaccinated over 500 animals and knowing that I was a part of that is a great feeling that nothing could compare to.” -Samantha Fritz



-Desiree Saraceno

### MEET THE FACULTY: Beverly Bisaccia, CVT, BS

Beverly Bisaccia joined the Manor Vet Tech team as a full-time instructor in the Fall of 2007. Beverly completed her Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Conservation at the University of Delaware. Beverly worked as a wildlife researcher at the Pea Patch Island Heronry in Delaware before she decided to pursue her degree in Veterinary Technology. Beverly graduated from Manor College in 2002 and went on to work at Old Marple Veterinary Hospital. She returned as an adjunct instructor in the Fall of 2006 to teach hematology laboratories. (Manor grads can never stay away for long!) Currently Beverly teaches VT112 Breeds and Behavior, VT113 Animal Nutrition, VT208 Hematology Lecture and Lab, and VT111 Animal Anatomy and Physiology II labs. Beverly is the Program's Education Coordinator and the faculty advisor to the student chapter of NAVTA.

