

## A Critter Christmas at the Bucks County Visitors Center

-Charmaine Hofmann

For the first-time ever, this past Christmas Manor College participated in the Bucks County Visitors Center's Annual Tree Fest, which featured themed Christmas trees beautifully decorated by local merchants and organizations on display for public enjoyment.

This year's tree was sponsored by Pearl S. Buck International and featured Manor's Program of Veterinary Technology.

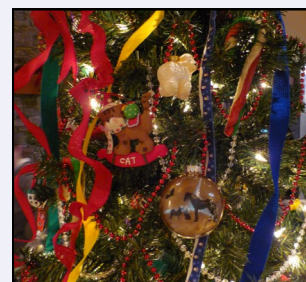
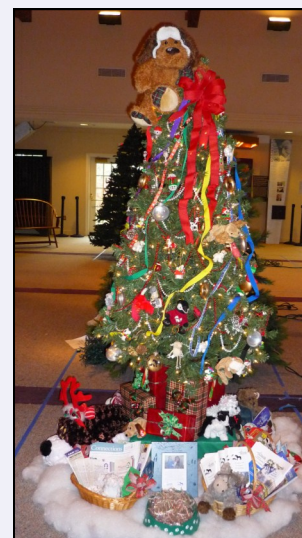


Barbara Ozer, Executive Secretary to Manor's President, along with Chrystyna Prokopovych, Curator of the Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center, and Charmaine Hofmann, Manor Vet Tech Program Assistant, decorated Manor's whimsical tree, which was entitled A Critter Christmas. In the spirit of Vet Tech, the tree featured various pet ac-

countrements, such as red and green "candy cane-shaped" rawhide dog bones and fanciful cat toys, alongside various animal ornaments such as cats, dogs, horses, birds, mice, and even sheep!

Chrystyna created handmade glass ornaments sporting both the Manor College and the Manor Vet Tech logos. Colorful pet leashes were used as festive garland to wrap around the tree. Informational brochures about the field of Veterinary Technology and Manor College were placed at the base of the tree for the public to take. Of course, the tree was topped by Mr. Floppy, an adorable plush toy dog with a big red bow.

Although Manor's tree did not take first place, it created awareness and promoted Manor's Vet Tech program.



## Alumni Profile: Jeanette Eliason

-Erin Maser

In my opinion, there are two different types of people out there in the working world; those who are meant to work with humans, and those who are meant to work with animals. Jeanette Eliason (Hernandez) has successfully fulfilled both of those roles. During her time at Manor College, Jeanette majored both in Veterinary Technology and Dental Hygiene.

As a young girl Jeanette had a rescue dog named Rocky, a Dachs-hund, who she says paved the way for her passion



Jeanette with her new Doberman puppy

towards working with animals. "He could care less about me but I sure made him like me," says Jeanette.

Originally she wanted to work in Marine Biology because of her love of wildlife and her reading about manatees. But, the more she learned about the profession and the reality of having to move away from home, her next option was to become a Veterinary Technician. "I initially attended Manor's Vet Tech Program because of the small school setting. Not to men-

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### From the Desk of Dr. Bassert

tion for the Veterinary Technician. Their book provides a structured 5-step approach to patient care and a list of specific technician evaluations (equivalent to nursing diagnoses) on which the nursing care plan is based. Finally, there is a formula for teaching patient assessment and the critical thinking skills needed by technicians to make independent, legally correct decisions about patient care.

VT229 Clinical Externships as a capstone assignment to reinforce the veterinary technician practice model.

Something marvelous and new is happening in the education of veterinary technicians...it is a subtle change, but a powerful one that will have far reaching ramifications in the way veterinary technicians see themselves and in the way they are viewed by other veterinary professionals.

In light of all of this, I am delighted to report that Dr. Rockett will be the key note speaker at the Manor Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Symposium on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting. Please save this date! It's free and the meeting will include an elegant sit-down luncheon and an alumni awards ceremony. All Manor alumni, VT faculty and Advisory Committee members are invited to attend.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Jody Rockett, Director of Veterinary Technology at Southern Idaho College and her lawyer-nurse sister, Cynthia Lattanzio, the veterinary technician practice model has been solidly defined in their book *Patient Assessment, Intervention, and Documenta-*

These concepts are being integrated into Manor's Veterinary Technology curriculum, beginning with VT103 Introduction to Veterinary Technology in the freshman year and continuing through each subsequent semester. Most recently a patient care report assignment has been developed and added to

I hope you will make a point to come to the meeting and hear Dr. Rockett's dynamic presentation. You will be forever transformed by it.

Working with ACCT, the Program neutered 115 cats, and heartworm tested 75 dogs as part of the clinical labs this academic year!

## Pinning Ceremony Awards 2012

### Certificate of Distinguished Service:

Andrea Blair, Kelli DeJesus, Lindsey Tuscano—SCNAVTA leaders

Jillian O'Brien—VT 217 surgical assistant

### PA Veterinary Foundation Award in Veterinary Technology:

Christen Brennan

### Compassionate Animal Care Award:

#### Horse Care Team:

Tanya Sorensen (Captain), Lindsey Tuscano (Captain), Cassandra Berry, Andrea Blair, Christen Brennan, Robert Buck, Hope Crowl, Samantha Dence, Kelli DeJesus, Sean Kirn, Adrienne Keller, Andrew Lane, Amy LaPlante, Natalie Lapp, Nicole Lapp, Rachael Mayer, Amanda Raboy, Anne Redd, Katelynn Reeder, Brenda Schiff, Natasha Springer, Paul Williams

### Clinical Compassion:

Hope Crowl, Stacey Bianchini, Alyssa Souder, Katelyn Kumpf, Diane Nobles, Tanya Sorensen, Elisa Day

### Clinical Proficiency Award:

Diane Nobles—Small Animal  
Rachel Riley—Large Animal

### PSBR Award for Excellence in Laboratory Animal Science:

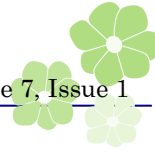
Kelli DeJesus

### PVMA/PVTA Leadership Award:

Tanya Sorensen

Best Classmate Award: Tanya Sorensen

Peer Instructor Award: Alyssa Mages



## Alumni Profile: Jeanette Eliason

tion I felt comfortable there,” says Jeanette. After receiving her Associates in Science Degree in Veterinary Technology in 2003, Jeanette went on to graduate from Manor College a second time with an Associates in Science Degree from the Dental Hygiene Program in 2005. She was inspired by her uncle, who was a dentist, to enter the Dental Hygiene Program. “He worked in the area and told me that they have the best program in our area, so I took his knowledge and applied it.”

Jeanette works in the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Department of the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and at Dr. George Segal Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in Newtown. “Currently I do both part-time, I couldn’t decide on where I wanted to be full time,” says Jeanette. “I love both jobs!”

A lot has changed for Jeanette in the years since leaving Manor College. In December of 2010, Jeanette and her husband, Kevin, had the Christmas-themed wedding of their dreams. “Married life has been amazing. I can honestly say I married my best friend.” Shortly after getting married, they purchased their first Doberman puppy that happened to be born on December 16<sup>th</sup>, the exact day they settled on their new house. But, according to Jeanette, “the best thing of all is we are expecting our first child and we couldn’t be happier!”

“My experience at Manor was great, but an emotional roller coaster and that’s just because of how hard and demanding the programs are. I shed a lot of tears there but I walked out with the biggest smile. The pain and hard work was worth it in the end!” One of her favorite memories while being at Manor was receiving the Pfizer award in the Dental Hygiene Program. Dr. Joanna Bassert and Dr. Sara Busch were two of her biggest supporters throughout the programs at Manor. “They are amazing people; they are always there for you



Jeanette, center, assisting with a tooth root abscess in a red kangaroo

and help you improve in your profession.”

Jeanette co-lectured with Bonnie Miller, RDH, BS, at this year’s 112<sup>th</sup> Penn Annual Conference. They conducted a wet-lab together on *Intra-oral Nerve Blocks, Oral Examination and Dental Charting*. This was not Jeanette’s first time speaking at a conference; she has spoken at multiple past events including last year’s Keystone Veterinary Conference in Hershey Park. Jeanette has also returned to Manor on many occasions as a guest instructor to teach wet-labs in animal dentistry. “No matter how good of a speaker you are, you always have butterflies,” says Jeanette. “The one thing I keep in mind is the reason I’m doing this lecture is to educate people.”

Jeanette is the perfect example of someone who does what they love and loves what they do. The passion she feels towards both animals and humans shines through her work, her lecturing, and through her student teaching. Jeanette hopes “to continue with both of my careers and to continue to lecture to fellow veterinary technicians.”

Do you know someone you would like to see featured in the Alumni Profile? Let us know! Email Dr. Komurek at [kkomurek@manor.edu](mailto:kkomurek@manor.edu)

Keep in touch with other alumni and stay current with Program events! Like “Manor College Program of Veterinary Technology” on Facebook!

The Program is looking for instructors for the Hematology and Animal Surgery lectures. Go to [manor.edu/employment.html](http://manor.edu/employment.html) for more information



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**A Brave New World for Veterinary Technicians**

Dr. Jody Rockett will transform the way you see the profession.

**Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Doubletree Suites in Plymouth Meeting**



**Reciting the Veterinary Technician Oath....**

Congratulations to our students heading into externships! (listed alphabetically, not as pictured)

Stephanie Ayala, Stacey Bianchini, Andrea Blair, Abigail Buurma, Meredith McGann, Hope Crowl, Jessica Davis, Elisa Day, Kelli DeJesus, Cynthia Escobedo, Amanda Hein, Jennifer Herman, Katelyn Kumpf, LaToya Lark, Alyssa Mages, Sheila Mills, Diane Nobles, Jillian O'Brien, Cindy Potvin, Amanda Raboy, Alison Riter, Kimberly Shallcross, Tanya Sorensen, Alyssa Souder, Samantha Stankus.

**Congratulations & Welcome New Alumni!**

Elena Ballard	Rob Cantagallo	Sean Hawley	Annease Phillips	Lisa Wagner
Denna Bauer	Karissa Deissinger	Mariann Holst	April Rattigan	Ania Watrucki
Samantha Bedford	Joanna DiStefano	Nicole Kulp	Caryn Reitenbaugh	Theresa Mary Young
Iris Brettle	Ashley Dively	Lisa Katlyn Lawrysh	Susan Sites	
Dana Burkart	Denise Dobrowolski	Alyssa Mages	Elizabeth Steiner	
Abigail Buurma	Allie Feinberg	Tiffany Ann Matthews	Kristen Tomassetti	