

Animal science student shadows veterinarians during summer study in Italy



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Jared Baltz with an owl at Parco Faunistico Fiocco di Neve, a wildlife and safari park in Italy.

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A summer trip turned out to be much more enlightening than pre-veterinary medicine student Jared Baltz of Pocahontas anticipated.

Baltz spent two weeks in Europe, getting a firsthand orientation to working in veterinary medicine while participating in the Doctors in Italy Fellowship Program. Doctors in Italy encourages talented young people to pursue educational enrichment experiences.

"Jared got accepted into the Fellowship and had an incredible experience participating in the summer program at the animal rescues in Rome and Florence," explained Martina Conte, a representative of the organization.

Baltz shadowed veterinarians across the country, witnessing animal rescues and learning a great deal about the profession he plans to pursue.

"Three other students and myself helped at a couple of rescues in the Rome area by feeding and helping care for animal husbandry," Baltz said. "We learned about various animals' nutritional requirements and behavioral signs to help ensure our safety."

They assisted with cattle, horses, sheep and goats, and they also were exposed to some more exotic animals such as an ostrich, raven, meerkat, buffalo and peacock.

"We also shadowed veterinarians at Polivet, a 24-hour emergency clinic. They provide healthcare to companion animals such as dogs and cats, but also exotics

like reptiles, rabbits and birds."

Baltz, who has begun his senior year at A-State as an animal science major in the pre-veterinary medicine program, learned about the opportunity from College of Agriculture faculty.

"This program helped further my educational experience by granting me the opportunity to see how another country does veterinary medicine and to see different perspectives on livestock. I was able to see a couple of surgeries while at the clinic and some of the equipment they use for these procedures," Baltz explained.

The firsthand experiences with animals are very helpful to Baltz as he considers his future.

"I believe I would like to pursue a career in surgery in veterinary medicine. Also, the experience at the rescues

showed me proper care for various species and practices for being safe around these large animals. Large animal medicine is another career path that I am interested in."

The Doctors in Italy Fellowship Program was launched in 2018, in partnership with hospitals in Italy. Last year, the fellowship expanded to include veterinary medicine.

"This program showcases the transformative power of experiential learning and the global perspective fostered within the Arkansas State University's student community," Conte added.

Exceptional students from numerous countries are selected for the experience, which also includes in-depth immersion in Italian culture.

A-State announces list of students graduating at summer 2023 commencement

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Arkansas State University has announced the list of students who completed degree requirements to graduate at Spring Commencement, held Aug. 12 in First National Bank Arena. The list includes graduates from 41 states and five countries.

Chancellor Todd Shields presented diplomas at the associate, bachelor, master,

specialist and doctoral levels, along with various program certificates, as awarded through the various colleges: Agriculture, Neil Griffin College of Business, Education and Behavioral Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Liberal Arts and Communication, Nursing and Health Professions, Sciences and Mathematics, and University College.

Undergraduates with a 4.0 GPA are designated as

graduating Summa Cum Laude. Those with a GPA of 3.8-3.99 graduated Magna Cum Laude, and those with a GPA of 3.6-3.79 graduated Cum Laude.

The graduates are listed online by state or territory, county and hometown, followed by international students and students graduating at Campus Querétaro in Mexico, with degree, major and honors as verified by the Registrar's Office.



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Summer commencement ceremony in First National Bank Arena.

Russ Hannah assumes new leadership role as board chair for NACUBO

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Russ Hannah, Ph.D., chief financial officer at Arkansas State University, recently began a one-year term as chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

NACUBO's members include more than 1,700 post-secondary and other higher education institutions in the United States and around the globe. Founded in 1962 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the association represents professionals in higher education business and finance by providing information, services, and advocacy for institutions and campus leaders.

"We are all proud of Russ' achievements both at A-State and on the national level as leader for NACUBO," Chancellor Todd Shields said. "Congratulations to Russ and thank you for your efforts on



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Russ Hannah, Ph.D.

behalf of all of higher education."

Long active in professional organizations, Hannah previously served as president of the Arkansas Association of College and University Business Officers (AACUBO) in 2003-04 and president of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO) in 2019-20.

Hannah, who is only the third Arkansan to chair the NACUBO board in its 61-year history, earned his doctoral degree in educational leadership at A-State. He has been a member of the university's administrative staff since 1991.

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