African-American Pioneers in Veterinary Medicine
Phi Beta Sigma Symposium
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August 18, 2006
Presented with Kimathi Choma
History of Kansas and KSAC

- 1853 - Fort Riley established
- 1855 - Manhattan was founded
- 1858 - Bluemont Central College
  - A classical college
  - Rev. Joseph Denison: President
- 1861 - Kansas becomes a state
- 1862 - Morrill Land Grant Act
- 1863 - KSAC - Feb 16, 1863
Phi Beta Sigma Delta Chapter (1917-1935)
Phi Beta Sigma House
(2006)
First African-American Graduate at KSAC (George Washington Owens)

- 1875 – Born on farm near Alma
- 1896 – Enrolled at KSAC
- 1899 – First Black Graduate
  - 1899 – Tuskegee Institute
  - 1900 – Charge of dairy herd and creamery
- 1908 – Virginia State College
  - 1918 – Organized Voc Ag in Virginia
  - 1920 – State Teacher-Trainer
  - 1927 – Wrote constitution for New Farmers of America
  - 1932 – Agriculture Building – Owens Hall
Second African-American Graduate at KSAC
Minnie (Howell) Champe

- 1878 – Born Strawberry Plains, Tennessee
- 1886 – Moved to Manhattan, Kansas
- 1896 – Enrolled at KSAC
  - 1896 – Member, Ionian Literary Society
- 1901 – Graduated from KSAC
  - B.S. in Domestic Science
  - Senior thesis – Healthful Homes
- 1901 – Topeka Industrial Institute
- 1905 – Taught in Manhattan schools
- 1906 – Sumner High School, KC
- 1925 – Virginia State College
- 1931 – Head of Home Economics, Southern University
Pioneer African-American Veterinarians

- 1889 – Henry Stockton Lewis – Harvard
- 1897 – Robert F. Parker – Indiana Veterinary College
- 1897 – Augustus Nathaniel Lushington – Penn
- 1899 – Thomas Madison Doram - McKillip
- 1907 – John Baxter Taylor - Penn
- 1912 – John William Brown – KSAC
- 1912 – Kirksey L. Curd – Cornell
  - M.D. University of Pennsylvania
- 1923 – Frederick Douglass Patterson – ISU
  - 1935 President of Tuskegee
- 1949 – Alfreda Johnson Webb – Tuskegee
- 1957 – Matthew Jenkins - Tuskegee
- 1975 – Michael Blackwell – Tuskegee
  - Assistant Surgeon General USPHS
  - 2000 - Dean, University of Tennessee
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  - 1990 – Miss America, CBS News

- Eugene W. Adams
- From 1889-1948, there were only 70 African-American graduates in veterinary medicine.
- K-State led the way with 22 graduates.
- Ohio State was second with 14 graduates.
Dr. John William Brown

- Ft Scott High School
- Entered KSAC at age 16
- DVM: 1912, KSAC
- Tuskegee Institute: 1912-13
- World War I: 1917-18
- Private practice in Ft Scott
- USDA – Meat Inspection
- Fort Scott National Cemetery
Dr. F.S. Schoenleber

- 1905 - Kansas State Agric College
  - State Veterinarian
  - Professor of Veterinary Medicine
- 1905 - Established 4-year curriculum
- 1905 – Div. of VM in College of Ag
- 1907 – First class of seven graduates
- 1907 – Veterinary Building
  - Leasure Hall - 1969
- 1907 – Legislative Practice Act
Dr. R. R. Dykstra

- 1911: Veterinary Inspector, Bureau of Animal Industry
- 1911: KSAC
  - 1911: Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine
  - 1913: Professor of Surgery
  - 1917: Acting Head, Department of Vet Med
  - 1918: Kansas State Board of Agriculture
  - 1919: Head, Department of Vet Med
  - 1919: Dean, Division of Veterinary Medicine
    - First dean of veterinary medicine at Kansas State
Tuskegee Connection

- Dr. John W. Brown (KSAC 1912)
- Dr. Thomas G. Perry (KSAC 1921)
- Dr. Theodore S. Williams (KSC 1935)
- Dr. Lloyd B. Mobiley (KSC 1938)
- Dr. Wade O. Brinker (KSC 1939)
- Dr. Eugene W. Adams (KSC 1944)
- Dr. Raymond C. Williams (KSC 1946)
- Dr. Walter C. Bowie (KSC 1947)
- Dr. Earl H. Brown (KSC 1947)
Tuskegee University

- 1881 Founded in a church
- Tuskegee Institute
- Booker T. Washington
  - First president
  - 1881-1915
- Robert Moton
  - Second President
  - 1915-1935
- Frederick Patterson
  - Third President
  - 1935-1953
George Washington Carver

- 1864 born in Missouri
- Minneapolis HS, KS
- 1886 Highland College
- 1890 Simpson College
- 1891 Iowa State College
- 1896 Tuskegee
Frederick Douglass Patterson

- 1901 Born in D.C.
- 1923 DVM Iowa State
- 1927 M.S. Iowa State
- 1932 PhD Cornell
- 1935 President of Tuskegee
- 1944 Founder United Negro College Fund
- 1988 Presidential Medal of Freedom
John L. Campbell

- 1918 – DVM Degree
- Protégé of George Washington Carver
- Voorhees Industrial College
- Veterinarian for USDA
- Founder Church of Good Shepherd
  - United Church of Christ in Chicago
  - Superintendent of church school
- Morgan Park Savings and Loan Assoc
  - 40 Years in financial leadership
- 1975 – KSU Medallion Award
Class of 1921

Veterinary Division
Dr. Thomas G. Perry

- 1890: Born June 8, 1890, Higginsville, MO
- 1910: Lincoln High School, KC, Honor Student
- 1921: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1921-45: Perry Small Animal Hospital, Wichita
- 1945-52: Head, Dept. of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Tuskegee Institute
- 1952: Small animal practice, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 1974: Died in Claremont, Los Angeles, CA.
Dr. Jerry D. Jarmon

- 1890 or 1895: Born in Alabama
- Prep school – Tuskegee
- 1916: Entered KSAC
- 1921: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1923: Teacher, Agricultural & Industrial State Normal School
  - Nashville, TN
- 1930: USDA – NY
- 1970: Died, Jamaica, Queens, NY
Dr. George Thomas Bronson

- 1899: Born in Kansas
- 1918: Registered WWI draft
- 1919: Waldo High School
- 1919: Entered KSAC
- 1923: Commissioned 2nd Lt
  - Veterinary Officers Reserve Corps
- 1924: DVM degree - KSAC
- 1924: Assistant to Dr. Perry (1921)
- 1966: Died in Wichita
Dr. Raymond M. Williams

- 1902: Born in Texas
- 1919: Lincoln High School, KC
- 1919: Entered KSAC
- 1924: DVM – KSAC
- 1930 Census: Veterinarian in a packing house in Kansas City
- USDA – Meat Inspection Division
  - Served for 46 years
  - KC – Denver - St. Louis – Chicago
- 1973: Died in Chicago
Dr. Raymond C. Williams

- 1946: DVM degree, KSC
- 1946: Dept. of Anatomy, Tuskegee
- 1950: Head, Dept. of Anatomy
- 1946: UN Relief and Rehabilitation Agency
- 1955: M.S. degree, Cornell Univ.
- 1963: Norden Teaching Award
- 1969: President, Am. Assoc. of Anatomists
- 1992: Retired from Tuskegee
Dr. Cornelius Henry Mobiley

- 1904: Born in Kansas
- 1922: Sumner High School, KC
- 1922: Entered KSAC
- 1926: DVM degree, KSAC
- 1930: USDA – Ramsey, MN
  - Veterinarian
  - Meat Packing Plant
- 1977: Died, Ramsey, MN
Dr. Lloyd B. Mobiley

- 1915: Born in KC
- 1938: DVM degree, KSC
- 1938: BAI-USDA
- 1944: U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- 1945: Head, Dept. of Anatomy, Tuskegee Institute
- 1952: Head, Dept. of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery
- 1956: Private practice
- 1977: Leavenworth Nat Cemetery
Dr. Norman Hamilton Howell

- 1905: Born in Kansas
- 1923: Sumner H.S, KC
- 1923: Entered KSAC
- 1927: DVM degree, KSAC
- 1930: USDA, Ramsey, MN
  - Veterinarian
  - Meat Packing Plant
- 1972: Died in South Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA
Class of 1935

Division of Veterinary Medicine
Kansas State College

[24 rows of photographs of students]
Dr. Theodore S. Williams

- 1935: DVM degree, KSC
- 1936: Prairie View College
- 1936: USDA
- 1945-51: Head of Veterinary Pathology and Parasitology at Tuskegee
- 1946: M.S. degree, Iowa State Univ
- 1947-72: Dean of Tuskegee
- 1959: Distinguished Service Award, KSU
- 1963: Norden Dist Teaching Award
- 1968: President, AAVMC
- 1991: Williams Veterinary Medical Library at Tuskegee
Dr. Monroe Balton

- 1935: DVM degree, KSC
- First with Dr. Perry (1921)
  - Wichita Stockyards
  - Riverside Zoo
  - Wichita Country Club
- Balton Small Animal Hospital
  - Olive Ann Beech – Aviation
  - Emerson McAdams
- Michael Balton - oldest son
  - Scrap metal, tugboat, barge business
  - Co-Chair KSU Diversity Advisory Council
Dr. Eugene W. Adams

- 1944: DVM degree, KSC
- 1944: USDA
- 1951: Dept of Pathology and Parasitology, Tuskegee
- 1957: M.S. degree, Cornell University
- 1957: Head, Dept of Pathology and Parasitology
- 1962: PhD degree from Cornell University
- 1964: Norden Teaching Award
- 1970: Professor and Head, Dept of Pathology and Public Health, Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria
- 1972: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Tuskegee
- 1978: Distinguished Faculty Award, Tuskegee
- 1983: Vice Provost and Director, International Programs
Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter

- 1945: DVM degree, KSC
- 1945: Adjunct Lecturer, Prairie View A&M
- 1947: Professor and Veterinarian, Prairie View
- 1947: TVMA
- 1992: Outstanding Black Agriculturist
- 1996: Texas Heritage Hall of Honor
- 1996: George Washing Carver Award for Public Service from Tuskegee
- 2004: Oldest practicing African-American veterinarian in the United States – 59 years of service to Prairie View A&M
- 2005: KSU Alumni Recognition Award
School of Veterinary Medicine
Feb. 4, 1947
Kansas State College
Dr. Earl H. Brown

- 1947: DVM degree, KSC
- 1947: Dept of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, Tuskegee
- 1948: Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology, Tuskegee
- 1954: Small animal practice
- 1983: Director of Animal Technology Program, Omaha College of Health Careers
Dr. Walter C. Bowie

- 1947: D.V.M. degree, KSC
- 1947: Head, Dept of Physiol and Pharm at Tuskegee
- 1955: M.S. degree - Cornell
- 1960: Ph.D degree - Cornell
- 1964: Cardiovascular Center
  - Moton Field
  - Tuskegee Airmen Flight Program
- 1971: Associate Dean
- 1972-90: Dean
- 1984: D.Sc. Degree - KSU
- 1993: Alumni Fellow - KSU
- 2002: Williams-Bowie Hall - Tuskegee
Dr. Donald E. Jackson

- Born August 17, 1926 in Kansas City
- 1944: Charles Sumner High School, KC
- 1944: Tuskegee Air Cadet, Class 45H
- 1951: DVM from KSC
- 1951: Assisted Dr. George Bronson (1924)
- 1957: Opened All Pets Clinic in Wichita
- 1991: Advisory Board, Bank IV, Wichita
- 2001: Retired
- 2007: KSU Alumni Recognition Award
- Boy Scouts of America
KSU African-American Graduates

- 1912 – John Brown
- 1916 – Richard Chatman
- 1918 – John Campbell
- 1921 – Thomas Perry
- 1921 – Jerry Jarmon
- 1924 – Raymond M. Williams
- 1924 – George Bronson
- 1926 – Cornelius Mobiley
- 1927 – Norman Howell
- 1929 – Francisco Taberner
- 1935 – Theodore Williams
- 1935 – Monroe Balton
- 1937 – Robert Cotton
- 1937 – Maurice Crouch
- 1938 – Lloyd Mobiley
- 1943 – Terrence McDonald
- 1943 – William Jamison
- 1944 – Eugene Adams
- 1945 – Alfred Poindexter
- 1946 – Raymond C. Williams
- 1947 – Earl Brown
- 1947 – Walter Bowie
- 1947 – G. Odell Howell
- 1950 – Leonard Goodloe
KSU African-American Graduates

- 1950 – Robert H. Williams
- 1951 – Donald Jackson
- 1951 – Leslie Billingsley
- 1954 – Robert Allen
- 1954 – Soronda Swann
- 1956 – Theodore Sims
- 1960 – Robert Lewis
- 1966 – Nathaniel Adejunmobi
- 1968 – Kenneth Onyia
- 1974 – Arthur DeHart
- 1979 – Curtis Hightower
- 1981 – Lawrence Craig
- 1983 – Brenda Mason*
- 1993 – Victor Oppenheimer
- 1995 – Kevin Collins
- 1998 – Errick Clayborn
- 2002 – Tiffany Lewis
- 2007 – Kimathi Choma
- 2008 – Pilar Wendell
- 2011 – Meredith Cruse
- 2011 – Rebecca Lee
- 2012 – Johna Wallace
- 2014 – Crystal Drakes
- 2014 – Jamila McKenzie
- 2015 – Bridgete Sharpe
- 2016 – Ashley Cole
Pioneer African-American Veterinarians

- 1889 – Henry Stockton Lewis, Harvard
- 1897 – Robert F. Harper, IVC
- 1897 – Augustus Nathaniel Lushington, Penn
- 1899 – Thomas Madison Doram - McKillip
- 1907 – John Baxter Taylor, Penn
- 1912 – John William Brown – KSAC
- 1935 – William Waddell - Penn
- 1949 – Alfreda Johnson Webb – Tuskegee
- 1957 – Matthew Jenkins - Tuskegee
- 1975 – Michael Blackwell – Tuskegee
  - Assistant Surgeon General USPHS
  - 2000 - Dean, University of Tennessee
- 1987 – Estella Jones – LSU - USPHS
- 1991 – Debbye Turner – University of Missouri
  - 1990 – Miss America
Henry Stockton Lewis, Sr.

- 1858-1922
- Father: Hair dresser
- 1885: Enrolled Harvard School Vet Med
- 1889: Harvard School of Veterinary Medicine
- 1889: Chelsea, Massachusetts
  - Private practice
  - Mass. Board of Veterinary Registration
- Vet Heritage: 25(1)5-6, 2002
Harvard School of Veterinary Medicine
(From Harvard Medical Library)
(The Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine)
Charles Parker Lyman

- Graduate of Veterinary College in Edinburgh
- Taught at Massachusetts Agricultural College
- 1877-79: President, USVMA
- 1882: Professor of Harvard School of Vet Med
- 1886: Dean, Harvard School of Vet Med
- 1882-1902: 128 graduates
Augustus Nathaniel Lushington

- 1869: Born in Trinidad
- 1894: B.S. Cornell University
- 1897: VMD, University of Pennsylvania
- 1897-99: Private practice, Philadelphia
- 1899-1902: Bell Mead Indust & Ag College
  - Rock Castle, Virginia
  - Instructor, Veterinary Sanitation and Hygiene
- 1902-39: Private Practice, Lynchburg, VA
Robert F. Harper

- 1875 - Born in Snow Hill, North Carolina
- 1888 - Moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana
- 1897 - Graduated from IVC
- Practiced in Indianapolis
- City Veterinary Surgeon
- Member, IVMA
- Died 1935
Thomas Madison Doram

- 1871 Born in Danville, Kentucky
- 1892 Eckstein Norton Institute
- 1899 MDV, McKillip Veterinary College
- 1899 Evanston, Illinois
- 1902 Danville, Kentucky
- 1941 Died of pneumonia
John Baxter Taylor
(1882-1908)

- 1903: Enrolled in Wharton School at Penn
- 1905: Enrolled in School of Veterinary Medicine
- 1908: VMD from University of Pennsylvania
- 1903-08: Varsity Track Team
  - 1903: World record in 440
  - 1908: Olympic gold medal in England
  - First African-American Olympic Gold
- 1908: Died of typhoid pneumonia
Penn’s 1904 Track Team
Matthew Jenkins  
(1933-2019)

- 1933 – Born in Alabama
- 1957 – DVM from Tuskegee
- 1967 – U.S. Air Force
- 1959 – Veterinary Practice in LA
- 1980 – 18 Mobile-Home Parks
- 2013 – Interim President, Tuskegee
- 2019 – Died in Long Beach
Dr. Donna Alexander

- 1974 New Jersey’s Junior Miss
- 1974 Breck Girl Shampoo
- 1978 B.S. University of Pennsylvania
- 1982 D.V.M. University of Pennsylvania
- Head, Cook County Animal and Rabies Control
- 2018 Died of Cancer at age 60
Estella Jones

- 1989 – LSU School of Veterinary Medicine
- 199? – World Health Organization
- 199? – Institute for Primate Research in Nairobi, Kenya
- 200? – Baylor College of Medicine, Houston
- 2017 – Tick-Borne Disease Working Group
- 2020 – Rear Admiral, USPHS
- 2020 – Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS
- 2020 – Food and Drug Administration
  - Deputy Director, Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats
Debbye Turner-Bell

- 1965 – Born in Hawaii
- 1989 – Miss Missouri
- 1990 – Miss America
- 1991 – DVM – Univ Missouri
- 1995 – NBC – Show Me St. Louis
- 2001 – CBS – The Early Show
- Animal Planet
- Pianist, singer, percussionist
Danielle Spencer

- 1965 Born in Trenton, New Jersey
- 1976 Actress in “What’s Happening
- 1977 Car accident
- 1979 UC Davis
- 1985 What’s Happening Now
- 1996 DVM Tuskegee University
- 1997 As Good as It Gets
- 2001 Peter Rabbit and the Crucifix
- 2014 Smithsonian Museum
Dr. Jotello Festiri Soga
South Africa’s First Black Veterinarian

- 1865 Born in South Africa
- 1886 Edinburgh College of Vet Med
- 1886 Royal College of Vet Surgeons
  - Gold Medal in Botany
- 1889 Colonial Vet Surg Cape of Good Hope
- 1890 Eradication of Rinderpest
- 2009 Library Univ Pretoria named in his honor
- Member of Xhosa group