



# MVTA Newsletter

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## MVMA Annual Convention

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Association's annual convention in January this year featured the MVTA's first annual Academia Bowl. The team from Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri was unable to attend due to an ice storm Missouri had the night before the conference. Teams from the following veterinary technology programs competed: Maple Woods College, Jefferson County College, Vet Tech Institute at Hickey College, Sanford-Brown College in Fenton and Sanford-Brown College in St. Peters. All teams did exceptionally well and in the end, Maple Woods College's team was the winner! Here is a picture of the winning team.



Congratulations to ALL teams who competed and we look forward to this event in 2011!

## VTNE News

The summer 2010 Veterinary Technician National Examination is now open for registration at the AAVSB website ([www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org)). NOTE: Missouri residents need to make sure their written state paperwork (including passport size picture) is in by **JUNE 1, 2010**. Thank you to Angela Hutchinson, RVT program director at Sanford-Brown College in Fenton for providing the state information.

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## Goodbye, Hello!

Deborah Bauer decided to step down from her role as President of the MVTA due to time constraints. The board elected Rhonda Haywood, RVT to serve as President for the remainder of Deborah's term. We would like to thank Deborah for ALL of her time and hard work during her time as President. Deborah will continue to serve as a board member for the MVTA.

## From your President

First of all, I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your MVTA President. I am honored to carry on with the amazing progress set in motion by past president Debbie Bauer.

We started the year with a number of our board members attending the 118<sup>th</sup> annual MVMA convention in St. Charles, MO. Fifty five technicians and twenty three veterinary technician students also attended the conference and enjoyed lectures on cytology, thyroid disease, emergency care, record keeping, an interactive "tech tips panel" and much more. We also co-hosted the first annual Academia Bowl and were pleased to witness the friendly competition as well as the excellent turnout of supporters. You won't want to miss the 2011 MVMA Convention and Academia Bowl on January 21-23 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks!

For those of you who are not aware, we currently have six accredited schools in Missouri offering excellent programs in veterinary technology. MVTA proudly supports these programs and encourages you to learn more about them. Links to each of these programs can be referenced on our website. We also welcome our neighbor Brown-Mackie College in Olathe, Kansas who invited MVTA to their open house recently to introduce their new program in Veterinary Technology. Best of luck to you and your students! Although the job market is projected to grow by 35-44% within the next 10 years, this includes what some of us may not consider as traditional roles for Veterinary Technicians; some very exciting new choices and specialties are on the horizon. We encourage you to keep an open mind about your future opportunities as you graduate and become a credentialed technician. We are busy working on our CE conference to be held at the University of Missouri on June 19. More details to come on that. We hope to see you there! - *Rhonda Haywood, RVT*

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewal time is approaching soon! Dues are increasing by \$5, so full and organization memberships will now be \$25; associate membership will be \$15 and student membership will continue to be free. You can either renew online ([www.mvta.us](http://www.mvta.us)) or contact us if you would like us to send a form to you. Email us at [mvta@mvta.us](mailto:mvta@mvta.us).