

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Dean



Ruby. L. Perry, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVR, is the dean/professor of veterinary radiology at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently president of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), previously served a two-term secretary position on the AAVMC's Board of Directors, member of the AAVMC Minority Serving Institutions Working Group, and Co-Chair of the AVMA-AAVMC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. Dr. Perry is a dual graduate of Tuskegee University where she received her B.S. degree in Animal and Poultry Science and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. She completed a small animal internship

at Tuskegee University and a radiology residency at Michigan State University where she also received the M.S. degree in Microbiology. Dr. Perry decided to remain in academia and expanded her education with the Ph.D. degree in Educational Leadership. She wears the hat of several firsts to include the first alumna to be named both interim dean and dean of a U. S. veterinary school; the first African American female board-certified veterinary radiologist in the American College of Veterinary Radiology, the first veterinary alumna to serve as acting president for Tuskegee University during a former president's medical leave over a five-month period, and most recently, the first African American woman to now hold the president's position at the AAVMC. Dr. Perry previously also served in several other positions at Tuskegee to include interim chief of staff, vice-provost of undergraduate education, associate dean for academic affairs, assistant veterinary radiology professor, and acting chair of the Department of Small Animal Medicine, Surgery and Radiology. Before returning to Tuskegee, Dr. Perry was on faculty at Michigan State University for 20 years, where she was section chief of veterinary radiology and earned tenure as an associate professor of veterinary radiology. She has served in a variety of leadership positions to include president of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association, program coordinator for the American College of Veterinary Radiology, and appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey to the Alabama Environmental Management Commission. Dr. Perry has also served on various professional committees and task groups, and advisory roles for many students and student organizations. She has been honored with several awards including the Zoetis Champion of Diversity Award, the 2021 Iverson Bell Award (a AAVMC's Professional Excellence Award Honoree), and most recently, the recipient of the Bridge Club ICON award. Dr. Perry is actively engaged in community service that increases awareness of the veterinary profession and advancing veterinary medical education.