

Alumni Spotlight

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As a young girl, I dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. As I grew older, I soon realized it wasn't going to be an easy road to my chosen career. Unwavering support from family, friends, and mentors, along with hard work and dedication made my dream a reality. I was fortunate enough to be accepted to my veterinary medical school of choice, the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating from UWGB in May 2011, I moved to Madison that summer to begin my schooling in the fall. After earning my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree in May 2015, I moved to Whitewater, Wisconsin and began my first job working in private practice as a small animal general practitioner. Currently, I live in southeastern Wisconsin with my wonderful husband, Ben, and work as a small animal practitioner at Westosha Veterinary Hospital in Salem.

I feel privileged to have had a number of incredible professors at UWGB. If I had to pick a favorite, though, I would have to say it is Dr. Brian Merkel. I can still recall the very first time I sat in one of his lectures. I was not only blown away by his genuine enthusiasm for science, but also by his profound passion for teaching. His sense of humor and humility make him approachable to students, and he truly wants everyone to achieve their full potential. The encouragement I received from Dr. Merkel played a crucial role in my journey to the veterinary medical profession; his mentorship also inspired me to try and give back to the university and its students in any way I can.

The faculty and staff at UWGB are supportive and willing to help, whether it entails having to explain difficult concepts again, providing career advice, or writing a letter of recommendation. The university also provides numerous options for students looking to take on leadership roles, which is of utmost importance when building a resume to apply for jobs or graduate programs. I feel that my time at UWGB helped make it possible for me to build a successful future.

The best advice I can give to current students is to step outside of your comfort zone. The more well-rounded you are on both personal and professional levels, the greater the number of options available to you upon graduation. If a unique opportunity presents itself, but you find yourself filled with self-doubt, just take the leap and see where it takes you. You will be surprised how many new doors will open that you never even knew existed; you have a great support system behind you.