Meet the One Health Symposium Planning Board

Dani Merichko Public Health Committee Co-Chair DVM 2024

I am originally from New Jersey and completed my B.S. at Rutgers University in Animal Science in 2018. After undergraduate, I attended West Chester University and earned my MPH in 2020 before attending veterinary school. I have worked both in general practice and ECC. My current career goal is to work with zoonotic diseases as a veterinary epidemiologist. In my free time I enjoy playing soccer, hiking, kayaking, and snowboarding.



Kristina Junghans Public Health Committee Co-Chair DVM 2024

I am from North Alabama and completed my B.S. in Organismal Biology with a minor in Animal Science at Auburn University. Prior to vet school I worked primarily in ECC and Developmental Endocrinology research. I currently spend my spare time volunteering to teach local high school students and their families about Veterinary Medicine and Public Health to promote One Health education and initiatives. My goal is to continue educating and protecting my community from a One Health perspective throughout my career.



Courtney Railton Public Health Committee Co-Chair DVM 2025

I am originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and completed my B.S. in Veterinary Science at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2019. I am interested in both small animal and lab animal medicine but am open to whatever interests vet school may bring. My experience in research has allowed me to appreciate transdisciplinary collaboration, driving my interest in the One Health approach. I am excited to advocate for One Health and its importance in the medical field as co-chair of the public health committee and in my professional career.



Serena Perez Public Health Committee Co-Chair DVM 2025

Hi! My name is Serena and I graduated from California Polytechnic University, Pomona with a B.S in Biology in May 2021. I am open to wherever the veterinary profession takes me, but I am interested in infectious diseases and public health using the One Health approach and look forward to working on the public health committee to spread awareness and inform the student body of animal and human public health issues.



Dylan Johnston DART Committee Co-Chair DVM 2024

Hello all! My name is Dylan and I am one of your DART committee co-chairs for the 2021-2022 school year. I graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Animal Science back in 2020. My main veterinary interests consist of infectious diseases, anatomical pathology, internal medicine, and the list goes on...my hope is that I become a board certified anatomical pathologist after vet school or become a veterinary researcher studying zoonotic infectious diseases. But, we'll see!



Hailey Bernal DART Committee Co-Chair DVM 2025

Hey everyone! I'm Hailey and I am your 2025 DART Committee Co-Chair. I graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Animal Science in . I later got my associates in Public Health and Psychology. While at Davis, I had the opportunity to intern at a variety of facilities including a local goat farm, the university's horse barn, dairy, and the teaching hospital. I am currently interested in pursuing a career in Mixed animal medicine. In my spare time you can finding me camping, fishing, or walking my pups. Fun fact about me: my favorite animals are cattle (specifically Holsteins. I'm kinda obsessed!).

