



NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

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Vet Techs Spread their Wings

By NCTA News

The Veterinary Technology students to graduate in May embark on their 8-week internship experience after completing their difficult exit exams last week.

“Going out to internships will be a huge step in their careers, and many of them have made the decision to step outside of their comfort zones to embark on some awesome experiences. I am very proud of them.” shared Noel Ochoa, faculty lecturer.

Several students share their sentiments and plans:

“This past week has been huge for me. I passed all 12 of my exit exams at school! I am so proud of how far I have come in the past three years. I have met some amazing people I will cherish for the rest of my life. I start my 8-week internship/new job at Loving Family Animal Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, tomorrow. I’m super excited for this opportunity. Next stop—GRADUATING—then on to the VTNE! I will forever and always be an Aggie at heart!” Shelby Kofler, McCook

“Curtis has given me so much, but the lifelong friends are by far the best. For everyone wondering, I passed all twelve of my exit exams and will start my internship on Monday morning at Riverside Animal Hospital in Kearney! Thanks to my favorite people for taking this vet tech program head-on with me!” Saige Johnson, Stapleton

“Monday through Thursday this past week, I took my 12 exit exams at NCTA, and I passed!! It was the most stressful week, but all my hard work, friends, and family behind my back made it worth it. I am going to miss everyone in Curtis. I am so thankful for all of the lifelong friends that I have made, and I hope we can all keep in touch. I am going to miss you all so much. Thank you all for always keeping me motivated and helping me when I was struggling with a class. I appreciate you all more than you know. I am officially done with classes at NCTA, and I will start my internship in three weeks after I do two different nationals for the shotgun sports team! In May, I will graduate with my veterinary technician option and then take my VTNE.” Emily Miller, Norton, KS

“Such a bittersweet moment, taking exit exams. My time here at NCTA has been amazing. My friends have kept me motivated at school and supported me on the Ranch Horse team. I’m so excited for my internship in Colby, KS.” Emma Hollenback, Ewing

These testimonies on lifelong memories, friendships, and preparedness for career success epitomize what we mean by “Small Campus with a Big Impact.” The community of Curtis will always hold a special place in their hearts, and we appreciate citizens for their role in this.

NCTA Events:

Mar. 13: Western Regional Science Fair at NCTA

Mar. 13-17: Spring Break for Students

Mar. 13-19: Aggie Shotgun Team at Nationals, Las Vegas

Mar. 25: NCTA Rodeo Banquet at Anvil Bar & Grill, Curtis

Mar. 29-31: Recruiters at Nebraska FFA SLC, Lincoln

Apr. 6-9: Punch in Pink Spring Round Up, McCook

Apr. 11: Discovery Days Tour at NCTA

Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology, and related industries. NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates and the success of student teams in competitive activities, including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.

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