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October 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to recommend Nimitz HS Veterinary Science Program to receive a National CTE Program Award. We at the SPCA of Texas are grateful for their program that allows students to gain volunteer hours within their field of study. It has been greatly beneficial to have Nimitz interns assisting our clinic!

In addition, these students have promoted our cause through events like Pet Care day, vaccine clinics, a pooch festival, and through living animal services.

Nimitz Pet Care students also supported our annual event, Strut Your Mutt-The Race to End Animal Cruelty 2018, by supplying hard working teens that volunteered that day, to help us put on an event that raised more than \$270,000 for our animal cruelty investigations!

Our staff greatly encourages the Nimitz Pet Care Program, as it educates students with the knowledge and skills to become certified Veterinary assistants, groomers, clinical receptionists, pet trainers, gain internships at Veterinary hospitals, and many more career opportunities within the field.

Working together, we can provide "every animal exceptional care and a loving home."

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at (214) 461-1830 or jscoggins@spca.org.

Sincerely,



Jan Scoggins
Special Event Manager
SPCA of Texas

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October 20, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend the Nimitz High School Veterinary Science Program for recognition of excellence in Career and Technical Education.

I have had the opportunity to work with the veterinary science instructors at Nimitz High School for the last few years as a representative of Animal Care Technologies, provider of veterinary paraprofessional staff development resources used as an educational tool at Nimitz. Most recently, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on multiple occasions and observe first hand the learning taking place, alongside the dedication of the instructors to providing students with a variety of learning methods and practical application activities for the most effective learning experience possible. One instructor, Ms. Runnels, is a Certified Veterinary Assistant who continues to deepen her knowledge of the subject by working part time as a veterinary surgical assistant while also pursuing a Veterinary Technician License through studies at AVMA accredited Cedar Valley College.

Nimitz veterinary science students learn through combining classroom learning with hands on practical application of knowledge. Courses offered include Small Animal Management, Equine Science, Veterinary Medical Applications, Large Animal Veterinary Science, Advanced Animal Science, and Practicum in Agriculture. The Nimitz Pet Care program operated on campus is a student operated pet care business offering services such as bathing and basic grooming for pets of community members. I observed students engaged in "learning by doing" while scheduling appointments, admitting pets, verifying wellness care and vaccination records, communicating with clients, safely handling and comfortably securing pets, practicing assessment such as vital signs, physical examination, and practicing lab tests such as intestinal parasite screening and ear cytology examination. Veterinary visits are recommended to pet owners at discharge when any abnormality is observed.

In addition, Nimitz students participate in the organizations FFA/Future Farmers of America, and HOSA/Health Occupations Students of America for growth in leadership skills and overall knowledge of health care industries. They serve as volunteers in community events such as SPCA and Irving Animal Services events and vaccine clinics hosted by local veterinarians, exposing students to a variety of career opportunities in the animal health care field. Through participation in these varied activities, Nimitz students have the opportunity to earn certification from Texas Veterinary Medical Association as a Certified Veterinary Assistant, preparing them for many career and post-secondary educational opportunities within the field of veterinary science.

Without reservation, I recommend the Nimitz High School Veterinary Science program as an exemplary candidate for recognition of excellence.

Sincerely,



Trisha Cope
Account Manager, Animal Care Technologies

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I'd like to share with you why I support and encourage the Nimitz High School Veterinarian program.

I am a dedicated volunteer for both the Spca of Texas and the Visiting Nurses Association of Texas and have presented to several classes the importance of not only volunteering but, of the work they do and the passion they have for it.

As a partner in a small non profit- Not Just a Dog- Senior small breed hospice and rescue I have observed their students in pet care and grooming and their instructors coaching, guiding and helping them.

The partnership these instructors and students share is not only inspiring and uplifting but, gives me faith that their future is well directed.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you might have.

Most Sincerely,

Iris M Powell
Not Just A Dog
Spca of Texas Volunteer
VNA of Texas Pet transport volunteer

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LONE STAR PARK
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October 22, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Lone Star Park was very excited to learn about the program, Pet Care and Vet Science Program, being conducted at Nimitz High School in Irving, TX. And it was with great pleasure that we were able to host the students on a tour of our facilities.

The program is excellent start in introducing young people to veterinary and animal studies which could lead to careers in our horse racing industry someday.

We in the horse industry appreciate the efforts and look forward to assisting the program in the future in educating what could turn out to be some of our future employees and leaders of our industry.

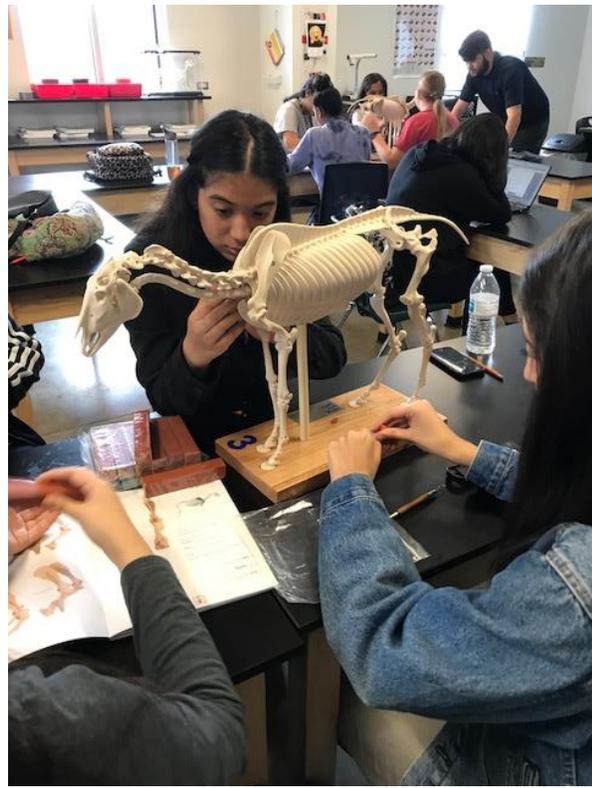
I was glad to be invited to participate as an advisor to the program and look forward to continue to see the program develop and grow.

Sincerely,

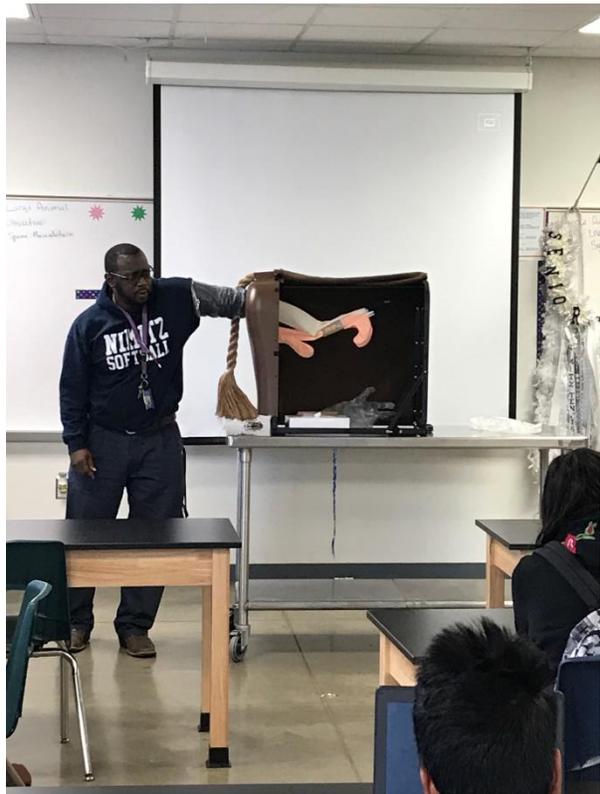
Bart Lang
Director of Racing



Nimitz High School – School of Veterinary Science - FFA Veterinary Science students show their clinical skills on animal restraint techniques in a campus competition against other teams. These students excelled in their qualifications in front of judges and will advance to compete at the Area FFA competition.



Students in the Nimitz High School - School of Veterinary Science Large Animal and Advanced Animal Science classes utilize the animal anatomy in clay systems to visualize the anatomy and physiology of equine musculature.



Students in the Nimitz High School – School of Veterinary Science utilize the bovine breeder artificial insemination simulator as part of the Large Animal and Advanced Animal Science courses. The simulator allows students to see inside the reproductive tract to identify reproductive system landmarks along with learning how to obtain fecal collections of examination of large animals.



Preparatoria en Irving explora con mascotas de manera diferente

La preparatoria Nimitz del Distrito Escolar de Irving cuenta con un programa enfocado hacia los amantes de los animales. Nancy Leal nos presenta la historia. (Publicado martes 16 de octubre de 2018 | Crédito: TELEMUNDO 39)

Telemundo News broadcasts cover story of the Nimitz Pet Care Business and the Nimitz High School – School of Veterinary Science Program. Students and staff were interviewed, discussing the importance of the program and how much it has progressed over the years.

https://www.telemundodallas.com/fotosyvideos/Preparatoria-explora-con-mascotas-de-manera-diferente_TLMD---Dallas-497744811.html

IRVING COMMUNITY NEWS



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Nimitz H.S. Junior

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Nimitz Pet Care Offers Affordable Services

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Nimitz High School students gain valuable experience, and Irving residents can find affordable pet training, grooming and other services at Nimitz Pet Care. It is part of ISD's Signature Studies Program in career and technical education.
Learn more: <https://www.irvingisd.net/Page/9754>

ICTN Report on Nimitz Pet Care, part of the School of Veterinary Science, at Nimitz High School students gain valuable experience, and Irving residents can find affordable pet training, grooming and other service at Nimitz Pet Care. It is part of the Irving ISD's Signature Studies Program in career and technical education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B82r6vZRZVE>



SPCA Strutt Your Mutt 5K Fundraiser. Students help vendors by setting up tables and giving water and ice to pets who were overheated. Veterinary Science students volunteer with the SPCA year-round volunteering for local events and at the shelters.

citysource **Marissa Runnels**
NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL VETERINARY MEDICINE TEACHER

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Poochfest 2017

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Nimitz High School – School of Veterinary Science teacher was captured by ICTN news while students volunteer at the annual Pooch Festival at the Heritage Senior Citizen Center. They help vendors set up, assist with the low-cost vaccine clinics, fundraise by selling program t-shirts, and sign their pets up in contests.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1ZmA8Gc2DA>



During Lab time, students report to their scheduled job positions (receptionist, kennel tech, or groomer) daily and immediately begin their duties. Students are responsible for all aspects of the Nimitz Pet Care Business which provides affordable services to the community.



Daily Services of Nimitz Pet Care include Grooming, Bathing, Anal Gland Expression, Nail Trimming, Ear Cleaning, Ear Hair Pulling, Day Care, Deworming, Flea Treatment, and Training. Clients make online appointments and students take medical notes on each patient that include a basic physical exam, temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, and more. If anything is abnormal, students will test any presenting symptoms in the lab and record findings on the patients report card.



Irving Animal Shelter and Animal Control host presentations on several ways for students to get involved early. Field based learning is always a great experience for interest in the career field.



Pet owners in the community wait in line for Pet Care Day to open. We partner with TCAP vaccine clinic, provide grooming services, support local vendor business within the field, and more. This Bi-Annual event is not only a great way for students to get involved and gain volunteer hours, but also to raise money that goes back into the enterprise.



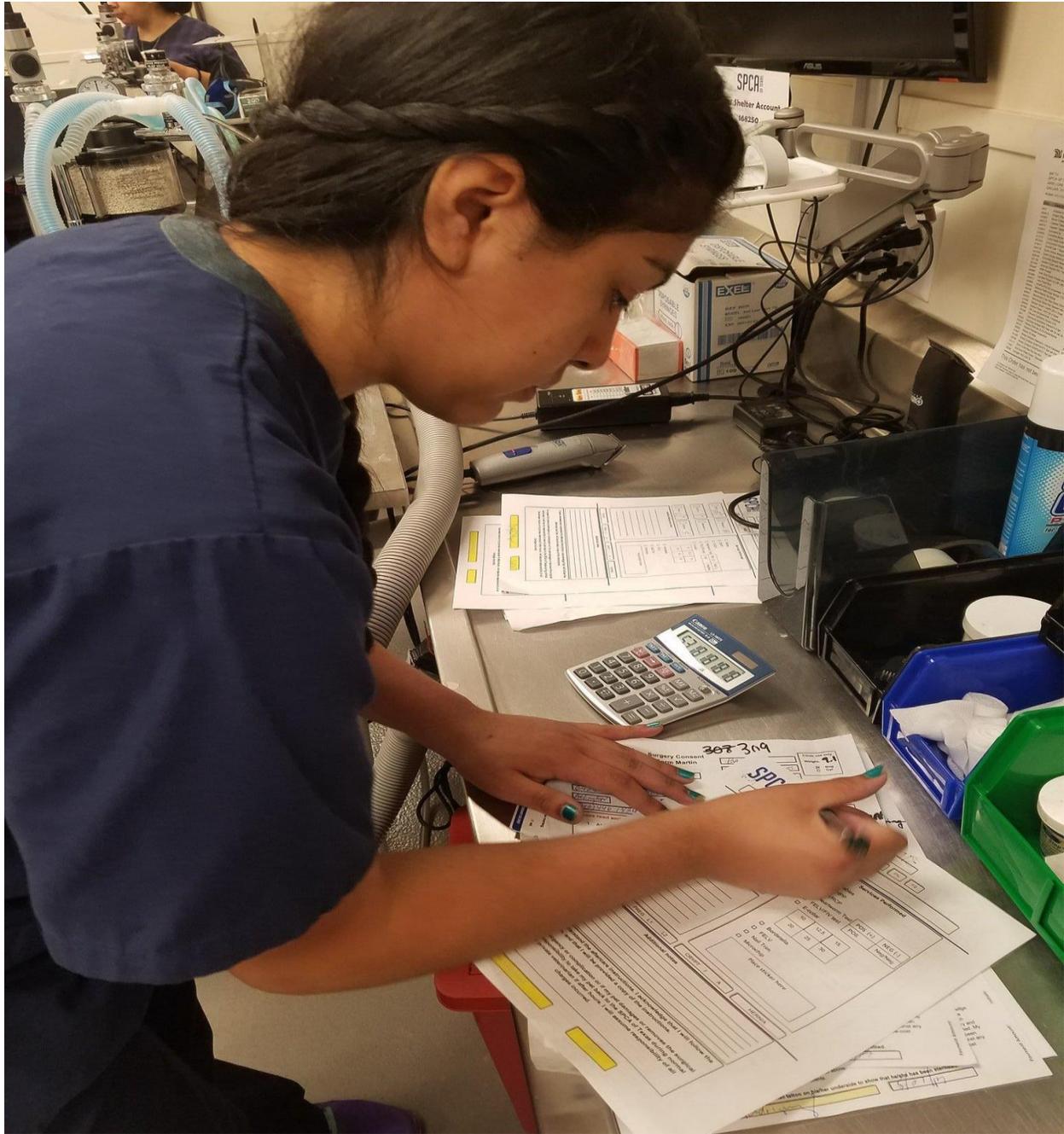
Cedar Valley College School of Veterinary Technology. Visits to local Colleges and Universities give students the knowledge and experience needed to begin in their career paths.



Heritage Senior Citizen Fall Pooch Festival. Vet Science students are always eager to volunteer and support the local community in events.



SPCA surgery suite. Veterinary professionals support the efforts of educating students through hands on experiences.



Student applies knowledge learned in Veterinary Medical Math Applications to calculate dosages of surgical anesthetics.



Veterinary Science students have the choice to expand their knowledge and skills through competitions with CTSO organizations such as FFA and HOSA. Each year has been a progressive success for those who excel in the program.



SPCA Radiology Lab. Student gains hands on experience on how x-rays are produced digitally.



Veterinary Experience at the Dallas Zoo. Year-round students participate in educational field-based learning trips such as the Dallas Zoo, Aquarium, Lone Star Equine Park, College Tours, and more.

ACTIVITIES:

- ON-SITE, LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC FOR DOGS & CATS THROUGH TCAP,
- PET ADOPTIONS, GROOMING SERVICES,
- PET TRAINING STATION @ 10:00 A.M. (SIMPLE COMMAND PET TRAINING BY STUDENTS),
- SPCA BAG GIVE AWAY FOR EVERY APPOINTMENT MADE,
- FACE PAINTING FOR KIDS,
- PET CLOTHES & T-SHIRTS FOR SALE,

OTHER TREATS FOR SALE:

- POPCORN (PUPCORN - \$1/BAG)
- POPSICLES (PAWPSICLE - \$0.50 EACH)
- CAKE POPS (PUP CAKES \$1 EACH)
- DOG TREAT - 2 FOR \$1, WATER - \$0.50

PET CARE DAY 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2018 | 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
NIMITZ HIGH SCHOOL STAFF PARKING LOT, AG BUILDING
100 WEST OAKDALE IRVING, TX 75060

Nimitz High School – School of Veterinary Science Annual Pet Care Day. This is an annual event where the Irving and surrounding communities are offered low cost vaccine, pet adoptions, grooming services which support the Veterinary Science students in gaining hours towards their certification as a Veterinary Assistant.