

CUVS Employee Success Stories

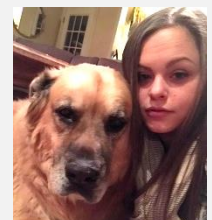
“ I began working at CUVS in July of 2015 as part of the overnight emergency team. I was attracted to the high level of medicine, emphasis on team collaboration, and commitment to individual growth and success of each employee. I was excited to find peers and specialists enthusiastic to teach, and I received ample support both on the floor as well as in preparation for my VTNE. While studying for my boards, I began working with the newly established ophthalmology service, and after passing the exam, I transitioned to running the ophthalmology department. With continued support and an enthusiastic mentor, I have gotten the opportunity to develop my passion in the field of veterinary ophthalmology and am well into the three-year process of preparing for my veterinary technician specialty (VTS) boards. I have continued to find additional development opportunities at CUVS; I gave my first RACE approved lecture as part of the Technician CE Series which has led to additional lecture opportunities at the New York State Veterinary Technician Conference, and in January 2017 I joined the management team as General Services Supervisor and Lead Ophthalmology Technician. CUVS has allowed me to work as part of a team that provides the highest level of patient care while continuing to foster that environment of employee growth and development. ”



Zachary LeClair

“ I began working at CUVS in 2012 as a veterinary assistant. I quickly fell in love with the CUVS team and was proud to be a part of it. The doctors and technicians were always willing to teach and help me grow in my role as a member of the Internal Medicine Service, and also as an individual, encouraging and supporting me on my journey to becoming a veterinarian. January 2013, I left CUVS and the comforts of home with my suitcase and my dogs, for the Island of St. Kitts to attend Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. I spent the next few years on the island studying and working harder than I ever thought possible. During this period, I stayed in touch with many of my previous colleagues who continued to encourage and support me, and even visited me on the neighboring Island of Nevis! My pets continued to be patients of many of the specialists at CUVS, as I trusted their care entirely. I actually flew one of my dogs home to have surgery and recover at CUVS while I was in the midst of exams, because I knew I could breathe easier and stay focused with her being in the best hands possible. In May 2015, I moved to College Station, Texas to complete my clinical year at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. I encouraged multiple classmates to complete their externships at CUVS, because I wanted them to experience the collaboration amongst specialists, the highest level of practiced medicine and ultimately the wonderful culture of CUVS. Following graduation in 2016, I moved back to the east coast to complete a 1-year rotating small animal internship.

Throughout my journey, I have always dreamed of ending up back at CUVS as an emergency clinician where I could offer gold standard medicine and the highest level of patient and client care. In July 2017, upon completion of my internship, I will become an emergency clinician in the Emergency and Critical Care department of CUVS! A fulfillment of my dream. ”



Gillian Kaplan