

REAL LIFE REAL IMPACT

Cajun South RLRI 2026 Featured Speakers – Baton Rouge, LA

Friday

January 23

Evening Challenge

Rocky Lindsey, DVM

Dr. Rocky Lindsey (LSU '98) and wife, Alicia, live in rural Arkansas. Dr. Lindsey owned and operated Warren Animal Clinic and Monticello Animal Clinic for over 10 years where he practiced high quality medicine at an affordable price for his economically depressed area. He sold his practices and became a Region Rep with CVM of which he still remains as an Associate. He currently teaches and advises pre-veterinary courses at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and works as a relief veterinarian.

Saturday

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Devotion

Nancy Krutzsch

Nancy has been working in the veterinary industry both as a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager and a veterinary manufacturer sales representative for over 12 years. A CVM Short-Term Mission trip to Haiti led to a transformed relationship with God. Nancy's involvement with CVM grew through Real Life Real Impact (RLRI) participation and multiple short-term mission trips. Her passion for workplace ministry and short-term missions drew her full-time to CVM as the South Central Region Rep in July 2023. Nancy's free time is spent working on the farm with her husband Jonathan and visits from her three grown sons, two daughters in law, and one granddaughter.

Session I

Candice Jackson, LVT

Candice Jackson is a proud graduate of the Snead State Community College Veterinary Technology Program, class of 2003. She lives on a small farm in Alabama with her husband and two children. Having a passion for mentoring the next generation of veterinary professionals, Candice is committed to helping them achieve the same longevity and fulfillment in their careers that she has enjoyed. Currently, she teaches veterinary technician students at Southern Union State Community College. In her free time, Candice loves serving with CVM on short-term mission trips and enjoys camping, fishing, and watching football with friends and family.

Sara Ramos, DVM

Dr. Sara Ramos grew up in Louisiana and graduated in 2015 from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation, she completed a one-year rotating internship at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, which is where she was inspired to pursue a career in dermatology. She then returned to LSU where she completed both a one-year dermatology internship and a three-year dermatology residency. Dr. Ramos became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology in 2020 and now serves the dermatology needs of pets in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge area working at Veterinary Specialists of Greater New Orleans and Capital Area Veterinary Specialists. Dr. Ramos is very passionate about continuing to learn and teaching others within the field of dermatology.

Session II

John Mauterer, DVM

Dr. John Mauterer graduated from LSU in 1987. He completed a small animal surgical residency at The Ohio State and became a board-certified surgeon. He has worked in university and private practice settings for 30 years. He was raised in New Orleans in the Presbyterian faith. At the age of 39 he had a life changing experience with Holy Spirit. He has since worked with CVM and his local church in using veterinary medicine in mission work locally and around the world.

Kaylee Cooper, DVM

Dr. Kaylee Cooper graduated from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2025 and decided to remain in Starkville for another year to complete a large animal rotating internship. A native of Northeast Mississippi, she has called Mississippi State home for the last 9 years but plans to move back to her hometown to offer large animal services to her rural community after her internship. She credits CVF with some of her closest friendships from veterinary school and has remained involved in MSU's chapter since graduation.

Sara Wentworth, DVM

Dr. Sarah Wentworth is a 2004 graduate from Auburn University. She has worked in three different small animal clinics, traveled on several short-term mission trips, and served long-term in Uganda as a long term missionary for three years. In her free time, she loves singing in the car & choir, basking in God's creation on walks with friends, and playing her ukulele.

Session III

Lauren Charles, DVM

Dr. Lauren Charles is a graduate of Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine, class of 2005. She grew up in Louisville, KY and lives there again now. After a number of short-term mission trips to Latin American countries, she lived and served in Bolivia from 2009-2012 with Christian Veterinary Mission, working primarily with veterinary students. Lauren adopted her daughter in Bolivia, then got married and came back to the US. They now also have 3 biological children, a son-in-law, and a grandbaby! She serves as CVM's Workplace and Student Ministries Director and Mideast Region Rep.

Sonya Brouillette, DVM

Dr. Sonya Brouillette calls South Louisiana home where she can often be found hosting dinners and supporting youth church and agricultural groups and other community organizations. She is a wife,

mother, friend, and inspiration to many. She combines her veterinary school education (LSU 1998) with her post-graduate training in chiropractic to provide specialized care for her beloved patients of all species. She embraces the gifts and challenges that are presented to her and uses them to grow in her faith and positively impact others. She can often be found cheering for her children during their rodeo events, except for her eldest who has a Master's in Economics and is the only one who doesn't try to hurt himself or give her a heart attack on the daily. She is a lifelong learner and would love to share what she has learned through the years about both people and animals with you.

Stephen Laudermilch, DVM

Dr. Laudermilch is a 2011 graduate of Cornell University. He completed a bachelor's degree in Biology at Indiana Wesleyan University. His interests include all aspects of veterinary medicine - medicine, surgery, and nutrition, exotic medicine, and many other aspects of veterinary medicine – too numerous to count. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Elisabeth, and together they have three girls and four boys. As a family, they enjoy spending time with their pets (four golden retrievers, one cat, lots of chickens, and four fish,) playing family games, going on walks, and spending time around nature.

Session IV

Alissa St. Blanc, DVM

Dr. Alissa St. Blanc is a native of Louisiana and is currently an assistant professor of small animal surgery at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. She graduated from the LSU SVM in 2016 and went on to complete two internships in Texas. She returned to LSU for a three-year surgery residency. She earned a master's degree and became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2022. She lives in Baton Rouge, LA with her husband of 10 years, who is an equine surgeon, and their four small children. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family, exercising, and hiking, swimming or any outdoor activity! Her time in the CVF group as a student at LSU coupled with two mission trips to Haiti fueled a passion for combining faith and veterinary medicine. She now serves as the LSU CVF advisor.

Tabitha Norris, DVM

Dr. Tabitha Norris was born and raised in North Arkansas. She completed her undergrad at Arkansas Tech University. She received her DVM from Oklahoma State University in 2003 and practiced in North Arkansas until 2014. She and her family then moved to her husband's home place of Monticello, AR. Dr. Norris purchased both Monticello Animal Clinic and Warren Animal Clinic from Dr. Rocky Lindsey in June 2015 and is one of the full time doctors there. In 2021, Dr. Norris purchased Fordyce Animal Clinic. She has a special interest in internal medicine cases and abdominal ultrasound. Tabitha enjoys spending time with her husband Chance, son Caleb and daughter Tessa. As a family they enjoy riding horses and hunting. They are active members at Pauline Baptist Church.

Session V

Amber Pierce

Amber Pierce is from Dallas, Texas but just moved to Houston, Texas and graduated from UAM in Monticello, Arkansas with her BS in Animal Science and Plant and Soil Science. She has been a vet tech for 12 years and is currently working towards her LVT. Amber started in general practice and found her way into emergency medicine, where she ultimately found her niche. She has a passion for critical care

ICU and teaching others the skills required for these patients. Her free time is spent with her husband Garrett, and their 5 year old son Parker Rowdy.

Deb Mauterer, DVM

Deb Mauterer earned her Degree of Veterinary Medicine in 1989 from Iowa State University. After finishing her Small Animal Internship at Kansas State University, she completed a Residency in Small Animal Surgery at Ohio State University in 1993. She practiced small animal surgery in Louisiana for several years before she moved into a management position where she oversees their two practices for the past 7 years. In her free time, she is a breeder of English Cocker Spaniels and enjoys showing her own dogs. She has been on several short-term mission trips including Costa Rica, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, India, Haiti and Thailand.

Aime Johnson, DVM, DACT

Dr. Aime Johnson is originally from North Carolina and graduated from NC State College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She went into mostly equine private practice for 5 years before returning to academia for a residency at Texas A&M. She is board certified in the American College of Theriogenology. She is currently an associate professor at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and has been teaching there since 2007. She works on horses, dogs, and cats both clinically and research. Personally, she is married to Jacob, an anesthesiologist also at Auburn and together they have 4 children. 14 year old triplets (Kirin, Levi, and Savannah) and a 10 year old girl, Sarah. When she gets free time, Dr. Johnson loves riding her horse with her girls.

Evening Challenge

Phil Bushby, DVM

Phil Bushby graduated from the University of Illinois CVM in 1972. He completed an internship and surgical residency at the Henry Bergh Memorial Hospital of the ASPCA and a second surgical residency and Masters' degree at Auburn University. He left came to Miss State from private practice in 1978. A Board-Certified Surgeon, Phil, has served on the Mississippi State faculty for over 47 years. He established the MSU-CVM shelter program and is a frequent speaker on efficient spay/neuter. He was a member of the organizing committee for the shelter medicine specialty board, received the ASPCA's Henry Berg Award in 2008, the AVMA's Animal Welfare Award in 2012 and the Association of Shelter Veterinarian's Meritorious Service Award in 2015. He holds the Marcia Lane Endowed Chair of Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare at Mississippi State University.

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