



RLRI Northwest 2024 Program Summary – Washington St University Bustad Hall – 1855 Ott Rd, Pullman, WA

Friday Evening January 26

CVM Hosts	Dr. Nancy Moore and Curtiss Gibbs
Registration	5:00-6:30pm
Dinner	6:30pm
Evening Challenge	7:30pm

Bliss Steele - “This Little Light of Mine”

Are you letting it shine? We are commanded to let our light shine, so we will take look at John 1:5 and Matthew 5:16 on just how significant the light of Christ is in our lives and how we are to let it shine in the world around us.

Worship/Prayer - **WSU students**

Saturday January 27

Breakfast	8:30am
<u>Morning Message</u>	9:15am

“The Marathon of Vet Med and How to Breathe” – Dr. Allison Hale

Hear from a new grad’s perspective on cultivating a mindset to both endure and being a light in the workplace. Dr. Hale will review things she has learned the hard way in the first 3 years of practice, and what she wished she had known starting out.

Session One 10:00am

“Trusting God... All The Time” - Dr. Blair de Vries

No matter where you have been, where you are, or where you are headed, God loves you and has incredible plans for you! Trusting can be challenging, especially when life is difficult or differs from what we expected. We will explore the meaning of trust, the value of trusting and surrendering to God, and how doing so transforms our lives and those around us.

“The Light and Authority You Have in Christ Where the Darkness Cannot Overcome It” – Dr. Brian Bowers

Session Two

11:00am

“The Working Vet Mom” - Dr. Jordan Murray

In a profession where 63% of veterinarians are now women, the challenge to balance work and family life is a real dilemma, especially when our job often requires long hours and crazy schedules. During this talk, I'll share my experience of transitioning from full time vet to working mom, as well as present some unique work-from-home opportunities that exist for veterinarians in the post-COVID world.

“The Power of Significance” – Bliss Steele

Are you significant, do you have self-worth and value?

Our value is not dependent on our ability to earn the fickle acceptance of people, but rather, its true source is the love and acceptance of our creator, God. When we've tasted significance, there's no going back. And as leaders, as people who influence others, it's never been more important to live and inspire a life of significance.

Lunch

12:00pm

Midday Message

1:30pm

“Life Choices: Getting Clarity, Peace, Joy, and Passion For God by Making Room” - Dr. Chris Eugenio

In this session, Dr. Eugenio will talk about making choices to stay close to God in the midst of the distractions and stresses that we go through in life and as veterinarians. Chris has written a book about some of his observations of the intersection of faith and vet med, and some of the chapters from his book will come to life during this session.

Session Three

2:30pm

“Choices, choices, choices” - Pastor Chris Chan

The great Apostle Paul once said, “I am who I am by the grace of God.” By that, he meant that he led a very impactful life, serving as one of the most prolific contributors to the New Testament as well as a successful church planter. The grace of God experienced by Paul happens to be available to all who believe in Christ. In theory, we should all lead impactful lives like Paul by the grace of God. However, in reality, some believers shine for the glory of God while others are mediocre at best, “shipwrecked,” at worst. What is it that makes the difference? In this presentation, we will dive into the process of leading an impactful life for Christ.

“Organized Veterinary Medicine: Is There a Place for Me as a Student or New Grad” - Dr. Gary Marshall

Join Dr. Marshall as he shares about the benefits of getting involved in organized veterinary medicine and having your voice heard. It can be done. It can have an impact. There is no reason to wait.

Session Four

3:30pm

“Casting Out Darkness” – Dr. Nancy Moore

Jesus is the Life, Jesus is the Lamb, Jesus is the New Temple... The Bible tells us in John 1:4-5 "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Let's launch from RLRI with a few things in mind: Our value is in the Creator Who made us; Our empowerment is by the Victorious Savior who loves us; and Our confident future is light in faith, not in sight...

“Preparing to Work Internationally in Veterinary Medicine” - Dr. Daniel Graham

Practicing veterinary medicine in today's globalized environment offers some unique opportunities and challenges. This session will explore the variety of employment and volunteer opportunities open to veterinarians working internationally. Working in this global environment will require veterinarians to consider the implications of cross-cultural communication, socioeconomic dynamics, and the logistics of international licensing and CE requirements in addition to the regular skill set required for practicing veterinary medicine. This session will help veterinary professionals and students to consider the implications of these challenges and to identify potential solutions and training opportunities to prepare for work among the global community.

Panel: Your First Year's Out 4:30pm

We'll hear about the first few years in the profession from a few different speakers, which will also include some time of Q&A for attendees to ask the panelists their own questions.

Equine Dental Lab w/ Dr. Travis McKenzie / WSU Vet School Tour 5:00pm

This is an optional time with two choices available. The first is an equine dental wet lab with Dr. Travis McKenzie sharing some wisdom and experience from his time in practice. We will also have an opportunity to tour some parts of WSU's vet school, which might be fun for alumnae, Oregon St vet students, or pre-vets.

Dinner 6:30pm

Evening Message 7:30pm

“Light Shines in the Darkness” – Curtiss Gibbs

Curtiss will share both a challenge and an encouragement from the opening chapter of John. Let us examine ourselves and our walk with Christ, as well as share Christ with others. We will shine a light on ourselves in a reflective way, so that we can also shine a light for others.

Worship and Prayer – **WSU Students**

Sunday

January 28

Visit Area Churches like Colfax First Baptist Church or Hills Church or others to be suggested!

