

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine Dean



Ruby. L. Perry, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVR is the dean/professor of veterinary radiology at the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. She served as past secretary and currently President-Elect of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the AVMA-AAVMC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. She wears the hat of several firsts to include the first alumna to be named both interim dean and dean of a U. S. veterinary school; the first African American female board-certified veterinary radiologist in the American College of Veterinary Radiology; and most recently, the first veterinary alumna to serve as acting president for Tuskegee University during the president's medical leave period. Perry is a dual graduate of Tuskegee University where she received her undergraduate and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. She previously also served in several other positions at Tuskegee to include interim chief of staff, vice-provost of undergraduate education, associate dean for academic affairs, assistant veterinary radiology professor, and acting chair of the Department of Small Animal Medicine, Surgery and Radiology. Before returning to Tuskegee, Perry was on faculty at Michigan State University for 20 years, where she was section chief of veterinary radiology and earned tenure as an associate professor of veterinary radiology. Perry has served in a variety of leadership positions to include president of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association, program coordinator for the American College of Veterinary Radiology, and appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey to the Alabama Environmental Management Commission. She has also served on various professional committees and task groups, and advisory roles for many students and student organizations. She recently was honored with the Zoetis Champion of Diversity Award. Perry is actively engaged in community service that increases awareness of the veterinary profession and advancing veterinary medical education. She is married to Dr. Winston Felton who is also a veterinarian and a Tuskegee graduate. She has three children (Benjamin, Alvin, and Christina) and 10 grandchildren.