



Welcome to AVC, Class of 2023!

Dear member of AVC Class of 2023:

On behalf of the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) at UPEI and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), I am pleased to invite you to our Blue Coat Welcome Ceremony and Dinner on Friday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall on the beautiful UPEI campus. The Blue Coat Welcome Ceremony is a special event to officially welcome you to AVC and the beginning of your veterinary education.

During the ceremony, you will be “cloaked” with a blue laboratory coat, distinguished by the official logo of the CVMA. This coat may be worn in your laboratories and clinics at AVC. Our Dean, Dr. Greg Keefe, will be there to welcome you along with a representative of the CVMA, and members of the AVC community.

We ask that you identify someone who has been instrumental in supporting and inspiring you in your pursuit of a career in veterinary medicine to have the honour of presenting you with your blue coat at the Ceremony. You may have more than one presenter. Your presenter may be a special person in your life who has encouraged you to pursue your dream of becoming a veterinarian - for example, your parents or other members of your family, a teacher, or perhaps a veterinarian with whom you have worked and who has inspired you. If you don't have a presenter, one will be assigned to you, usually a faculty member or me.

We encourage presenters to attend the Ceremony as they will present our incoming students with their blue coats. Please provide a sentence or two describing how your presenter has been instrumental in encouraging you in your pursuit of a career in veterinary medicine. Dr. Keefe will read this at the podium as you are being presented with your coat.

You have been allocated **three (3)** complimentary seats for you, and two guests. It is your responsibility to invite your guest(s). If you need more than these three complimentary seats, you may purchase additional seats at a cost of \$40.00 each (which may be paid at the Dean's Office before the event).

Please complete the Blue Coat form [here](#) by **Friday, July 19th, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Janice at (902) 566-0589 or by email to jmacwilliam@upe.ca.

I look forward to meeting you on August 23rd. Congratulations on your acceptance to AVC!

Sincerely,

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