



## SGU Gets Set to Celebrate 40th Anniversary



St. George's University has transformed in many ways, but its mission remains the same.

Forty years ago, St. George's University and its charter class took their first steps in unison. For both, it was new territory and there was much to learn.

Fast-forward to 2016 and SGU is on the precipice of celebrating an important milestone—40 years of providing an international education across a wide range of fields, and of setting students up for success in their careers.



SGU has much to celebrate, as well as much to look forward to. More than 17,000 students have earned their degrees and gone on to assume important roles in **ANNIVERSARY**, continued on page 3

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## OCGSD and SVMAA to Launch Mentor Program

In Summer 2017, the Office of Career Guidance and Student Development (OCGSD) and School of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association (SVMAA) will launch a new alumni mentor/shadowing program for third- and fourth-year students. The program is designed to help students transition from academia to veterinary practice, while also building their networks within the profession.

The OCG and SVMAA seek graduates who would like to participate in the program, offering time blocks of at least two weeks to provide guidance for these students.

If you would like to take part, please contact Chadd Tindall, DVM SGU '03, OCGSD Director for the SVM, at [chaddtindalldvm2003@yahoo.com](mailto:chaddtindalldvm2003@yahoo.com).



## Featured AAMP Volunteers



**Samaya Qureshi, MD**  
Class of 2013

Dr. Qureshi is a first-year nephrology fellow at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She joined Baylor after completing her internal medicine residency at Cone Health in Greensboro, North Carolina, which included serving as Chief Resident in her final year. In her career, Dr. Qureshi hopes to find a good balance between her practice, academia, and community service. Having had a highly positive experience at SGU, she has assisted the University by meeting with prospective students at numerous webinars and information sessions.

**Sarangan Uthayalingam, MD**  
Class of 2009

Dr. Uthayalingam is the Chief of Pediatrics at Brantford General Hospital in Brantford, Ontario, as well as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at McMaster University, where he completed his residency. In addition to continuing his work on multiple patient quality care initiatives, Dr. Uthayalingam hopes to become Program Director of a pediatric residency program in Canada. He participated in his first AAMP event in October, volunteering to meet with students at the nearby Toronto information session.



**Jessica Harmon, DVM**  
Class of 2013

Dr. Harmon is an Associate Veterinarian at McDavitt Veterinary Clinic in Zionsville, Indiana, caring mostly for horses along with some dogs and cats. At SGU, she was a tutor in small and large animal anatomy and worked with the Professional Attributes Workshop (PAWS). Dr. Harmon conducted her clinical year at the University of Georgia and, upon graduating, completed an ambulatory and in-house internship with Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Most recently, she met with students at the SGU information session in Columbus, Ohio.

## SO YOU WANT TO BE AN AAMP MEMBER...

With the **Alumni Admission Mentor Program (AAMP)**, St. George's University graduates can connect with prospective students in a variety of ways. We would welcome your assistance whenever and however you're available. But you may be thinking...

### My schedule is very busy.

We understand! If you can't make it to any of our scheduled events, there are several other opportunities to get involved, ranging from university visits and college fairs to welcome sessions and information sessions in select cities.

### I don't see any events near me.

The event list is *always* developing, so check [sgu.edu/infosession](http://sgu.edu/infosession) for cities and dates as these sessions

are confirmed. Also, on their own time, we encourage grads to meet with prehealth advisors and/or premedicine clubs at area colleges.

### I don't like to speak in public.

No worries. SOM and SVM webinars are held throughout the year and allow you to connect with students that way. We also invite you to submit your contact information and biography to our Alumni Volunteer

Directory, connecting you with colleagues and prospective students in your area.

### I'm ready! How can I help?

Great! Upcoming info sessions are listed on page 4. Call Joann Vastola at (800) 899-6337 ext. 9 1213, outside the US and Canada at +1 (631) 665-8500 ext. 9 1395, or via e-mail at [jvastola@sgu.edu](mailto:jvastola@sgu.edu) and let her know how you'd like to help!

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their communities, whether as a physician, veterinarian, businessperson, or in another walk of life.

All graduates are invited to join SGU in the yearlong celebration, beginning with the 40th Anniversary Kickoff Weekend in January, which will include a wide variety of events commemorating the 40-year anniversary of the first day of classes at SGU. Among them will be a Parade of Nations, for which students and graduates from more than 140 countries will carry flags through campus, symbolizing the University's diverse culture over the years.

In March, SGU will launch the Medical Mission Grants Program, for which individuals and organizations can apply for funds from the University to support their upcoming medical mission. It also will include a new continuing medical education course coordinated by the School of Medicine Alumni Association titled "Updates in Medicine."

SGU will celebrate Commencement Weekend with a 40th Anniversary party for alumni of all schools (date, site, and time to be announced). In the fall, SGU will welcome academics from around the world to Grenada for a three-day One Health, One Medicine symposium, as well as host a Public Lecture Series on campus.



SGU will celebrate its 40th anniversary throughout 2017, beginning with kickoff weekend in mid-January.

For more information on 40th anniversary events or to register, visit [sgu.edu/beyond40](http://sgu.edu/beyond40).

## 40th Anniversary Schedule of Events

Jan. 14-17	40th Anniversary Kickoff Weekend	March	Medical Mission Inaugural Grants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investiture of Dr. G. Richard Olds as St. George's University President</li><li>• Charity Fun Run</li><li>• Charter Class and Super 8s Brunch</li><li>• Alumni Health Clinics</li><li>• Parade of Nations, featuring entertainment and barbecue</li></ul>	March 27-31	SOM Alumni Association CME: <i>Updates in Medicine</i>
		June	Alumni 40th Anniversary Party in New York City
		October	One Health, One Medicine Symposium
		November	Public Lecture Series

## Message from the AAMP Coordinator

*"Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." – Abigail Adams*



We are busy, busy, busy here at SGU, with campus roaring back to life with the arrival of the Fall 2016 entering class, and our admission team on the road to meet with students and advisors from far and wide. Bangkok, Binghamton, Minneapolis, Mumbai—we'll be there and everywhere in between.

I hope you can join us along the way. The calendar includes special Backstage at SGU and Face to Face sessions that give interested students a more personalized experience, whether it be with assistance in filing their application or one-on-one time with a current SGU

student or graduate. Contact me at [jvastola@sgu.edu](mailto:jvastola@sgu.edu) or +1 (631) 665-8500 ext. 9 1395 if you'd like to pitch in.

Also, please join us for our 40th anniversary celebration here in Grenada, as well as in New York City. It begins in January with a full weekend of events, including a Parade of Nations to commemorate the international breadth of the entire SGU family. For those who haven't been to campus in some time, you are in for a treat! Much has changed in our 40 years. For a complete list of events or to register, visit [sgu.edu/beyond40](http://sgu.edu/beyond40).  
– Joann Vastola

## Fall 2016 Schedule of Events

The schedule for St. George's University's Fall 2016 webinars, information sessions, and other events are in the works, and SGU graduates are important resources for prospective students. E-mail [jvastola@sgu.edu](mailto:jvastola@sgu.edu) if you would like to help us attract the best and brightest medical and veterinary medical students to SGU.

10/17 Binghamton, New York	10/27 Tampa, Florida	11/10 Fort Worth, Texas
10/18 Bangkok, Thailand	10/27 Fresno, California	11/15 Washington, Dist. of Columbia
10/19 Singapore	10/27 Mumbai, India	11/15 Cape Town, South Africa
10/20 Atlanta, Georgia	11/1 Chicago, Illinois	11/16 Durban, South Africa
10/20 Los Angeles, California +	11/2 Boulder, Colorado	11/17 Johannesburg, South Africa
10/20 London, Ontario	11/3 Kansas City, Missouri	11/17 Mississauga, Ontario
10/21 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	11/3 Houston, Texas +	11/21 Nairobi, Kenya
10/23 Chandigarh, India	11/3 Montreal, Quebec	11/23 Accra, Ghana
10/25 New Delhi, India	11/5 Tempe, Arizona	12/6 Dublin, Ireland
10/26 Jacksonville, Florida	11/7 San Jose, California	+ Face to Face
10/27 Boston, Massachusetts	11/8 Winnipeg, Manitoba	

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## Giving Back: Alum Arranges Computer Lab Upgrade at St. David's School

For the island that allowed her to pursue her education, Dr. Heather Douglas, DVM SGU '06, has given the children at St. David's Catholic Secondary School (SDCSS) to pursue theirs, having facilitated the donation of 30 computer stations, a computer server, and a laser printer.

The founder of GrenVet Island Veterinary Services (GIVS), a nonprofit charity group in both Grenada and the United States, Dr. Douglas has long provided care for animals. However, her most recent trip had a very different focus. After finishing a vet clinic in St. David, Dr. Douglas was invited to visit the nearby school. As Dr. Douglas was touring the facility with a former student, she was touched by the hospitality of students and faculty alike. In the computer lab, she couldn't help but notice the outdated computers and lack of functional stations. Dr. Douglas could see that a 3:1 student-to-computer ratio, as well as outdated hardware and software, would create barriers to the success of the students. A phone call to her father, Stephen,

a computer programmer, launched her plan for a pilot program which would provide computer resources to schools in Grenada. In collaboration with GrenVet and in part to generous donations from individuals committed to the advancement of youth, the Grenadian Youth Technology Improvement Program was created. A skilled volunteer team installed and formatted a state-of-the-art computer lab that will serve students at SDCSS for years to come.

As GrenVet continues to provide

much needed services to the island of Grenada, the organization will evaluate the sustainability of future technological advancement projects. With their sights set on cultivating career opportunities and inspiring future generations, GrenVet and Dr. Douglas plan to continue finding ways to give back to the country that has given her so much.

For more information or to donate to the program, visit [generosity.com/projects/help-fund-a-computer-lab-for-kids-in-need](https://generosity.com/projects/help-fund-a-computer-lab-for-kids-in-need) or e-mail [info@grenvetgivs.com](mailto:info@grenvetgivs.com).



Heather Douglas, DVM SGU '06 (right), and her team facilitated a technology upgrade at St. David's Catholic Secondary School, replacing outdated computer with 30 new computer stations and more.