

Dr. Mary A. Bryant

Appointed Executive Director of the Office of Students

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Penn Vet appointed **Dr. Mary A. Bryant, V'95**, to the newly created position of Executive Director of the Office of Students. In this role, Bryant will oversee the recently consolidated Office of Admissions and the Office of Student and Curricular Affairs. She is responsible for recruiting promising new students to Penn Vet and overseeing the welfare and needs of students during their years on campus.

“It is very important to me to continue enrolling the most qualified and diverse students,” said Bryant. “As an alumna and adjunct professor, I have a long history of engagement with Penn Vet. I am really looking forward to working closely with the students to ensure they have the best possible experience here and can look back on their years at Penn Vet as I do: as the best educational experience I ever had. I loved my student years at Penn.”

“I am delighted that Mary has accepted this position at Penn Vet,” said Dean Joan Hendricks. “She perfectly exemplifies the collaborative spirit we were looking for. Her influence and experience in many aspects of veterinary medicine will undoubtedly strengthen our already strong commitment to recruiting and retaining the very best candidates for the VMD degree.”

Before joining Penn Vet, Bryant worked for Merial, a Sanofi Company, in Field Veterinary Services, first as a Technical Services Veterinarian, and then as Northeast Regional Director following a promotion in 2010. While at Merial, Bryant interacted with sales, marketing, national accounts, training, and research and development.

Bryant has been an adjunct professor at Penn Vet for 14 years, teaching a professional development elective to third-year students.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of the Sciences and her VMD from Penn Vet. She gained valuable experience, both as a student extern and following college graduation, working in GlaxoSmithKline's division of Research & Development. After graduation from Penn Vet in 1995, Bryant practiced veterinary medicine at Wilmington Animal Hospital before joining Merial in 2004.

Bryant's leadership started at Penn Vet when she served as national president of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association. She has since represented both Delaware and Pennsylvania as a delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association House of Delegates and served as president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) in 2007. PVMA honored Bryant with the Distinguished Veterinary Service Award in 2014. She has served on Penn Vet's Dean's Alumni Council since 2011.



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