

Dan Givens Bio

Dan Givens practiced veterinary medicine for both food animals and companion animals in Campbellsville, Kentucky. He then completed a residency, a PhD in biomedical science and NIH-funded post-doctoral research at Auburn University. A diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (virology specialty) and the American College of Theriogenologists, Givens conducted applied research in infectious diseases that affect reproduction of cattle. He has authored or co-authored 88 peer-reviewed journal articles and seven book chapters on topics ranging from diagnosing viral diseases of reproductive importance to envisioning the future of veterinary medical education.

Throughout 28 years as a faculty member, Givens has interacted with students in classrooms, laboratories, and clinical rotations and assisted clients through clinical service and consultations. After serving as a faculty member, director of an agricultural experiment station, acting department head, and associate dean for academic affairs, Dan Givens became the fifth dean of Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech in June 2020. Givens focuses on a One Health approach to solving complex current and future problems. Under his leadership, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine has seen a significant increase in research funding from the National Institutes of Health, United States Department of Agriculture and other external sources.

Givens recently served on the AVMA Council on Education (COE) Strategic Planning Steering Committee and currently serves as an accreditation site visitor for the AVMA COE. Givens is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.