



Dr. Randy Evans will be the first person to tell you that he has had more titles than a 67 Buick. He has worn many hats along his veterinary journey; from sleeping with swine in the barn during his pre-veterinary medicine training to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine to Director of Veterinary Technology to his current role as Associate Dean of Career Services and Professional Development, it's been an interesting journey. After graduation from Auburn University, he worked in a small animal practice in Nashville, Tennessee for 6 months. When an opportunity opened up to return home, he immediately took it and started working as an associate veterinarian at Harrogate Hospital for Animals in Tennessee. Within-2 years he found himself stepping into the world of academia, where he became an instructor and ultimately the Director of Veterinary Technology at Lincoln Memorial University. While he didn't necessarily seek out these career transitions, he was always ready to step up and take on the exciting opportunities. In 2010 when LMU founded the College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Evans says they started at it, because that came before scratch.

In the small town of Harrogate, Tennessee, you will find the beautiful campus of Lincoln Memorial University. Situated in the foothills of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia this state of the art veterinary school offers many amenities like brand new equipment and first rate technology. You will also find friendly, engaging students who will go out of their way to say hello and proudly show off their relatively new campus. At the heart of all of this you will find Dean Evans who is a warm, friendly and familiar face at the university. Everywhere you go students stop him to say hi and share stories about their day. Dean Evans takes time to say hello and seems to know all the students by name. He is definitely a familiar face on the beautiful campus that he proudly calls home.

Many veterinarians set out to be a doctor to enhance the human animal bond. Dr. Evans seems to have fulfilled that passion with the students that he interacts with everyday. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Although he is a shy and unassuming man, you will find him immediately easy to talk to and understand why students at the vet school and children at his church find him to be a friendly and approachable role model. Dr. Evans loves animals and shared a special bond with his dog and exercise companion Hershey for over 14 years, whom he had to recently let go. Losing an animal is always hard, but having the occasional opportunity to serve as a relief doctor in nearby small and mixed animal practices have helped in the grieving process. It also adds a nice balance to his mostly academic lifestyle. If you want to learn more about Dean Evans or the program at LMU, have a look at their website at <http://vetmed.lmunet.edu/faculty-staff/randy-evans/>

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