My goals and dreams for our profession for 2021 and beyond.
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One important goal is to continue to promote our profession as integral to veterinary medicine and as respected members of the veterinary health care team and educate the pet-owning public about our role, education, credentials, etc. We have a lot of work ahead of us as we continue to establish credentialing requirements, title protection, establishing technology scope of practice in every state. Continuing to educate the other veterinary health care team members on how allowing credentialed veterinary technicians benefit the whole team, the hospital, and our veterinary patients.

Educating the public and pet owners who often do not understand our vital role in providing medical and nursing care is essential to our profession's continued advancement. Pet owners want and deserve the best possible veterinary health care for their pets. They can be our allies in our work to require credentialing and scope of practice if we educate them and ask for their help.

My dream for the future of veterinary technology and veterinary nursing is the proper utilization of all members of the veterinary healthcare team. Veterinarians prognosing, prescribing, performing surgery, and delegating all aspects of patient and nursing care. Credentialed veterinary technicians supporting veterinarians, performing at the highest level of their education and training. Veterinary assistants supporting veterinary technicians allows technicians to practice at the highest level of our education and training. The front desk team supporting all members of the veterinary health care team and our clients.

In some states, some hospitals, this dream may be closer to reality than in others. In some states, some hospitals, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done to see my dream become a reality. Change takes time and is often slow; however, change has begun, more change is coming. Our work must continue to achieve our goals and dreams. There will be obstacles and challenges on this road to change; yet, I am confident that positive change is coming for our profession!

In 2021, I look forward to working with the NAVTA Executive Board, committees, and task forces to execute the new NAVTA Strategic Plan as we work to achieve our goals.