



# Dairy Science Student Spotlight

**Who is your favorite cow?**  
Snickerdoodle

**Is almond milk really milk?**  
No! It's like nut water.

**What's your favorite word?**  
I don't know, kumquat?

**Plain or chocolate milk?**  
Chocolate

**Salty or Sweet?**  
Salty

## Vivian Yang

Vivian Yang is a senior from Columbia, MD. After her freshman year at UC Santa Barbara, Yang transferred to the Virginia Tech Department of Dairy Science. Although the transfer required some adjustment, Yang quickly became involved in a number of organizations including Dairy Club, Pre-vet Club and Pi Beta Phi.

Yang will be continuing her education this upcoming fall at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. She is considering either the large animal track or a mixed track with both large and small animals.

**What is something you wish your freshman self knew?**

Definitely live in the moment. It's easy to get overwhelmed while in college but don't let that stress take away from your experiences.

**What is one thing you want consumers to know about the dairy industry?**

Oh man. I wish that they knew that we care about the animals and that we are not just using them for their byproducts. And we treat them with antibiotics not because we want them to make more milk but because they are sick. It should also be noted that when we do treat them, the antibiotics are not going into your milk.

**"...we care about our animals..."**



 **VirginiaTech**  
Invent the Future

**What is your #VTmoment?**

A lot of people have that defining moment but I actually had a pretty hard time adjusting. Once I realized that I had a nice group of friends here and being able to see them while walking around campus made me feel comfortable.

**What are you looking forward to about vet school?**

The vet school just changed their curriculum so after 2nd year you get to get more hands-on experience instead of waiting until 4th year. So, I'm really excited for that since I'm a more hands-on learner. I am pretty nervous because it's obviously going to be really hard, but everyone says that since you love what you're doing you're not really worrying about having to actually learn material. Also, I'm a small person working with such large things, so that's a bit of a concern \*audible laughter\* but I'll just bring a stool with me or something.