During the period of modified operations, Kelly Schepens, director of student programs at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, has ensured all animals in the center are fed and cared for properly. She recently participated in the virtual field trip offerings provided by RPSEC and presented viewers the owls, reptiles and amphibians.

Kelly has been working closely with teachers served by the RPSEC and has conducted a number of live video sessions, while school buildings were closed. She is currently working to develop plans and procedures for offering programs at the RPSEC once guests are allowed back on campus.

"Student groups love getting up close and personal with some of our furry, feathery, and scaly residents. Thanks to Kelly, they will be healthy and ready for our K-12 students when they are able to come back to the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center."

– Dr. Gary Senn, Director of the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center