

Honor Day

Banquet and Exercises



May 19, 1997
Statler Hotel
7:00 P.M.

College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Honor Day Program

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Presiding

Donald F. Smith
Dean

Nita L. Irby
Director of Student Support Services

The Annual Honor Day Banquet is sponsored by
The Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company
of Kalamazoo, Michigan

Prizes and Awards

THE AMERICAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL AWARD

This award is presented to the 4th year student demonstrating outstanding proficiency in small animal medicine and surgery. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the Small Animal Clinic.

Michael Ferris Gorra

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS' AWARD

This award of a recognition plaque and two years free membership in the American Association of Feline Practitioners is awarded to a fourth year student for special interest and accomplishment in feline medicine and surgery. Selection of the recipient is made by the faculty of the Small Animal Clinic.

Rebecca Stronger

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY RADIOLOGY PRIZE

This award of a certificate and one year subscription to *Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound* is awarded to the fourth year student excelling in clinical radiology.

Michael Barry Goldmann

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS' AWARD

This award is given to the fourth year student who has demonstrated outstanding motivation and interest in the art and science of veterinary surgery.

Nathan Carl Heilman - Large Animal

Mark John Thomas - Small Animal

THE PRIZE OF THE AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

This prize, restricted to one student, is presented to the member of the fourth-year class who is deemed to have best advanced the standing of the College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus by special contributions of an extracurricular nature.

Patricia Ernst Grinnell

THE JAMES GORDON BENNETT PRIZE

In 1916, Mr. James Gordon Bennett of New York City endowed this prize for the 4th year student who shows the greatest humaneness in handling animals, with special reference to the use of anesthesia. Mr. Bennett was the editor of the New York Herald (forerunner of the Herald Tribune) a century ago; a man of diverse abilities and interests, he is the person who dispatched Henry M. Stanley in 1870 to find Dr. David Livingstone in Africa. Nominations are made by the faculty of the Section of Anesthesiology in the Department of Clinical Sciences.

Rebecca Stronger

THE ANNE BESSE PRIZE

Miss A. B. Jennings of New York City endowed this prize in 1925 for the best work in large animal medicine. Nominations are made by the Medicine Section faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences. This year the faculty selected two 4th year students for this award.

Tara Susan Rabuffo

Jodi Angela Korich

THE FRANK BLOOM PATHOLOGY AWARD

This prize was established in 1978 from an endowment given by Dr. Frank Bloom. Dr. Bloom, a 1930 Cornell graduate, was a Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, as well as a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He practiced in Flushing, New York, taught at Downstate Medical and published extensively. The nomination of a fourth year student excelling in pathology was made by the Department of Pathology.

Katherine Anne Feldman

THE GARY BOLTON MEMORIAL CARDIOLOGY AWARD

Funds for the endowment of this award were donated by friends and colleagues of Dr. Gary R. Bolton in memory of his outstanding contributions to the field of small animal cardiology. Dr. Bolton was a member of the faculty and taught cardiology for a decade. He was also known and respected as a compassionate veterinarian who exhibited empathy for his patients and their owners. A fourth-year student who has demonstrated understanding and expertise in cardiology and empathy for patients compatible with the philosophy of Dr. Bolton has been nominated by the faculty of the Small Animal Clinic.

Kevin Patrick Wallace

THE CHARLES GROSS BONDY PRIZE

In 1929, Mr. Richard Bondy of New York City endowed this prize, as a memorial to his son, for the best work by a student in the 4th year in the courses in practical medicine and surgery of small animals. Nominations were made by the faculty of the Medicine and Surgery Sections of the Department of Clinical Sciences responsible for teaching in the small animal clinic.

Jean Ann Ferreri

COMPARATIVE ANATOMY AWARD

In 1994, on the occasion of his 50th year class reunion, Dr. Howard Evans ('44) and his wife Erica generously endowed this scholarship within the Department of Anatomy. The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage student participation in anatomical endeavors that pertain to the gross structure or function of any animal (particularly fish, reptile or bird)..

Lillian Irene Good

THE JOHN F. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

John Cummings, BS '58, D.V.M. '62, MS '63, PhD'66, James Law Professor of Anatomy, had a long, distinguished career at Cornell as teacher, researcher and mentor to both veterinary and graduate students. He was an exciting and inspiring teacher, known for his interest in, patience with and compassion for students. Dr. Cummings was also a researcher in comparative neuropathology, internationally renowned for his work with animal models of human neurologic diseases. His untimely death on November 3, 1996 filled everyone who knew him with great sadness. Dr. Cummings was the kind of person that many of us aspire to be. He was a modest person, of the highest integrity, who knew the importance of family, community and social responsibility and who had broad interests, knowledge and expertise outside, as well as inside, of veterinary medicine. He approached every aspect of life with enthusiasm, honesty, integrity, and a legendary sense of humor and wit. He respected and cared for others, and earned their respect and admiration in return. The College of Veterinary Medicine Classes of 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 established a fund to provide an annual award to be given to a member of the 3rd year class who best exemplifies these qualities of Dr. Cummings.

Students in any of the four veterinary classes can nominate a member of the 3rd year class for this award. The recipient of the award is then chosen by a faculty committee from among those students nominated. The first recipient of the John F. Cummings Memorial Award is:

Joseph A. Consigli

THE A. GORDON DANKS LARGE ANIMAL SURGERY AWARD

This award was initiated in 1978 by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences to recognize the outstanding contributions of Professor Emeritus A. Gordon Danks, first Director of Student Administration and Admissions and Chairman of the former Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. It is presented to a fourth year student demonstrating outstanding knowledge and talent in the diagnosis and treatment of surgical problems of large animals. Basic and applied knowledge, diagnostic abilities, general surgical skills, and patient care exhibited during the clinical rotations are considered in the presentation of this award. This year the faculty selected two students for this award.

Leslie Scott DeGroff

Judith Anne Bardsley

THE DONALD D. DELAHANTY MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize was established as a special memorial to Dr. Donald D. Delahanty, a member of the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery from 1952 to 1975. The prize is given to a fourth-year student showing an interest in equine practice and a high level of proficiency in the field. The candidate is nominated by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences concerned with the equine patient..

Catherine Grace Stiner

THE HUGH DUKES PRIZE IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY

This prize was established by former students and friends of Dr. H. Hugh Dukes, who was a pioneer in the education of students in physiology and who served the University and College for 28 years as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physiology. With a view to encouraging veterinary graduates to undertake research and teaching in physiology, the prize is awarded upon the judgment of the veterinary physiology teaching faculty to a veterinary student who has done excellent work in physiology laboratory courses and shows potential for teaching and contributing new knowledge to physiology. Nominations may be made by any faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Kimberly Rebecca Schultz

THE ETTINGER INCENTIVE AWARD

Dr. Stephen Ettinger, Class of 1964, established this award to provide encouragement to all veterinary medical students at Cornell. The award, Dr. Ettinger's *Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, is given to a second-year student who has made the greatest improvement in cumulative GPA between the first and second year.

Michelle Cohen

THE MYRON G. FINCHER PRIZE

This award was initiated in 1980 through an endowment from Dr. Neil W. Pieper, '32, given in honor of Professor Emeritus Myron G. Fincher, '20. It is in recognition of the many contributions to the College by Dr. Fincher. Always a gentleman, he firmly demanded the best from his students and played a leading role in the instruction of large animal medicine and obstetrics for 45 years. It is presented to a fourth year student demonstrating the best work in courses dealing with large animal obstetrics and reproductive diseases. Both academic and practical performance are considered. Nominations are made by the Section of Theriogenology in consultation with other clinical faculty.

Mark John Thomas

THE GENTLE DOCTOR AWARD

The Gentle Doctor Award was originally made possible by Dr. William Hornbuckle's contribution of prize money from the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award received by him in 1979. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kirk established a permanent endowment fund for the continuation of this award. The recipient of the award is a fourth-year student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, exemplifies enthusiasm, motivation and dedication to the delivery of excellent veterinary patient care.

Kevin Patrick Wallace

THE HILL'S "BUDDY" AWARD

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., established this award to honor a 4th year student who has demonstrated excellent problem solving ability, knowledge and application of principles of nutrition throughout the stages of life, as well as in clinical disease in small animal medicine and surgery. This recipient is selected by members of the clinical faculty and those involved in teaching and counseling on clinical nutrition.

Michael Barry Goldmann

THE IAMS COMPANY and VETERINARY EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE SOCIETY AWARD

Iams and the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society sponsor this award given to a 4th year student who is a member of the student chapter of VECCS and has demonstrated excellence, interest, and proficiency in the field of small animal emergency and critical care medicine. The recipient is chosen by the clinical faculty.

Kevin Patrick Wallace – Large Animal

Patricia Ann Kull – Small Animal

THE P. PHILIP LEVINE PRIZE IN AVIAN MEDICINE

This prize was established from donations made by friends and colleagues of Dr. P. Philip Levine in memory of his many contributions to the field of avian medicine, both nationally and internationally. Dr. Levine was a long-time member of the Cornell faculty and was the first chairman of the Department of Avian Diseases. Much of his life was dedicated to the training of young people and to encouraging them to aspire to excellence. In the spirit of encouraging excellence, this prize is awarded to the third-year veterinary student attaining the highest grade in the course on avian medicine. This year two students achieved the same grade.

Lenore Menger-Anderson

Jon E. Littman

THE MERCK MANUAL AWARDS

Merck and Company, Inc., gives engraved copies of the Merck Veterinary Manual to members of the fourth-year who will graduate highest in their class. The recipients in the Class of 1997 are:

Jean Ann Ferreri

Patricia Ernst Grinnell

Patricia Ann Kull

Eric Harris Linnetz

Kimberly Rebecca Schultz

Melanie Ann Spencer

Katherine Ann Feldman

Kristina Rasa Vygantas

THE JANE MILLER PRIZE

Funds for the endowment of this prize were given by Dr. Frank H. Miller, a graduate of McGill University and a trustee of Cornell University for twenty consecutive years. As a memorial to his wife, the prize is awarded to a member of the second-year class who have done the best work in veterinary physiology. Candidates are nominated by the faculty in Department of Physiology.

Karolina Antonia Jameson

THE MALCOLM E. MILLER AWARD

In 1965, Ms. Mary Wells Miller Ewing established this award in memory of her husband, Dr. Malcolm E. Miller, '34, a former professor of anatomy and the head of that department from 1947 to 1960. The recipient is to be a fourth-year student who, in the judgment of the Dean, has demonstrated perseverance, scholastic diligence, and other personal characteristics that will bring credit and distinction to the veterinary profession.

Fernando E. Motta Cobian

THE MARY LOUISE MOORE PRIZE

Dr. Veranus A. Moore established this endowed prize, as a memorial to his wife, for the best work in bacteriology. Dr. Moore served as Chairman of the Pathology and Bacteriology Department and as Dean of the Veterinary College from 1908 to 1930. Nominations are made by the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology.

Natacha Simpkins

THE NEW YORK STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

This prize, which consists of an engraved plaque and a cash award, is provided annually by the Society for the best Senior Seminar. Members of the fourth-year class are eligible to compete. Nominations are made by the Senior Seminar Committee which judges the quality of the seminars. The recipients, listed alphabetically, are:

Leslie Scott DeGross

Kevin Patrick Wallace

The Senior Seminar Committee would also like to recognize the following students with Honorable Mention Awards. Listed alphabetically, they are:

Tracy L. Misner

Todd Phillips Skoglund

Rebecca Stronger

Mark John Thomas

THE NEUROANATOMY-CLINICAL NEUROLOGY PRIZE

In memory of Dr. William B. Forsythe, this prize is awarded to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding expertise and interest in neuroanatomy and clinical neurology. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in neuroanatomy and in clinical neurology.

Georgina Barone

THE LEONARD PEARSON VETERINARY PRIZE

This award, endowed in 1993, is for the 4th year student who most successfully demonstrates the potential for professional and/or academic leadership in veterinary medicine.

Katherine Anne Feldman

THE PHI ZETA AWARD

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta, the honor society of veterinary medicine, acknowledges the second year student with the best academic record upon completion of the first three semesters of study. The recipient of the award receives Ettinger's *Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine*, Volumes I and II.

Karolina Antonia Jameson

THE PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH VETERINARY AWARD

Pfizer Animal Health established this award to foster veterinary medical education by recognizing the outstanding third year student who, through his or her ability, dedication and character, attains a high level of academic achievement and productivity.

Adrienne Bentley

THE COLONEL FLOYD C. SAGER EQUINE OBSTETRICS AND PEDIATRICS AWARD

This award, created on the occasion of Dr. Sager's 90th birthday in 1984 by another Cornellian who trained under Dr. Sager, recognizes a Cornell veterinarian whose name is synonymous with excellence in equine obstetrics and pediatrics. Following Dr. Sager's graduation in 1917, he served in the army Remount Service until after World War II. He then became the veterinarian for the world famous Claiborne Farm in Kentucky where he remained until his death in February, 1986. The fourth year student receiving this award, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, has displayed outstanding aptitude in equine obstetrics and pediatrics.

Jodi Angela Korich

THE E. L. STUBBS AWARD

This prize, contributed by the Mid-Atlantic States Association of Avian Veterinarians, is to be awarded to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding competence and motivation in various areas of avian medicine. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in avian diseases and clinical avian medicine, including the advisor of the Avian Clinic.

Laura Lynn Wade

THE ANNA OLAFSON SUSSEX PATHOLOGY AWARD

This award was endowed in 1974 by Peter and Harriette Olafson in memory of Dr. Olafson's sister. The award is given to a third year student who has done outstanding work in pathology. Recommendations are made by faculty actively engaged in teaching pathology.

Heather Nevill

THE JACOB TRAUM AWARD

Through an endowment established by friends of Jacob Traum, '05, Professor of Bacteriology Emeritus, University of California, and formerly Chief Scientist at the Federal Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory, this prize is awarded to the fourth-year student who is judged by the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology as having exhibited superior interest and accomplishment in bacteriology, epizootiology, pathology, and virology, including an aptitude for and expressed interest in research on infectious diseases. This year the faculty selected two outstanding individuals.

Daryl Van Nydam

Mark John Thomas

THE UPJOHN CLINICAL AWARDS

The Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company gives these prizes to two students considered to be the most proficient in the practice of large animal and small animal medicine. Nominations for these awards are made by the faculty members of the respective departments.

Mark Thomas - Large Animal

Patricia Ernst Grinnell - Small Animal

THE HORACE K. WHITE PRIZE

An endowment for this prize was originally given by Mr. Horace K. White (and later his sons of Syracuse, New York) for the student with the highest academic record during their veterinary training. This award, originally called the President's Prize, dates back to 1873 and is probably the longest-standing prize at Cornell. The original donor was a brother to Andrew Dickson White, the first president of the University.

Jean Ann Ferreri

THE WILD BIRD RESEARCH AND REHABILITATION AWARD

This award, from a University endowment by the same name, is given to a fourth year veterinary student who has demonstrated concern for the rehabilitation of wild birds or who has been involved in research related to wild bird treatment and rehabilitation. Nominations are made by the Jay Hyman Professor of Wildlife Medicine based upon recommendations of concerned faculty.

Julie Esther Pomerantz

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

THE PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

This award is presented annually to a young investigator whose research achievements are likely to have a significant impact on our understanding of the biology or medical management of animals. Nominees must be permanent faculty or senior research associates of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell and must have completed their formal training not more than eight years prior to being nominated. Most of the research shall have been conducted at Cornell within three years of the time of nomination.

Rory J. Todhunter

THE CARL J. NORDEN DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

This award, the recipient of which is selected by members of the 4th year class, goes to a full-time member of the veterinary medical faculty who has demonstrated continued excellence in teaching. Sponsored by the Pfizer Education Alliance, this award was established in 1963 to honor outstanding teachers who shape the future of the profession by inspiring students to the highest levels of achievement and professionalism.

John E. Saidla

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESIDENT AWARD

This honor is awarded to a resident judged to demonstrate exemplary compassion for animal patients and clients, outstanding clinical proficiency in the management of Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital patients, and noteworthy dedication to the training of veterinary students. The recipient is selected by a vote of the fourth year class.

Shannon Flood

