



Celebration of Excellence

2023



School of
Veterinary Medicine
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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AWARDS PROGRAM

Saturday, April 29, 2023

WISCONSIN BALLROOM
MADISON CONOURSE HOTEL

6:00 PM | DINNER
7:00 PM | CEREMONY

WELCOME

LYNN MAKI

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty and Staff Awards

Presented by Patrick Carroll & Brad Wahlgren,
Class of 2023

Professor Peter MacWilliams Pathology Resident Award

To recognize a clinical or anatomic pathology resident who has made outstanding contributions to teaching // *Sponsored by contributions made in honor of Dr. Peter MacWilliams*

Zoe and Lexi Wells Small Animal Technician Awards

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Zoe and Lexi Wells, to recognize two small animal technicians who have demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical service // *Sponsored by Deborah Wells and Thomas DeBeck*

Zoe and Lexi Wells Large Animal Technician Award

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Zoe and Lexi Wells, to recognize a large animal technician who has demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical service // *Sponsored by Deborah Wells and Thomas DeBeck*

Zoe and Lexi Wells Technologist of the Year Award

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Zoe and Lexi Wells, to recognize a technologist who has demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical service // *Sponsored by Deborah Wells and Thomas DeBeck*

Zoe and Lexi Wells Resident Award

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Zoe and Lexi Wells, to recognize outstanding performance in a residency program // *Sponsored by Deborah Wells and Thomas DeBeck*

Resident of the Year Awards

To the residents elected, by a vote of the 4th year class, for outstanding contributions of time and expertise as teachers // *Sponsored by UW Veterinary Care*

Razzy Peterka Large Animal Technician Award

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Razzy, a Thoroughbred Arabian patient at UW Veterinary Care, to a large animal technician for exceptional clinical service // *Sponsored by Yvonne and Don Peterka*

Elliott Peterka Small Animal Technician Award

In appreciation of exceptional care received by Elliott, a canine oncology patient at UW Veterinary Care, to a small animal technician for exceptional clinical service // *Sponsored by Yvonne and Don Peterka*

School of Veterinary Medicine Instructor of the Year Award

To an instructor, nominated from the four classes of veterinary medical students, who has exhibited distinguished teaching and exemplary contributions to the students of the school // *Sponsored by the UW School of Veterinary Medicine*

Boehringer Ingelheim Summer Scholars Mentor of the Year Award

To the faculty member, elected by student researchers in the Summer Scholars Program, who has demonstrated a thoughtful and detailed approach to mentorship, and who has fostered a positive and constructive environment for the DVM summer scholars // *Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc.*

John Sowers Memorial Dental Resident Award

In recognition of exceptional enthusiasm and performance in the dental residency program // *Sponsored by contributions made in honor of Dr. John Sowers*

Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence

To the faculty person voted to have demonstrated outstanding research effort and productivity // *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award

Determined by nominations from the four classes of veterinary medical students and departments in the school, based on character, leadership, and teaching ability in the DVM curriculum // *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Specialty Awards

Presented by Drs. Ruthanne Chun, DVM '91
& Seth Eaton

Ronald D. Schultz Excellence in Immunology Award

In recognition of an outstanding graduate student working in the field of immunology at the School of Veterinary Medicine // *Sponsored by Dr. Craig Dees*

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Certificate of Clinical Excellence Awards

To 4th-year students who demonstrate a sincere interest in internal medicine and outstanding didactic and clinical skills in internal medicine that emulate future clinical scientists and the mission of the ACVIM // *Sponsored by ACVIM*

Equine Dentistry Award

To a student who has demonstrated the skills, dedication, and potential for equine dentistry // *Sponsored by Midwest Veterinary Dental Service*

Dueland Family Orthopedic Award

To a 4th-year student who has shown superior interest and ability in small animal orthopedics // *Sponsored by Dr. Susan J. Hyland and Dr. Kayla Dueland-Kuhn*

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award

In recognition of a 4th-year student who has demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm and understanding in diagnostic and therapeutic veterinary radiology and ultrasound // *Sponsored by ACVR*

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology Award

To a 4th-year veterinary student who has demonstrated excellence in clinical dermatology // *Sponsored by AAVD*

Kaytee Avian & Special Species Excellence Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated excellence in companion bird and non-domestic avian medicine, surgery, and management // *Sponsored by Central Garden and Pet Co.*

Applied Animal Behavior Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated interest and skill in the study of animal behavior // *Sponsored by the Student Animal Behavior Club*

School of Veterinary Medicine Oncology Award

To a 4th-year student who has shown outstanding interest and knowledge in the area of veterinary oncology // *Sponsored by the UW Veterinary Care Oncology Service*

Veterinary Cancer Society Bob Rosenthal Senior Student Award

In recognition of a 4th-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in the care of veterinary oncology patients and aptitude in clinical oncology // *Sponsored by VCS*

American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated excellence and extra effort in ophthalmology // *Sponsored by ACVO*

VECCS Award for Proficiency in Emergency & Critical Care

In recognition of a 4th-year student who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and exceptional proficiency in caring for emergency and critical care patients // *Sponsored by Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS)*

Eberhard Rosin General Surgery Award

In recognition of a 4th-year student who has demonstrated a positive attitude toward and support of colleagues and staff, superior knowledge of general surgery, technical proficiency, and exemplary patient care // *Sponsored by contributions in honor of Dr. Eberhard Rosin*

American College of Veterinary Pathologists Award for Excellence in Veterinary Pathology

To a 4th-year student who has shown outstanding achievement, proficiency, and interest in veterinary pathology // *Sponsored by ACVP*

Comparative Biosciences Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Student Research Award

To a student with significant accomplishment in research during veterinary medical school // *Sponsored by the Department of Comparative Biosciences*

School of Veterinary Medicine Student Research Award

To a student with significant accomplishment in research during veterinary medical school // *Sponsored by the UW School of Veterinary Medicine*

Dechra Excellence in Dermatology Award

To a 4th-year student who has exhibited interest in and enthusiasm for veterinary dermatology, and who has exhibited above average proficiency in the diagnosis and management of dermatological conditions // *Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products*

Dechra Excellence in Small Animal Internal Medicine Award

To a 4th-year student who has exhibited an interest and proficiency in internal medicine including small animal endocrinology // *Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products*

Dechra Excellence in Equine Sports Award

To a 4th-year veterinary medical student who has exhibited above average proficiency in the diagnosis and management of Equine Sports Medicine, rehabilitation and lameness disorders // *Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products*

Zoetis Award for Research Excellence by a Graduate Student or Postdoc

In recognition of a graduate student for outstanding accomplishments and presentation in research // *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Zoetis Award for Research Excellence by an Intern or Resident

In recognition of an intern or resident for their outstanding accomplishments and presentation in research // *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Zoetis Award for Research Excellence by a DVM Summer Scholar

In recognition of a veterinary student for their outstanding accomplishments and presentation in research // *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Dr. William C. Campbell Excellence in Parasitology and Vector Biology Award

In recognition of outstanding research training and achievement in the field of parasitology and/or vector biology // *Sponsored by Dr. William C. Campbell*

Large & Small Animal Awards

Presented by Dr. Paul Merkatoris, DVM '16

American Animal Hospital Association Award for Proficiency in Primary Care

In recognition of an outstanding 4th-year student for clinical proficiency in small animal medicine and surgery // *Sponsored by AAHA*

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Foundation Student Surgical Proficiency Awards

To 4th-year students who have shown superior academic and clinical proficiency in large and small animal surgery // *Sponsored by ACVS*

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated the highest dedication to feline medicine and surgery // *Sponsored by AAFP*

GenOvations Proficiency in Bovine Theriogenology Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated proficiency and interest in advanced reproductive techniques in cattle // *Sponsored by Dr. Nate Dorshorst*

ABS Global, Inc. Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated the greatest clinical proficiency in bovine medicine and surgery // *Sponsored by ABS Global, Inc.*

Equine Podiatry Award

To a student who has demonstrated the skills, dedication, and potential for equine podiatry // *Sponsored by DWJ Equine Forge and Martin Roche Farrier Service*

Excellence in Equine Ambulatory Medicine Award

To a student who has demonstrated skills and dedication for equine ambulatory practice // *Sponsored by Country View Equine Clinic*

Equitarian Award

To a student who has demonstrated dedication and passion for equitarian work in veterinary medicine // *Sponsored by Dr. Judy Batker*

Hill's Pet Nutrition Excellence in Clinical Nutrition Award

In recognition of a 4th-year student who has demonstrated excellence and applied to practice knowledge of small animal clinical nutrition // *Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.*

Nestlé Purina PetCare Nutrition Award

To a 4th-year student who demonstrates interest and excellence in companion animal nutrition // *Sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare Company*

Irongate Equine Award

To an equine student who has demonstrated excellence in clinical skills during their veterinary medicine education // *Sponsored by Irongate Equine Clinic*

John G. Evans Memorial Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in clinical rotations and a commitment to the practice of veterinary medicine // *Sponsored by contributions made in honor of Mr. John Evans*

Rock Valley Veterinary Medical Association Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical proficiency // *Sponsored by Rock Valley VMA*

Humanities Awards

Presented by Dr. Jessica Pritchard

Olson & Severson Student Enrichment Samaritan Awards

To two 4th-year students who have demonstrated compassion and caring while maintaining proficiency in communicating with families of patients // *Sponsored by Ms. Esther Olson and Mr. Weston Severson*

Memorial Pet Services Award

To a 4th-year student who has demonstrated compassion while helping a pet owner navigate the loss of a pet // *Sponsored by Memorial Pet Services*

Hannah Cole Remember and Honor the Bond Award

To a 4th-year student who possesses a great deal of integrity and honesty, exceptional communication skills and attention to detail, and exhibits a strong commitment to honoring the human/animal bond // *Sponsored by Family & Friends of Hannah Cole, UWVC, and SVM*

Peter Bunn Award

To a 4th-year student who, on the recommendation of their peers, has been an exceptional student colleague over four years of study and who exemplifies and promotes leadership, dedication, and inspiration // *Sponsored by contributions from Mrs. Jane Bunn and previous Peter Bunn Award recipients*

Special Presentation by Dr. Scott Spaulding, DVM '91

Carolee Cutting Schueller Memorial Award

To a 4th-year student who has encouraged and supported fellow students while exhibiting exemplary dedication to obtaining the DVM degree // *Sponsored by contributions made in honor of Ms. Carolee Cutting Schueller*

Cathie Rauwald & Timothy Regan Memorial Award

Awarded to a student who unselfishly puts friendship above all else // *Sponsored by contributions made in honor of Ms. Cathie Rauwald and Mr. Timothy Regan*

Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association William J. O'Rourke Memorial Award

To a 3rd or 4th-year student who has demonstrated an interest in, and support of, organized veterinary medicine // *Sponsored by WVMA*

Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Innovation Award

To a student who has demonstrated innovative and/or entrepreneurial creativity leading to a project that impacts or inspires others within the veterinary profession // *Sponsored by Merck Animal Health*

Josephine Walsh Compassion in Animal Care Award

To a 4th-year student who has shown exceptional dedication to the care of small companion animals. This includes dedication to a high standard of medical care and an understanding of the important role that compassion plays in serving the emotional needs of pets and their owners // *Sponsored by Ms. Karen Walsh and Dr. James Berbee*

Morrie Waud Equine Excellence Award

To a 3rd-year student who has followed their dream of becoming an equine-focused veterinarian, and whose contributions have created a positive and collegial environment // *Sponsored by the late Morrie Waud*
Special Presentation by Kristi Thorson, Associate Dean

Morrie Waud Guardian Angel Award

To a 3rd-year student who has exhibited outstanding mentorship and guidance to and among their peers, and who has greatly contributed to fostering a positive and collegial environment // *Sponsored by the late Morrie Waud*
Special Presentation by Kristi Thorson, Associate Dean

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