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National Awards

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Animal Welfare Award
This award is given annually to a veterinarian to recognize achievements in advancing the welfare of animals. **Dr. Jeanette O’Quin** is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine whose research interests include shelter animal health and wellness, prevention of animal homelessness, zoonotic disease prevention and occupational health in animal care workers.

Fellow of National Academy of Inventors
**Dr. Linda Saif**, a researcher in the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Food Animal Health Research Program, was one of 175 academic inventors to be awarded the title of Fellow by the National Academy of Inventors. Saif is an internationally recognized virologist and immunologist. Her research has led to a framework for understanding how the immune system defends itself against viruses that cause intestinal infections in humans and non-human animals, leading to innovative approaches to vaccines and diagnostics.

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) One Health Scholar
A professor in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, **Dr. Armando Hoet** was named an AAVMC One Health Scholar for his lead author case study titled **Q Fever in the Suburbs: Zoonotic Disease Outbreak Tabletop Training Exercise**.

American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) Distinguished Member
**Dr. Thomas Rosol**, a professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, was named Distinguished Member of ACVP at its annual 2016 meeting in New Orleans. The ACVP has 2,500 members and chooses one to two diplomates per year to honor as a distinguished member.
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2016 College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Awards

Dr. Page Yaxley Receives Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award
Chosen by the Honors & Awards Committee from nominations from each professional class, it recognizes outstanding teaching and instruction.

Dr. Rebecca Garabed Receives Dean’s Award for Creativity in Teaching
This award, chosen by the Honors & Awards Committee, recognizes the implementation of innovative approaches to veterinary medical education.

Zoetis Research Award
Dr. Jianrong Li, associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, received the Zoetis Research Award for his body of work investigating mechanisms of entry, replication, gene expression and vaccine development against a number of RNA viruses, including metapneumovirus, norovirus and caliciviruses.

Excellence in Teaching Awards
Every year, the professional veterinary classes choose one faculty member to recognize for teaching ability, caliber of instruction, leadership, character and responsiveness to the needs of the students.

Class of 2016  Dr. Page Yaxley
Class of 2017  Dr. Tatiana Motta
Class of 2018  Dr. Ronaldo daCosta
Class of 2019  Dr. Mary Jo Burkhard
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2016 College of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Alumni

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented during the college’s annual Oath and Hooding ceremony. The awards, voted on by College of Veterinary Medicine faculty, honor prestigious graduates of the college for their professional achievements, contributions to society and support of the university.

Donald L. Burton
Dr. Burton’s award was accepted posthumously by his wife, Susan Burton. Dr. Burton’s passion was helping ill, injured or orphaned wildlife. Starting as an avian, exotic and small animal practitioner, he founded the Ohio Wildlife Center in a garage, later building one of the country’s largest and most respected wildlife clinical care and rehabilitation centers that treats some 5,000 animals of 140 different species each year. Dr. Burton completed his BS (1975), MS (1979), and DVM (1980) at The Ohio State University.

John A.E. Hubbell
Dr. Hubbell, professor emeritus, is the ultimate scholar-teacher-university citizen. He helped build and lead one of the best academic anesthesiology services in the world, contributing to the education and clinical training of thousands of veterinarians. Held in high regard by his peers, he has been called upon repeatedly to fill administrative roles, twice serving as Interim Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hubbell completed his DVM (1977) and MS (1981) at The Ohio State University.

Susan Johnson
Dr. Johnson, professor emeritus, has been one of the college’s most progressive, innovative and creative educators. She took the lead in 10 separate courses, five of which she developed herself. She taught in the preclinical and clinical professional curriculum as well as post-DVM training. Her expertise in the areas of canine and feline liver diseases and gastroenterology have helped her lead the profession with the development of minimally invasive diagnostic procedures. Dr. Johnson completed her DVM (1978) at Purdue University and MS (1982) at Ohio State.

Ira Niedweske
Dr. Niedweske has been a tireless advocate for police dogs throughout his career. He teaches first aid to police dog handlers, provides veterinary services for the US National Police Dog Team, supports dogs that are under the care of the K-9 Warriors Project, and provided medical care to canine police officers injured in the events of 9/11. Having built several successful practices, Dr. Niedweske mentors young veterinarians in the medical, surgical and business aspects of veterinary practice. Dr. Niedweske completed his DVM (1977) and MS (1977) at The Ohio State University.

George Sandusky
Dr. Sandusky’s contributions to the development of new drugs and devices for the treatment of a broad spectrum of cardiovascular, neoplastic and neurologic diseases in people has significantly impacted the profession and society. He has leveraged his experience, expertise and collaborations to lead an effort in tissue banking that serves as a vital multi-institutional resource for investigators seeking therapeutic and diagnostic breakthroughs. Dr. Sandusky completed both his DVM (1971) and MS (1976) at The Ohio State University, and his PhD and Board Certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists at Louisiana State University.

Barbara Trueman, Inaugural Honorary Distinguished Alumna
Mrs. Trueman is a longstanding, passionate and dedicated ambassador and advocate for the College of Veterinary Medicine, and a valuable advisor to its leadership. She helped the college build the Daniel M. Galbreath Equine Trauma and Intensive Care Facility, endowed the Trueman Family Chair in Equine Medicine and Surgery, and established the endowed Trueman Innovation Fund. Mrs. Trueman was instrumental in helping the college with the construction of the Veterinary Medicine Academic Building. Through a generous challenge program, she matched dollar for dollar the final amount needed to complete the building campaign, and in the process helped the college to leverage an additional $6 million for our endowment. A proud alumna, Mrs. Trueman completed her BS (1961) at The Ohio State University.

From left to right: Dr. John A. E. Hubbell, Dr. George Sandusky, Mrs. Susan Burton, Mrs. Barbara Trueman, Dean Rustin M. Moore, Dr. Ira Niedweske and Dr. Susan Johnson.
Dr. Liza Guess Receives the John Lyman Jr. Award for Clinical Teaching Excellence

Dr. Liza Guess, a clinical assistant professor in Small Animal Community Practice, received the award in recognition of her sustained excellence in providing a student-centered environment for clinical education exemplifying compassion, innovation, enthusiasm and ethics in veterinary medicine. She completed her DVM degree at The Ohio State University in 2007 and has been a faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine since 2013.

The award was established in 2004 by Ron Lyman, DVM ’77, to honor his father, a 1950 College of Veterinary Medicine alumnus.

Dr. Teresa Burns Receives the Dr. Charles W. Fox Family Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Teresa Burns, an assistant clinical professor in Equine Internal Medicine, received the award in recognition of her superior ratings derived from course evaluation forms, as well as being a supportive academic citizen for the teaching of our veterinary students. She completed her DVM at Iowa State University in 2004 and received her Masters from Ohio State in 2009. She has been a faculty member since 2009 in Equine Field Services and Equine Medicine. In 2015, she was named a recipient of an Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching as well as the John Lyman Jr. Award for Clinical Teaching Excellence.

The award was established and endowed by the family of Dr. Charles W. Fox, a 1939 College of Veterinary Medicine alumnus.
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2016 Homecoming Award Recipients

Veterinary Alumni Society Recognition Awards

These awards are given to alumni who have shown distinction through their professional activities and/or through their contribution to the development of their community and the public welfare.

Keith Burgett, DVM '69
Carrollton, OH

Dr. Burgett has been active in both his community and professional organizations, including the Ohio Veterinary Medicine Licensing Board and the Ohio and National Cattleman’s Beef Association Boards, on which he served as Region 1 Federation Vice President. He has also made several trips to Russia, serving in its remote villages with the Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance programs, where he taught local veterinarians and villagers animal husbandry and veterinary techniques.

Gerald Johnson, DVM ’68
New York, NY

Widely recognized as the “Father of Veterinary Endoscopy,” Dr. Johnson was the first U.S. veterinarian to use flexible endoscopy in dogs and cats and the first U.S. veterinarian to use laparoscopy as a diagnostic tool for evaluating canine liver disease. During the early days of endoscopy, he developed many of the endoscopic techniques still used today. In 1982, Dr. Johnson established the Chelsea Animal Hospital in New York City where he continued to practice until his retirement in 2011.

Jason Mott, DVM ’96, PhD ’01
Mt. Sterling, OH

In 2007, Dr. Mott began serving as the Associate Director of the Biodefense Research Program at Battelle’s Biomedical Research Center, where he oversaw research focused on the development of vaccines and therapeutics for bacterial, viral, toxic and chemical agents. In 2010 he led a Battelle team in establishing operating guidelines and initiated research efforts in a new U.S. government-built laboratory in the country of Georgia. That lab is now fully functioning as a viable part of the World Health Organization reference laboratory network for infectious disease surveillance.

Michael Terrill, DVM ’86
Eden Prairie, MN

In 1992, Dr. Terrill became the General Manager of live production operations for Farmer John, a Los Angeles-based pork processor. Under his leadership, the company developed into the 12th largest pork production operation in the U.S. In 2005, Hormel Foods acquired Farmer John and he continued in the role of Vice President. Since 2012, Dr. Terrill has been the president and CEO of Topigs Norsvin USA, a global leader in swine genetics, delivering genetic progress through innovation and a worldwide breeding infrastructure.
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