Hello, Alumni!

2016 is a special year for the Office of Career Management. The class of 2016 will be the first class that has had our services the entire four years of their veterinary education. As the cold weather (finally) disappears and the spring flowers begin to bloom, we stop to reflect on how much alumni mean to our office, and how we could not do what we do without you. From the Reunion-Homecoming Luncheon to the Midwest Veterinary Conference, to opening your practice doors for students to work, we thank you for your time and energy! The experiences and advice you offer are invaluable and an integral part of what we do to assist students with their future career goals. This issue is dedicated to all our alumni who give back in important ways—we thank you and look forward to continuing to grow our partnerships with so many of you in the future.

With Much Gratitude,
The Office of Career Management

Amanda Fark, Director
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SPRING SEMESTER 2016 EVENTS

The Midwest Veterinary Conference Alumni Lounge & Connection Corner Luncheon
Alumni connected at the Alumni Lounge, as well as had an opportunity to meet our office and learn more about how the Office of Career Management can serve them. Below right, Dr. Stephen Reichley ’13 gives the keynote at the Connection Corner luncheon, where students were able to meet with employers and alumni and hear about their career paths.

Private Practitioner & Internship/Residency Panel
Private Practitioners Dr. Rex Riggs ’85, Dr. JJ Coate ’12, and Dr. Melissa Forshey ’13 and interns/residents Dr. Adam Rudinsky DVM’11, MS’15, Dr. Grace VanHoy ’15, and Dr. Katie Seeley shared their expertise and advice. Dr. Linda Lord DVM’99, MS’99, PhD’06 also gave the keynote address.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Becoming the Mentor

Dr. Stephen Reichley ’13 is currently pursuing his PhD and is a Clinical Instructor at Mississippi State University. His interesting career path in aquaculture often gets many questions, but more importantly, inspires students to follow their own dreams in veterinary medicine. He is one of many alumni who give back to students by sharing their time, expertise, advice, and serving as a mentor for so many students.

Dr. Reichley always knew he wanted to be a veterinarian, but he did not imagine himself becoming a leader in the field of aquaculture. “In class during my first year at Ohio State, the word ‘aquaculture’ came up. I didn’t know what the word meant and was intrigued as it was explained. I asked the state veterinarian (Dr. Tony Forshey) if there were any fish vets in Ohio that I could ride along with and see what they did. Turned out there weren’t any, but that turned into a job offer as an intern at the Ohio Department of Agriculture working with their aquaculture unit,” he said.

From there, he continued to grow his experience and connections in aquaculture by working on fish farms and working with the State Aquaculture Coordinator. He also spent a summer in Mississippi and with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. During his time in veterinary school, he also had mentors who shared their time and advice with him, and though there are not very many other veterinarians in the field of aquaculture, Dr. Reichley believes you can learn something new from anyone you meet. “I think sometimes students focus on trying to find mentors who are in the career the student aspires to. While it is important to find such mentors, I benefitted greatly from mentors in other career paths; they helped give me a broad perspective and understanding,” he said.

Though Dr. Reichley currently resides in Mississippi, he often makes his way to Ohio to share his important and invaluable advice with students. “It is great when you finish a club meeting or during a networking luncheon when a student comes up completely blown away by the concept of aquaculture. It’s such a neat experience because I remember being in the same position years ago. The student has never heard of veterinarians who take care of fish and aquatic animals, it is a novel concept which leads to so many questions. The curiosity and interest of the students definitely energizes and motivates me.”

Dr. Reichley also gave the keynote at the 2016 Midwest Veterinary Conference Connection Corner Luncheon. He has continuously provided guidance and advice to students with interest in all fields of veterinary medicine. Serving as a mentor is an important way alumni give back every day, and Dr. Reichley is just one example of the many alumni who assist current veterinary students in growing their skills and confidence as future professionals. As Dr. Reichley says, “Networking and mentoring (both as a mentee and mentor) have paid tremendous dividends for me. The return on investment has been unbelievable – leading to rewarding personal and professional relationships. These are two of the most important and fun aspects of my career.”
Student Feature: Michelle Tabisz ’16

Michelle Tabisz will be graduating in just a few short days and jetting off to Australia, where she will begin her career as a Mixed Animal Associate Veterinarian at Cooper Street Veterinary Clinic. “Throughout veterinary school doctors kept telling us that our degree can open many doors. So I decided to look at overseas opportunities and see what additional doors I can open,” said Tabisz.

Practicing medicine in a new country will be an exciting adventure, and Tabisz is up for the challenge. “I think a big challenge will be learning about different drugs that they use, and it will be challenging to learn what is legal and illegal to use in food animals. Another big challenge will be learning to drive on the other side of the road.” She is also looking forward to expanding her veterinary skills and learning from the doctors at Cooper Street Veterinary Clinic. “I'm most looking forward to experiencing veterinary medicine in a different part of the world. There are so many differences in every country, and I think it will be interesting to learn how and why they do certain things,” she said.

The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine gives students the skills they need to succeed in every facet of veterinary medicine and in any career path they choose. Tabisz is prepared to put her degree into action. “Ohio State gave me a solid foundation of veterinary medicine through all the core classes and the many electives that I took during my first three years. And Ohio State has constantly pushed and challenged me to think through problems, to analyze cases, and to "be the doctor" during clinics,” she said.

As Tabisz goes from a student to an alumna, she reflects back on her time at Ohio State: “My time at Ohio state flew by way too fast. I couldn't imagine going to a different vet school, and I know that my experience has prepared me well for my future career as a mixed animal practitioner. I plan on making buckeyes in Australia and sharing the delicious candy with everyone. And despite the large time zone change I still plan on cheering for the buckeyes as I will watch the football team play on tv.”
Job Postings & Practices for Sale from the Career Center

Employers are often seeking veterinarians with more experience than recent graduates. The Career Center is a resource for you as both an employer and a job seeker.

For Sale

http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8043583/veterinary-hospital-for-sale
http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8097567/practice-for-sale
http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/7985279/associate-veterinarian-to-join-aaha-health-care-team
http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8001135/wellness-veterinarian

Hiring

Veterinarian: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8094557/veterinarian
Medical Director: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8087125/medical-director-veterinarian
Surgeon: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8079261/surgeon
Criticalist: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8067603/criticalist-veterinarian
Internal Medicine Veterinarian: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8067619/internal-medicine-veterinarian
Emergency Veterinarian: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8067609/er-veterinarian
Relief Veterinarian: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8025585/relief-veterinarian-supplement-your-income-nationwide
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Associate Dean for Research: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/7902945/associate-dean-for-research-and-post-graduate-education-college-of-veterinary-medicine
Medical Director: & director of Veterinary Technology Program: http://osuvetjobs.org/jobs/8079010/medical-director-and-director-of-veterinary-technology-program
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