Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Awards and Scholarships Committee, I welcome you to our 2012 awards celebration. Today we recognize a special group of students whose accomplishments are many and whose futures are bright.

We also recognize and sincerely thank our donors, who make this day possible. With their gifts, donors demonstrate their belief in the significance of veterinary medicine, in our faculty’s ability to educate the next generation of veterinarians, and in our students’ potential to advance our profession. We are especially pleased that many of our donors could join us for this afternoon’s celebration.

Nominating faculty and the selection committee have worked hard to ensure that recipients meet the criteria established by the donors. We are very proud of our awardees, with ranges in interests and strengths, including outstanding successes in the classroom and the clinics as well as noteworthy leadership and volunteerism. Please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishments.

Once again, welcome, and thank you for your support and generosity.

Dr. Laura Garrett, Chairperson
Awards and Scholarships Committee
ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME
Dr. Laura Garrett, Clinical Associate Professor,
Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine

LUNCHEON

RECOGNITION OF DONORS AND RECIPIENTS
Dr. Herbert Whiteley, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

RECOGNITION OF PHI ZETA INDUCTEES
Dr. Timothy Fan, Associate Professor,
Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine

SPEAKERS
Dr. Kevin Dajka, Alumni Association President, Class of 2003
Dr. Gary Salisbury, Class of 1969, and Mrs. Linda Salisbury
Michelle Coole, representing the Lisa Coole Family
Sara Uphoff, Class of 2013

Those wishing to have a photograph taken may do so after the program.
Phi Zeta Initiation

The Phi Zeta veterinary fraternity recognizes and promotes scholarship and research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals. We are proud to induct the following individuals into the University of Illinois Mu Chapter.

Class of 2012
Jessica Avery  
Caroline Cua  
Sean Etter  
Gloriann Golden  
Jenna Heft  
Kalyn Herzog  
Thomas Maske  
Jonathan Stack  
Katie Stoll

Class of 2013
Rhiannon Ardisana  
Ryan Bailey  
Emily Bane  
Carly Campbell  
Jayme Jeffries  
Teri Kidd  
Peter Langer  
Todd Marlo  
Shannon McGill  
Scott Michels  
Andrea Miller  
Kerry Spiewak  
Sara Uphoff

Faculty/Graduate Students
Dr. Jordyn Boesch, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Dr. Corinne Bromfield, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Dr. Ashley DeFrancisco, Pathobiology
Dr. Elizabeth Driskell, Pathobiology
Dr. Bahaa Fadl-Alla, Pathobiology
Dr. Arnon Gal, Pathobiology
Dr. Amber Labelle, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Dr. Stephane Lezmi, Pathobiology
Dr. Ashley Mitek, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Dr. Jason Pieper, Veterinary Clinical Medicine
Dr. Amy Schnelle, Pathobiology
Dr. Artem Shkumatov, Pathobiology
Dr. Rommel Tan, Pathobiology
GEORGE H. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
For a student who has strong people and practice skills and a background in the standardbred industry or an interest in practicing in equine medicine in general.
*Sponsored by the George H. Alexander Memorial Endowment Fund*
Kathryn Golden

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS’ STUDENT AWARD
For interest and accomplishments in feline medicine and surgery.
*Sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners*
Melissa Clayton

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY ANESTHESIOLOGISTS CLINICAL PROFICIENCY STUDENT AWARD
For a student who has exemplified clinical proficiency in anesthesia.
*Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists*
Kevin Attermeier

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY AWARD
As selected by the college’s ACVO diplomates.
*Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology*
Lindsay McReynolds

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY RADIOLOGY AWARD
For outstanding enthusiasm and understanding in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.
*Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Radiology*
Krystina Stadler

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AWARD
For academic and clinical proficiency in small animal or large animal surgery.
*Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons*
Sean Etter

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LABORATORY ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS AWARD
For demonstrated interest and potential in the field of laboratory animal medicine.
*Sponsored by the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners*
Abbie Wolf
American Veterinary Medical Association
Professional Liabilities Insurance Trust Scholarship
For a senior student with demonstrated financial need, a U.S. resident, and for maintaining continuous SCAVMA membership.
Sponsored by the AVMA PLIT

Brittany Rose

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Senior Student Award
For a senior student who has been outstanding in the prestigious advancement of veterinary medicine at the University of Illinois.
Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association

Josephine Miller

Bayer Advantage Multi Award for Parasitology
For a demonstrated passion for parasitology and a dedication to disease prevention.
Sponsored by Bayer Healthcare LLC

Denise Studer

Bayer Compassionate Communications Scholarship
For strong communication skills, a commitment to honor the human-animal bond through patient and compassionate interactions with clients, and willingness to go above and beyond to help understand a pet’s illness.
Sponsored by Bayer Healthcare LLC

Lindsay McReynolds

Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship
For an Illinois resident from Iroquois, Vermilion, or Edgar counties.
Sponsored by the Dr. Wes & Sheila Bieritz Scholarship Endowment Fund

Heather Honious

Bil•Jac Student Scholarship in Nutrition
For demonstrated interest in small animal nutrition and a high grade point average in the small animal nutrition course.
Sponsored by Bil•Jac Dog Food

Robin Bohaty
**Dr. Loyd E. Boley Scholarship**
For a student with aptitude in food animal practice and financial need.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Loyd E. Boley Endowment Fund*

**Mark Sauder**

**Bornsen Family Scholarship**
For a student in good academic standing with financial need.
*Sponsored by the Bornsen Family Foundation*

**Eleanor Fulgencio**  **E. Bastian Parsons**  **Kiira Rodriguez**
**Peter Langer**  **Karoline Roderer**

**Dr. and Mrs. Wally Brandt Award**
For interest in rural veterinary medicine.
*Sponsored by the Dr. & Mrs. Wally Brandt Endowment Fund*

**Amber Spaur**

**Dr. Marcus L. Brown, Jr., Memorial Scholarship**
For a fourth-year student from Southern Illinois with demonstrated interest in practicing small animal medicine.
*Sponsored by the Marcus L. Brown, Jr., Endowment Fund*

**Alicia Hines**

**Mary L. Brundage Scholarship**
For an incoming or current student from Winnebago County.
*Sponsored by the Mary L. Brundage Scholarship Endowment Fund*

**Benjamin Bergstrom**  **Sarah Francik**

**Dr. Michael Buedel Award**
For a student from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine who is participating in clinical rotation training at Illinois, with preference for those interested in managing and owning multiple practices.
*Sponsored by Dr. Michael Buedel*

**Allison Pustelak**
**Alice C. and Robert C. Campbell Scholarship in Loving Memory of the Campbell Cats**

The dean of the College awards these scholarships to incoming first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

*Sponsored by the Alice C. & Robert C. Campbell Scholarship Fund in Loving Memory of the Campbell Cats*

**Nichole Avery**

**Marvin T. and Carolyn B. Case Scholarship**

For a student who ranks in the top half of the class, has good communication and people skills, and has an interest in a non-practice career such as academia, research, industry, or laboratory animal medicine.

*Sponsored by the Dr. Marvin T. & Carolyn B. Case Endowment Fund*

**Terese Noe**

**Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Instructor Award**

Given to an instructor who provides excellence in clinical instruction as chosen by the previous two years of Illinois veterinary graduates who are members of the CVMA.

*Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association*

**Dr. Megan Mahoney**

**Chicago Veterinary Medical Association President’s Scholastic Award**

For demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery.

*Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association*

**Jonathan Stack**

**Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship**

For an essay on how the student will benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area; the student must also have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, financial need, and continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

*Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association*

**Jolie Hunsinger**
Class of 1952 Food Animal Scholarship
For strong interest in pursuing a career in large animal medicine or food animal medicine; preference is given to males who are Illinois residents.
Sponsored by the Class of 1952 Endowment Fund
Travis Beasley  Jason Zwilling

Class of 1954 Scholarship
For a student in good academic standing.
Sponsored by the Class of 1954 Endowment Fund
Olga Vinogradova

Class of 1963 Scholarship
For high financial need.
Sponsored by the Class of 1963 Endowment Fund
Rebecca Brockman

Class of 1965 Scholarship
For a student in good academic standing.
Sponsored by the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund
Ian Sweeney

Class of 1974 Scholarship
For a good academic standing and financial need.
Sponsored by the Class of 1974 Endowment Fund
Megan Garvey

Class of 1975 Scholarship
Given to the third-year student who demonstrates the greatest enthusiasm and devotion for veterinary medicine through personal actions and community deeds.
Sponsored by the Class of 1975 Endowment Fund
Dayle Dillon

Janis Audin Memorial/Class of 1979 Scholarship
For a third-year student who has emotional maturity and strong leadership and people skills, is in good academic standing, is involved with the student chapter of the AVMA; classmates vote to select five finalists, and winner is selected by the awards committee.
Sponsored by the Class of 1979 Endowment Fund and Friends of Janis Audin
Todd Marlo
Class of 1983 Scholarship
Chosen based on a personal statement describing working relationships with practicing veterinarians, extracurricular activities, involvement with student organizations, and career goals; the student must also show financial need.
*Sponsored by the Class of 1983 Endowment Fund*

Meghan Ward

Class of 1987 Scholarship
For a student in good academic standing.
*Sponsored by the Class of 1987 Endowment Fund*

Chelsea Hieronymus

Class of 1988 Scholarship
For an Illinois resident who is a third- or fourth-year student, with preference given to those with financial need and academic merit.
*Sponsored by the Class of 1988 Endowment Fund*

Artem Cheprasov

Class of 1990 Scholarship
For financial need.
*Sponsored by the Class of 1990 Endowment Fund*

Jason Zwilling

Loren Lee Cluster Scholarship
For a student with good academic standing and financial need.
*Sponsored by the Loren Lee Cluster Endowment Fund*

Kerry Spiewak

Lisa Ann Coole Memorial Scholarship
For demonstrated exceptional community service for animals or humans.
*Sponsored by the Lisa Coole Memorial Endowment Fund*

Sarah Andermann  Serena Lawfer

Dr. Richard E. Dierks Veterinary Alumni Scholarship
For academic achievement and financial need.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Richard E. Dierks Endowment Fund*

Brian Broekman  Lindsay Stanko
JOAN B. DOBROVOLNY SCHOLARSHIP IN VETERINARY MEDICINE
For a third-year student with an interest in small animal medicine and a high academic standing. Preference given to students who are Illinois residents.
Sponsored by the Joan B. Dobrovolny Endowment Fund
Anna Massie

DR. ALBERT S. DORN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SMALL ANIMAL DENTISTRY AND ORAL SURGERY
For excellence, competence, interest, and achievement in small animal dentistry and oral surgery.
Sponsored by the Albert Dorn Dentistry Award Fund
Jane Hill

JOSEPH L. DORNER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VETERINARY CLINICAL PATHOLOGY
For demonstrated expertise in the application of applied and interpretive aspects of clinical pathology principles in the senior clinical rotations.
Sponsored by the Dr. Joseph L. Dorner Endowment Fund
Lisa Bourazak

BELLE M. DRAKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
For a second- or third-year student pursuing a DVM degree with preference given to students who have participated in a 4-H program for a minimum of seven years.
Sponsored by the Belle M. Drake Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
Serena Lawfer

EXCEPTIONAL CARE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE
For exemplary compassion when interacting with clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and strong interest in companion animals.
Sponsored by the Bernardoni Family
Caroline DiCarlo

DR. WALTER L. AND MARY LOU FEHRENBACHER SCHOLARSHIP
For an Illinois native with interest in pursuing a career in food animal medicine or rural mixed practice; preference is given to a married student with children.
Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Fehrenbacher and Mr. & Mrs. David Fehrenbacher
Brandilynn Saas
**Clint Franks Memorial Scholarship**
For a fourth-year student tracking general or food animal medicine who is a member and active participant of the Production Medicine Club. Preference given to those who have taken a leadership role within the club. Recipient should have strong interest in rural practice and production medicine.
*Sponsored by family and friends of Clint Franks*

**Thomas Maske**

**Alice H. Fruit Memorial Award**
For good academic standing and financial need.
*Sponsored by the Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship Fund*

**Nicole Dahm**

**Drs. Gail and Joseph Golab Animal Welfare Scholarship**
For financial need and demonstrated interest in rational and practical approaches to solving problems of animal welfare.
*Sponsored by the Drs. Gail and Joseph Golab Animal Welfare Scholarship Fund*

**Alison Bizzul**  
**Stacey Dehlinger**  
**Sarah Lowe**

**David F. and Margaret T. Grohne Scholarship**
For a U.S. citizen with a minimum grade point average of 3.0/4.0 scale and demonstrated leadership qualities.
*Sponsored by the David F. & Margaret T. Grohne Scholarship Fund*

**Katie Stoll**

**Frances Grolock Recruitment Scholarship**
For top students entering their first year of study as part of their recruitment package to Illinois.
*Sponsored by the Frances Grolock Endowment Fund*

**Dana Ames**  
**Paul Koepnick**  
**Allison Sommerkorn**  
**Brittany Banning**  
**Samantha Limbaugh**  
**David Strathman**  
**Nicholas Ferrari**  
**Christopher Lin**  
**Ann Wenzel**  
**Rachel Fischer**  
**Brittany McHale**  
**Stacy Whitton**  
**Robyn Grant**  
**Nicole Rosenhagen**  
**Michael Wibel**  
**Kelli Kant**  
**Katharine Schlist**
Anna M. Gulick Scholarship
For a good academic record, moral character, and financial need.
Sponsored by the Anna M. Gulick Endowment Fund
Kristina Gronkiewicz

Dr. Stephen P. and Mrs. Denyse L. Hadley Christian Veterinary Mission Scholarship
Preference is given to an active member of the Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship who is actively raising funds for mission work.
Sponsored by the Dr. Stephen P. & Mrs. Denyse L. Hadley Christian Veterinary Mission Scholarship Fund
Todd Marlo

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Student and Faculty Collegiality Awards
Provided to a deserving student and faculty member who enhance a cooperative learning environment among students and a constructive mentoring/coaching relationship between faculty and students.
Sponsored by Dr. Lloyd & Mrs. Jean Helper
Dr. Amber Labelle Nicole Dahm

Dr. H. Preston Hoskins Award
For proficiency in technical writing or editorial service for veterinary publications.
Sponsored by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association & the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association
Sean Etter

Illinois Reptile and Amphibian Medicine Scholarship
For strong interest and aptitude in reptile or amphibian medicine.
Sponsored by Donations From Illinois Veterinarians Working With Reptiles and Amphibians
Kourtney Grimm

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Scholarship
For student membership in ISVMA, continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, minimum grade point average of 2.5, and financial need, with preference given to an Illinois resident.
Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA
Barbara Batke
Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarships

For current class representatives.

Sponsored by the ISVMA

First-Year Class Representative: TBD

Second-Year Class Representative: Stacey Dehlinger

Dr. John T. Creasey ISVMA Memorial Scholarship for the Third-Year Class Representative: Scott Michels

Clint L. Franks ISVMA Memorial Scholarship for the Fourth-Year Class Representative: Andrew Hennefent

Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Award

For overall proficiency in veterinary clinical medicine.

Sponsored by the Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association

Sean Etter

Lily Ireland Scholarship

For financial need, interest in specializing in the care of small animals, and good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Endowment Fund

Rhiannon Ardisana Julia Disney
Stephanie Bender Kari Swanson

Lily Ireland Scholarship: Recruitment

As part of recruitment package to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Matching Fund

Dustin Babler Maxwell Huschen Emily Schoenrock
Brittany Blackmore Marni Lapin Bridget Sheehan
Kayleigh Bull Kathryn Maltry Amber Slaughter
Kody Carr Patricia Mullin Alyssa Weeden
Melissa Cavaretta Chad O’Connor Gregory Zuendt
Caroline Fallon Stacey Piotrowski
Joshua Good Holly Richards
**Virginia R. Ivens Scholarship**  
For financial need, with preference given to a female student or minority student of either gender.  
*Sponsored by the Professor Virginia R. Ivens Endowment Fund*  
**Sydney Bobo**

**Christian Jensen and Regina Jensen Scholarship**  
For academic merit and financial need.
*Sponsored by the Christian & Regina Jensen Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Endowment Fund*  
**Alicia Hines**

**Jester Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine**  
For interest in mixed animal practice, with preference given to male students in good academic standing.
*Sponsored by the Jester Harms Scholarship Fund*  
**Scott Michels**

**Betty J. Jones and the Cassius Cat Foundation Scholarship**  
Based on a minimum GPA of 3.0 and financial need. Recipient must write an essay on why they chose veterinary medicine and what they plan to do with their degree.
*Sponsored by the Betty J. Jones and the Cassius Cat Foundation*  
**Megan Garvey**

**Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club Scholarship**  
For a resident of Kankakee or Iroquois County who has an interest in a career working with dogs or small animal research and who demonstrates abilities for a promising career in veterinary medicine.  
*Sponsored by the Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club*  
James Small Memorial Award: **Chad O’Connor**  
John T. Conklin Memorial Award: **Shannon Streets**

**Dr. Edward C. Khuen Memorial Award**  
For proficiency in small animal dentistry.  
*Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association*  
**Chelsea Hieronymus**
**Tony and Meg Kremer Help Save Pets Scholarship**
For a student interested in shelter medicine and a commitment to decrease pet overpopulation.
*Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. & Margaret A. Kremer

Ramune Kulikauskaite

**Dr. Anthony T. Kremer Scholarship for Small Animal Surgery**
For demonstrated interest and skill in small animal orthopedic surgery in a student pursuing a career in private practice.
*Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. & Margaret A. Kremer

Sean Etter

**Kremer Veterinary Services Scholarship**
For an interest in the economics of veterinary medicine and small animal practice management.
*Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. & Margaret A. Kremer

Colleen Roy

**Dr. Vaylord D. Ladwig Memorial Scholarship**
For strong interest in food animal medicine, preferably in the area of swine; financial need is a secondary consideration.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Vaylord D. Ladwig Endowment Fund

Scott Michels

**Lake County Humane Society Scholarship**
For a native of Lake County with financial need and good academic standing.
*Sponsored by the Lake County Humane Society

Marina McCarthy

**Eve Larocca Award**
For current membership in the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, with demonstrated exemplary service and leadership in any of the student organizations and good academic standing.
*Sponsored by the Regional Chapters of the ISVMA

Caroline Cua
**Patricia Lawrence Memorial Scholarship**
For a student with financial need who has owned or shown or whose family members have owned or shown Great Danes.
*Sponsored by the Illini Great Dane Club*
Matthew Cornell

**Tanner Leong Memorial Scholarship**
For demonstrated superior achievement in dermatology.
*Sponsored by Keng & Betty Leong*
Tiffany Moldenhauer

**Drs. Sam and Nancy Lerner Award**
For a third- or fourth-year student of good character, good communication skills, academic achievement, and submitted proposal for a research project that would benefit dogs or cats.
*Sponsored by the Drs. Sam & Nancy Lerner Endowment Fund*
Nicole Dahm

**Dr. Roger P. Link Scholarship**
For excellence in professional studies and distinguished leadership in the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association or other constituent groups.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Roger P. Link Endowment Fund*
Jessica Avery

**Dr. Heidi Lott Memorial Award**
For a well-rounded student in good academic standing with financial need who is pursuing a career in practice and is a resident of Tazewell or Woodford County, the city of Peoria, or the Mississippi Valley region.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Heidi Lott Endowment Fund*
Jamie Reichert

**Lutz Family Endowment – iFARMS Award**
For a student who participates in the Illinois Food Animal Reproduction, Medicine, and Surgery program.
*Sponsored by the Lutz Family Endowment Fund*
Blake Miller  Brittany Wojcicki
Meghan Ward  Jason Zwilling
**Dr. William Magrane Clinical Ophthalmology Award**  
For exceptional performance in the clinical ophthalmology rotation.  
*Sponsored by the Magrane Ophthalmology Fund*  
**Lindsay McReynolds**

**Dr. Sandra Manfra Marretta Veterinary Dental Award**  
For a third-year student who has a keen interest in veterinary dentistry and is a member of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Dental Society.  
*Sponsored by Barron P. Hall, DVM, and the Animal Dental Clinic*  
**Matt Ulrich**

**Dr. Frances Joan Masser Scholarship**  
For a veterinary student in good academic standing.  
*Sponsored by the Frances Joan Masser Endowment Fund*  
**Sara Uphoff**

**Dr. Patrick C. Matchette Scholarship**  
For a resident of DuPage County with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.  
*Sponsored by the Dr. Patrick C. Matchette Endowment Fund*  
**Ryan McCann**

**Mattoon Kennel Club Award**  
For a native of Coles, Effingham, or Fayette County with an interest in small animals, with preference given to the interest area of dogs.  
*Sponsored by the Mattoon Kennel Club*  
**Kari Swanson**

**David and Bonnie McConnell Scholarship**  
For a student with a solid foundation in basic sciences; a questioning mind; a work ethic reflecting perseverance, self-reliance, and initiative; a willingness to accept responsibility in the face of financial need; and collegiality and a positive attitude. The student must have current membership in the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.  
*Sponsored by the Dr. & Mrs. David McConnell Endowment Fund*  
**Keith True**
McLaughlin Family Scholarship
For interest in small animal medicine and surgery in a student who has been a member of the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association for two years and who has good academic standing.
Sponsored by the McLaughlin Family Endowment Fund
Melissa Elliott

Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Faculty Award
For a faculty member who demonstrates compassion in effectively dealing with the bonds that exist between small animal companions and their owners.
Sponsored by Dr. Beryl D. & Renee Mell Endowment Fund
Dr. Laura Garrett

Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Senior Student Award
For a student who exemplifies the ability to show compassion in effectively dealing with the bond that exists between small animal companions and their owners.
Sponsored by Dr. Beryl D. & Renee Mell Endowment Fund
Josephine Miller

Merck Veterinary Manual Award
For fourth-year students on the Dean’s List with a grade point average of 3.75 or greater.
Sponsored by Merck & Company

Danielle Allenbaugh
Jessica Avery
Artem Cheprasov
Caroline Cua
Nicole Dahm
Sean Etter
Kimberly Galloway
Gloriann Golden
Jessica Green

Kristina Gronkiewicz
Jenna Heft
Kalyn Herzog
Chelsea Hieronymus
Thomas Maske
Tiffany Moldenhauer
Emma-Leigh Pearson
John Plunkett
Colleen Roy

Adam Schelkopf
Jamie Schwartz
Jonathan Stack
Krystina Stadler
Katie Stoll
Amy Thomas
Kate Varela

Jerrold and Marian Michaels Scholarship
For a native or resident of McHenry County with financial need.
Sponsored by the Jerrold & Marian Michaels Scholarship Fund
Kathryn Golden
MIDWEST ALPACA OWNERS AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AWARD
For demonstrated interest in camelid studies and financial need.
Sponsored by the Midwest Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association
Nanci Richards

DR. CHRISTOPHER MOBERLY SCHOLARSHIP IN VETERINARY MEDICINE
For a student with excellent leadership qualities who exhibits potential of good surgical skills, has excellent abilities in communicating with clients, is respected by classmates, and exhibits sensitivity and compassion for the wellness of all living creatures.
Sponsored by the Dr. Christopher Moberly Endowment Fund
Amanda Smith

WANDA L. MUNTWYLER SCHOLARSHIP
For a student who is highly involved in activities that further the prevention of cruelty to animals (companion animals and/or wildlife) and strengthening the human-animal bond and who has financial need.
Sponsored by the Wanda L. Muntwyler Foundation for Animals
Christine Fox Sarah Lowe

NAVC ON CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE AWARD
For the third-year class representative to attend the North American Veterinary Conference during their fourth year.
Sponsored by the North American Veterinary Conference
Amanda Smith

NESTLÉ PURINA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPANION ANIMAL NUTRITION
For demonstrated excellence and a strong interest in companion animal nutrition.
Sponsored by Nestlé Purina Pet Care
Jennifer Moczarnik

NOVARTIS ANIMAL HEALTH AND ETHICON SURGERY AWARD
For a fourth-year student with proficiency in surgery.
Sponsored by Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. and Ethicon
Sean Etter
Novartis Parasitology Award
For the second top student in parasitology class.
Sponsored by Novartis Animal Health US, Inc.
Nicole Gillham

OTS Advisor Scholarship
For a member of the Omega Tau Sigma veterinary fraternity based upon an essay describing how he or she has personally demonstrated the spirit of OTS.
Sponsored by the OTS Theta Chapter & Alumni
Justin Suchomel

Christine K. and David M. Heine Otto Award
For demonstrated compassion when interacting with clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, leadership and communication skills, and a strong interest in the human-animal bond.
Sponsored by Christine K. & David M. Heine
Traci Leslie

Pfizer Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship
For second- or third-year students who have demonstrated academic excellence and financial need. Recipients also judged on how they can meet the ongoing needs of the veterinary profession - diversity, sustainability, and mixed/rural animal medicine.
Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation
Alison Bizzul        Erika Eigenbrod        Amanda Wanner
Aaron Buck          Michael Ficklin       Meghan Ward
Alice Bugman        Todd Marlo           Brittany Wojcicki
Brittany Cacciottoli Scott Michels       Krystal Woo
Dallas Duncan       Lindsay Stanko       Reid Zehr

Pfizer Teaching Award
For a full-time faculty member with outstanding teaching ability as well as dedication, character, and leadership qualities, and contributions to the advancement of the profession.
Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health
Dr. Amber Labelle
Severn Provus and Birdell Eck Provus Scholarship
For a student with financial need who is pursuing a career in small animal medicine; preference is given to minority students as well as those with experience at a humane society or animal shelter.

*Sponsored by the Severn Provus & Birdell Eck Provus Scholarship Endowment Fund

Krystal Woo

Lester E. Puhse Memorial Scholarship
For a resident of Madison, St. Clair, Jersey, or Macoupin counties who has shown satisfactory academic progress and who plans to enter small animal practice.

*Sponsored by Evelyn Puhse Carapella and the Edwardsville Kennel Club

Brittany Cacciottoli

Dr. J. Wayne Rehn Scholarship
For a student member of the ISVMA with a rural or food animal background, demonstrated achievements in 4-H or FFA, sound integrity, good academic standing, and sincere interest in pursuing a career in rural veterinary medicine.

*Sponsored by the Dr. J. Wayne Rehn Scholarship Endowment Fund

Jolie Hunsinger

Charles Renegar Family Scholarship
For a student with financial need.

*Sponsored by the Charles Renegar Family Endowment Fund

Nicole Pach Hoyt Rees

Dr. Harry Reynolds Pathology Award
For the highest grade point average in general pathology.

*Sponsored by the H. A. Reynolds Memorial Endowment Fund

Jolie Hunsinger

Doris Rivera Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine
For a student with financial need.

*Sponsored by the Doris Rivera Endowment Fund

Matthew Szalay
**Dr. Sheldon B. Rubin Scholarship**
For third- or fourth-year students who have strong leadership and communication skills, both written and verbal. Preference given to students with active membership in organized veterinary medicine at either the state or national level.

*Sponsored by the Dr. Sheldon B. Rubin Endowment Fund*

*Alicia Hines*

**Cedric and Edna Rybolt Scholarship**
For an Illinois resident based on academic merit and financial need.

*Sponsored by the Cedric & Edna Rybolt Scholarship Fund*

*Emma-Leigh Pearson*

**Dr. David A. Saidel Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship**
The dean of the College awards these scholarships to incoming first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

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*Michael Manthey*

**Dr. Gary and Linda Salisbury Scholarship**
For an Illinois, male student, with financial need.

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*Matthew Timmons*

**Dr. J. E. Salsbury Scholarship**
For students with financial need who exhibit superior scholarship, initiative, perseverance, and potential for leadership.

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*Barbara Batke*  
*Shannon McGill*  
*Robin Bohaty*  
*Andrea Miller*  
*Teri Kidd*  
*Kerry Spiewak*  
*Peter Langer*  
*Sara Uphoff*  
*Todd Marlo*  
*Reid Zehr*
Dr. Jesse Sampson Award
For demonstrated scholarship, achievement, and aptitude in physiology.
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Stephanne Levin

Sandrik Family Scholarship
For an Illinois resident who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need.
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Ryan Bailey

Simmons Educational Fund Business Aptitude Award
For a well-rounded individual who has an interest in the business of veterinary practice and who is ethical, self-directed, and a team player.
Sponsored by Simmons & Associates Educational Trust Fund
Sarah Funk

Cora E. and Lora M. Sims Scholarship
For top students entering their first year of study in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Sponsored by the estate of Cora E. & Lora M. Sims
Amy Daniels Lauren Kmieciak Taryn Pfeiffer Arsema Weldu

Small Animal Executive Veterinary Program Award
Applicants should have an interest and awareness of veterinary management and economics and the intention of directing their career toward these markets.
Sponsored by the Small Animal EVP Scholarship Endowment Fund
Thomas Maske

Dr. Erwin Small Scholarship
For members of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and Omega Tau Sigma with financial need.
Sponsored by the Dr. Erwin Small Scholarship Endowment Fund
Amanda Lincer Wesley Parquette Justin Suchomel Thomas Torres

James David Small, DVM, Scholarship
For students interested in pursuing a career in lab animal medicine.
Sponsored by the James David Small, DVM, Endowment Fund
Terese Noe
SONATA AND DVORAK BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP
For commitment to behavioral research medicine, enthusiasm, and belief in saving an animal’s life when there are behavior issues; interest and experience in behavioral medicine, pet loss issues and activities are also given consideration.
*Sponsored by Audra Zumwalt
Alison Bizzul

SOPHIE’S AND GYPSY’S GOLDEN HEART AWARD
For a student who excels in small animal cardiology.
*Sponsored by Cornelia Wallis Honchar
Jonathan Stack

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
For students with financial need who are natives of the region encompassed by the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association.
*Sponsored by the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association
Todd Marlo Lydia Penrod Jeremy Roark

DR. DONALD W. SPENCER SCHOLARSHIP
For a resident of Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association region with demonstrated interest in the Wildlife Medical Clinic.
*Sponsored by the Dr. Donald W. Spencer Scholarship Endowment Fund
Jamie Reichert

STADHEIM FOUNDATION VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP
For a student interested in pursuing a career in small animal practice who has demonstrated a high level of compassion and excellent client relations and who has financial need.
*Sponsored by the Stadheim Foundation
Jennifer Carr

FRED AND GERALDINE STEFFEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
For a third-year student with financial need who is interested in going into practice and has demonstrated compassion for all animals.
*Sponsored by the Fred & Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kelsey Swenson
**Dr. Thomas B. Steffen Scholarship**
For interest in small animal practice and determination to meet the challenges of meshing academic and work responsibilities; preference is given to a married male student from the Chicago suburbs.

*Sponsored by the Dr. Thomas B. Steffen Scholarship Endowment Fund*

**Alex Duran**

**Students for Equal Access to Learning Scholarship (S.E.A.L.)**
For a student with financial need.

*Sponsored by the S.E.A.L. program*

**Lisette Farve**  **Dayna Mierke**

**Nancy Koerner Sullivan and John Bruce Sullivan Jr. Scholarship**
For first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

*Sponsored by the Sullivan Scholarship Endowment Fund*

**Stacy Whitton**

**Carl and Libbie Thetford Scholarship**
For a native of Jackson, Johnson, Saline, or Williamson Counties interested in practicing small animal medicine.

*Sponsored by the Carl & Libbie Thetford Endowment Fund*

**Travis Beasley**

**Edith Tomlinson Award**
For a resident of northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin who has financial need and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

*Sponsored by the Edith Tomlinson Endowment Fund*

**Benjamin Bergstrom**

**Vera Arvilla Traxler Scholarship**
For a student in good academic standing who has an interest in small animals, specifically dogs.

*Sponsored by the Vera Arvilla Traxler Endowment Fund*

**Jennifer Moczarnik**
University of Illinois Legacy Scholarship
For a meritorious student with financial need who has contributed 50 hours of volunteer service.
Sponsored by the University of Illinois
Dayle Dillon Reid Zehr

Austin L. Utterback, Jr., Memorial Scholarship
For a veterinary medicine student in good academic standing.
Sponsored by the Austin L. Utterback, Jr., Memorial Endowment Fund
Jessica Green

Veterinary Cancer Society Student Award for Proficiency in Clinical Oncology
For a fourth-year student with demonstrated superior aptitude and affinity for the care of veterinary cancer patients; knowledge base, client communication skills, and overall performance on clinical oncology rotation is also considered.
Sponsored by the Veterinary Cancer Society
Lindsay McReynolds

Veterinary Learning Award
For a second-year student in good academic standing; proven academic performance; proven classroom leader; overtly represents the veterinary professional code; active in on-campus or off-campus activities geared to community betterment, i.e., SCAVMA.
Sponsored by Veterinary Software Associates, LLC.
Ryan McCann

Veterinary Medicine Special Student Award
For a student whose achievements might not otherwise be recognized.
Sponsored by an Anonymous Referring Veterinarian
Simuel Hampton

Kathleen Werner Scholarship
For a female student with financial need who is in good academic standing.
Sponsored by the Kathleen Werner Endowment Fund
Brandilynn Saas
Western Veterinary Conference Scholarship
For demonstrated leadership skills and financial need.
Sponsored by the Western Veterinary Conference
Krystal Woo

Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship
For an incoming or first-year student from west central Illinois; this scholarship is renewable.
Sponsored by the Kenneth T. & Betty L. Wright Scholarship Fund
Dallas Duncan
Danielle Allenbaugh is a fourth-year student from Mattoon, Ill. Danielle has obtained a small animal rotating internship in Gaithersburg, Md., starting in June. She is interested in cardiology and emergency medicine.

Dana Ames, a first-year student from East Berne, N.Y., is excited to move forward in the curriculum and learn about the many specialties veterinary medicine offers. She plans to work in a small or mixed-animal practice after graduation.

Sarah Andermann is a second-year student from Aurora, Ill., who plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal or exotic animal medicine. She enjoys the challenges of veterinary medicine, especially problem-solving and client education. Sarah appreciates the great responsibility veterinarians have and hopes to use her degree to have a positive impact on her community.

Rhiannon Ardisana, a third-year student from Riverside, Ill., volunteers in the Wildlife Medical Clinic. She enjoys the diverse opportunities in the veterinary field. She can see herself working in a small animal/exotic animal practice in the future, but is open to all possibilities.

Kevin Attermeier is a fourth-year student.

Jessica Avery, of Turnersville, N.J., plans to participate in a small animal medicine/surgery internship after graduation in May and hopes to continue with a residency in internal medicine, cardiology, or oncology. Her favorite part of clinics has been seeing the past three years of study pay off as she determines diagnoses and makes treatment plans. She enjoys working with patients every day.

Nichole Avery is a first-year student.

Dustin Babler is a first-year student from Woodridge, Ill. Dustin plans to pursue a career in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and eventually to run his own practice. He has a particular interest in exotics as well as small animal surgery. His favorite aspect of veterinary medicine is the variety of people and animals one works with.

Ryan Bailey is a native of Clarendon Hills, Ill. He is in his third year of veterinary studies and plans a career in zoo and wild animal medicine. Ryan understands the impact of zoos on conservation of the vast but rapidly decreasing biodiversity of our planet, and the unique opportunity that zoos provide for the public to connect with rare and majestic animals on a personal level.

Brittany Banning is a first-year student from Ledyard, Conn. Upon graduation, Brittany plans on working in an equine or mixed-animal practice. She is specifically interested in sports medicine and lameness problems in horses.

Barbara Batke is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. She has always been passionate about working with small and exotic animals, but clinical rotations and a summer at the comparative medicine department at Stanford University opened up a further interest in emergency and lab animal medicine. Her favorite courses are endocrinology and pathology. She hopes to work in an emergency clinic and one day to work in the field of lab animal medicine.

Travis Beasley, from Eldorado, Ill., is a third-year veterinary student who plans to work in equine medicine. After graduation he will pursue an internship in equine medicine and return home to practice with his father at his father’s equine clinic. His favorite part about school has been the clinical rotations, especially the large animal ones.
Stephanie Bender is a third-year veterinary student from Buffalo Grove, Ill. She believes her work ethic, leadership experience, and compassion for animals make her well-suited to enter the veterinary profession. Stephanie looks forward to working alongside other medical professionals to make a difference in the field.

Benjamin Bergstrom, of Rockton, Ill., intends to pursue an internship and a residency in either internal medicine or surgery as well as a career in equine medicine. Veterinary school has given him a great appreciation for the human-animal interrelationship and the role of the veterinarian in that relationship. Ben is a third-year student.

Alison Bizzul, a second-year student from Longmont, Colo., plans to work in a small animal clinic. She is interested in behavioral modification, integrative medicine, and animal welfare issues and enjoys that veterinary medicine lets her explore those interests more. For Ali, the relationships formed with clients and patients are the most rewarding part of the profession.

Brittany Blackmore, a first-year student, hails from Lake Zurich, Ill. After graduation she plans to work in a small animal practice and eventually own her own clinic.

Sydney Bobo is a fourth-year student from Gurnee, Ill. She plans to go into a private small animal practice. She especially enjoys working with cats and would like to have her own feline exclusive practice one day. Sydney is looking forward to graduation and beginning her life as a veterinarian.

Robin Bohaty is a third-year student from Downers Grove, Ill. She has a master’s degree in animal science, with an emphasis on nutrition, from the University of Kentucky. Her favorite courses in veterinary school have been the small animal medicine classes and surgery lab. Robin plans to practice small animal and exotic pet medicine, and she is looking forward to working with animals every day and to opportunities for problem solving, forming client relationships, and continued learning.

Lisa Bourazak is a fourth-year student from East Peoria, Ill. She plans to pursue a small animal rotating internship and may then consider a residency in internal medicine or clinical pathology. Lisa understands the responsibility of becoming a doctor and is ready to become a trusted part of the client-pet family.

Rebecca Brockman grew up in Countryside, Ill., but has lived in Michigan, New Jersey, and California. She has always loved animals and has wanted to become a veterinarian since she was a kid. She has a variety of interests, and appreciates the options a degree in veterinary medicine will offer her. Rebecca is a third-year veterinary student.

Brian Broekman is a third-year student from Green Bay, Wis. He plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal surgery. His favorite class has been anatomy, where he was able to learn every muscle, tendon, and bone in the body. For him, the best part of veterinary medicine is being challenged on a daily basis and working with animals.

Alice Bugman is a third-year student.

Kayleigh Bull is a first-year veterinary student from tiny Thomson, Ill., on the Mississippi River, where her family raises merino sheep and angora goats and she owns three horses, a parrot, and an assortment of poultry, cats, dogs, and reptiles. Kayleigh has wanted to be a veterinarian ever since she was a young girl helping her two uncles in their small animal clinics.

Brittany Cacciottoli, a third-year student from Alton, Ill., plans to work in a small animal private practice and hopes eventually to specialize in feline medicine. Her favorite part of veterinary medicine is talking with clients about their pets and seeing them smile when their pet feels well again.
**Jenny Carr** is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and a third-year student. She graduated from the University of Chicago with a bachelor’s degree in medieval studies and Italian. Her primary clinical interests are in small animal/exotics internal medicine and neurology.

**Kody Carr** is a first-year student. Although he is undecided regarding a specific career path, he hopes eventually to open a clinic with his brother, who is a first-year veterinary student at the University of Tennessee.

**Melissa Cavaretta** is a first-year student from Pittsburgh, Penn. She plans to work in either emergency and critical care medicine or zoo and wildlife medicine. Melissa is particularly interested in exotic and zoo animals and would like to practice in a larger zoo or exotic practice.

**Jessica Chapman** is a second-year student from Lake Zurich, Ill. She plans to pursue board specialization, though she hasn’t yet determined which field, and she hopes to one day own her own practice. Jessica intends to give back to the animal community by volunteering in shelters.

**Artem Cheprasov** is a fourth-year veterinary student. He was born in St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Melissa Clayton** is a fourth-year student from Rockledge, Fla. She plans to work in small animal practice or small animal emergency practice. She would like to volunteer her time working with low-cost veterinary programs in the United States and eventually in other countries.

**Matthew Cornell**, a first-year student from Lombard, Ill., has always been an animal lover. He grew up with five Great Danes and more than 20 reptiles and amphibians. He intends to focus on animal rehabilitative medicine and would ultimately like to establish a practice with community outreach involving service animals and animal-assisted therapy for children.

**Caroline Cua**, a fourth-year student from Wilmette, Ill., is pursuing a master’s in public health degree, which she hopes to use in conjunction with her veterinary degree to protect the community from zoonotic diseases. Caroline believes that veterinarians have the opportunity to be the link between human and animal health.

**Nicole Dahm** is a fourth-year student from Elk Grove Village, Ill. She is also pursuing a master’s in public health degree, and hopes to use this to educate her clients about the risks of zoonotic diseases. She is also interested in an internship in small animal medicine and possibly pursuing a residency in cardiology or internal medicine.

**Amy Daniels**, a first-year student, grew up on a small family farm in Belle Rive, Ill. Her specific interests are in the integration of veterinary medicine within the swine industry, improving animal care, and meeting the needs of producers and consumers. She is also interested in owning her own mixed-animal practice.

**Stacey Dehlinger** is a native of Olney, Ill. A second-year student, she is the ISVMA student representative for her class and recently helped establish the first animal welfare judging team from the University of Illinois, which placed fifth in a national competition last fall. Stacey hopes to pursue a career in a mixed-animal practice or earn a PhD in animal welfare.

**Caroline DiCarlo** currently resides in Hebron, Ill., with her fiancé, Rick, and five dogs. After graduation next month she will work in small animal medicine, and she hopes to own her own practice in a few years. She has a very strong interest in shelter medicine as well, and plans to volunteer whenever possible.
**Dayle Dillon** was born in Danville, Ill., and grew up on a Quarter horse farm near Melvin, Ill. A third-year student, Dayle is excited about working in a career that provides a true service to the community. She hopes to work in a mixed/rural practice before eventually focusing on a career in rehabilitation and to integrate the occasional use of alternative therapies such as acupuncture and chiropractic into her practice.

**Julie Disney** is a third-year student from Olympia Fields, Ill. She hopes to work primarily with both small and exotic animals, either in general practice or specialty practice. Her favorite class has been ophthalmology, and she also hopes to do shelter work either as a primary career or in her spare time after graduation.

**Dallas Duncan,** a native of Fowler, Ill., plans to work in production animal medicine with a focus in beef cattle. A third-year student, she is president of the Production Medicine Club and vice-president of the Theriogenology Club. She is very active in cattle organizations, including serving on the board of directors for the Illinois Beef Association’s Young Producers Beef Council.

**Alex Duran** is a third-year student born and raised in Chicago, Ill. He transferred to the University of Illinois after starting his veterinary degree at St. George’s University in Grenada, West Indies. Alex hopes to use his diverse background and communication skills to educate underrepresented communities about the importance of veterinary care for their pets.

**Erika Eigenbrod** is a third-year student from Easton, Ill.

**Melissa Elliott** is a third-year student from Rochester Hills, Mich. Her veterinary career was inspired by seeing the compassion and devotion to others of her mother, who worked as a nurse. As a proud Navy wife, Melissa is excited to graduate and practice small animal medicine wherever the Navy needs her and her husband.

**Sean Etter** was born in Annapolis, Md., and currently resides in Urbana with his wife. Sean completed the first two years of veterinary school at The University of Glasgow in Scotland. Veterinary medicine has been a passion of his since he was a child, working in his father’s small animal practice. Sean wishes to pursue an internship and residency program in small animal surgery after he graduates this spring.

**Caroline Fallon,** a first-year student, was born in the Middle East to an American father and a British mother and grew up in Sacramento, Calif. After working in New York City in investment banking and in Chicago as a commercial real estate underwriter, she decided to pursue a veterinary career when her dog had a serious illness and she found that her passion for science and helping animals was reinvigorated. Caroline would like to specialize in small animal surgery or internal medicine.

**Lisette Farve** is a fourth-year veterinary student from Ontario, Calif. She plans to work in a mixed-animal or dairy practice. For her, the best parts of veterinary medicine are daily problem solving and helping clients make the most of the human-animal bond. She eventually would like to volunteer for a non-profit organization like Heifer International to promote global sustainability.

**Nicholas Ferrari** is a first-year student from the Washington, D.C., area. Nick plans to work at a small or mixed-animal practice after graduating. He is especially interested in emergency medicine and internal medicine. He hopes to one day offer the same amazing care that he witnessed from his past mentors.

**Rachel Fischer** is a first-year student from Waukesha, Wis. Rachel plans on working in a small animal practice. She is specifically interested in emphasizing behavior modification in practice.
Christine Fox is a third-year veterinary student from Naperville, Ill. She plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal cardiology or emergency medicine and would like to open her own clinic. She also enjoys spending time volunteering at local animal shelters by fostering dogs and cats, something she will continue doing after graduation.

Sarah Francik, a third-year veterinary student from Rockford, Ill., plans to pursue a career in mixed-animal practice. Her favorite experience so far has been working and learning with other students during the farm animal clinical rotation. For Sarah, veterinary medicine is a profession that will offer challenges and opportunities to learn every day.

Eleanor Fulgencio is a second-year student from Staten Island, N.Y., who has long been interested in practicing small animal medicine. Volunteering in the College’s Wildlife Medical Clinic has sparked her interest in exotic and wildlife animals as well. She plans to keep an open mind throughout veterinary school to the options she may pursue.

Sarah Funk, a second-year veterinary student, is originally from Corning, N.Y. She wants to pursue a career in small animal medicine and is interested in shelter medicine, business, and eventually teaching at the college level. Sarah’s favorite part of her veterinary education has been spending time in clinics, where she is able to apply what she has learned in class.

Kimberly Galloway, from Marlton, N.J., will be a small animal intern at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital after graduating in May. She is interested in dermatology, dentistry, and surgery and eventually wants to open her own practice that will incorporate behavior classes and low-stress handling.

Megan Garvey is a first-year student from Naperville, Ill. Although she has a background in small animal and equine practice, Megan is currently exploring all the opportunities that veterinary medicine has to offer. She is excited about the wide range of roles that veterinarians perform in society, and also has an interest in international veterinary medicine.

Nicole Gillham is a second-year student from Mahomet, Ill.

Gloriann Golden, a native of Blue Island, Ill., is a fourth-year student focusing in small animal medicine. She plans to practice her client communication skills at a small animal practice. In particular, she would appreciate exposure to Spanish clients to broaden her experience within the culture and increase personal fluency and communication.

Kathryn Golden is a third-year student from Crystal Lake, Ill. She plans to go into equine ambulatory practice in the Chicago area after completing an equine internship. Staying involved in community organizations is a top priority for Kathryn after graduation, so that she can give back to an area that gave her so much.

Joshua Good was born in Hawaii and raised in Shorewood, Ill. He is a first-year student looking to specialize in equine or small animal surgery. He has a wide range of experience, including in reproductive research, small animal surgery and medicine, and equine sports medicine. He looks forward to new veterinary and leadership experiences as he continues veterinary school and beyond.

Robyn Grant is a first-year student from Spring Lake Heights, N.J. She hopes to work mainly in equine and large animal medicine, but strives to learn as much as she can from all species and to get the most out of every opportunity. Her favorite aspects of veterinary medicine are saving lives and maintaining the health and well-being of patients as well as the trust and happiness of clients.
Jessica Green is a third-year student originally from Phoenix, Ariz. She plans to pursue a small animal internship after graduation. Her favorite part about the veterinary profession is the ability veterinarians have to compile their knowledge to determine a diagnosis given a set of variables regarding any species.

Kourtney Grimm is a fourth-year student from Pekin, Ill., who plans to pursue a career in wildlife medicine and research, with a special interest in sea turtles. Kourtney has participated in several wildlife externships, including PAWS Wildlife Center in Lynnwood, Wash., the Chicago Zoo Pathology Program, and the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. She also has had the privilege of presenting research at the 2010 and 2011 national reptile and amphibian veterinary conferences.

Kristina Gronkiewicz, a fourth-year student from Naperville, Ill., has decided to become a small animal internal medicine specialist. She will continue her education through a small animal rotating internship and internal medicine residency. Kristina is excited to begin a challenging career, which will allow her to provide medical care to her patients and emotional support to their owners.

Simuel Hampton is a fourth-year veterinary student.

Jenna Heft is a fourth-year student from Fenton, Mich. Jenna plans on working in a small animal practice upon graduation. She is specifically interested in emergency medicine and critical care.

Andrew Hennenfent, a native of Roseville, Ill., is a fourth-year veterinary student and is simultaneously completing a master’s of public health degree. With these degrees, Andrew one day plans to work for a federal public health agency.

Kalyn Herzog is a fourth-year student from Des Plaines, Ill. She will be starting an academic internship in equine medicine and surgery at the University of Illinois after graduation and ultimately hopes to complete a large animal residency/board certification and PhD to pursue a career in academia or research.

Chelsea Hieronymus, originally from Wyoming, has called Champaign her home for the past 10 years. During her fourth year her favorite rotations have been emergency medicine, imaging, and dentistry. She plans on completing a small animal medicine and surgery internship and ultimately returning to the western United States to work in general practice or emergency medicine.

Jane Hill is a fourth-year veterinary student from Sugar Grove, Ill. She plans on becoming a primary care doctor in a small animal practice.

Alicia Hines is a member of the Class of 2013 and is from Medora, Ill. She plans on entering a mixed-animal practice upon graduation and looks forward to someday owning her own clinic.

Heather Honious was born in Dayton, Ohio, and moved to Paris, Ill., when she was in sixth grade. A third-year student, Heather plans to focus on small animal and exotic animal medicine. She hopes to one day own her own practice, where she can increase the standards of care available for exotic pets. She also hopes to set up wildlife conservation and education programs for the public and to help educate the community on the importance of veterinary medicine for all species.
**Jolie Hunsinger** is a second-year student originally from Catawissa, Penn. Jolie was drawn to a career in veterinary medicine by her love of solving medical mysteries and learning how things such as drugs and body systems work. After graduation, she plans to become a mixed-animal veterinarian and to find time to indulge in her favorite hobbies, playing the French horn and scrapbooking.

**Maxwell Huschen** is a first-year student from Roanoke, Ill. Max plans on working in a mixed practice after graduation.

**Kelli Kant** is a first-year veterinary student.

**Teri Kidd** is a second-career student and a member of the Class of 2013. She intends to pursue shelter medicine, working with shelter and rescue groups, with a strong focus on low-cost spay/neuter programs. She also hopes to offer affordable veterinary services to the companion animals of low-income families and individuals.

**Lauren Kmieciak** is a first-year student from Naperville, Ill., who plans to work in an exotic animal practice after graduation. Lauren is specifically interested in reptile and avian medicine and would also like to practice holistic medicine during her career.

**Paul Koepnick** is a first-year veterinary student from Elkhorn, Wis. He plans to pursue a career in large animal medicine. He hopes to use his veterinary education to represent underrepresented rural areas and facilitate research in preventive medical techniques primarily in bovine calves. He looks forward to contributing to the health and care of animals.

**Ramune Kulikauskaite** was born in Lithuania, Europe. She hopes to use her veterinary education to treat homeless/shelter animals and possibly specialize in radiology. Eventually, she would like to open low-cost animal hospitals or shelters and help to reduce high numbers of homeless pets by advocating spays and neuters. Ramune is a fourth-year veterinary student.

**Peter Langer**, hailing from Yarmouth, Maine, is a member of the Class of 2013. Peter enjoys the challenges and rewards of treating more than one species. His current interests are internal medicine and exotics, specifically aquatic medicine. He plans on using his degree in veterinary medicine to not only provide a high level of care for his patients but to educate his clients and the public to the best of his ability.

**Marni Lapin**, a native of Deerfield, Ill., is a first-year student with an interest in a veterinary career within federal or local public health programs. Marni plans to pursue the dual DVM/MPH program while in veterinary school and has thoroughly enjoyed her public health electives thus far. She has a passion for being able to benefit society and animal well-being.

**Serena Lawfer** is a third-year student from Kent, Ill., where she grew up on the family dairy farm. While handling the dairy and beef cattle and working as an assistant in several veterinary clinics, she developed a passion for the veterinary profession. Her goal is to be a mixed-animal veterinarian and to work in a mixed practice in a rural area. Serena is encouraged that the veterinary profession impacts society and influences so many lives.

**Traci Leslie** is a fourth-year veterinary student.

**Stephanne Levin** is a second-year student from Northbrook, Ill. Stephanne plans on working in small animal practice upon graduation. She is considering specializing in dermatology or rehabilitation or pursuing a career in general practice.
Samantha Limbaugh, a first-year veterinary student from Swartz Creek, Mich., enjoys studying veterinary medicine because it relies on science for problem-solving and medical treatment. The diversity and endless opportunities that the veterinary medicine field provides are also very exciting. She plans on working with small and large animals in a mixed practice upon graduation.

Christopher Lin is a first-year student from San Diego, Calif. Chris plans to work in a small animal practice. He is specifically interested in dermatology, and he plans to own multiple practices eventually.

Amanda Lincer is a fourth-year veterinary student from Manhasset, N.Y. She graduated from Lafayette College with a B.S. in neuroscience, a minor in Spanish, and a concentration in health care and society. She is interested in a small animal internship and may pursue a particular interest in neurology/neurosurgery and emergency medicine. She enjoys the mystery and puzzle that medicine offers, especially with veterinary patients.

Sarah Lowe is a third-year student from Lake Orion, Mich., whose aim is to run a non-profit small animal and wildlife clinic. Her favorite classes have been ophthalmology and bereavement because, in both classes, she feels she learned how to better communicate with people. Her aspiration is to make a positive impact on the world of both people and animals by providing medical care to underserved communities.

Kathryn Maltry is a first-year student from Neenah, Wis. Though she hasn’t made any firm decisions regarding her career, she is leaning towards working in small animal or exotic practice after graduation.

Michael Manthey is a first-year student from Wenona, Ill. Michael plans to work in either a small or mixed-animal practice in the Midwest. He is specifically interested in surgery and hopes to own his own practice after developing his skills for a few years.

Todd Marlo is a native of Marion, Ill., and a third-year student. He plans to practice production medicine either in a sole production medicine practice or as part of a mixed-animal practice in rural Southern Illinois. His favorite part of his veterinary studies so far has been the Junior Surgery Lab.

Thomas Maske is a fourth-year veterinary student from Mt. Pulaski, Ill. He plans to work in a mixed-animal practice. His agricultural background has given him a strong base in livestock production, which he hopes to utilize throughout his career. For Thomas, veterinary medicine offers many challenges and opportunities to improvise and solve problems.

Anna Massie, a native of Springfield, Ill., plans to pursue a career in small animal general medicine. She greatly enjoys the challenges of providing medical and surgical care, as well as working with people to improve the life of their companions. She hopes to enter private practice and eventually own and manage a clinic. Anna is currently in her third year of the program.

Ryan McCann is from Aurora, Ill., and plans on pursuing a career in zoological medicine. He enjoys the challenges that come with treating and caring for such a wide variety of creatures. One of his most memorable moments in veterinary school has been attempting to repair a significantly crushed turtle shell during a shell repair lab. Ryan is currently in his second year.
Marina McCarthy is a first-year student from Libertyville, Ill. Her favorite class has been the zoological medicine elective. She plans to work with exotic animal species in a zoo or an aquarium and to do behavioral research. She hopes to use her veterinary education to better the lives of exotic species through medical treatment and behavioral techniques while educating the public on the need for conservation and ecological preservation.

Shannon McGill is a third-year student who has an interest in equine medicine. She is specifically interested in theriogenology and internal medicine.

Brittany McHale is a first-year student from McHenry, Ill. Brittany plans to work in lab animal medicine or public health after she graduates. Her interests are many, and she looks forward to exploring all the opportunities that will be available to her in her veterinary career.

Lindsay McReynolds is a fourth-year veterinary student.

Scott Michels is a third-year student from Cisne, Ill. He has a background in grain and livestock production and plans to pursue a career in a mixed or large animal practice in southern Illinois. Scott chose veterinary medicine because of his interest in livestock production, science, and problem-solving. He feels that a veterinary degree will give him the opportunity to provide a valuable service to the community.

Dayna Mierke is a second-year student from Temecula, Calif. She hopes to be a small animal veterinarian and perhaps specialize (neurology would be first choice). Her favorite classes have been neurology and pharmacology. She welcomes challenges and proving she can overcome adversity. She can be found around school in her wheelchair, with a smile on her face, or at home with her two dogs.

Andrea Miller has wanted to become a veterinarian ever since she got her first dog, Danny, when she was 7. A third-year student from Los Angeles, Calif., Andrea plans to pursue a career in small animal medicine. Her specific interests range from exotics to dentistry and teaching.

Blake Miller is a second-year student from Plainfield, Ill. Blake is interested in working with small locals farms and has a strong interest in small ruminants.

Josephine Miller is a native of Cook County, Ill., and is in her final year of veterinary school. She worked as a graphic designer for 6 years before pursuing her dream of studying veterinary medicine. Josephine hopes to practice medicine in a small/mixed-animal clinic. She hopes to own or partially own a clinic someday.

Jennifer Moczarnik is a third-year student from Bartlett, Ill. She would like to pursue a small animal internship and enter general practice or potentially continue on to become board certified. She is also interested in zoo medicine. The daily challenges that come with various cases, along with being able to see the veterinarian’s vital role as both doctor and educator, has allowed Jennifer to realize that this profession was the right fit for her. Veterinary school has been the most challenging yet most rewarding endeavor she has pursued!

Tiffany Moldenhauer grew up in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she worked at a small animal clinic and volunteered at the local humane society. For Tiffany, the best part of veterinary medicine is the opportunity to share her passion for science with owners. Her future goals include volunteering with the local Veterinary Medical Assistance Team.

Tricia Mullin is a first-year student from Naperville, Ill. Tricia plans on working in exotic or small animal practice. She is specifically interested in zoo medicine and pocket pets.
Lisa Nguyen is a fourth-year veterinary student from Temple City, Calif.

Terese Noe is a second-year student from Gurnee, Ill. She hopes to help integrate human medicine and public health with veterinary medicine. With career interests in research, laboratory animal medicine, industry, and clinical pathology, she aspires to make significant contributions to animal and human health alike.

Chad O’Connor is a first-year student who was born and raised on a small family farm outside Herscher, Ill. Growing up raising and showing hogs and cattle, he developed a passion for working with large animals. After graduation, Chad plans to go into practice in a rural area in order to help local farmers with their livestock operations.

Nicole Pach, a second-year student from Chicago, Ill., says she chose a veterinary career because it incorporates three great things: animals, people and science. Last year she completed a master’s degree in veterinary clinical medicine at the University of Illinois, where she studied insulin resistance in cats. She also recently studied a potential cancer therapeutic agent while working in an oncology laboratory; she presented this work at the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium.

Wesley Parquette is a third-year student from Arlington Heights, Ill., who has decided on a career in small animal general practice with an interest in emergency medicine. He chose this profession because of his interest in animals, in helping people, in problem-solving, and in science and because of his desire to make the world a better place.

E. Bastian Parsons is originally from Salt Lake City, Utah, and performed modern dance in New York City before turning to veterinary medicine. Bastian is delighted to be a second-year student at the University of Illinois, where she has learned a great deal about communicating with clients, and looks forward to using those skills in companion animal medicine after graduation. She also plans to become certified in small animal acupuncture.

Emma-Leigh Pearson is a fourth-year student from Romeoville, Ill. She plans to complete a small animal internship and a residency in either small animal internal medicine or emergency and critical care. She hopes eventually to work in a specialty practice and advance clinical research to improve veterinary patient care. What she loves most about veterinary medicine is the ability to combine scientific knowledge with compassion for animals to improve the lives of both animals and their human owners.

Lydia Penrod is a second-year student from Carbondale, Ill. Her favorite subjects so far have been pharmacology and toxicology. She has a strong interest in large animal medicine, emergency and critical care, and shelter medicine. Upon graduating, Lydia plans to enter private practice in a rural mixed-animal clinic with a large equine client base.

Taryn Pfeiffer is a first-year student from Ashton, Ill. Since she grew up on a family-owned farrow-to-finish swine farm and showed beef cattle, it seems only natural that she embraced the world of veterinary medicine. Taryn plans to work with both large and small animals in a well-rounded mixed-animal practice.

Stacey Piotrowski is a first-year student from Sugar Grove, Ill. She chose the field of veterinary medicine because it offers a wide variety of opportunities to contribute to both animal and human health and to the scientific community in general. Her career interests range from small animal specialty medicine to zoological medicine and research.

John Plunkett is a fourth-year student from New Jersey. John plans to practice in small animal medicine upon graduation. John is interested in private practice and has special interests in emergency medicine and ultrasound.
**Kaci Probst** is a second-year student from Wheeler, Ill.

**Heather Prochnow** is a fourth-year student originally from Warrenville, Ill.

**Hoyt Rees** is a second-year student from Yorkville, Ill. He enjoys the challenges and problems encountered in everyday practice and the need to “think on your feet” to be successful. With a strong passion for working with large animals, he hopes to eventually own a food animal or mixed-animal practice.

**Jamie Reichert**, a third-year student from Peoria Heights, Ill., is president of the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. She is finishing a research project using fecal endocrine monitoring in female snow leopards to help define their estrous cycles. She hopes to specialize in theriogenology in zoo animal captive-breeding programs as well as work in traditional food animal reproductive medicine and to continue conducting research that complements her clinical reproduction work.

**Holly Richards** is a first-year student.

**Nanci Richards**, of St. Joseph, Ill., will graduate this spring. She is pursuing opportunities in a mixed-animal practice, focusing on large and food animals in general and New World camelids in particular. Nanci has served as president of the Veterinary Business Management Association, representative for American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, and Pfizer Animal Health student representative. Nanci is committed to using science, medicine, and human understanding to live the ideals of the veterinarian’s oath in practice.

**Jeremy Roark** is a third-year student from Sumner, Ill. Jeremy plans on working in mixed-animal practice upon graduation. He is specifically interested in equine medicine and would like to offer ambulatory services through practice.

**Karoline Roderer** is a second-year student from Evanston, Ill. She is hoping to pursue a career in small animal clinical medicine in the Chicagoland area. Karoline looks forward to working with pet owners and their animals to improve quality of life and promote the human-animal bond.

**Kiira Rodriguez**, a second-year student from Quincy, Ill., plans on pursuing an internship and residency in internal medicine following graduation. Kiira is looking forward to the problem-solving and challenges involved in diagnosing and treating patients in practice. For her, the best part of veterinary medicine is working with a variety of patients and their owners.

**Brittany Rose** is a third-year student from Mobile, Ala. She plans on pursuing a career in exotic animal practice or aquatic animal medicine upon graduation. For Brittany, veterinary medicine is ideal because it offers a chance to work with both people and animals.

**Nicole Rosenhagen** grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich., and plans to work in wildlife medicine and conservation. She loves the variety, unpredictable nature, and opportunities to educate that go hand in hand with the field. For Nicole, a career as a wildlife veterinarian will allow her to positively impact animals, humans, and the environment, all while doing something she loves. Nicole is a first-year veterinary student.

**Colleen Roy** is originally from Greensboro, N.C., but she plans to stay in Illinois after graduation and practice at a small animal private practice in Springfield. Her favorite year of veterinary school was the fourth year, and she especially enjoyed neurology and anesthesia. Her favorite aspect of veterinary medicine, in addition to patient care, is client communication.
Brandilynn Saas is a second-year student who grew up in Winfield, Ill. She worked in corporate banking for several years before re-evaluating her career goals and deciding to pursue a veterinary degree. She is most interested in starting a mixed practice with a focus on equine medicine and believes her background in business will help her achieve her goal of owning and operating her own practice.

Mark Sauder is a fourth-year student who grew up in Tremont in rural central Illinois with many food animal experiences pushing him towards a career in agriculture and eventually veterinary medicine. He has enjoyed the food animal courses as well as bovine surgery and plans to work in a majority dairy practice. He is especially grateful to his wife, Ashley, and son, Reuben, for sacrificing and supporting him through veterinary school.

Adam Schelkopf is a fourth-year student from DeKalb, Ill. After graduating in May he will be working with a mixed-animal practice in Minnesota with a focus in large animal medicine.

Katharine L. Schlist grew up in Clinton, N.Y., and lived for 13 years in and around New York City before beginning her veterinary studies in Urbana last fall. She is a career changer who came to veterinary medicine through twin interests in food safety and animal welfare. Her primary interests are in large animal medicine and theriogenology, and she has discovered additional interests in pathology and neurology.

Emily Schoenrock is a first-year student from Orinda, Calif. She is interested in a career in small animal surgery or small animal general practice. For Emily, pursuing a career in veterinary medicine satisfies her desire for scientific knowledge as well as her desire to honor and strengthen the human-animal bond. She enjoys her imaging classes and the hands-on work in her anatomy classes.

Jamie Schwartz is a fourth-year student from Marlboro, N.J. After graduation, she will be working at a small animal practice in Hoboken and Jersey City, N.J. She is greatly looking forward to returning to the East Coast and finally being a small animal veterinarian!

Bridget Sheehan is a first-year student from Carol Stream, Ill. Bridget plans to work in a mixed-animal practice upon graduation. She is specifically interested in public health and would like to incorporate zoonotic disease prevention programs through practice.

Amber Slaughter is a first-year student from Oak Park, Ill. She plans on working in small animal practice and would eventually like to expand her practice to marine mammal medicine. She is specifically interested in developing a mentorship program for minority students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

Amanda Smith is a third-year student from Morrison, Ill. While earning a bachelor’s degree in biology from Western Illinois University, Amanda competed in the Division I swimming and diving team all four years, the final two as captain. She was the university’s nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year award in 2009. Amanda plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal surgery.

Allison Sommerkorn, a New Jersey native, currently works for a mixed-animal practice that primarily sees small animals, and she plans to continue working there after graduation. Allison enjoys working with the client to create the best plan possible to maintain the patient’s health. The favorite veterinary school experience so far for this first-year student was her involvement in the internal medicine rotation.
Amber Spaur is a fourth-year student from Litchfield, Ill. She plans to work in a rural area and ultimately wants to own her own clinic. For Amber, veterinary medicine ensures self-growth and offers opportunities for pronounced responsibility and problem-solving.

Kerry Spiewak is a third-year student from Batavia, Ill. She plans to work in small animal, wildlife, and exotic pet medicine. For Kerry, the greatest part of veterinary medicine is having a positive impact on the lives of animals and the community. She enjoys the challenge of veterinary medicine and combining her love for biology, medicine, animals, and continuous learning.

Jonathan Stack, a fourth-year student from Charleston, Ill., would like to one day have a career at a teaching hospital where he can practice medicine as well as teach future veterinary students. He plans to specialize following graduation, beginning with an internship in small animal medicine.

Krystina Stadler is a fourth-year student from Roscoe, Ill. Her career goals are specialty clinical medicine and academics. Krystina would like to thank her parents, Pam and Jeff Stadler, for the fundamental role they played in her becoming who she is today.

Lindsay Stanko, a second-year student from Buffalo Grove, Ill., currently plans to enter mixed-animal practice but is open to other opportunities. Although she has a passion for small animals, research during her undergraduate career helped her to grow a strong interest in rural animal medicine, especially cattle. The veterinary profession has given her great discoveries, from wet labs to speakers to making new friends everywhere she goes.

Katie Stoll, of Elgin, Ill., is a fourth-year student interested in pursuing a career working with companion animals and has an interest in cattle and other small ruminants. She plans to incorporate animal behavior into her practice and has learned a handful of tricks from her two cats and her rescue cocker-mix, Riley.

David Strathman is a first-year student from Winnebago, Ill. He plans to become a large animal veterinarian and to practice in a rural community. His greatest enjoyment of the veterinary industry is that it will provide the opportunity to work with cattle, as well as the producers.

Shannon Streets, from Lombard, Ill., is a second-year student who enjoys working with small animals as well as exotics and is considering a career in small animal practice or laboratory animal medicine. She feels a real sense of accomplishment when clients enter the clinic with a problem and leave with a solution arising from the collaboration of great minds and caring individuals. Parasitology, virology, and bacteriology classes have captured her attention because a firm grasp in these areas assists accurate diagnoses and treatment.

Denise Studer is a second-year student from Wilmington, Ill. She has been highly involved in extracurricular activities and professional organizations, especially the Wildlife Medical Clinic. Denise has diverse interests and envisions herself working in surgery, emergency, and mixed-animal medicine.

Justin Suchomel was born in Ohio and grew up in Rockford, Ill. A third-year student, he plans to work in an underrepresented rural area and eventually become an owner of a mixed-animal practice. He completed a master’s degree in animal sciences in December 2011, and he has gained a tremendous respect for livestock producers through his experiences with swine and his time on clinical rotations. He feels that veterinary medicine is underappreciated, so he wants to work where there is a need as well as an opportunity in herd health and companion animal care.
Kari Swanson is a third-year student from Effingham, Ill. She plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal surgery after graduation. She also plans to become certified in both rehabilitation medicine and pain management. For Kari, the best part about veterinary medicine is the opportunity to utilize problem-solving and communication skills, while providing the best possible health care for animals.

Ian Sweeney is a second-year veterinary student from St. Paul, Minn.

Kelsey Swenson is a second-year student from Rockford, Ill. Her professional interests include mixed-animal medicine, emergency medicine, and soft tissue surgery. Kelsey chose this field because she embraces the challenge of all aspects of patient care, advocating the importance of the human-animal bond, and educating the public on animal health and welfare.

Matthew Szalay comes from Grayslake, Ill. His interest is in small animal medicine and surgery, and he hopes to enter private practice after graduation. A third-year student, he has worked with small animals extensively recently and finds great enjoyment in it. Eventually, he would like to open his own general practice clinic.

Amy Thomas is a native of Barrington, Ill., and is currently in her fourth year of veterinary school. She hopes to one day work as a small animal veterinarian, providing humane care and compassion to animals awaiting permanent homes. She is currently taking small steps toward her goals, organizing a clinical externship at her local humane society and working with her high school to expand their yearly medical service trips to include veterinary medical professionals.

Matthew Timmons is a fourth-year student from North Riverside, Ill. He plans to become a general practitioner with goals of owning his own practice. Matthew is excited to join the veterinary profession since it is one of the most respected professions, is seen as a position of leadership in the community, and allows for practice of medicine for an important member of the family.

Thomas Torres, a third-year student from Shirley, N.Y., has a strong interest in exotic animal medicine, particularly herpetology. He also has a strong interest in research and currently works in the laboratories of Dr. Mark Mitchell and Dr. Matt Allender. Thomas is the historian of the Omega Tau Sigma veterinary fraternity and the public relations coordinator for the Wildlife Medical Clinic.

Keith True is a second-year student from St. Charles, Ill. He plans to pursue a career in small animal private practice, with hopes of owning his own clinic someday. In addition to treating small animals, Keith would like to incorporate reptile medicine into his future career plans. He also has a strong interest in surgery, both orthopedic and soft tissue.

Matt Ulrich is a fourth-year student from Metropolis, Ill. Matt plans on working in a mixed-animal practice after graduation. He wants to incorporate more veterinary services, such as dentistry, into areas where they may not have been fully utilized in the past.

Sara Uphoff is a third-year student originally from Mattoon, Ill. She received her bachelor’s degree in animal sciences from the University of Illinois in May 2009. She hopes to work as a mixed-animal practitioner in a rural setting.

Kate Varela, a fourth-year student from Medford, N.Y., plans to finish her master's of public health degree at the University of Illinois-Chicago after graduation. Kate would eventually like to work for a mixed-animal practice.
Olga Vinogradova, a first-year student, was born in Russia, but considers her hometown to be Elmhurst, Ill., where she spent many of her formative years. Olga left a career in the computer industry to pursue her true passion. Her favorite part of veterinary medicine is solving difficult diagnostic problems. She is exploring many possibilities for the future, including internships and residencies.

Meghan Ward, a second-year student from Prophetstown, Ill., has a primary interest in production animal medicine and has enjoyed her food animal clinical rotation and leadership in the Production Medicine Club. When not studying, Meghan enjoys helping on her family’s farm, running, and golfing. She looks forward communicating with producers to help them solve problems and improve herd health.

Alyssa Weeden is a first-year student from Rochester Hills, Mich. She plans to pursue an internship and residency in small animal orthopedic surgery after graduating, and until then she gets her surgical fill by being an emergency surgery assistant. When not in the surgery suite, you can find Alyssa studying with large mugs of raspberry tea.

Arsema Weldu is a first-year student from Harare, Zimbabwe. Arsema plans on working in a mixed-animal practice upon graduation. She is also interested in public health and intends to improve the health of both animals and people.

Ann Wenzel, a first-year veterinary student, is from Fond du Lac, Wis. She looks forward to the challenges and career opportunities that come with being a veterinarian. She believes a veterinary career is versatile and will allow her to use her problem-solving skills every day and to satisfy her love of learning. Ann wants to one day own her own large or mixed-animal clinic.

Stacy Whitton, a first-year student from Franktown, Colo., plans to pursue her interests in emergency/critical care and cardiology after graduation. She looks forward to spending summer doing research on canine coagulopathies in the critical care field. Veterinary medicine will allow Stacy to aid and advocate for the four-legged family members.

Michael Wibel is a first-year student from Fort Wayne, Ind. Although the majority of his experience is working with small animals, he is excited to learn about many different species. He is very interested in completing an internship and residency program in small animal surgery after graduation. Michael’s favorite aspect of veterinary medicine is the unending intellectual challenges combined with the reward and satisfaction of helping animals in need.

Brittany Wojcicki is a second-year student from Palos Heights, Ill., in suburban Chicago. She plans to work in mixed-animal practice near Quincy, Ill. Her favorite animals to work with are dairy cattle, swine, and poultry, and she has a special interest in pathology. Brittany believes her best qualities are relating to people, being open-minded, and adapting quickly to new situations and environments.

Amanda Wolff, a second-year student from Woodstock, Ill., plans to work in small animal practice upon graduation. She is specifically interested in rehabilitation and shelter medicine.

Krystal Woo is a third-year student from Anaheim, Calif, where she grew up with a motley crew of dogs, cats, fire-bellied newts, fish, frogs, and parakeets. Due to her background, she is interested in mixed practice, including, but not limited to, small animals, exotics, and camelids. She plans to work in a hospital with a few other veterinarians and is considering pursuing a master’s in public health degree after graduation.
Reid Zehr is a third-year student from Fairbury, Ill. He grew up on a grain and livestock farm, where his family raises crops and replacement dairy heifers. Reid’s primary area of interest is large animals, specifically food animal medicine and herd health. After graduation he would like to go into large/food animal or mixed practice.

Gregory Zuendt, a native of Mahwah, N.J., and a first-year student, plans to become a small animal veterinarian with an interest in small exotics. He has worked in a small animal clinic and truly enjoyed every day there. His favorite part of the field thus far is the ability to give back to his environment and the ability to help others in his community.

Jason L. Zwilling is a third-year student from Sherrard, Ill. Jason plans on working in large or mixed-animal practice upon graduation. Specifically, he is interested in bovine theriogenology and would like to offer advanced reproductive procedures through practice. Jason is looking forward to the opportunities of fourth year and beyond.
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