

2022 COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



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Welcome to the All Orange and Blue College of Veterinary Medicine Awards and Scholarships Celebration 2022

On behalf of the Awards and Scholarship Committee, I would like to express our gratitude for the generous alumni and friends who have sponsored awards and scholarships this year. We also thank our advancement team for their efforts to bring this special event to fruition.

Additionally, we acknowledge the many hard-working students whose scholarship applications we evaluated. Congratulations to each of today's recipients! This celebration is a recognition of your dedication and accomplishments over the past year.

We live in a rapidly changing world. Although there are amazing technological innovations to improve the health and well-being of people, animals, and the environment, technology alone is never sufficient. To protect and promote health, the world will always need the curiosity, creativity, competence, and commitment of veterinarians, educators, and researchers such as those of you in this room.

Together we celebrate with gratitude for today and hope for tomorrow.

Russhawn Aldridge, Ph.D.

Chair, Awards and Scholarships Committee

OUR MISSION

We educate future veterinarians and biomedical scientists, make discoveries that improve animal, human, and environmental health, facilitate production of a safe food supply, and deliver outstanding clinical care.

OUR VISION

We will be a pre-eminent public college of veterinary medicine, provide a transformative educational experience for our students, create and communicate knowledge that changes the world, deliver outstanding clinical service to our patients and clients, and pursue excellence in all our endeavors.



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GOOD NEIGHBOR GIVES BACK

Raised on a farm in central Illinois, Dr. John Coyne developed a love for animals that inspired him to pursue veterinary medicine. After earning his veterinary degree from Illinois in 1974, he built a successful career.

Today he owns and operates multiple animal hospitals in northern Illinois and Indiana. And even after decades of practicing veterinary medicine, he still enjoys coming to work every day.

“My aspirations are simple: to be a good neighbor to the community and to guide pet owners in making informed choices about their pets’ health,” says Dr. Coyne.

“My hospitals focus on wellness care and providing pets with the best quality of life through proactive treatment. Pets are our friends and family members, and they deserve access to timely, quality care.”

Over the years, Dr. Coyne has continually sought new ways to help those around him. He has mentored many skilled young veterinarians and created scholarships for veterinary students.

“To be able to do what I love, and help more U of I veterinary school students achieve their goals, is a very satisfying thing,” says Dr. Coyne. “My family is honored to provide these scholarships to the very deserving students.”



2022 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AAHA Award for Proficiency in Primary Care

For a faculty-nominated fourth-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in primary care.

Sponsored by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)

Alyssa Strait

Alyssa, a fourth-year student originally from Frankfort, Ill., now lives in Lowell, Ind., with her husband, two dogs, horse, and three cats. She is especially interested in dentistry and surgery. She wants to help animals live healthier lives while supporting their human counterparts.

ACVIM Certificate of Clinical Excellence Award (Small and Large Animal Internal)

For a fourth-year veterinary student who demonstrates sincere interest in veterinary internal medicine as well as outstanding didactic and clinical expertise.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)

Meagan Karuhn Rachel Korn Bailey Stolsworth

Meagan is a fourth-year student from Naperville, Ill. She is interested in emergency and critical care medicine and plans to do a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Rachel, a fourth-year student from Perry, Okla., will spend the next year as a rotating intern at Cornell University. She plans to pursue a residency in medical oncology.

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

George H. Alexander Memorial Scholarship

For a student with background in the standardbred industry or an interest in practicing equine. Strong people and practice skills.

Sponsored by the George H. Alexander Memorial Endowment Fund

Francesca Giambrone

Francesca is a third-year student from Chicago, Ill., who hopes to pursue a career that combines equine medicine and sports medicine. She will complete externships at three well-known equine practices during rotations.

Michael E. and Irene M. Alkim/Joseph Kendzierski Scholarship

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Michael E. and Irene M. Alkim/Joseph Kendzierski Scholarship Fund

Samantha Crist

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Atwood, Ill. She hopes to complete a small animal rotating internship and then pursue a residency in veterinary oncology.

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology Award

For a fourth-year student that excels in clinical dermatology.

Sponsored by the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

Bailey Stolsworth

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

American Association of Feline Practitioners Student Award

For interest and accomplishments in feline medicine and surgery.

Sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners

Sydney Johnson

Sydney, a fourth-year student from Plant City, Fla., relishes leadership roles and was president of the Illinois Feline Practitioners club. She plans to pursue a residency in small animal cardiology and practice at a specialty hospital.

American College of Veterinary Pathologists Award

For a student proficient in pathology.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP)

Allysa Cole

Allysa is a fourth-year student from San Antonio, Texas. After graduation she will pursue her interests in anatomic pathology and research through a residency program combined with a PhD degree.

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award

For outstanding enthusiasm and understanding in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR)

Lindsey Green

Lindsey, a fourth-year student from New Jersey, developed a passion for animals while growing up on her family's beef farm. She looks forward to graduating and starting work in a mixed animal practice in New York. Her non-veterinary interests include gardening, horseback riding, and embroidery.

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Award

For both large and small animal academic and clinical proficiency in surgery and aptitude and interest in surgery.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS)

Timothy Grote Ji Eun Park

Tim is a fourth-year student from Libertyville, Ill. He hopes to become a board-certified surgeon and to one day own and operate a specialty orthopedic surgery clinic.

Ji is a fourth-year student from California. She started her veterinary studies focused on wildlife/exotics medicine. She has since developed a passion for surgery. Ji hopes to combine these interests as a small animal surgeon who provides advanced surgical treatment for exotic species.

Dr. Paul and Mary Jo Arndt/Wheaton Kennel Club Scholarship

For a student from DuPage County or a surrounding county who maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 and who demonstrates outstanding clinical aptitude, especially in small animal medicine and surgery.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul and Mary Jo Arndt/Wheaton Kennel Club Scholarship Fund

Emily Michael

Emily, a fourth-year student from Lake Zurich, Ill., has a passion for small animal dentistry and soft tissue surgery. She is beyond excited to start her career at a thriving six-doctor small animal general practice in Redmond, Wash.

Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship

For an Illinois resident from Iroquois, Vermilion, or Edgar counties.

Sponsored by the Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship Endowment Fund

Katelynn Kindred

Katelynn is a fourth-year student from Chrisman, Ill. She is interested in small animal emergency medicine. After graduation she will enter an ER mentorship program in New York.

Dr. Loyd E. Boley Scholarship

For a deserving CVM student.

Sponsored by the Dr. Loyd E. Boley Endowment Fund

Meagan Karuhn

Meagan is a fourth-year student from Naperville, Ill., interested in emergency and critical care medicine. She plans to complete a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Bornsen Family Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Bornsen Family Foundation

Lucas Daniels

Mackenzie Michels

Luke, a third-year student from Strasburg, Ill., would like to combine his interests in cattle production and research in his career. During clinical rotations he plans to travel West to get more large animal experience.

Mackenzie, a third-year veterinary student, hopes to one day open her own mixed animal practice in her hometown of Noble, Ill., where she can offer affordable reproductive medicine for large animals and soft tissue/orthopedic surgeries.

Lyndzi, a second-year student from Pekin, Ill., completed a master's degree in the Department of Comparative Biosciences before entering the veterinary program. She hopes to combine her background in the basic sciences with her veterinary degree in her future career.

Kaitlyn, a second-year student from Highland, Ill., has interests in equine, rural mixed animal, and companion animal medicine. She looks forward to finding her niche as she completes her studies. Outside of class, Kaitlyn enjoys spending study breaks with her pups and horse.

Lyndzi Miller

Kaitlyn Nance

Dr. and Mrs. Wally Brandt Award

For interest in rural veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Dr. and Mrs. Wally Brandt Endowment Fund

Melissa Hermes

Melissa is a fourth-year student from Manito, Ill. After graduation, she will join the Shelby Veterinary Service in Shelbyville, Ill., where she will pursue her dream of mixed animal practice.

Dr. Marcus L. Brown, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

For a rising fourth-year student from Southern Illinois with demonstrated interest in practicing small animal medicine.

Sponsored by the Marcus L. Brown, Jr. Endowment Fund

Madison Hudder

Madison is a third-year student from O'Fallon, Ill. She is interested in emergency medicine and small animal general practice/ownership and hopes to do both in her future.

Mary L. Brundage Scholarship

For a student from Winnebago County, interested in attending the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sponsored by the Mary L. Brundage Scholarship Endowment Fund

Taylor Smith

Taylor is a first-year student from South Beloit, Ill. She is excited to pursue her interests in neurology, internal medicine, oncology, wildlife rehabilitation, and small companion animal general practice.

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

Sabrina Mayrose

Sabrina, a fourth-year student from Long Island, N.Y., has an interest in small animal companion and exotics medicine. She will be working in New York City focusing on small animals after she graduates.

Dr. Casey Cadile Memorial Scholarship

For students interested in pursuing a specialization in oncology, who show perseverance and have a positive spirit.

Sponsored by the Dr. Casey Cadile Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Corrine Thomas

Corrine is a second-year student from Lexington, Ky. Her interests include oncology, neurology, and zoological medicine. She serves on the boards of the diagnostic imaging and behavior clubs and plans to pursue specialty certification following graduation.

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. and Robert C. Campbell Scholarship Fund in Loving Memory of the Campbell Cats

Will be awarded in 2023.

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. and Carolyn B. Case Endowment Fund

Will be awarded in 2023.

Champaign County Humane Society Excellence in Shelter Medicine Award

Based on participation and performance in shelter medicine activity.

Sponsored by the Champaign County Humane Society

Melanie Bliudzius

Melanie, a fourth-year student from Hoffman Estates, Ill., will be moving to Arizona to work with exotics in a general practice. She also has a special interest in wildlife and shelter medicine and plans to incorporate that into her career.

Chicago Veterinary Medical Association President's Scholastic Award

Demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice.

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Rachael Lahar

Rachael is a second-year student from Houston, Texas. She is interested in small animal internal medicine, dermatology, and research.

Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

Demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic "How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation."

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Basia Reed

Basia, a second-year student from Lombard, Ill., is interested in small animal and companion exotic animal general practice. She volunteers at the Wildlife Medical Clinic and has worked as a veterinary assistant at Elmhurst Animal Care Center.

Stafford Clark-Price Memorial Feline Compassion Award

For a fourth-year student with demonstrated compassion and care towards feline patients.

Sponsored by Dr. Stuart C. Clark-Price and Ms. Erin Moon

Jennifer Williams

Jenny is a fourth-year student from Long Grove, Ill., interested in dermatology, ophthalmology, nutrition, and surgery. She will be working as an urgent care/general practitioner at a small animal clinic in Dallas, Texas, after graduation.

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

Richard Fredrickson

Taw is a fourth-year student from Fisher, Ill. He is interested in mixed animal medicine with an emphasis in large animal medicine. He and his fiancée, who is also a fourth-year student, are pursuing jobs in Nebraska.

Class of 1954 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1954 Endowment Fund

Class of 1955 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1955 Endowment Fund

Class of 1956 Scholarship

For students active in food production medicine.

Sponsored by the Class of 1956 Endowment Fund

Class of 1963 Scholarship

For high financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1963 Endowment Fund

Class of 1965 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund

Class of 1969 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1969 Endowment Fund

Class of 1970 Scholarship

For students in the top quarter of their class who demonstrate leadership in veterinary medicine related professional organization and have financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1970 Endowment Fund

Class of 1974 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1974 Endowment Fund

Cristen Oxford

Cristen is a first-year student originally from Benton, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal general practice and zoological medicine. She hopes to work in and possibly own a mixed animal practice.

Siobhan Meadows

Siobhan, a third-year student from Elizabeth City, N.C., plans to become board certified in zoological and aquatic medicine. She hopes to improve wildlife conservation and care through research.

Rebekah Schultz

Rebekah is a fourth-year student from Bartonville, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with an emphasis in cow-calf. She will move to the Nebraska/Kansas area for a mixed animal position after graduation.

Morgan Murray

Morgan is a third-year student from Frankfort, Ill. After graduation she intends to pursue a career in small animal general practice in the Chicagoland area.

Grace Zukowski

Grace is a third-year student from Woburn, Mass. She fell in love with emergency medicine during her first-year ER rotation. In her free time she enjoys hiking with her Brittany spaniel, baking sourdough bread, and listening to podcasts.

Varun Seth

Varun is a first-year student from Aurora, Colo. He is interested in wildlife, aquatics, exotics, and conservation medicine.

Grace Steck

Grace, a third-year student from Rochester, Ill., has an interest in small animal general practice, with particular interests in ophthalmology, nutrition, and chiropractic medicine.

Jordan Demanty

Jordan is a first-year student from Clovis, Calif. Ophthalmology interests her because it would allow her to work with any species. She hopes to participate in an ophthalmology research project over the summer.

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

Class of 1976 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1976 Endowment Fund

Class of 1979 Scholarship/Janis Audin Memorial

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

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

Class of 1984 Award

To be used during the fourth-year for an animal-based externship anywhere in the United States, with preference given to a non-profit animal-based externship.

Sponsored by the Class of 1984 Endowment Fund

Class of 1987 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1987 Endowment Fund

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

Class of 1990 Scholarship

For financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1990 Endowment Fund

Jason Szumski

Jason is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. He loves small animal medicine, surgery, and business but hasn't found a part of veterinary medicine he doesn't love yet. Jason hopes to own his own practices after graduation.

Hassan Hanna

Hassan, a first-year student from Homer Glen, Ill., holds several student leadership roles, speaks Arabic, rides horseback, and writes plays. He hopes to specialize in diagnostic imaging and work in academia to mentor future students.

Jason Szumski

Jason is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. He loves small animal medicine, surgery, and business but hasn't found a part of veterinary medicine he doesn't love yet. Jason hopes to own his own practices after graduation.

Jessica Diepholz

Jessica, a second-year student, grew up in Effingham, Ill., and Tampa, Fla. She is interested in oncology, surgery, research, academia, and small/mixed animal practice. She enjoyed the fast-paced work environment at a small animal walk-in clinic in Tampa where she was an extern.

Sarah Kidd

Sarah is a third-year student from Highlands Ranch, Colo. She is interested in emergency medicine and exotics. She plans to move back to Colorado and work at an emergency medicine hospital.

Rachael Surowiec

Rachael, a second-year student from Buffalo, N.Y., is interested in clinical and anatomic pathology and plans to pursue a pathology residency after graduation. She hopes to advance veterinary practice through research.

Allison DuPont

Allison is a fourth-year student from New Jersey. She is interested in pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation with hopes to further specialize in neurology.

Grace Wischmeyer

Gracie is a second-year student from Franklin Park, Ill. Although she is open to all new opportunities and experiences, she has a strong interest in becoming a specialist. Wherever she ends up, Gracie hopes to work closely with clients and give back to her community.

The Clinical Skills Learning Center OSCE Achievement Award

For a third-year student who passes the Objective Structured Clinical Examinations that are taken in the second and third years with the fewest number of skill components to be remediated.

Cassandra Lynch

Cassie is a third-year student from Rockaway, N.J. She has planned externships in zoological medicine, small animal general practice, surgery, and shelter medicine. After graduation she is interested in leadership, mentorship, and eventually practice ownership.

Loren Lee Cluster Scholarship

For a student with good academic standing and financial need who graduated from an Illinois high school and resides in Illinois.

Sponsored by the Loren Lee Cluster Endowment Fund

Nicole Mann Basia Reed

Nicole, a third-year student from Belvidere, Ill., is interested in small animal medicine and surgery. She looks forward to making personal connections with her clients and serving her community through veterinary medicine.

Basia, a second-year student from Lombard, Ill., is interested in small animal and companion exotic animal general practice. She volunteers at the Wildlife Medical Clinic and has worked as a veterinary assistant at Elmhurst Animal Care Center.

Dr. Beverly Y. Cockrell Memorial Scholarship

For a female student in good academic standing and financial need who has plans to pursue a career in research, preferably pathology.

Sponsored by the Dr. Beverly Y. Cockrell Memorial Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine Fund

Caroline Terry

Caroline is a second-year student from Lebanon, Tenn. She would like to use her interests in genetic research and pathobiology to help small animals and possibly exotics with cancer.

Lisa Ann Coole Memorial Scholarship

For demonstrated exceptional community service for animals or humans, volunteer activities, and academic performance.

Sponsored by the Lisa Ann Coole Memorial Endowment Fund

Alyssa Ruston-Bray Caitlin Strozewski

Alyssa, a first-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill., currently works as an assistant at a small animal urgent care. Her primary interests are mixed animal medicine and critical care/emergency medicine. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge of the veterinary field.

Caitlin, a second-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., has a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University. She is interested in small animal general practice, shelter medicine, or emergency and critical care and plans to practice in the Chicagoland area.

Coyne Family Scholarship

For a third-year student with financial need, an interest in small animal medicine, and an interest in practice ownership and management.

Sponsored by the Coyne Family Endowment Fund

Karolina Korput Leah Nehila

Karolina is a passionate third-year student from Wood Dale, Ill., a small Chicago suburb. She looks forward to entering general practice with all the variety it entails. Karolina also hopes to pursue her interests in emergency and critical care and practice ownership.

Leah is a third year dual degree DVM/MPH student from Round Lake, Illinois. She is interested in emergency medicine, mixed animal practice, and public health.

Dr. Paul Davis and Dr. Karin Crocker Scholarship

Preference shall be given to students from the following counties in Illinois: Madison, St Clair, Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Washington, Marion, Macoupin, Montgomery, Fayette, Jefferson, Franklin, Randolph, Perry, Jackson, Williamson, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Hamilton, White, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Pope, Hardin, Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, and Monroe. Additional preference shall be given to students who demonstrate a strong interest in general practice and surgery.

Sponsored by Dr. Paul Davis & Dr. Karin Crocker

Nora Buckingham

Nora is a second-year student from Clinton County, Ill., interested in cattle and small ruminant medicine, sustainable livestock management, and local food systems. This summer she will extern at a large animal mobile practice in Portland, Ore., and a mixed practice in central Illinois.

Mary J. Demmon Private Foundation Scholarship

For students who demonstrate high academic performance and financial need and who have expressed an interest in the study of equine medicine and the health and feeding of horses.

Sponsored by the Mary J. Demmon Private Foundation

Amanda Bowen Kelly Ward

Amanda is a third-year student from Peoria, Ill. She is interested in equine medicine and plans to complete an equine internship after graduation. Amanda's goal is to work at an equine clinic in Colorado.

Kelly is a second-year student from Glenview, Ill. Kelly is interested in small animal general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, and equine medicine. However, she is keeping an open mind throughout her studies.

Dr. Richard E. Dierks Veterinary Alumni Scholarship

For academic achievement with financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Richard E. Dierks Endowment Fund

Paige Meily

Paige is a second-year student from State College, Pa. During school breaks, she works as a veterinary technician at a small animal hospital. She plans a career in small animal general practice that involves her special interest in dentistry.

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

Hannah Miller

Hannah is a third-year student from Pana, Ill. She has a special interest in spay and neuter clinics and hopes to promote small animal welfare by providing general wellness care and decreasing stray populations.

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 S. Dorn Dentistry Award Fund

Regina Sojka

Regina, a fourth-year student from the northwest suburbs of Chicago, previously worked as a dental hygienist. She plans to join a general practice focusing on small animals and dentistry and to pursue a veterinary dental residency.

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

Rachel Korn

Rachel, a fourth-year student from Perry, Okla., will spend the next year as a rotating intern at Cornell University. She plans to pursue a residency in medical oncology.

Belle M. Drake Memorial Scholarship

For a second- or third-year student 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

Courtney Wangler

Courtney is a second-year student from a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich. She is interested in large animal medicine, specifically bovine and equine, and wishes to work with farmers in her hometown area after gaining experience at a mixed animal practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Dupuis Scholarship

For a third-year veterinary student with an interest in practicing small animal medicine and a special interest in quality feline medicine. Student should be born or raised in Kankakee or Ford County. Secondary preference may be given to a student from Grundy, Will, Iroquois, Livingston, McLean or Champaign counties.

Sponsored by Dr. Roger and Mrs. Jacqueline Dupuis

Serena Orange

Serena is a third-year student from Grant Park, Ill. She hopes clinical rotations will help her decide among her interests in small animal ER, mixed animal practice, and small animal orthopedics. She plans to move closer to the coast because she enjoys the ocean and scuba diving.

Exceptional Care in Veterinary Medicine Award

For exemplary compassion when interacting with clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and strong interest in companion animals.

Sponsored by the Bernardoni Family

Feed Them With Love

For a second- or third-year student who has demonstrated academic achievement and has a special interest in companion animal nutrition.

Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

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 the Dr. Walter L. and Mary Lou Fehrenbacher Scholarship Fund

Dr. Paul R. Fitzgerald Memorial Parasitology Scholarship

For demonstrated superlative achievement in parasitology and an expressed interest in parasitology with an excellent academic record.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul R. Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund and Dr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Snyder

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

Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship

For good academic standing and financial need.

Sponsored by the Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Gene Gambrel Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

For a student who is native to the Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association (NIVMA) region, is an active member of SAVMA and plans to return and practice in the NIVMA region.

Sponsored by Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Abraham Trone

Sydney Johnson

Sydney, a fourth-year student from Plant City, Fla., relishes leadership roles and was president of the Illinois Feline Practitioners club. She plans to pursue a residency in small animal cardiology and practice at a specialty hospital.

Cheyenne Dowds

Cheyenne is a second-year student from Valparaiso, Ind. She is interested in emergency medicine because it would allow her to provide care for pets and people when they need it the most.

Robert Ladner

Robert is a third-year student from Olney, Ill. He is interested in working in a small animal or mixed animal practice in Illinois or in Colorado, where his fiancée is from. He is currently the student liaison for Hawthorne Animal Hospital in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Kelly Ward

Kelly is a second-year student from Glenview, Ill. Kelly is interested in small animal general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, and equine medicine. However, she is keeping an open mind throughout her studies.

Melissa Hermes

Melissa is a fourth-year student from Manito, Ill. After graduation, she will join the Shelby Veterinary Service in Shelbyville, Ill., where she will pursue her dream of mixed animal practice.

Andrea Roth

Andrea, a second-career, third-year student from Baltimore, Md., worked in the veterinary field for nearly a decade before deciding to pursue her DVM. She is interested in radiology, internal medicine, and chronic illness management.

Cody Mullins

Cody, a fourth-year student from McHenry, Ill., hopes to care for both small animal and exotic animal patients at a general practice in the northern Illinois area. He's also keeping open the option to pursue a dentistry residency and/or own a private practice.

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

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. and Margaret T. Grohne Scholarship Fund

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

Anna M. Gulick Scholarship

For a student with a good academic record, moral character, and financial need.

Sponsored by the Anna M. Gulick Endowment Fund

Emily Dible

Emily is a fourth-year student from Ottawa, Ohio. She has accepted a position doing small animal emergency and general practice at Animal Clinic Northview in North Ridgeville, Ohio, after graduation.

Katie is a third-year student from Indianapolis, Ind. She is interested in small animal medicine and business ownership. She hopes to give back to the community wherever she ends up practicing.

Corrine is a second-year student from Lexington, Ky. Her interests include oncology, neurology, and zoological medicine. She serves on the boards of the diagnostic imaging and behavior clubs and plans to pursue specialty certification following graduation.

Rachel Angles

Andrew Cadwell

Rachel is a third-year student from Bloomington, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine.

Drew is a third-year student from Williamsburg, Va. He is interested in small animal and companion exotic medicine, particularly anesthesia and surgery. He looks forward to building relationships with pet owners while providing exceptional care for their pets.

Tess is a second-year student from Danforth, Ill. She is interested in pursuing a career in equine medicine or rural mixed animal practice after graduation.

Colleen is a fourth-year student from Evergreen Park, Ill. She hopes to pursue a zoological residency and has applied for a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Dorothy Echols

Dorothy, a first-year student from Chicago, hopes to pursue a surgical specialty and apply those skills to exotic and wildlife species. She plans to participate in diversity and inclusion efforts, spread awareness of the veterinary profession, and help animals live happier lives.

Michael, a first-year student, is from Puerto Rico. He enjoys setting challenges that lead to new adventures. He combines his modeling profession with his veterinary pursuits. He loves to help, teach what he knows, and above all support those who struggle day by day.

Hannah Becker

Hannah, a fourth-year student from Leland, Ill., is interested in small animal general practice and practice ownership. She will join Sandwich Veterinary Hospital as an associate veterinarian after graduation.

Katherine Hiskes

Corrine Thomas

Tess Cummings

Colleen Elzinga

Michael Rodriguez Cameron

Hadley Family DOVE Scholarship (Diversifying Opportunity in Veterinary Education)

Fund is intended to advance diversity within the CVM and in turn, within the veterinary profession more broadly, by expanding educational opportunities in veterinary medicine for students in under-represented minority populations that might not otherwise be able to avail themselves of such opportunities. Preference shall be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria: 1) Have attended a minority-serving institution (MSI), as defined by the Higher Education Act; 2) Are members of a federally recognized Native American tribe; 3) Demonstrate a history of active involvement in high school, undergraduate, community, or enrichment programs or organizations focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, and empowerment of populations that are under-represented in veterinary medicine, including but not limited to: college or university cultural centers; sororities and fraternities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council, National APIA Panhellenic Association, or the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations; Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences; the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science; or 4) Demonstrate a commitment to continued efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in the Unit and veterinary profession, including but not limited to active membership in Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment (VOICE) or other student organizations intended to advance and celebrate diversity in the field of veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Hadley Family

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Faculty Collegiality Award

Provided to a deserving faculty member who enhances a cooperative learning environment among students and a constructive mentoring/coaching relationship between faculty and students.

Sponsored by Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Jean Helper

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Student Collegiality Award

Provided to a deserving student who enhances a cooperative learning environment among students and a constructive mentoring/coaching relationship between faculty and students.

Sponsored by Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Jean Helper

Isabelle M. Hill Scholarship

For a third- or fourth-year student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Isabelle M. Hill

Richard S. and Loan B. Hill Veterinary Medicine Chicago-Area Scholarship

For a student from the Chicago area.

Sponsored by Richard S. and Loan B. Hill

Jade Williams

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Dr. H. Preston Hoskins Award

Proficient in technical writing or editorial service for veterinary publications. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic "How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation."

Sponsored by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. Richard and Mrs. Shirley Hull Scholarship

For a third-year student with a demonstrated interest in specializing in large animal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Richard and Mrs. Shirley Hull Endowment Fund

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

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarships

For current ISVMA student representatives.

Sponsored by the ISVMA

In Honor of Dr. John T. Creasey, third-year class representative: Lauren McKay, Class of 2023

In Honor of Clint L. Franks, fourth-year class representative: Darec Edwards, Class of 2022

Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Award

For overall proficiency in veterinary clinical medicine.

Sponsored by the Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association

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.

Collin Dannheim Abigail Harty

Collin, a first-year student from the Chicago suburbs, has worked primarily in small animal general practice but is eager to experience equine, emergency, or even mixed practices. He is president of the business management club, which allows him to practice his leadership and communication skills.

Abbie is a first-year student from Mundelein, Ill. She is interested in small animal emergency medicine and wildlife and hopes to find a way to incorporate both of these interests into her career.

Alexandra Voytko

Alexandra is a third-year student from Cleveland, Ohio. She is interested in food production medicine. She aims to join a mixed animal practice when she graduates.

Jenna Henderson

Jenna is a second-year student from Plainfield, Ill. Following graduation she'd like to pursue a small animal rotating internship and possibly a residency in medical oncology. She also has an interest in emergency medicine.

Jessica Diepholz Brianna Huff

Darec Edwards Lauren McKay

Jessica, a second-year student, grew up in Effingham, Ill., and Tampa, Fla. She is interested in oncology, surgery, research, academia, and small/mixed animal practice. She enjoyed the fast-paced work environment at a small animal walk-in clinic in Tampa where she was an extern.

Darec, a fourth-year student, is excited to practice at a small animal general practice in the suburbs of Chicago. He is inspired to practice using alternative pain therapy (acupuncture and physical rehabilitation, among others) and to one day open a practice that pioneers novel treatments.

Brianna, a first-year student from Ringwood, Ill., has a strong interest in exotic companion animal and zoological medicine. She hopes to work closely with clients and their pets as well as at zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Lauren is a third-year student from Joliet, Ill., who is interested in small animal general practice and surgery. Lauren became involved with the state veterinary association after learning about their mission to improve the veterinary profession and be a resource for the general public.

Jacob Hartman

Jacob is a fourth-year student from O'Fallon, Mo. He intends to pursue a position in small animal general practice with a focus on surgery.

Will be awarded in 2023.

Lily Ireland Scholarship: Recruitment

As part of recruitment package to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Matching Fund

Conner Herion

Amanda Holmes

Erica Jackson

Conner is a first-year student from Bartlett, Ill. He enjoys learning how diverse the veterinary field is and hopes to one day use his knowledge to help animals in need and relieve the worries of their owners.

Amanda is a first-year student from the small town of Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice with a focus in neurology.

Erica is a first-year student from the city of Chicago. She received her bachelor's degree in animal science from North Carolina A & T State University. Her career interests include public health, outreach, and research with a primary focus on minority communities.

Hailey is a first-year student from Channahon, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine. She hopes to work toward improving animal welfare in the clinic and shelter settings.

Kelly is a first-year student from Plainfield, Ill., who enjoys all aspects of veterinary medicine. She is very compassionate about helping all species of animals and has a special interest in small animal oncology.

Victoria, a first-year student, was raised in New Jersey and moved to Chicago at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to work at Loyola University Medical Center. She wants to be the best doctor she can be, and hopes to own a mixed animal practice where she gives her community information about affordable care and preventive medicine.

Melanie is a first-year student from the southside of Chicago who has worked as an assistant at Animal Hospital at the Crossing in Champaign, Ill., for four years. She is interested in small animal, zoological, and zoo companion animal medicine. Upon graduation, Melanie plans to provide veterinary care in the Hispanic community.

Ambrielle is a first-year student from Chicago who is interested in small animal medicine and veterinary epidemiology. After graduation, she plans to use her knowledge to protect the health of animals and people by preventing widespread illness and disease outbreaks.

Diana is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is dedicated to diversifying veterinary medicine by staying true to her Hispanic roots. She looks forward to helping animals in the future as a shelter veterinarian or general practitioner.

Hailey Jermolowicz

Kelly McDonough

Victoria Morales

Melanie Narvaez

Ambrielle Pratt

Diana Saucedo

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

Gabriela de Oliveira

Gabi is a third-year student born in Urbana, Ill., who was raised in Brasilia, Brazil. She is interested in emergency medicine for small animals and zoological companion animals. She plans to complete a small animal rotating internship in either Chicagoland or the Salt Lake City area.

Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship

For an interest in pathobiology.

Sponsored by the Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship Fund

Kyle Cacciatore

Rachael Surowiec

Kyle, a second-year student from Park Ridge, Ill., is always excited to learn new skills and looking for the next opportunity. He is passionate about working with companion birds and reptiles, pathology, and research.

Rachael, a second-year student from Buffalo, N.Y., is interested in clinical and anatomic pathology and plans to pursue a pathology residency after graduation. She hopes to advance veterinary practice through research.

Christian and Regina Jensen Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Christian and Regina Jensen Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Endowment Fund

Paige Meily

Paige is a second-year student from State College, Pa. During school breaks, she works as a veterinary technician at a small animal hospital. She plans a career in small animal general practice that involves her special interest in dentistry.

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

Adam Tatnall

Adam is a second-year student from Auburn, Calif., interested in preclinical research, swine medicine, emergency medicine, and surgery. He will gain experience in swine production medicine and research through a summer internship with Carthage Veterinary Service.

Anne P. Johnston Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Anne P. Johnston

Bailey Stolsworth

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

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

Josephine Biltz

Melissa Buettner

Morgan Garrow

Andrea Martinez

Amanda Stiegel

Jason Szumski

Josephine is a first-year student from North Olmsted, Ohio. She is interested in mixed animal practice and rehabilitation for dogs and horses. She hopes to own a combined animal shelter/animal hospital one day.

Melissa, a second-year student from Saint Cloud, Minn., plans to go into mixed animal practice in her home state after she graduates. She has a special interest in small animal surgery.

Morgan is a second-year student from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in pursuing small animal emergency medicine and hopes to complete an internship after graduation.

Andrea, a first-year student from San Antonio, Texas, is interested in small animal private practice and surgery, especially orthopedic surgery. As her studies progress, she looks forward to exploring more aspects of veterinary medicine.

Amanda, a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill., plans a career in mixed animal medicine while also pursuing her passion for dog sledding and caring for racing sled dogs. In her fourth year of study, she will extern at the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race.

Jason is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. He loves small animal medicine, surgery, and business but hasn't found a part of veterinary medicine he doesn't love yet. Jason hopes to own his own practices after graduation.

Dr. Robert G. Kern Endowment for Veterinary Medicine

To support travel of an equine-focused student so that they may attend an equine conference or externship.

Sponsored by Dr. Robert G. Kern Endowment Fund

Isabel Fleming

Isabel, a third-year student from Peoria, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery and equine sports medicine. She hopes to integrate both areas into her future career and to become a business owner.

Calvin Kernica Endowed Scholarship Fund

For fourth-year students at the CVM or residents of the CVM's oncology team. Recipients shall have an interest in pursuing a career in small animal medicine & show demonstrated skill and clinical promise in oncology treatments and diagnosis as it relates to feline patients. Preference shall be given to students with an interest in pursuing an advance degree specialization or residency in oncology

Sponsored by Calvin Kernica

Dr. Edward C. Khuen Excellence in Dentistry Scholarship

For a student who excels in dentistry.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ralph O. Holstein, DVM, Endowment Fund

Dr. Edward C. Khuen Memorial Award

Proficient in small animal dentistry. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic "How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation."

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. David Kieltyka Endowed Scholarship

For financial need. Preference shall be given (in order of priority) to students who: (1) are active with a UIUC LGBT Resource Center affiliated student organization, (2) have made significant contributions to the LGBT community, (3) are committed to making UIUC a more open environment for LGBT students, or (4) who otherwise increase diversity within the unit.

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. David E. Kieltyka

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. Kremer

Dr. Anthony T. Kremer Scholarship for Small Animal Surgery

Demonstrated interest and skill in small animal orthopedic surgery. Pursuing a career in private practice.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Kremer Telemedicine Scholarship

Recipients shall be pursuing a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in the Unit. Preference shall be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing telemedicine as part of their career.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Samantha Crist Samantha von Rueden

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Atwood, Ill. She hopes to complete a small animal rotating internship and then pursue a residency in veterinary oncology.

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Romeoville, Ill. She has a passion for reading and traveling to new places. Her veterinary interests include small animal medicine, emergency medicine, and zoological companion animals.

Kasey Kiefer

Kasey is a fourth-year student originally from Arizona. She played collegiate volleyball at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Kasey will be moving with her chocolate lab, Zona, to Dallas, Texas, to be an associate at a small animal general practice.

Kate Maas

Kate is a fourth-year student from the southwest suburbs of Chicago interested in equine chiropractic, Fear Free medicine, anesthesia, and leadership in organized medicine. She has a special place in her heart for people and can't wait to start building relationships in primary care clients.

Max Paulson

Max is a second-year veterinary student from Homer Glen, Ill. He plans to complete a small animal rotating internship and a residency after graduation. He is currently most interested in neurology, oncology, and ophthalmology.

Samantha Sorenson

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Batavia, Ill. She will be pursuing a career in shelter medicine with an emphasis on spay/neuter and community medicine.

Jamie Hart

Jamie, a third-year student from Bronx, N.Y., has an interest in small animal surgery. She plans to enter the match program for a small animal rotating internship.

Cody Mullins

Cody, a fourth-year student from McHenry, Ill., hopes to care for both small animal and exotic animal patients at a general practice in the northern Illinois area. He's also keeping open the option to pursue a dentistry residency and/or own a private practice.

Kremer Veterinary Services Scholarship

For an interest in the economics of veterinary medicine and small animal practice management.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Dr. Vaylord Dale and Marjorie G. Ladwig Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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

Dr. C. Max Lang Scholarship for Veterinary Medicine

For a second- or third-year student in the upper quartile of their class.

Sponsored by the Dr. C. Max Lang Scholarship for Veterinary Medicine Fund

Eve Larocca Scholarship Endowment Fund 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

Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship

For a meritorious student with financial need who has contributed 50 hours of volunteer service.

Sponsored by the University of Illinois

Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship (Renewal)

For a meritorious student with financial need who has contributed 50 hours of volunteer service.

Sponsored by the University of Illinois

Rebekah Schultz

Rebekah is a fourth-year student from Bartonville, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with an emphasis in cow-calf. She will move to the Nebraska/Kansas area for a mixed animal position after graduation.

Ashley Vahling

Ashley is a second-year student residing in Neoga, Ill. She is interested in working in a mixed practice clinic in an underserved, rural area. She is particularly interested in cattle, swine, and companion animals.

Hailey Swager

Hailey is a fourth-year student from Vernon Hills, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and surgery. She will be working as an associate veterinarian at a small animal general practice in Dallas, Texas.

Morgan Garrow

Morgan is a second-year student from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in pursuing small animal emergency medicine and hopes to complete an internship after graduation.

Meagan Karuhn

Meagan is a fourth-year student from Naperville, Ill. She is interested in emergency and critical care medicine and plans to do a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Cassandra Lynch

Cassie is a third-year student from Rockaway, N.J. She has planned externships in zoological medicine, small animal general practice, surgery, and shelter medicine. After graduation she is interested in leadership, mentorship, and eventually practice ownership.

Caitlin Strozewski

Caitlin is a second-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill. with a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University. She is interested in small animal general practice, shelter medicine, or emergency and critical care. Her relevant work/volunteer experiences include small animal clinics, shelters, the UIUC Veterinary Teaching Hospital ER, and zoo and wildlife medicine. After graduation, Caitlin plans on returning to the Chicagoland area permanently to practice medicine.

Tanner Leong Memorial Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in dermatology.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Leticia Perez

Leticia, a fourth-year student from Chicago, Ill., is interested in small animal medicine, small mammal exotic medicine, surgery, and ultrasound imaging. She also hopes to one day own a practice. After graduation, she will work as an associate veterinarian at a private practice in Chicago.

TZ and Zach Leong Internal Medicine Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in internal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Allysa Cole

Allysa is a fourth-year student from San Antonio, Texas. After graduation she will pursue her interests in anatomic pathology and research through a residency program combined with a PhD degree.

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 and cats.

Sponsored by the Drs. Sam and Nancy Lerner Endowment Fund

Allison DuPont

Allison is a fourth-year student from New Jersey. She is interested in pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation with hopes to further specialize in neurology.

Dr. Norman and Helen Levine Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. Norman and Helen Levine

Will be awarded in 2023.

Dr. Roger P. Link and Marjorie Link Endowed Scholarship Fund

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

Madison Kapraun

Madison, a fourth-year student from Washington, Ill., is interested in mixed animal practice. She hopes to pursue a rewarding career while staying in the Midwest.

Dr. Ted Lock Scholarship

For a third-year student interested in practicing large or mixed animal medicine in a rural environment.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ted Lock Endowed Scholarship Fund

Mackenzie Michels

Mackenzie, a third-year veterinary student, hopes to one day open her own mixed animal practice in her hometown of Noble, Ill., where she can offer affordable reproductive medicine for large animals and soft tissue/orthopedic surgeries.

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

Isabel Fleming

Isabel, a third-year student from Peoria, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery and equine sports medicine. She hopes to integrate both areas into her future career and to become a business owner.

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

Alyssa Ruston-Bray

Alyssa, a first-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill., currently works as an assistant at a small animal urgent care. Her primary interests are mixed animal medicine and critical care/emergency medicine. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge of the veterinary field.

Dr. William Magrane Clinical Ophthalmology Award

For exceptional performance in the clinical ophthalmology rotation.

Sponsored by the Magrane Ophthalmology Fund

Julie Klein

Julie, a fourth-year student from the small town of Marissa in Southern Illinois, has a passion for education, client communication, and small ruminants. She plans to work at a mixed animal clinic in Waterloo, Ill.

Martin Family and Capitol Illini Veterinary Services Scholarship

For a student with demonstrated interest in small animal medicine, who is a member of student groups and whose resume reflects past work in a veterinary clinic.

Sponsored by the Martin Family and Capitol Illini Veterinary Services Scholarship Fund

Leah Nehila

Leah is a third-year, dual-degree DVM/MPH student from Round Lake, Ill. She is interested in emergency medicine, mixed animal practice, and public health.

Dr. Frances Joan Masser Scholarship

For a veterinary student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Dr. Frances Joan Masser Endowment Fund

Corrinne Boyajian

Alyssa Mazzoccoli

Corrinne, a third-year student from Long Island, N.Y., has a passion for both equine and small animal medicine and an overall interest in cardiology. She enjoys the outdoors and riding horses and plans to practice in an underserved area of northwestern Montana.

Alyssa is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., interested in small or mixed animal private practice and possibly in a surgery or neurology specialty. She hopes to incorporate research into her future career. Alyssa is open to new learning experiences in veterinary medicine.

Margo is a fourth-year student from Philadelphia, Pa. She is interested in small animal general practice with opportunities in shelter medicine and community outreach and education.

Kara is a second-year student from Denver, Colo. She has a M.S. in Biomedical Science from Colorado State University and has research experience in equine sports medicine. She is interested in small animal medicine and plans to complete a small animal rotating internship after graduation. She is interested in specializing further in neurology or cardiology.

Margo Renzi

Kara Scolman

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

Valentina Poggi

Valentina, a second-year student from Villa Park, Ill., is a driven and goal-oriented individual. She has interests in both small animal and equine medicine. Her career focus includes opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and collaboration with her community.

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. and Mrs. David McConnell Endowment Fund

Melissa Buettner

Melissa, a second-year student from Saint Cloud, Minn., plans to go into mixed animal practice in her home state after she graduates. She has a special interest in small animal surgery.

Genevieve B. McDonough Veterinary Medicine Fund

Recipients shall have a high level of financial need and preference shall be given to students who are US citizens or permanent residents from the State of Illinois.

Sponsored by the Genevieve B. McDonough Veterinary Medicine Fund

Robin Hosmer

Robin, a fourth-year student, has worked with animals since high school, starting at a small animal/exotics practice in Naperville, Ill. At Michigan State University, she worked at the dairy, sheep, and swine farms. While a veterinary student, she earned money as a caretaker at the teaching hospital.

Michael McElvaine Scholarship

For a student who demonstrates record or strong potential in support of LGBTQ activism. Small animal and shelter medicine focus.

Sponsored by the Estate of Michael McElvaine

McLaughlin Family Scholarship

For a student interested in small animal medicine and surgery and who has been a member of the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association for two years and is in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the McLaughlin Family Endowment Fund

Rose Ann Meccoli Memorial Scholarship

For a student who has contributed significantly to the care and quality of life of the Wildlife Medical Clinic resident educational animals.

Sponsored by the Rose Ann Meccoli Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Paul and Sara J. Meginnis Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with high financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul and Sara J. Meginnis Scholarship Fund

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. and Renee Mell Endowment Fund

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 the owners.

Sponsored by Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Endowment Fund

Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Innovation Award

For a selected student in good academic standing and who demonstrates innovation and/or entrepreneurial creativity in the development of business, project or product that inspires others within the veterinary profession.

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation

Hollie Heape

Hollie is a third-year student from Portland, Ore. She is interested in small animal oncology and anesthesiology.

Jessica Franz

Jessica, a third-year student from Bloomingdale, Ill., is interested in small animal emergency medicine and emergency surgery. She hopes to work at an emergency-only hospital after graduation.

Alexis Davidson

Alexis, a third-year student from Deerfield, Ill., has an interest in wildlife, zoo, and emergency medicine. She hopes to one day become board certified in zoological medicine.

Brianna Huff

Brianna, a first-year student from Ringwood, Ill., has a strong interest in exotic companion animal and zoological medicine. She hopes to work closely with clients and their pets as well as at zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Dr. Jennifer Reinhart

Samantha Crist

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Atwood, Ill. She hopes to complete a small animal rotating internship and then pursue a residency in veterinary oncology.

Julie Klein

Julie, a fourth-year student from the small town of Marissa in Southern Illinois, has a passion for education, client communication, and small ruminants. She plans to work at a mixed animal clinic in Waterloo, Ill.

Merck Veterinary Manual Award

For fourth-year students on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.50 or greater.

Sponsored by Merck & Company

Rachel Halter

Melanie Jereb

Clara Jurik

Meagan Karuhn

Rachel is a fourth-year student.

Melanie, a fourth-year student from Cary, Ill., will become a small animal general practitioner in Indianapolis, Ind., after graduation. She is interested in small animal internal medicine and clinical pathology.

Clara is a fourth-year student from Mesick, Mich. She is interested in client education and dentistry and plans to work as a small animal general practitioner back in Michigan after graduation.

Meagan is a fourth-year student from Naperville, Ill. She is interested in emergency and critical care medicine and plans to do a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Rachel, a fourth-year student from Perry, Okla., will spend the next year as a rotating intern at Cornell University. She plans to pursue a residency in medical oncology.

Rachel is a fourth-year student who will return to upstate New York after graduation to pursue small animal general practice.

Margo is a fourth-year student from Philadelphia, Pa. She is interested in small animal general practice with opportunities in shelter medicine and community outreach and education.

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Romeoville, Ill. She has a passion for reading and traveling to new places. Her veterinary interests include small animal medicine, emergency medicine, and zoological companion animals.

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

Cailey is a fourth-year student from Aurora, Ill. Her many interests include small animal and exotic general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, dentistry, and soft tissue surgery. She plans to work at a general practice in the Chicago area after graduation.

Alexis Abbate

Alexis, a first-year student from Beecher, Ill., is interested in emergency medicine and business management. She hopes to become a part of the management team and lead the ER department at a clinic in Illinois or northwest Indiana.

John Michael Scholarship

For students who demonstrate an interest in early mentoring in a 24-hour full-service facility with the goal of setting up, shadowing and learning in a real-world environment.

Sponsored by the John Michael Scholarship Fund

Jerrold and Marian Michaels Scholarship

For a native or resident of McHenry County with financial need.

Sponsored by the Jerrold and Marian Michaels Scholarship Fund

Joseph Dobbins

Joseph is a fourth-year student from Springfield, Ill. He is interested in general practice for small and mixed animal species. He is hoping to practice in the Chicago suburbs after graduation.

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

Erica Greene

Erica is a third-year student from Roxbury, N.J. She is passionate about dentistry and oral surgery. She enjoys how oncology, diagnostic imaging, and research can be incorporated into the specialty and plans to pursue an internship and residency after graduation.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

A SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Together we create a workplace culture that fosters respect, inclusion, trust, and support for personal and professional growth. The more diverse our community, the stronger we are. We practice compassion and selfcare. We celebrate successes, knowing that our most valuable asset is our people.

EXPERIENCES THAT EMPOWER LEARNERS

We provide learning experiences that inspire our students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers. We continually evolve our teaching methods to deliver the best outcomes for students, who come to us seeking a wide range of degrees, credentials, and information.

INNOVATION WITH GLOBAL AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

We are global leaders who deliver research-based solutions. We imagine a better future and create the path to make that future a reality. As part of a world-class university, we set high standards and embrace a culture of continual improvement and assessment.

SERVICE FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS

Embracing the land-grant mission, we undertake the responsibility to provide state-of-the-art animal care with the goal of enhancing the human-animal bond. Through the care we provide, we create a healthier world for both humans and animals alike.

THOUGHTFUL STEWARDSHIP

Partnerships with philanthropic individuals and organizations magnify our impact and help to secure a bright future for our college. We value the strategic activities of our advancement team, which nurtures strong relationships between our donor partners and our faculty, students, and staff.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



Kremer Telemedicine Scholarship

Dr. Anthony Kremer expects that telemedicine will be an integral component of the veterinary practice in the near future. He created the Kremer Telemedicine Scholarship to promote telemedicine in the veterinary profession and encourage future Illinois DVM graduates to pursue it.

Do you want to help the college recruit the best and the brightest future veterinarians? Give to an existing scholarship or create your own by contacting the Office of Advancement.

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3tNvxdD>



Stateline Spay/Neuter & Education Scholarship Fund

During their years of involvement with animal rescue, Karen and Richard Gadke had encountered a great deal of animal abuse. "It appeared to us that cats are the most maligned, misunderstood and abused of all pets," says Karen. Their gift to support a compassionate veterinary student who has been active in shelters or trap-neuter-return activities is one small way they can help address the veterinary shortage and fight animal cruelty.

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Roma and Carol Ann Most Award in Veterinary Medicine

For a female student who is a resident of Illinois with an interest in small animals and demonstrated financial need.

Sponsored by the Roma and Carol Ann Most Trust Fund

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

Nestlé Purina Award for Excellence in Companion Animal Nutrition

For a student who demonstrates excellence and a strong interest in companion animal nutrition.

Sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare

Northern Lakes Equine Practice Scholarship

For an equine-focused fourth-year student who intends to pursue equine medicine, ideally in private practice.

Sponsored by Northern Lakes Equine Practice

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 and Alumni

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. and David M. Heine

Prater Family Scholarship Fund

For demonstrated financial need and academic merit. Scholarship can be renewable for recipients who remain in good standing.

Sponsored by the James C. Prater Family

Rachel Roschi

Rachel is a second-year student from Aurora, Ill. She hopes to one day open her own practice and provide exceptional care to companion animals and pocket pets.

Danielle Money

Danielle, a second-year student from Palatine, Ill., is interested in zoological medicine and research. Her experience at the Wildlife Medical Clinic is helping her explore this non-traditional path. She hopes to work with a wide variety of species after graduation.

Sarah Balwierczak

Sarah, a fourth-year student from Gurnee, Ill., will become an associate veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital near her hometown after graduation. She hopes to find balance in her career between general practice, shelter medicine, and emergency medicine.

Bailey Stolsworth

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

Andrew Cadwell

Drew is a third-year student from Williamsburg, Va. He is interested in small animal and companion exotic medicine, particularly anesthesia and surgery. He looks forward to building relationships with pet owners while providing exceptional care for their pets.

Hannah, a second-year student from Wildwood, Mo., is interested in production animal medicine (especially with dairy cattle), equine medicine, and theriogenology. She sees herself practicing ruminant and equine medicine in a rural community or possibly working in government public health or specializing in large animal theriogenology.

Alec William Ortiz Colosi

Alec, a fourth-year student from West Palm Beach, Fla, has an interest in aquatic animal medicine with a focus on aquarium animals and wild aquatic animal rehabilitation.

Michelle Hohrman

Michelle is a fourth-year student from Northfield, Minn. She is interested in large animal medicine, surgery, and reproduction and plans to pursue her lifelong goal of practicing veterinary medicine in a rural Midwestern town.

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 and Birdell Eck Provus Scholarship Endowment Fund

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

Dr. David Reed Family Scholarship

For a student focused on small animal who hopes to acquire a career in general practice and who has financial need.

Sponsored by Dr. David Reed

Dr. Lisa Rehberger Scholarship

Demonstrated financial need, with preference given to students from Johnson County, IL or if no students apply, second preference shall be given to students from Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson, and third preference shall be for students south of I-64.

Sponsored by Dr. Lisa Rehberger

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

Charles Renegar Family Scholarship

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Charles Renegar Family Endowment Fund

Ixzacil Marquez

Ixzacil is a third-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in laboratory animal medicine and research and hopes to pursue a career in these fields.

Taylor Miller

Taylor is a first-year student from Belleville, Ill. She is interested in small animal surgery, rural or mixed practice, and shelter medicine and hopes to find a way to combine these in her future career.

Leticia Perez

Leticia, a fourth-year student from Chicago, Ill., is interested in small animal medicine, small mammal exotic medicine, surgery, and ultrasound imaging. She also hopes to one day own a practice. After graduation, she will work as an associate veterinarian at a private small animal general practice in Chicago.

José Ramirez

José is a fourth-year student from West Frankfort, Ill. He is interested in small animal internal medicine and large animal preventative medicine. He is deciding between going directly into clinical practice or completing a master's program in veterinary biosciences.

Brandi Welch

Brandi, a second-year student from Aledo, Ill., plans to work in a food animal/mixed animal practice in a rural setting. She currently holds leadership positions in the Production Medicine Club and Theriogenology Club.

Emma Gooding

Emma, a second-year student from Moorhead, Minn., plans to work with small and exotic animals and has a special interest in practice management. Emma looks forward to communicating her veterinary knowledge to pet owners from the different cultures in her region.

Julie, a fourth-year student from the small town of Marissa in Southern Illinois, has a passion for education, client communication, and small ruminants. She plans to work at a mixed animal clinic in Waterloo, Ill.

Kelly is a third-year student from Marine, Ill. She aims to combine laboratory animal medicine, pathology, and research in her future career. She is guided by an interest in comparative biology, translational medicine, and animal welfare and plans to pursue a residency after graduation.

Kate is a fourth-year student from the southwest suburbs of Chicago interested in equine chiropractic, Fear Free medicine, anesthesia, and leadership in organized medicine. She has a special place in her heart for people and can't wait to start building relationships in primary care clients.

Julie Klein

Kelly Kries

Kate Maas

Dr. Harry Reynolds Pathology Award

For the highest grade point average in general pathology.

Sponsored by the H. A. Reynolds Memorial Endowment Fund

Mikayla Diedrick

Mikayla, a second-year student from Daggett, Mich., hopes to pursue a career in mixed animal practice or production medicine. She aspires to serve animal and human health by ensuring a safe and plentiful food supply while maintaining excellent animal welfare.

Doris Rivera Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Doris Rivera Endowment Fund

Mikayla Diedrick Jesi Petersen

Mikayla, a second-year student from Daggett, Mich., hopes to pursue a career in mixed animal practice or production medicine. She aspires to serve animal and human health by ensuring a safe and plentiful food supply while maintaining excellent animal welfare.

Jesi is a first-year student from Glencoe, Ill., who hopes to combine her interests in equine medicine and anesthesiology in her veterinary career. She plans to complete an equine internship and eventually work at, and possibly own, a private practice.

Rosella E. Rose Scholarship

For a deserving student.

Sponsored by the Rosella E. Rose Scholarship Endowment Fund

Micaela Ramirez

Micaela, a second-year student, born in Arlington, Va., and raised in Europe and South America. While she plans to enter small animal general practice and pursue practice ownership, she enjoys exploring research, exotics, and large animal medicine as a student.

Bob Rosenthal Senior Student Award for Proficiency in Clinical Oncology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of animals with cancer.

Sponsored by the Veterinary Cancer Society

Samantha von Rueden

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Romeoville, Ill. She has a passion for reading and traveling to new places. Her veterinary interests include small animal medicine, emergency medicine, and zoological companion animals.

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

Ji Eun Park

Ji is a fourth-year student from California. She started her veterinary studies focused on wildlife/exotics medicine. She has since developed a passion for surgery. Ji hopes to combine these interests as a small animal surgeon who provides advanced surgical treatment for exotic species.

Cedric and Edna Rybolt Scholarship

For an Illinois resident based on academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Cedric and Edna Rybolt Scholarship Fund

Amber Shoberg

Amber is a second-year student from Wheaton, Ill. Although her family lives in Illinois, she spent most of her life overseas in Ecuador, France, and Germany. She is interested in wildlife medicine and small animal practice, including exotic companion animals.

Dr. Alvin H. Safanie Endowed Fund

For a student with financial need. Preference shall be given to students interested in anatomy, anatomical development, neonatology/breeding or genetics.

Sponsored by Dr. Alvin H. Safanie Endowment Fund

Clara Jurik

Clara is a fourth-year student from Mesick, Mich. She is interested in client education and dentistry and plans to work as a small animal general practitioner back in Michigan after graduation.

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.

Sponsored by the Dr. David A. Saidel Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

Will be awarded in 2023.

Dr. Gary and Linda Salisbury Scholarship

For an Illinois, male student, with financial need.

Sponsored by the Gary and Linda Salisbury Endowment Fund

Richard Fredrickson

Taw is a fourth-year student from Fisher, Ill. He is interested in mixed animal medicine with an emphasis in large animal medicine. He and his fiancée, who is also a fourth-year student, are pursuing jobs in Nebraska.

Dr. J. E. Salsbury Scholarship

For students with financial need who exhibit superior academics, initiative, perseverance, and potential for leadership.

Sponsored by the Dr. J. E. Salsbury Endowment Fund

Jason Szumski

Jason is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. He loves small animal medicine, surgery, and business but hasn't found a part of veterinary medicine he doesn't love yet. Jason hopes to own his own practices after graduation.

Sandrik Family Scholarship

For an Illinois resident who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need.

Sponsored by the Sandrik Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

Emma Przekwas

Emma is a third-year student from Tinley Park, Ill. She is interested in shelter medicine and hopes to be involved in a high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter program in her future career.

Scholarship for Excellence in Veterinary Medicine

For top students entering their first-year of study as part of their recruitment package.

Sponsored anonymously

Marisa Pico

Marisa is a first-year student from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She is interested in aquatics and zoological medicine as well as radiology. Before veterinary school she completed a master's degree in marine science and oceanography and conducted research on sea turtle body condition.

Senior Student Scholarship for Proficiency in Clinical Cardiology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of veterinary cardiology patients. Overall performance while on clinical rotation involving the care of animals and demonstrated skill in patient care and client communications.

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

Rachel Korn

Rachel, a fourth-year student from Perry, Okla., will spend the next year as a rotating intern at Cornell University. She plans to pursue a residency in medical oncology.

Senior Student Scholarship for Proficiency in Clinical Neurology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of veterinary neurologic patients. Overall performance while on clinical rotation involving the care of animals and demonstrated skill in patient care and client communications.

Sponsored by Dr. Devon Hague

Allison DuPont

Allison is a fourth-year student from New Jersey. She is interested in pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation with hopes to further specialize in neurology.

Cora E. and Lora M. Sims Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

The dean of the college awards this scholarship to a first-year student.

Sponsored by Cora E. and Lora M. Sims Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine Fund

Will be awarded in 2023.

Richard P. Sivicek Scholarship Fund

For a third- or fourth-year student interested in wildlife, zoo or shelter medicine.

Sponsored by Mr. Richard P. Sivicek

Danielle Duron Sarah Kidd

Danielle is a fourth-year student from Southern California. She would like to pursue a career in wildlife medicine with a focus in ecology and conservation.

Sarah is a third-year student from Highlands Ranch, Colo. She is interested in emergency medicine and exotics. She plans to move back to Colorado and work at an emergency medicine hospital.

Small Animal Executive Veterinary Program Award

For students with 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

Emma Gooding

Emma, a second-year student from Moorhead, Minn., plans to work with small and exotic animals and has a special interest in practice management. Emma looks forward to communicating her veterinary knowledge to pet owners from the different cultures in her region.

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

Emily Benedict Hannah Sparling Kaitlyn Daigle Amanda Stiegal

Emily, a first-year student from Livonia, Mich., is passionate about a career with an impact on a large number of individuals. She is considering laboratory animal medicine, pathology, and neurology but remains open to all career paths.

Kaitlyn, a fourth-year student from Revere, Mass., wishes to pursue a career as a small animal orthopedic surgeon, beginning with a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Hannah, a second-year student from Wildwood, Mo., is interested in production animal medicine (especially with dairy cattle), equine medicine, and theriogenology. She sees herself practicing ruminant and equine medicine in a rural community or possibly working in government public health or specializing in large animal theriogenology.

Amanda, a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill., plans a career in mixed animal medicine while also pursuing her passion for dog sledding and caring for racing sled dogs. In her fourth year of study, she will extern at the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race.

Dr. Erwin Small Teaching Excellence Awards in Veterinary Medicine

For excellence in teaching, awarded to one faculty member from each department, as selected by students in the second-, third-, and fourth-year of the veterinary degree program.

Sponsored by the estate of Dr. Erwin Small and the College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Cindy Elston Dr. Lori Madsen Dr. Megan Mahoney

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

Ashley Deviney

Ashley, a second-year student from Goddard, Kan., previously worked as a biomedical research technician. This experience inspired her to pursue a veterinary career in laboratory animal medicine. She is co-president of the Lab Animal Medicine club and works part-time in a research lab on campus.

Society for Theriogenology Award

For a fourth-year student with the highest proficiency in theriogenology as determined by the faculty.

Sponsored by the Society for Theriogenology

Bailey Stolsworth

Bailey, a fourth-year student from Salisbury, N.C., is interested in equine reproduction and sports medicine. She will be moving to Ocala, Fla., for an equine internship after graduation.

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 Ms. Audra Zumwalt

Hope Fenton

Hope, a second-year student from DuQuoin, Ill., is interested in small animal neurology and behavior, neuroscience research, academia, and more recently oncology. She hopes to have her own hospital one day.

Sophie's and Gypsy's Golden Heart Award

For a student who excels in small animal cardiology.

Sponsored by Ms. Cornelia W. Honchar

Sydney Johnson

Sydney, a fourth-year student from Plant City, Fla., relishes leadership roles and was president of the Illinois Feline Practitioners club. She plans to pursue a residency in small animal cardiology and practice at a specialty hospital.

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

Hayley Cooper Mackenzie Wells

Hayley is a fourth-year student from Salem, Ill. She is interested in small/mixed animal general practice and plans to own a practice in the future.

Mackenzie is a second-year student from Nashville, Ill. Her interests include small, large, shelter, and exotic animal medicine, but her main focus is on education and outreach in rural communities. She hopes to work as a general practitioner in rural Illinois.

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

Hayley Cooper

Hayley is a fourth-year student from Salem, Ill. She is interested in small/mixed animal general practice and plans to own a practice in the future.

Dr. Larry St. Clair Excellence in Anatomy Scholarship

For a student who excels in anatomy.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ralph O. Holstein, DVM, Endowment Fund

Alyssa Ruston-Bray

Alyssa, a first-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill., currently works as an assistant at a small animal urgent care. Her primary interests are mixed animal medicine and critical care/emergency medicine. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge of the veterinary field.

Stateline Spay/Neuter and Education Scholarship Fund

Recipients shall be enrolled in the Shelter Medicine Program.

Sponsored by Richard and Karen Gadke.

Sarah Balwierczak Samantha Sorenson

Sarah, a fourth-year student from Gurnee, Ill., will become an associate veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital near her hometown after graduation. She hopes to find balance in her career between general practice, shelter medicine, and emergency medicine.

Samantha is a fourth-year student from Batavia, Ill. She will be pursuing a career in shelter medicine with an emphasis on spay/neuter and community medicine.

Fred and Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship

For a student who has completed the second year in the curriculum and who is interested in small animal, zoology or wildlife medicine, with demonstrated financial need and compassion for all animals.

Sponsored by the Fred and Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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

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

Thanks Mom and Dad Scholarship

For students with a demonstrated financial need. Preference shall be given to a student that has declared a dependent on their FAFSA form.

Sponsored by Dr. Frederick Mulch

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 and Libbie Thetford Endowment Fund

Dr. Michael P. and Catheran C. Thomas Scholarship

For a student interested in the science of veterinary medicine and involvement in organized veterinary medicine demonstrated by membership in AVMA and/or ISVMA. Demonstrated leadership skills with a strong work ethic, honesty, integrity and compassion. Preference given to a need based student.

Sponsored by Dr. Michael P. and Mrs. Catheran C. Thomas

Chloe Dupleix

Chloe Dupleix is a second year student from Lafayette, Louisiana. She is currently the senior co-manager of the Wildlife Medical Clinic, and wants to pursue a career in wildlife medicine and public health.

Max Paulson

Max is a second-year veterinary student from Homer Glen, Ill. He plans to complete a small animal rotating internship and a residency after graduation. He is currently most interested in neurology, oncology, and ophthalmology.

Naomi Esquivel

Naomi, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., is advancing toward many goals: to open a companion animal hospital; to mentor underserved students interested in veterinary careers; to be an animal activist who works with local shelters and rescues.

Amanda Thomas

Amanda, a first-year student from Villa Park, Ill., has interests in small animal, equine, and zoo medicine. She knows multiple languages and has traveled to 10 countries. She'd like to practice veterinary medicine all over the world.

Ashley Vahling

Ashley is a second-year student residing in Neoga, Ill. She is interested in working in a mixed practice clinic in an underserved, rural area. She is particularly interested in cattle, swine, and companion animals.

Will be awarded in 2023.

Julie Klein

Julie, a fourth-year student from the small town of Marissa in Southern Illinois, has a passion for education, client communication, and small ruminants. She plans to work at a mixed animal clinic in Waterloo, Ill.

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

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

Unity Award

For a fourth-year student in the college who contributes to the diversity of the unit. Preference shall be given to students involved in or interested in student organizations at the university that promote the interests of people of color in society or aim to serve Black communities.

Sponsored by Dr. Stephanie Keating and Dr. Katherine Kling

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

VECCS Award For Proficiency in Emergency and Critical Care

The award is intended to be for a 4th year student who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and exceptional proficiency in caring for emergency and critical care patients (regardless of species). Further, special consideration should be given to students who have been active and productive members of the local Chapter of SVECCS.

Sponsored by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society

Amanda Stiegel

Amanda, a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill., plans a career in mixed animal medicine while also pursuing her passion for dog sledding and caring for racing sled dogs. In her fourth year of study, she will extern at the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race.

Taylor Carlini

Taylor, a first-year student from Lake Orion, Mich., majored in zoology at Michigan State University. She is interested in small animal emergency medicine and internal medicine but is still exploring various opportunities.

Ji Eun Park

Ji is a fourth-year student from California. She started her veterinary studies focused on wildlife/exotics medicine. She has since developed a passion for surgery. Ji hopes to combine these interests as a small animal surgeon who provides advanced surgical treatment for exotic species.

Jordan Demanty

Audrey Fox

Jordan is a first-year student from Clovis, Calif. Ophthalmology interests her because it would allow her to work with any species. She hopes to participate in an ophthalmology research project over the summer.

Audrey is a first-year veterinary student. She is originally from upstate New York, but her family moved to Naperville, Ill., several years ago. She intends to practice small animal primary care and has special interest in dentistry and internal medicine.

Jesi is a first-year student from Glencoe, Ill., who hopes to combine her interests in equine medicine and anesthesiology in her veterinary career. She plans to complete an equine internship and eventually work at, and possibly own, a private practice.

Cailey is a fourth-year student from Aurora, Ill. Her many interests include small animal and exotic general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, dentistry, and soft tissue surgery. She plans to work at a general practice in the Chicago area after graduation.

Alexandra is a third-year student from Cleveland, Ohio. She is interested in food production medicine. She aims to join a mixed animal practice when she graduates.

Brooke Nerderman

Brooke, a fourth-year student from Columbus, Ohio, will practice emergency medicine in Atlanta, Ga., after graduation. She loves the variety and speed of emergency medicine and is excited to serve the community of Atlanta.

Veterinary Medicine Dean's Scholarship

For first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

Sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine

Juan Alanis Alyssa Ramir

Juan, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., is the first in his family to graduate from college. He is interested in small companion animal medicine but plans to explore various aspects of veterinary medicine.

Alyssa is a first-year student from Addison, Ill., with interests in small animal medicine—especially orthopedic and soft tissue surgery—and practice ownership. This summer she will work in several practices hoping to find a great mentor and future employer.

Kathleen Werner Scholarship

For a female student with financial need who is in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Kathleen Werner Endowment Fund

Sofia Ciacciarella

Sofia, a first-year student from Naugatuck, Conn., has interests in small animal emergency, internal medicine, and neurology. This summer she will enter the Banfield Student Job Program as a veterinary assistant.

Whiteley Student Travel Fund

To provide travel funds for a second- and/or third-year student to present a paper or poster at either at the American College of Veterinary Pathologists Conference or the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Conference.

Sponsored by Dr. Herbert Whiteley and Mrs. Yvette Whiteley

Will be awarded outside the awards and scholarships process.

Howard L. Whitmore and Borje K. Gustafsson International Dairy Award

To support second- through fourth-year students enrolled in and expected to complete the CVM – Master of Public Health program and to enhance international education in the veterinary curriculum.

Sponsored by the Howard L. Whitmore and Borje K. Gustafsson International Dairy Award Fund

Veronica Pleasant

Veronica, a third-year student from Shelton, Conn., splits her time between Champaign and East Hartford, Conn., with her partner and their pets. She would like to serve communities with limited access to veterinary medical resources.

Will be awarded in 2023.

Stanley E. and Patricia H. Wojcicki Endowed Scholarship

For a DVM student, female gender preferred.

Sponsored by the Estate of Stanley E. and Patricia H. Wojcicki

June Rae Abbott Wolk Scholarship

For character and merit with excellent veterinary skills, demonstrated heart-felt sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of clients, a positive attitude, a persevering attitude, and a sincere love for and dedication to veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the June Rae Abbott Wolk Scholarship Endowment Fund

Rachel Conte

Rachel is a third-year student from Southington, Conn. She is primarily interested in small animal medicine and exotics. Her other interests include shelter medicine and emergency medicine. She hopes to experience all of these areas in her career.

Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship

For a student from west central Illinois; this scholarship is renewable.

Sponsored by the Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship Fund

Ashley Newberry

Ashley is a first-year student from Irving, Ill. She plans to focus on equine and bovine lameness within a practice that treats multiple species. She has matched for two equine specialty externships this summer focused on equine lameness and reproduction.

Dr. Ralph F. and Norma Lurtz Ziegler Scholarship

For a third- or fourth-year student, who intends to pursue a career in laboratory animal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Ralph F. and Norma Lurtz Ziegler Scholarship Fund

Emily Grzeda

Emily is a third-year student pursuing a zoologic pathology residency and research that will improve reptile and amphibian husbandry. She also owns and operates ReptiVet LLC, which serves to ethically diversify and track genetic trends in domestic reptiles.

Zoetis Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing and a member of SAVMA.

Sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health

Rachel Angles

Cheyenne Dowds

Samantha Triani

Corrinne Boyajian

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Courtney Wangler

Tess Cummings

Max Paulson

Brandi Welch

Lucas Daniels

Alexandria Talley

Rachel is a third-year student from Bloomington, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine.

Corrinne, a third-year student from Long Island, N.Y., has a passion for both equine and small animal medicine and an overall interest in cardiology. She enjoys the outdoors and riding horses and plans to practice in an underserved area of northwestern Montana.

Tess is a second-year student from Danforth, Ill. She is interested in pursuing a career in equine medicine or rural mixed animal practice after graduation.

Luke, a third-year student from Strasburg, Ill., would like to combine his interests in cattle production and research in his career. During clinical rotations he plans to travel West to get more large animal experience.

Cheyenne is a second-year student from Valparaiso, Ind. She is interested in emergency medicine because it would allow her to provide care for pets and people when they need it the most.

Crystal is a second-year student from Las Vegas, Nev. She is interested in public health, small animal emergency, and integrated (holistic) medicine. Crystal is an executive board member for several student organizations and hopes to help increase student wellness and inclusion.

Max is a second-year veterinary student from Homer Glen, Ill. He plans to complete a small animal rotating internship and a residency after graduation. He is currently most interested in neurology, oncology, and ophthalmology.

Dria is a fourth-year student from Otterberg, Germany. She enjoys crocheting but animal welfare is her passion. She plans to join a general practice in Illinois as an exotic animal veterinarian after graduation.

Samantha is a third-year student from Romeoville, Ill. She has a passion for reading and traveling to new places. Her veterinary interests include small animal medicine, emergency medicine, and zoological companion animals.

Courtney is a second-year student from a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich. She is interested in large animal medicine, specifically bovine and equine, and wishes to work with farmers in her hometown area after gaining experience at a mixed animal practice.

Brandi, a second-year student from Aledo, Ill., plans to work in a food animal/mixed animal practice in a rural setting. She currently holds leadership positions in the Production Medicine Club and Theriogenology Club.

Zoetis 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 Zoetis Animal Health

Dr. Anne Barger

Special recognition to our Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian - Rachel Korn

Sponsored by the ISVMA

Rachel, a fourth-year student from Perry, Okla., will spend the next year as a rotating intern at Cornell University. She plans to pursue a residency in medical oncology.

Salutatorian - Clara Jurik

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Clara is a fourth-year student from Mesick, Mich. She is interested in client education and dentistry and plans to work as a small animal general practitioner back in Michigan after graduation.



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