



COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

2024 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Welcome to the annual Awards and Scholarships Celebration!

On behalf of the Awards and Scholarships Committee, I am delighted to welcome our students, alumni, and other friends of the college.

I hope you are as inspired as I am by the positivity, generosity, and dedication of the people in this room today:

- The students who have worked hard in the face of a constantly changing local and global environment;
- The generous scholarship donors who reward their efforts and ease the financial burden of their veterinary career path;
- Our advancement team that facilitates scholarship gifts;
- And the members of the awards and scholarships committee who responsibly award the scholarships according to the donors' wishes.

And one more thing, "May the fourth be with you."

Jonathan Samuelson

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COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE ALUMNA, DONOR, & GUEST SPEAKER, DR. KATHRYN GOLDEN



Thank you so much for having me here today. It truly is an honor to come back and be with all of you. As Christine said, my name is Kathryn Golden and I am a 2013 graduate.

Some of you in this room may remember my class as the first class that went through the “new” curriculum. We started our veterinary school learning on clinics, had cumulative examinations, and benefited from the clinical skills lab. The new curriculum was truly revolutionary and changed the scope of learning for veterinary students forever.

Tangential benefits of this new curriculum that are less measurable on paper, but arguably equally important, were in the relationships that formed between classmates, upper classmen, and even residents and faculty. The veterinary world is so small, and by forging relationships early in our careers we, and classes thereafter, have benefited from an amazing network of colleagues.

This connection was one of the biggest gifts that I was given as a result of my coursework at Illinois. Understanding and having a sense of being part of something much bigger than just myself is what laid the foundation for my career and why I am here today, an equine practice owner, and proud scholarship donor.

My path to veterinary school didn’t start until I was a freshman in college at William Woods University, a small liberal arts school in Fulton, Missouri. I was drawn to William Woods because of my love of horses. They offered a four-year degree in both Equestrian Science and Equestrian Administration.

During my early coursework I took an Equine Health and First Aid class that completely captivated me. Very shortly thereafter, I switched to a degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in preparation for application to veterinary school.

Even though my passion has always been firmly rooted in horses, once in veterinary school I found myself confused about pursuing a career in equine medicine. Was making my passion my career a good choice? Or would I resent working on horses and potentially not see enough of my own?

This is the crux of the problem that so many veterinary students face. We have all this fervent desire to help animals, but how do we find a balance between being a veterinarian and becoming consumed by our careers?

The veterinary community at large is in crisis between the influx of family pets during COVID, the number of retiring veterinarians, declining mental health, and the huge financial burden associated with schooling. The equine veterinary industry has been particularly hard hit. In 2023, roughly fifty—FIVE ZERO—equine veterinarians graduated and entered the field.

Even more staggering is that less than 50% of this small number of graduating equine vets remain in equine practice after 5 years. There are so many reasons for these alarming numbers, but one of the main reasons is the economic stress associated with being a veterinarian.

When my business partner, Laurel, and I were laying the framework for our practice, we spoke in depth about our core values. One thing we both felt passionately about was showing veterinary students that there is a realistic way to make a living and have a well-rounded and fulfilling life as an equine veterinarian.

This led us to starting the Northern Lakes Equine Practice Scholarship for equine veterinary students here at Illinois, but also at Iowa State, Laurel’s alma mater, and soon to be at University of Wisconsin-Madison, where our associate graduated. The goal of our scholarship is not only to provide financial support to equine veterinary students but also to raise awareness that there is a sustainable way to have a fulfilling career in equine veterinary medicine.

In addition to our financial support, we visit each of our alma maters on an annual basis to talk to the student AAEP chapters about equine private practice. Connecting with students is one of the single best things that I have found injects excitement back into my day to day and helps prevent my own feelings of burnout.

As much as these interactions are about helping equine-passionate students enter and remain in equine medicine, they also help ground me. I will never forget the factors that changed the trajectory of my career. Firstly Dr. Foreman, who was my assigned mentor for professional development, bluntly if not so eloquently said to me, “Kathryn, it is obvious you want to be an equine veterinarian. Get out of your own way and go do it.” He was able to have this insight because of the relationship we formed during my early years in veterinary school as a direct result of the integrative curriculum.

And secondly, a wonderful program that has recently returned called Opportunities in Equine Practice (OEPS), which is an immersive experience for third-year equine students in Kentucky that is fully funded by donors and comes at no cost to the veterinary students attending.

When I take a step back and look at the veterinary industry, there is one word that summarizes what it means to me: Community. To be a veterinarian is to be a part of a community. It is so important that we, as members, offer support both financially and emotionally.

I am forever grateful to the scholarships I received during my education, and I am honored to be able to give back now that I am on the other side. My career wouldn’t be what it is without the incredible support and mentorship I received along the way, and I am just one story. We each have our own.

I encourage donors who are here today to look around at these incredible students—who are the future of animal health—and reflect on your own journeys to where you are today. Who got you here? How would your path have been different had you had additional resources? And most importantly, what can you be doing now to further support the students who are the future of our industry.

The more we champion each other, the more our patients will benefit from educated, excited, and content veterinarians. We all abide by our oath taken at graduation “to do no harm.” My hope is that we are able to extend that promise to ourselves as well, by learning how to thrive in the lifestyle that is being a veterinarian.

Dr. Kathryn Golden

Clinical Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine



MAX PAULSON

Class of 2024

Hello, my name is Max Paulson and I would like to begin with an I-L-L!!! Thank you! I am a member of the Class of 2024, which means I am about to graduate from the University of Illinois for the second time. After I graduate, my partner and I are moving to Fort Collins, Colorado, where I will start a small animal rotating internship at Colorado State University to begin my journey towards specializing in Oncology.

I have loved this University from the second I became an Illini in 2017, but I didn't truly bleed Orange and Blue until I was welcomed into the College of Veterinary Medicine in 2020. These past four years have been nothing short of life-changing, largely because of the donors and faculty who have supported me throughout my time here.

As I am sure most people in this room can attest, the academic stress of vet school is difficult to manage. Having financial stress is also difficult. And when you are juggling both of these stressors, it can be overwhelming.

You have to find a balance that allows you to feel financially stable but also leaves you with enough time and energy to devote to your studies.

The amount of debt most students take on to achieve their dreams can feel paralyzing. That is why we students are so thankful for the financial support that donors provide through awards and scholarships. Not only does your aid help us ease our debt burden, it also allows us to devote more time to our studies and leadership opportunities.

In my first year of veterinary school, my class elected me to be a delegate to the Student American Veterinary Medical Association, known as SAVMA. Delegates serve as liaisons between the SAVMA chapters based at colleges and the National SAVMA House of Delegates.

Each AVMA-accredited veterinary school across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and the United Kingdom sends two student delegates, and this group forms the House of Delegates. This central group works to provide grants, scholarships, international exchange experiences, educational webinars, and much more to students in each local SAVMA chapter. Advocating for Illinois veterinary students was an honor. The experience inspired me to run and be elected to the role of national SAVMA President.

As President and President-Elect of SAVMA, I represented all veterinary students as a member of the AVMA House of Delegates, a member of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Development Council and Board, and as an invited participant on the AVMA Board of Directors.

Throughout my third and fourth years in veterinary school I traveled to meet with veterinarians, share the issues most pertinent to my veterinary student colleagues, and learn about the issues we will face after graduation. I am immensely proud to have been a staunch advocate for increasing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion along with raising mental health awareness in our profession.

Throughout my years working with SAVMA and the AVMA, I have made many lifelong friends, had unforgettable experiences across the country, gained invaluable networking opportunities, won the bid to host the national SAVMA Symposium at Illinois last year, and gained a strong desire to dedicate time to veterinary advocacy in the future.

I could not have done any of this without the generous support of donors like you throughout the past four years.

I will forever be grateful to those who have donated their time and money to support veterinary students. I believe we must support those who come after us and ensure our profession is better when we leave it than when we enter it. I hope to help future veterinary students in the same ways that you have all helped us.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of our donors and ask that all students, willing and able, please stand and join me in giving them a round of applause!

Thank you!



BRITT KIOKEMEISTER

Class of 2027

Good Morning,

My name is Britt Kiokemeister and I am a student in the Class of 2027.

Today is a very special and rewarding day, and everyone here—students, donors, and faculty—should be very proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

When I applied to veterinary school, I never thought of scholarships being a thing. Instead, I thought I needed to accept the fact that I would be leaving the program with a whole lot of debt.

However, my whole mind set changed after I received the Linda Hillis Foley Award, an award created in memory of a fellow animal lover.

Receiving this scholarship from Mr. Robert Foley is an amazing gift that I was never expecting. There are truly not enough words to describe how grateful I am.

Mr. Foley and I have a couple things in common. First, we both are graduates of the high school St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. Second, not surprisingly, we both love animals.

The love Mr. Foley has for animals was also shared by his wife, Linda, who passed away in 2020. To honor her memory, he established this award that enables any St. Ignatius graduate enrolled at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine to leave the program without financial debt.

We all know that any type of education is expensive. I am forever grateful to Mr. Foley for creating this award that allows not only me, but hopefully many other students to complete their veterinary school education debt-free.

Today is important because it moves veterinary students in the right direction, helping to alleviate their financial burdens. Instead of channeling our education and skills into paying off debt, we can wholeheartedly focus on our studies, thanks to scholarships from generous donors.

Scholarships empower us to grow and explore opportunities within the veterinary field. They give us the freedom to pursue our lifelong passions, whether that is private practice, research, public health, food animal, or equine medicine.

For me, receiving this scholarship has genuinely been a game-changer because it allows me to focus on my education, clinical skills, veterinary career ambitions, and also my life outside of the profession. It lets me know that all my hard work and dedication to the field has not gone unnoticed. It boosts my confidence and motivation to explore the breadth of veterinary medicine and to strive for excellence in my studies and lifelong passion to one day become a small animal veterinarian.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has given me and the doors it has opened for my future. However, I also recognize that responsibility comes with receiving such a gift: the responsibility to pay it forward by making a meaningful impact in the veterinary profession now and in the future.

It is so extraordinary that there are people like Mr. Foley who believe in the potential of veterinary medicine and are willing to invest in it. Ultimately, their generosity will make a difference not just for individual students, but for the world of veterinary medicine.

Thank you.

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.

2024 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Megan Murphy

Megan is a third-year student from Morristown, N.J. She is interested in equine and food animal medicine, with an emphasis on theriogenology.

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

Kara Scolman

Kara, a fourth-year student from Denver, Colo., has a master's degree 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 and neurosurgery.

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

Gianna Alesia

Gianna is a third-year student from Carol Stream, Ill. She is passionate about practicing Fear Free medicine to improve the well-being of dogs and cats, particularly those with behavioral issues. Gianna plans to work at a suburban Chicago private practice that also serves the homeless pet population.

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

Brooklyn Westerfield

Brooklyn is a first-year student from Paris, Ill. This summer she plans to work at a mixed practice clinic and apply knowledge from veterinary school to real-world experiences. After graduation she hopes to return to her hometown area to join a rural mixed general practice.

The Boehringer - Ingelheim Senior Student Award 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

Evan Schwarz

Evan, a fourth-year student from Lake in the Hills, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery. He will be staying on after graduation to participate in a small animal rotating internship at the college.

Dr. Loyd E. Boley Scholarship

For a deserving CVM student.

Sponsored by the Dr. Loyd E. Boley Endowment Fund

Chloe Duplex

Chloe is a fourth-year student from Lafayette, La. She is interested in wildlife medicine and is completing a small animal rotating internship through the match program after she graduates. From 2021 to 2023 Chloe served as the student manager of the college's Wildlife Medical Clinic, and she hopes to work in a similar setting in academia one day.

Bornsen Family Foundation Veterinary Scholarship

For VM2 or VM3 student in good academic standing with high financial need.

Sponsored by the Bornsen Family Foundation

Audrey Fox

Alyssa Ruston-Bray

Audrey, a third-year student, was originally from upstate New York, but lived and worked in the Chicago area before entering veterinary school. She has special interests in surgery, dentistry, and feline medicine and intends to join a small animal general practice in San Francisco after graduation.

Alyssa is a third-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with a focus on emergency and critical care. She has gathered a variety of accomplishments in the past year, including completing two summer externships and giving an oral presentation at the annual AASV Conference.

Hanna is a second-year student from Woodstock, Ill., where she works as a veterinary assistant during breaks. She is interested in equine sports medicine or small animal emergency medicine.

Emily is a second-year student from rural Parkersburg, Ill., where she hopes to practice emergency medicine, equine or mixed animal practice. She is also entertaining the idea of specializing or owning her own practice.

Hanna Seils

Emily Shilling

Wally Brandt Endowment Fund

For a student interested in rural veterinary medicine.

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

Brandi Welch

Brandi, a third-year student from Aledo, Ill., has an agricultural background and is interested in mixed animal medicine with an emphasis in beef cattle and reproduction. She plans to return to her hometown to practice mixed animal medicine and uphold a commitment to Illinois farmers.

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

Cristen Oxford

Cristen, a third-year student, says her primary mission in becoming a veterinarian is to serve clients and communities by providing quality care for their animals. She is interested in practice ownership and surgery. Originally from Benton, Ill., Cristen now resides in Urbana with her husband, Derek, and their wonderful mixed-breed dog, Archie.

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

Conley Gustafson

Conley is a first-year student from Rockford, Ill. He is interested in small animal private practice, emergency medicine, and outreach. He is passionate about educating others to help improve the lives of animals.

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

Will be awarded in 2025

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

Jenna Henderson

Jenna, a fourth-year student from Plainfield, Ill., will enter a small animal rotating internship after graduation and eventually hopes to specialize in medical oncology or emergency and critical care. Both fields create a strong connection and trust with clients, helping them understand their pets' underlying condition and navigate challenging situations.

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 2025

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

Colleen McDonnell

Colleen, a second-year student from Jackson, Mich., is interested in all fields of veterinary medicine. She has a special interest in small animal emergency medicine, research, soft tissue surgery, and equine sports medicine. Her veterinary education has instilled in her a sense of responsibility and respect for all species, from rabbit to cattle.

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

Casey Lindenfeld

Casey is a fourth-year student from Keller, Texas. She is interested in companion animal medicine with an emphasis on soft tissue surgery and shelter medicine and hopes to join a practice in suburban Chicago. Casey has a passion for helping people and animals alike.

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

Jocelyn Polanek

Jocelyn is a second-year student from Downers Grove, Ill. She is interested in small animal specialty or rural mixed animal practice. She plans on pursuing an internship after graduation.

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

William Wright

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

Carley Lionetto

Carley, a first-generation, fourth-year student from Pottsville, Pa., will be staying on at the University of Illinois after graduation for a food animal reproduction and medicine internship. Carley hopes to specialize in either food animal medicine or theriogenology and to work in academia to teach the next generation of food animal veterinarians.

Class of 1954 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1954 Endowment Fund

Nina Bippus

Nina is a first-year student from Mount Vernon, Ind. She is interested in mixed animal medicine, specifically general practice and theriogenology. Nina would like to use her veterinary degree to help the animals and educate the people in her community.

Class of 1955 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1955 Endowment Fund

Jennifer Gonzalez

Jennifer is a first-generation student, born and raised in Puerto Rico. Now completing her second year of veterinary school, she developed an interest in small animal practice and emergency medicine while working at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Jennifer looks forward to further developing her clinical skills and connecting with others in the veterinary field this summer in the VCA externship program.

Class of 1956 Scholarship

For students active in food production medicine.

Sponsored by the Class of 1956 Endowment Fund

Ashley Vahling

Ashley is a fourth-year student from Neoga, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice. She hopes to work in a private, mixed animal practice in a rural community after graduation.

Class of 1963 Scholarship

For high financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1963 Endowment Fund

Melanie Narvaez

Melanie, a third-year student from Chicago's South Side, is interested in small animal and zoo companion animal medicine, with the possibility of practicing in zoo medicine, emergency, or rescue. She hopes to work at an exotic animal hospital in Chicago after graduation. Eventually, Melanie would like to establish her own nonprofit mobile veterinary clinic to provide services to low-income communities in Chicago.

Class of 1965 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund

Ryan Santangelo

Ryan is a second-year student from Glen Ellyn, Ill. He is interested in small animal general practice and small animal emergency medicine. During breaks from school, Ryan works as a veterinary technician at a general practice animal hospital near his hometown, where he gains real-life experience.

Class of 1969 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1969 Endowment Fund

Brandi Welch

Brandi, a third-year student from Aledo, Ill., has an agricultural background and is interested in mixed animal medicine with an emphasis in beef cattle and reproduction. She plans to return to her hometown to practice mixed animal medicine and uphold a commitment to Illinois farmers.

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

Victoria Shuster

Victoria is a third-year student from Shelton, Conn. She is interested in anatomic pathology and veterinary forensics and hopes to combine the two in her future career.

Class of 1974 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1974 Endowment Fund

Olivia Boncosky

Olivia, a first-year student from Algonquin, Ill., earned a degree in animal sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She hopes to advance the field of cardiology throughout her career and contribute to the success of future veterinary students through teaching.

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

Theodore Berlanga

Theodore is a third-year student from Midland, Mich. They are interested in wildlife medicine, anatomic pathology, and academia. As an educator they hope to teach veterinary communication skill development and develop Diversity/Equity/Inclusion curricula.

Class of 1976 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1976 Endowment Fund

Kamila Grochowski

Kamila, a third-year student from Glenview, Ill., is interested in zoological medicine, research, and anesthesiology. She currently works for the Wildlife Epidemiology Laboratory, where she conducts research on a variety of turtle and snake species in northern Illinois. During her clinical year, Kamila has secured externship opportunities at Denver Zoo, Omaha Zoo, and Brookfield Zoo. She aspires to become a board-certified zoological veterinarian.

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

Hassan Hanna

Hassan is a third-year student from Homer Glen, Ill., with interests in aquatic and wildlife medicine. After graduation, he plans to pursue specialty training to work with non-traditional species and contribute to the interdisciplinary One Health movement. Eventually, he intends to return to academia and become a mentor to future students.

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

Taylor Miller

Taylor is a third-year student from Belleville, Ill. She plans to own a mixed animal practice in her hometown and looks forward to providing the community with affordable, high-quality medical and surgical care for their pets and livestock. Taylor also plans to help promote agriculture and preventive care through the FFA Alumni and other agricultural organizations.

Veterinary Medicine 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

Naomi Esquivel

Naomi is a first-generation Latina student who was born and raised in Chicago. She knew she wanted to be a veterinarian when she started an animal rescue group at age 12. Now in her third year of veterinary school, Naomi is close to accomplishing her dream. She hopes to open an innovative animal hospital that serves all companion animals and provides mentorship opportunities for underserved students interested in veterinary medicine.

Class of 1986 Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Class of 1986 Endowment Fund

Samantha Pankratz

Samantha is a first-year student from Stevensville, Mich., who is interested in mixed animal medicine. She has a special interest in orthopedics and theriology as well as in eventual practice ownership.

Class of 1987 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1987 Endowment Fund

Alyson Krieger

Alyson, a second-year veterinary student from Vero Beach, Fla., is interested in pursuing small animal medicine, likely in general practice or emergency medicine. She also has an interest in mentoring future veterinarians.

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

Sarah Brink

Sarah, a third-year student from Aurora, Ill., is interested in small animal companion medicine, with specific interests in behavior and internal medicine. She is eager to gain more knowledge and experience during her clinical year to strengthen these interests and explore new ones.

Class of 1990 Scholarship

For financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1990 Endowment Fund

Haley Kenyon

Haley is a third-year student originally from Georgia. During her clinical year, she has arranged externships at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, the Indianapolis Zoo, and an animal shelter in Greece. After graduation, she intends to pursue a small animal rotating internship at a private practice. Her career goal is to become a zoo and aquatics veterinarian who promotes international conservation through novel research.

Vet Med Class of 2004 Scholarship Endowment Fund

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 2004 Endowment Fund

Zachary Ginkel

Zach, a second-year student from Wisconsin, is interested in owning an emergency veterinary clinic. He has been very vocal about the need for veterinarian-owned practices and the dangers of private equity.

The Clinical Skills Learning Center 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.

Sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine Clinical Skills Learning Center

Meegan Snyman

Meegan, a third-year student from Rockford, Mich., hopes to enter a small animal rotating internship followed by a residency in small animal emergency and critical care. She is driven to provide steadfast support to individuals during emergencies concerning their beloved pets.

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

Akasha Gahol

Akasha is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., who hopes to focus on community education and serving underprivileged communities. She has been working as a veterinary assistant at an emergency practice and plans to continue honing her ER skills while exploring other fields by interning at Lincoln Park Zoo and applying for master's on public health degree program.

Kayla, a first-year student from Belleville, Ill., who is a graduate of the University of Findlay in Ohio, is interested in small animal and zoological companion animal medicine. She volunteers for the ambassador program in the college's Wildlife Medical Clinic.

Kayla Kokotovich

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

Christine Powell

Christine is a second-year student from Washington. She is interested in research, pathology, oncology, and small animal general practice.

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

Carly Etter

Carly is a first-year veterinary student from the southern Illinois town of Breese. She hopes to combine her interests in production medicine and in wildlife conservation medicine with a deeper dive into public health goals. This summer Carly will work with Dr. Matt Allender in the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab to study threatened and endangered reptiles in northern Illinois.

Heather is a first-year student from Darien, Ill. Her veterinary interests include clinical pathology and research, and she hopes to pursue a clinical pathology residency after graduation.

Heather McDavid

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

Naomi Esquivel

Naomi is a first-generation Latina student who was born and raised in Chicago. She knew she wanted to be a veterinarian when she started an animal rescue group at age 12. Now in her third year of veterinary school, Naomi is close to accomplishing her dream. She hopes to open an innovative animal hospital that serves all companion animals and provides mentorship opportunities for underserved students interested in veterinary medicine.

Erica, a third-year student from Chicago, Ill., graduated from the number one public historically Black university, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State. She plans to work at a small animal general practice in Chicago where she can incorporate her passions of small animal reproduction and minority outreach.

Erica Jackson

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

Taylor Miller

Taylor is a third-year student from Belleville, Ill. She plans to own a mixed animal practice in her hometown and looks forward to providing the community with affordable, high-quality medical and surgical care for their pets and livestock. Taylor also plans to help promote agriculture and preventive care through the FFA Alumni and other agricultural organizations.

Dechra Excellence in Dermatology

A fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for dermatology, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of dermatological conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Paige Ulrich

Dechra Excellence in Equine Sports Medicine

For a fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for equine sports medicine, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of rehabilitation and lameness conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Courtney Wangler

Courtney grew up as the sixth generation on her family's dairy farm in West Branch, Mich. She is interested in equine and dairy medicine and possibly mixed animal practice. She is considering multiple job opportunities in southwest Michigan when she graduates in May. Her goal is to open her own mixed animal practice that emphasizes dairy medicine and equine sports medicine.

Dechra Excellence in Internal Medicine

A fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for internal medicine, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of endocrinological conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Rachel Roschi

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

Jesi Petersen

Jesi, a third-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation and then enter private practice or a residency in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She may also like to go into academia at some point in her career.

Hanna is a second-year student from Woodstock, Ill., where she works as a veterinary assistant during breaks. She is interested in equine sports medicine or small animal emergency medicine.

Hanna Seils

Dr. Richard E. Dierks Veterinary Alumni Scholarship

For academic achievement for financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Richard E. Dierks Endowment Fund

Amanda Holmes

Amanda is a third-year student from Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice ownership and would like to incorporate her interest in behavior medicine into her practice.

Monica Dillon-Nelson and Steve Nelson Award

For a student in good academic standing. Preference will be given to underserved student population with a financial need.

Sponsored by Monica Dillon-Nelson and Steve Nelson

Diana Saucedo

Diana, a third-year student from Chicago, Ill., is interested in general practice and shelter medicine. She hopes to practice in the Chicago area, serving communities with poor access to animal care and demonstrating that minorities are able to achieve anything, even becoming veterinarians.

Joan B. Dobrovlny 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. Dobrovlny Endowment Fund

Noemi Hernandez

Noemi is a third-year student from Cicero, Ill. Her career interests are small animal: primary care, emergency medicine and academia. Noemi hopes to own her own clinic one day.

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

Alexandria Vega

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

Rachael Surowiec

Rachael is a fourth-year student from Buffalo, N.Y. She is interested in a career in academia, where she can combine her passions of diagnostics, research, and teaching. She will start an anatomic pathology residency at the University of Tennessee after graduation.

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 Fund

Kylee Laverty

Kylee is a second-year student from Kingston, Mich., with an interest in mixed-animal general practice. She has a strong passion for both equine medicine and agriculture, but also finds interest in small animal surgery. She hopes to use her veterinary degree to start her own practice and expand veterinary care in her rural community.

Curtis A. Drake Memorial Scholarship

Second- or third-year student pursuing their DVM degree. Preference given to students who participated in a 4-H program for a minimum of seven years.

Sponsored by the Curtis A. Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund

Taylor Carlini

Taylor is a third-year student from Lake Orion, Mich. She is interested in a career in companion animal emergency medicine.

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

Hailey Jermolowicz

Hailey is a third-year student from Channahon, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and hopes to integrate shelter medicine into her practice, especially through working closely with local rescue organizations.

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

Allison Wallace

Allison, a fourth-year student from Mundelein, Ill., wants to pursue a residency in zoological medicine or emergency and critical care. She is currently applying for a small animal rotating internship.

Feed Them With Love Award

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

Egle Tamulynas-Mendoza

Egle, a second-year student from Chicago, is open to many paths within the veterinary field. She is interested in specializing once she narrows down her interests. Egle hopes to one day own her own hospital. Outside of veterinary medicine, she is an avid crafter.

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

Abigail Frink

Abigail is a second-year student from Plainfield, Ill. She is interested in rural mixed animal practice, primarily food animal. Abigail and her husband, Luke, have made Monticello, Ill., their home and plan to stay in the area upon graduation.

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

Amy Rawson

Amy is a non-traditional second-year student from Punxsutawney, Pa. She is mom to a 4-year-old son, Lucas, and wife to a general surgery resident, Nicholas. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and hopes to find a way to incorporate both into her future career.

Linda Hillis Foley Award

For a graduate from St. Ignatius College Prep of Chicago, Illinois. Financial need. Good academic standing with a small animal focus.

Sponsored by the Linda Hillis Foley Award Fund

Britt Kiokemeister

Britt is a first-year veterinary student from Park Ridge, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice, private practice ownership, and oncology. After graduation, she hopes to come back and work in the Chicagoland area.

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

Courtney Wangler

Courtney grew up as the sixth generation on her family's dairy farm in West Branch, Mich. She is interested in equine and dairy medicine and possibly mixed animal practice. She is considering multiple job opportunities in southwest Michigan when she graduates in May. Her goal is to open her own mixed animal practice that emphasizes dairy medicine and equine sports medicine.

Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship

For good academic standing and financial need.

Sponsored by the Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship Fund

Amy Rawson

Amy is a non-traditional second-year student from Punxsutawney, Pa. She is mom to a 4-year-old son, Lucas, and wife to a general surgery resident, Nicholas. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and hopes to find a way to incorporate both into her future career.

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

Jesi Petersen

Jesi, a third-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation and then enter private practice or a residency in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She may also like to go into academia at some point in her career.

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

Mark Peterson

Mark, a third-year student from Bay City, Mich., is interested in laboratory animal medicine and hopes to contribute to animal welfare and scientific advancements. After graduation, he plans to work at a general practice for a couple years to gain more veterinary experience before attending a residency for lab animal medicine.

Jocelyn is a second-year student from Downers Grove, Ill. She is interested in small animal specialty or rural mixed animal practice. She plans on pursuing an internship after graduation.

Hannah is a fourth-year student from Wildwood, Mo. She is pursuing a career in rural mixed animal practice with emphasis on farm animal and equine species.

Jocelyn Polanek

Hannah Sparling

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

Theodore Berlanga

Josephine Biltz

Theodore is a third-year student from Midland, Mich. They are interested in wildlife medicine, anatomic pathology, and academia. As an educator they hope to teach veterinary communication skill development and develop Diversity/Equity/Inclusion curricula.

Josephine, a third-year student from North Olmsted, Ohio, is interested in small animal general practice or mixed animal practice. She plans to gain certification in both rehabilitation and chiropractics and one day own her own veterinary clinic and animal shelter.

Hassan is a third-year student from Homer Glen, Ill., with interests in aquatic and wildlife medicine. After graduation, he plans to pursue specialty training to work with non-traditional species and contribute to the interdisciplinary One Health movement. Eventually, he intends to return to academia and become a mentor to future students.

Meegan, a third-year student from Rockford, Mich., hopes to enter a small animal rotating internship followed by a residency in small animal emergency and critical care. She is driven to provide steadfast support to individuals during emergencies concerning their beloved pets.

Hassan Hanna

Meegan Snyman

Frances Grolock 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

Teigan Glenke

Kaylie Levinsky

Teigan is a first year veterinary student from Romeoville, Ill. She is considering a career in either zoo medicine or mixed animal medicine. She has enjoyed her experiences working with zoo, farm, and small animal species. She plans to use summer externships in these areas to determine what she wants to do in the future.

Kaylie, a first-year student from Scranton, Pa., is currently interested in a career in small animal medicine and neurology. This summer, she plans to work at a small animal veterinary clinic back home.

Katelyn is a first-year student from Sterling, Ill. She is currently interested in mixed animal general practice, especially in working with small ruminants, livestock, and small animals.

Katelyn Smoot

German Zermeno

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

Alyson Krieger

Alyson, a second-year veterinary student from Vero Beach, Fla., is interested in pursuing small animal medicine, likely in general practice or emergency medicine. She also has an interest in mentoring future veterinarians.

Dr. Steven Haase Endowed Scholarship

This fund will support those dealing with mental health and grief issues. Also to support diversity.

Sponsored by Dr. Steven Haase

Nainoa Kapele

Nainoa, a third-year student from South Jordan, Utah, hopes to work with both zoological and domestic animal species in his future career. He developed research and clinical skills through his coursework, externships, and clinical rotations. Nainoa is dedicated to his own academic success and to supporting his classmates.

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

Dorothy Echols

Dorothy is a third-year student from Chicago. She is interested in specializing in surgery and practicing in zoological species. Ideally, she wants a career using minimally invasive surgical techniques to provide the option of surgery for unconventional patients and procedures.

Dr. Steven Helmink Memorial Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing in Clinton, Fayette, Marion, Madison, St. Clair, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Jasper, Cumberland, Effingham, Bond, Macoupin, Montgomery, Clay, Shelby, or Jersey county. Preference to students with a strong interest in agriculture particularly livestock production.

Sponsored by Lisa Helmink and Family

Justin Huff

Justin, a second-year student from Dix, Ill., has a profound dedication to veterinary medicine, with a specific focus on rural production animal practice. He was raised on a beef farm, and his strong roots in agriculture drive his passion. Beyond academic pursuits, Justin is equally enthusiastic about contributing valuable insights through academia and research in the field of veterinary medicine.

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. Lori Madsen

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

Shai Ben David

Isabelle M. Hill Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Estate of Isabelle M. Hill

Daniela Rozo

Dani, a third-year student from Jacksonville, Fla., is interested in small animal primary care and practice ownership. She is passionate about delivering health care to underrepresented communities, specifically clients who speak English as a second language. After graduation Dani plans to join a primary care clinic in the Southeast.

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

Jamiah Stanford

Jamiah is a first-year student from the west side of Chicago. She is enthusiastic about traveling and working with a wide variety of species. She believes that restricting herself to a single species doesn't allow her to grow as a clinician or as a person. After graduation, she hopes to travel the world, finding ways to make a change, even if it's as tiny as an Etruscan shrew.

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

Collin Dannheim

Collin is a third-year student from Aurora, Ill., who is interested in small animal practice and, a few years after graduation, practice ownership. He's passionate about leadership, team building, and creating a workplace environment where employees enjoy working with one another.

Alyssa is a third-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice, with special interests in surgery, neurology, and nutrition. Alyssa is looking forward to combining and enhancing these skills over the coming year and in practice.

Alyssa Mazzoccoli

Dr. Richard and Mrs. Shirley Hull Scholarships

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

Jacob Lewis

Jake is a third-year student from the very small town of Bieber, Calif. He knows the importance of having quality veterinary services in rural areas and wants to practice large animal medicine to help meet the overwhelming need in these areas.

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

Giana Bytnar

Giana is a third-year student from Oswego, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and soft tissue surgery.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarship

For current ISVMA student representatives.

Sponsored by the ISVMA

In Honor of Dr. John T. Creasey, third-year class representative: Brianna Huff, Class of 2025

In Honor of Clint L. Franks, fourth-year class representative: Jessica Diepholz, Class of 2024

Jessica Diepholz

Brianna Huff

Jessica, a fourth-year student, was born in Champaign, Ill., and grew up in Wesley Chapel, Fla. Jessica is going to practice small animal medicine in Bloomington, Ill. She is passionate about orthopedics, animal welfare, and educating others. She hopes to eventually transition to a position where she can teach and mentor future veterinary students or technicians.

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

Justin, a second-year student from Dix, Ill., has a profound dedication to veterinary medicine, with a specific focus on rural production animal practice. He was raised on a beef farm, and his strong roots in agriculture drive his passion. Beyond academic pursuits, Justin is equally enthusiastic about contributing valuable insights through academia and research in the field of veterinary medicine.

Dani, a fourth-year student, will complete a rotating internship at Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists in Texas after graduation. She then plans to pursue her passion for dermatology by entering a residency program.

Justin Huff

Dana Williams

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

Lily Ireland Scholarship: Recruitment

As part of recruitment package to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Matching Fund

Paige Meily

Paige is a fourth-year student from State College, Pa. After graduation she will join a small animal general practice in Massachusetts. She is interested in all aspects of small animal medicine and is looking forward to seeing a variety of cases.

Will be awarded in 2025

Paulina Aboytes

Olivia Boncosky

Karolina Castillo

Jennifer Cortes Galvan

Carly Etter

Lucy Fischer

Emma Garcia

Janet Garcia

Carlin Hoffman

Vanessa Huitron

Toni Kim

Evelyn Martinez Lauzo

Savannah Limberg

Staphany Martinez

Emma Noffke

Sofia Rivera

Vanessa Salgado

Andrew Sligar

Jamiah Stanford

Paulina is a first-year, first-generation, Latina student from Carpentersville, Ill. Her only clinical experience has been in small animal general practice, so she is looking forward to exploring all the other aspects of veterinary medicine. She would love to provide a safe space and mentorship to incoming or undergraduate students of underrepresented backgrounds.

Olivia, a first-year student from Algonquin, Ill., earned a degree in animal sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She hopes to advance the field of cardiology throughout her career and contribute to the success of future veterinary students through teaching.

Karolina is a first-year student from Elmwood Park, Ill. She is interested in emergency medicine and mixed practice and hopes to own her own clinic one day.

Jennifer, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., would like to explore shelter medicine and behavior. She has developed a passion for working with underserved communities in the Chicago area. Experiences with anxious, reactive animals in a fear-free clinic have inspired her interest in addressing behavioral issues in shelter animals.

Carly is a first-year veterinary student from the southern Illinois town of Breese. She hopes to combine her interests in production medicine and in wildlife conservation medicine with a deeper dive into public health goals. This summer Carly will work with Dr. Matt Allender in the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab to study threatened and endangered reptiles in northern Illinois.

Lucy, a first-year student from Hinsdale, Ill., developed her love for veterinary medicine while volunteering with the Animal Rescue Foundation of Illinois for the past 6 years. She hopes to combine her love for general practice with her desire to support shelter animals by working with low-cost spay/neuter programs and vaccine clinics.

Emma, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., is passionately drawn to shelter medicine and eager to merge her veterinary pursuits with broader public health initiatives by earning a master's in public health. She desires to work in culturally diverse communities, utilizing her Hispanic heritage and fluency in Spanish to address disparities in accessible animal healthcare.

Janet is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., who is interested in emergency medicine as well as shelter medicine. In the future, she hopes to return to Chicago to provide care for companion pets in underserved communities.

Carli, a first-year student from New Minden, Ill., plans to combine her interests in rural mixed animal medicine and reproductive physiology in her future career. She wants to work with local producers to help them excel in production.

Toni, a first-year student from Hawthorn Woods, Ill., has a sincere passion for zoological, shelter, and emergency medicines. In her future career, she hopes to foster a positive learning environment while advancing animal welfare.

Lily Ireland Scholarship: Recruitment (continued)

Savannah, a first-year student from Odell, Ill., hopes to explore her interest in mixed animal practice through an externship this summer. She enjoys teaching and helping others and thus would like to work in academia during her veterinary career.

Staphany is a first-year student from Chicago, Illinois. She is interested in general small animal and lab animal medicine and hopes to encompass both interests into one in the future. Staphany hopes to provide medical treatment in low-income communities all while evaluating and studying behavior techniques on canines deemed aggressive for rehoming/adoption.

Emma is a first-year student from Glenview, IL. Originally coming to the college with an interest in lab animal medicine or small animal GP, she has discovered a new interest in pathology and oncology during her first round of clinical rotations. She has spent the past four years in Seattle, WA mainly working in research for neuromuscular degenerative diseases and translational models in canines and rodents.

Ana Sofia is a first-year student from El Salvador, Central America. She completed a BS/MS in Biological Science at DePaul University. She is interested in pursuing a residency in oncology or cardiology after graduation.

Vanessa is a first-generation first-year student from Chicago, IL. She is interested in diagnostic or emergency medicine. Eventually she has the goal to return to Chicago and provide veterinary care in low-income communities. Vanessa's goal is provide veterinary mentorship to future underrepresented groups pursuing the field.

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

Simone “Oc” Kirkland

Simone, known as Oc by colleagues, is a third-year student hailing from Statesboro, Ga. She is pursuing a joint veterinary/public health degree. She has a special interest in vector-borne disease and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens. She hopes to pursue a career in preventive medicine and eventually become a member of a uniformed service, where she feels she can make an impact in the community she serves.

Jackson Family Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by Scott and Brenda Jackson

Audrey Fox

Audrey, a third-year student, was originally from upstate New York, but lived and worked in the Chicago area before entering veterinary school. She has special interests in surgery, dentistry, and feline medicine and intends to join a small animal general practice in San Francisco after graduation.

Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship

For an interest in pathobiology.

Sponsored by the Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship Fund

Hannah Accinelli Holly Black

Hannah is a second-year student from Whiteland, Ind. She hopes to pursue a residency in anatomic pathology and to work in academia or diagnostics as an anatomic pathologist.

Holly, a second-year student from Rockton, Ill., is simultaneously earning a master's in public health degree online through the University of Minnesota. She has interests in anatomic pathology and public health and recently completed a fellowship with the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease.

Christian and Regina Jensen Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

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

Matthew Wismierski

Matthew, a first-year student from Hudson, Ohio, is interested in small animal practice and surgery. Matthew loves movies and road trips. When he is not doing either of those, he is cheering on his favorite teams the Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins.

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

Norina Alvarado

Norina is a second-year student from San Antonio, Texas. Her professional interests are in mixed animal medicine, focusing on livestock, equine, and small animals. She hopes to practice in rural underserved areas after graduation.

Anne P. Johnston Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Anne P. Johnston

Abigail Bray

Abby, a third-year student from East Windsor, Conn., hopes to pursue a rotating internship and possibly a residency in emergency and critical care. Her interests include trauma management, emergency surgery, and providing care to pets and their families during difficult moments.

Betty J. Jones & 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

Josephine, a third-year student from North Olmsted, Ohio, is interested in small animal general practice or mixed animal practice. She plans to gain certification in both rehabilitation and chiropractics and one day own her own veterinary clinic and animal shelter.

Toni, a first-year student from Hawthorn Woods, Ill., has a sincere passion for zoological, shelter, and emergency medicines. In her future career, she hopes to foster a positive learning environment while advancing animal welfare.

Joshua is a first-year student from Woodbridge, Va., with interests in mixed animal emergency and cardiology. This summer he will be externing at multiple small animal emergency clinics. After graduation Joshua hopes to return to rural Virginia to practice in areas lacking access to veterinary care.

Toni Kim

Joshua Teaford

Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club Scholarship, Dr. James “Jim” Smalley Award

For a resident of Kankakee or Iroquois County who has an interest in a career working with dogs or small animal research and who demonstrates abilities for a promising career in veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club

Kaitlyn Bishop

Kaitlyn is a first-year student from Kankakee, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and hopes to be able to volunteer at shelters and hold low cost spay/neuter clinics as a way to benefit her community.

Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club Scholarship, Dr. John Conklin Award

For a resident of Kankakee or Iroquois County. Interest in a career working with dogs or small animal research. Demonstrated abilities for a promising career in veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club

Nicole Johanson

Nicole, a first-year student from Herscher, Ill., is interested in rural mixed animal practice. That means she hopes to be able to treat any animal in need that crosses her path.

Dr. Robert G. Kern Endowment Fund 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

Matthew Vonch

Matthew, a third-year student from Plainfield, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery and equine general practice. He hopes to work in a mixed animal practice, either in northern Illinois or possibly in western Colorado, where he can work in both fields.

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

Ashley Vahling

Ashley is a fourth-year student from Neoga, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice. She hopes to work in a private, mixed animal practice in a rural community after graduation.

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

Basia Reed

Basia, a fourth-year student from Lombard, Ill., is interested in both small animal and zoo companion animal general practice. After graduation, she plans to work in the western Chicago suburbs and hopes to combine both interests. To focus on her clinical rotations, she has chosen to forgo formal employment and only work occasionally on her Etsy shop.

Dr. David Kieltyka Endowed Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. David E. Kieltyka

Dominic D’Andrea

Dr. Tony Kremer Shelter Medicine Scholarship

For a student interested in shelter medicine and a commitment to decrease pet overpopulation.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Sally Hakim

Sally is a third-year student from Naperville, Ill. She plans to pursue her interests in shelter medicine and surgery upon graduation.

Dr. Tony Kremer Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery Scholarship

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

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Isabelle Orange

Belle, a fourth-year student from Latrobe, Pa., with an interest in companion animal general practice, hopes to find a career that will encourage continued learning, especially in surgery. After graduation, she plans to move to North Carolina with her fiancé.

Dr. Tony 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

Morgan Garrow

Morgan is a fourth-year student from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in small animal emergency medicine and feline medicine. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation, with hopes of one day completing a residency in emergency and critical care.

Dr. Tony Kremer Veterinary Business Scholarship

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

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Abigail Spike

Abigail is a fourth-year student from Streamwood, Ill. She is interested in equine medicine and surgery and hopes to pursue research and practice ownership. She will be completing a rotating equine internship at a private practice after graduation.

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

Jacob Lewis

Jake is a third-year student from the very small town of Bieber, Calif. He knows the importance of having quality veterinary services in rural areas and wants to practice large animal medicine to help meet the overwhelming need in these areas.

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

Eleanor Michaud

Eleanor is a first-year student from Long Grove, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and is excited to explore all other facets of veterinary medicine.

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

Benjamin Polo

Benjamin, a second-year student from Gillespie, Ill., is very passionate about large animal medicine and emergency/critical care. He hopes to combine his experience working in a small animal emergency practice in Southern Illinois with his large animal medicine interests. Ben is the president of the Veterinary Business Management Association and is formulating a business idea for a practice that welcomes all creatures great and small.

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

Brianna Moore

Brianna is a second-year student from Dayton, Ohio, who is interested in oncology, feline medicine, and research. She wants to pursue an internship and residency after graduation, specializing in oncology. She hopes to continue research after veterinary school and also give back to the community by working with shelters on free spay/neuter and vaccine clinics.

The 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

Jessica Diepholz

Jessica, a fourth-year student, was born in Champaign, Ill., and grew up in Wesley Chapel, Fla. Jessica is going to practice small animal medicine in Bloomington, Ill. She is passionate about orthopedics, animal welfare, and educating others. She hopes to eventually transition to a position where she can teach and mentor future veterinary students or technicians.

Akasha is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., who hopes to focus on community education and serving underprivileged communities. She has been working as a veterinary assistant at an emergency practice and plans to continue honing her ER skills while exploring other fields by interning at Lincoln Park Zoo and applying for master’s on public health degree program.

Brianna is a second-year student from Dayton, Ohio, who is interested in oncology, feline medicine, and research. She wants to pursue an internship and residency after graduation, specializing in oncology. She hopes to continue research after veterinary school and also give back to the community by working with shelters on free spay/neuter and vaccine clinics.

Akasha Gahol

Brianna Moore

Tanner Leong Memorial Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in dermatology.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Corrine Thomas

Corrine, a fourth-year student from Lexington, Ky., plans to pursue a small animal rotating internship and subsequent board certification in neurology and neurosurgery. Throughout veterinary school she has been active in oncology research within the laboratory of Dr. Tim Fan. She also held leadership positions in the diagnostic imaging and behavior clubs, because she is passionate about those aspects of veterinary medicine.

TZ & Zach Leong Internal Medicine Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in internal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Emma Gooding

Emma is a fourth-year student from Moorhead, Minn. She strives to be a general practice veterinarian that improves the lives of small animals and exotic companion animals. Her goal is to one day manage her own practice and be able to give similar opportunities to other students while fostering a welcoming atmosphere for everyone. She also hopes to provide quality dental care and education to clients no matter the pet species.

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

Valentina Poggi

Valentina is a fourth-year student from Villa Park, Ill. She is engrossed in an intimate atmosphere of mixed animal veterinary care with a keen interest in equine. Valentina hopes to join a rural community practice with opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and collaboration with the community to improve animal welfare and protection.

VMAA AWARDEES



Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Julia Whittington, Class of 1997, has been selected to receive the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award. This honor recognizes graduates who have excelled in their field and made significant contributions to the profession and/or the college.

Her nomination states, “Dr. Whittington is one of the founding members of our Zoo Med program, which is now, thanks to her dedication, one of the best in the country. The Wildlife Medical Clinic has grown to a highly visible community resource, providing care for rescued wildlife, assistance to wildlife rehabilitation specialists, and amazing clinical teaching for veterinary students.”

Additionally, Dr. Whittington’s leadership of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, beginning in 2017, has ushered in a period of “tremendous growth in caseload, staff numbers, renovated facilities, and faculty numbers.”



Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen, Class of 2015, has been named Outstanding Young Alumni for creativity and entrepreneurship.

After graduating from college, Dr. Rosenhagen began working as a wildlife rehabilitator with the PAWS Wildlife Center in Washington state. There she decided to pursue a veterinary degree, and chose the University of Illinois because of its strong wildlife medicine program.

After completing her DVM and a wildlife internship at Illinois, Dr. Rosenhagen returned to PAWS Wildlife Center as an associate veterinarian. In 2019 she assumed leadership of the veterinary care team.

In this role she actively engages in training veterinary interns and veterinary student externs, providing public education, conducting wildlife and rehabilitation research, and offering continuing education for veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators.



Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Special Service Award will be given to Dr. Amy Schnelle. The Special Service Award honors an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the advancement of the veterinary profession or to the college.

Dr. Schnelle, who is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and holds a master’s degree, joined the faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine in 2017. Recently, she has taken on leadership roles as chair of the intern mentorship committee and as Service Head of Clinical Pathology in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

When a staff shortage led to gaps in coverage for the service, Dr. Schnelle stepped up to cover most holidays and also learned how to troubleshoot the analyzers in the clin path lab.

Her nominator wrote: “She has gone above and beyond the role of a typical faculty member. She has done an exceptional job making sure that the clinicians, students and patients in our hospital were served.”

DONATING MORE THAN SCHOLARSHIPS



Dr. Wes Bieritz

Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship

Veterinary Dialysis Complex - Hemodialysis Blood Bank



Dr. John Coyne & Mrs. Ruth Coyne

Coyne Family Scholarship

Dr. John Anderson Coyne Lobby VTH Small Animal Clinic & VTH South Clinic



Dr. Lloyd C. Helper

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Faculty Collegiality Award & Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Student Collegiality Award

Lloyd C. Helper Ophthalmology Examination Room



Ms. Cornelia Honchar

Sophie’s and Gypsy’s Golden Heart Award

Cornelia, Sophie and Gypsy’s Happy Cardiology Examination Room



Dr. William G. Magrane

Dr. William Magrane Clinical Ophthalmology Award

Magrane Comparative Ophthalmology Laboratory in the Small Animal Clinic



Dr. Michael McElvaine

Michael McElvaine Scholarship

Michael McElvaine Small Animal and Shelter Medicine Exam Room



Dr. Edward V. McGinniss

Dr. Edward “Fast Eddy” McGinniss Class of 1984 Scholarship Fund

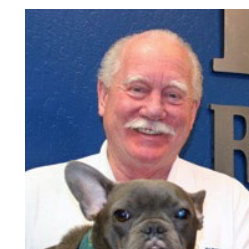
Dr. Edward “Fast Eddy” McGinniss Class of 1984 Small Animal Exam Room



Mr. Ed & Mrs. Judy Polzin

Fred and Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship

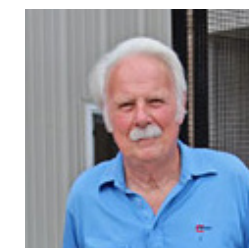
Molly’s Place, a Room of Love and Peace



Dr. David Reed

Dr. David Reed Family Scholarship

Dr. John “David” Reed Small Animal Examination Room



Mr. Richard Sivicek

Richard P. Sivicek Scholarship

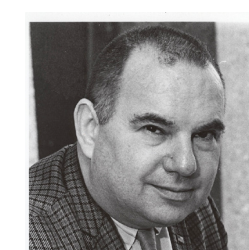
Richard P. Sivicek Wildlife Medical Clinic Ambassador Residence



Dr. KT Wright & Mrs. Betty Wright

Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship

Executive Veterinary Program Classroom



Dr. Erwin Small

Dr. Erwin Small Scholarships & Dr. Erwin Small Teaching Excellence Awards in Veterinary Medicine

Erwin Small DVM Medical Small Animal Examination Room

Dr. Norman and Helen Levine Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. Norman and Helen Levine

Joseph Caffarini

Sarah Johnson

Savannah Limberg

Joe is a second-year student from New Lenox, Ill. He has more than five years' experience as a professional biomedical engineer and hopes to leverage this expertise in translational research for veterinary medicine.

Sarah, a first-year student from Bradenton, Fla., is interested in small animal general practice and zoological medicine. She hopes to work with wildlife or zoological companion animals in her future career.

Savannah, a first-year student from Odell, Ill., hopes to explore her interest in mixed animal practice through an externship this summer. She enjoys teaching and helping others and thus would like to work in academia during her veterinary career.

Alyssa is a third-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice, with special interests in surgery, neurology, and nutrition. Alyssa is looking forward to combining and enhancing these skills over the coming year and in practice.

Jesi, a third-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation and then enter private practice or a residency in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She may also like to go into academia at some point in her career.

Amy is a non-traditional second-year student from Punxsutawney, Pa. She is mom to a 4-year-old son, Lucas, and wife to a general surgery resident, Nicholas. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and hopes to find a way to incorporate both into her future career.

Kara, a fourth-year student from Denver, Colo., has a master's degree 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 and neurosurgery.

Caitlin, a fourth-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., earned a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University before coming to veterinary school. She is interested in small animal general practice, with focus on surgery and feline medicine and plans to return to the Chicago area to practice.

Alyssa Mazzoccoli

Jesi Petersen

Amy Rawson

Kara Scolman

Caitlin Strozewski

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

Max Paulson

Max is a fourth-year student from Homer Glen, Ill. His interests include oncology, palliative care, teaching, and academia. His plans include completing a small animal rotating internship as well as a residency in medical oncology, followed by a career as clinical faculty member at a teaching hospital.

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

Sarah Graham

Sarah, a third-year student from Wilmette, Ill., hopes to combine food animal medicine and public health in her future career. She is completing a master's in public health in conjunction with her veterinary degree. Sarah plans to practice in a rural underserved community in Illinois.

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

Taylor Miller

Taylor is a third-year student from Belleville, Ill. She plans to own a mixed animal practice in her hometown and looks forward to providing the community with affordable, high-quality medical and surgical care for their pets and livestock. Taylor also plans to help promote agriculture and preventive care through the FFA Alumni and other agricultural organizations.

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

To be awarded outside of awards program

Dr. William Magrane Clinical Ophthalmology Award

For exceptional performance in the clinical ophthalmology rotation.

Sponsored by the Magrane Ophthalmology Fund

Kaely Walsh

Kaely, a fourth-year student from Elk Grove Village, Ill., is interested in ophthalmology and internal medicine. She applied for small animal rotating internships through the match and is excited to begin an internship following graduation.

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

Annabelle Kremer

Annabelle, a third-year student from Nashville, Tenn., has worked in a veterinary necropsy lab, a high-volume small animal practice in a low-income area, and a private veterinary ophthalmological clinic. At Illinois she has been an active in the ophthalmology, production medicine, non-traditional species, shelter medicine, emergency, and equine practitioner clubs.

Dr. Frances Joan Masser Scholarship

For a veterinary student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Dr. Frances Joan Masser Endowment Fund

Tess Cummings

Jacob Dalen

Mikayla Diedrick

Grace Fabry

Tess, a fourth-year student from Danforth, Ill., will be completing a year-long equine internship at Northern Lakes Equine Practice in Illinois after graduation. She plans to practice in a rural area, primarily caring for equine patients with the occasional camelid or small ruminant mixed in.

Jacob is a first-year student originally from Manhattan, Ill. He is passionate about wildlife and conservation and loves to work with the wildlife ambassador animals at the Wildlife Medical Clinic. After graduation, Jacob will apply for a zoo medicine internship and residency program to continue on this career path.

Mikayla is a fourth-year student from Daggett, Mich., with a special interest in ruminant theriogenology. She hopes to pursue a career in mixed animal practice where she can help bridge the gap between animal and human health by ensuring a safe and fruitful food supply while maintaining excellent animal welfare.

Grace is a second-year student from Akron, Ohio. She is interested in small animal medicine and practice ownership. She hopes to continue exploring the veterinary field this summer with her externships in shelter medicine, oncology, feline medicine, and internal medicine.

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

Nina Pasquini

Nina, a second-year student from Roselle, Ill., wants to pursue small animal general practice and exotics. She also has an interest in rehabilitation and hopes to get certified in acupuncture after graduation. Nina is always willing to help and works well in a team environment.

Mattoon Kennel Club Award

Native of Coles, Effingham, or Fayette County. Interest in small animals, with preference given to the interest area of dogs.

Sponsored by the Mattoon Kennel Club

Will be awarded in 2025

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

Joseph Caffarini

Joe is a second-year student from New Lenox, Ill. He has more than five years' experience as a professional biomedical engineer and hopes to leverage this expertise in translational research for veterinary medicine.

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

Sarah Graham

Sarah, a third-year student from Wilmette, Ill., hopes to combine food animal medicine and public health in her future career. She is completing a master's in public health in conjunction with her veterinary degree. Sarah plans to practice in a rural underserved community in Illinois.

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

Samantha Johnson

Samantha, a second-year student from Tucson, Ariz., worked many years as a veterinary assistant and human aide responder in that area before veterinary school and looks forward to returning to serve the under-resourced communities there. This year she will volunteer or work at low-cost vaccine clinics, wildlife rehabilitation centers, the college's oncology service, and the Wildlife Epidemiology Laboratory to see where she most thrives.

Dr. Edward "Fast Eddy" McGinniss Class of 1984 Scholarship Fund

Scholarships in the unit.

Sponsored by Dr. Edward McGinniss

Teigan Glenke

Teigan is a first year veterinary student from Romeoville, Ill. She is considering a career in either zoo medicine or mixed animal medicine. She has enjoyed her experiences working with zoo, farm, and small animal species. She plans to use summer externships in these areas to determine what she wants to do in the future.

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

Stephen Grisoli

Stephen, a third-year student from South Bend, Ind., is interested in small animal emergency medicine and practice ownership. He is passionate about veterinary leadership, communication, and research and plans to incorporate all of these in his career.

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

Jacob Dalen

Jacob is a first-year student originally from Manhattan, Ill. He is passionate about wildlife and conservation and loves to work with the wildlife ambassador animals at the Wildlife Medical Clinic. After graduation, Jacob will apply for a zoo medicine internship and residency program to continue on this career path.

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

Savannah Limberg

Savannah, a first-year student from Odell, Ill., hopes to explore her interest in mixed animal practice through an externship this summer. She enjoys teaching and helping others and thus would like to work in academia during her veterinary career.

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. Clara Moran

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

Basia Reed

Basia, a fourth-year student from Lombard, Ill., is interested in both small animal and zoo companion animal general practice. After graduation, she plans to work in the western Chicago suburbs and hopes to combine both interests. To focus on her clinical rotations, she has chosen to forgo formal employment and only work occasionally on her Etsy shop.

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

Lindsey Edwards

Lindsey, a first-year student from Kewanee, Ill., obtained over 1000 hours of veterinary experience in various species as an undergraduate. She is interested in lab animal medicine and emergency medicine. Lindsey currently serves as a representative for VOICE, as vice president of the lab animal medicine club, and as the president-elect of the Illinois chapter of the Student American Veterinary Medicine Association.

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

Brianna Huff

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

Dr. Christopher Moberly Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a student with excellent leadership qualities who exhibits potential of good surgical skills, has excellent abilities in communicating with clients, is respected by classmates, and exhibits sensitivity and compassion for the wellness of all living creatures.

Sponsored by the Dr. Christopher Moberly Endowment Fund

Amanda Holmes

Amanda is a third-year student from Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice ownership and would like to incorporate her interest in behavior medicine into her practice.

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

Alyssa Mazzoccoli

Alyssa is a third-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice, with special interests in surgery, neurology, and nutrition. Alyssa is looking forward to combining and enhancing these skills over the coming year and in practice.

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

Sarah Hollander

Sarah, a second-year student from Naperville, Ill., volunteers as a team leader and ambassador care coordinator in the Wildlife Medical Clinic. She hopes to match with internships and a residency in zoological medicine after graduation.

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

Diana Saucedo

Diana, a third-year student from Chicago, Ill., is interested in general practice and shelter medicine. She hopes to practice in the Chicago area, serving communities with poor access to animal care and demonstrating that minorities are able to achieve anything, even becoming veterinarians.

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

Emma Mullins

Emma, a fourth-year student from Cincinnati, Ohio, has accepted a position at an equine general practice. She plans to gain a few years of experience in general practice before focusing on reproductive medicine and pursuing a theriogenology specialty.

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

Amanda Holmes

Amanda is a third-year student from Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice ownership and would like to incorporate her interest in behavior medicine into her practice.

Simone, known as Oc by colleagues, is a third-year student hailing from Statesboro, Ga. She is pursuing a joint veterinary/public health degree. She has a special interest in vector-borne disease and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens. She hopes to pursue a career in preventive medicine and eventually become a member of a uniformed service, where she feels she can make an impact in the community she serves.

Simone “Oc” Kirkland

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

Shai Ben David

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

Carly Etter

Carly is a first-year veterinary student from the southern Illinois town of Breese. She hopes to combine her interests in production medicine and in wildlife conservation medicine with a deeper dive into public health goals. This summer Carly will work with Dr. Matt Allender in the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab to study threatened and endangered reptiles in northern Illinois.

Jesi, a third-year student from Glenoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation and then enter private practice or a residency in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She may also like to go into academia at some point in her career.

Jesi Petersen

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

Kristine Witte

Kristine, a third-year student who originally hails from Orland Park, Ill., is a second-career student, having had her start in cosmetology. She is interested in small animal practice with some mixed animal interest and plans to work in Illinois after graduation.

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

Kayla Kokotovich

Kayla, a first-year student from Belleville, Ill., who is a graduate of the University of Findlay in Ohio, is interested in small animal and zoological companion animal medicine. She volunteers for the ambassador program in the college's Wildlife Medical Clinic.

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

Shannon Hawkins

Shannon, a third-year student from Carmel, Ind., hopes to explore small animal general practice and emergency medicine in her future career. After graduation she would like a position that offers mentorship in soft tissue surgery.

Dr. Lisa Rehberger Scholarship

Demonstrated financial need, with preference given to students from Johnson County, IL.

Sponsored by Dr. Lisa Rehberger

Mollee Eickmeyer

Mollee, a second-year student, was raised on a grain and dairy farm in southern Illinois, which fostered her love for animals from dairy cows to kittens at a very young age. She is interested in mixed animal general practice, orthopedics for small animals, and emergency medicine for large animals. Mollee hopes to serve a rural area after graduation.

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

Benjamin Polo

Benjamin, a second-year student from Gillespie, Ill., is very passionate about large animal medicine and emergency/critical care. He hopes to combine his experience working in a small animal emergency practice in Southern Illinois with his large animal medicine interests. Ben is the president of the Veterinary Business Management Association and is formulating a business idea for a practice that welcomes all creatures great and small.

Charles Renegar Family Scholarship

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Charles Renegar Family Endowment Fund

Kylee Laverty

Kylee is a second-year student from Kingston, Mich., with an interest in mixed-animal general practice. She has a strong passion for both equine medicine and agriculture, but also finds interest in small animal surgery. She hopes to use her veterinary degree to start her own practice and expand veterinary care in her rural community.

Dr. Harry Reynolds Pathology Award

For the highest grade point average in general pathology.

Sponsored by the H. A. Reynolds Memorial Endowment Fund

Amy Rawson

Amy is a non-traditional second-year student from Punxsutawney, Pa. She is mom to a 4-year-old son, Lucas, and wife to a general surgery resident, Nicholas. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and hopes to find a way to incorporate both into her future career.

Doris Rivera Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Doris Rivera Endowment Fund

Shannon Hawkins

Shannon, a third-year student from Carmel, Ind., hopes to explore small animal general practice and emergency medicine in her future career. After graduation she would like a position that offers mentorship in soft tissue surgery.

Rosella E. Rose Scholarship

For a deserving student.

Sponsored by the Rosella E. Rose Scholarship Endowment Fund

Tyson Jenkins

Tyson, a second-year student from South Elgin, Ill., has interests in wildlife/zoological medicine and pathology. He currently serves as the senior manager of the Wildlife Medical Clinic. Tyson plans to pursue internships and residency after graduation and eventually work with free-ranging wildlife,

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

Max Paulson

Max is a fourth-year student from Homer Glen, Ill. His interests include oncology, palliative care, teaching, and academia. His plans include completing a small animal rotating internship as well as a residency in medical oncology, followed by a career as clinical faculty member at a teaching hospital.

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

Grace Wischmeyer

Grace is a fourth-year student from Franklin Park, Ill. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship next year and hopes to match at one of several institutions on the East Coast. Grace has a strong interest in specializing, possibly in cardiology or ophthalmology, though she is open to other areas.

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

Allison Yates

Allison is a third-year student from Lockport, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine and exotic companion medicine and hopes to pursue an internship and residency before practicing in the Chicagoland area or the Pacific Northwest.

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

Victoria Wills

Victoria, a second-year student, volunteers in the Wildlife Medical Clinic, serves as president of the student animal behavior club, and works in the Kukekova Lab studying genetic diseases and behavioral genetics. She hopes to participate in a summer program involving wildlife, aquatic medicine, or research and to enter a career that combines her love of clinical medicine and research.

Dr. David A. Saidel Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

To support scholarships in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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

Emin Budimlic

Emin, a fourth-year student from Rochester, Minn., plans to return there to work for his veterinary mentor in a mixed animal practice. He and his wife wanted to be close to family for assistance in raising their growing toddler and new baby, who will arrive in early July.

Dr. Gary and Linda Salisbury Scholarship

For an Illinois, male student, with financial need.

Sponsored by the Gary and Linda Salisbury Endowment Fund

Benjamin Polo

Benjamin, a second-year student from Gillespie, Ill., is very passionate about large animal medicine and emergency/critical care. He hopes to combine his experience working in a small animal emergency practice in Southern Illinois with his large animal medicine interests. Ben is the president of the Veterinary Business Management Association and is formulating a business idea for a practice that welcomes all creatures great and small.

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

Daniela Rozo

Dani, a third-year student from Jacksonville, Fla., is interested in small animal primary care and practice ownership. She is passionate about delivering health care to underrepresented communities, specifically clients who speak English as a second language. After graduation Dani plans to join a primary care clinic in the Southeast.

Sandrik Family Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Sandrik Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

Justin Huff

Justin, a second-year student from Dix, Ill., has a profound dedication to veterinary medicine, with a specific focus on rural production animal practice. He was raised on a beef farm, and his strong roots in agriculture drive his passion. Beyond academic pursuits, Justin is equally enthusiastic about contributing valuable insights through academia and research in the field of veterinary medicine.

Scholarship for Excellence in Veterinary Medicine

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

Sponsored anonymously

Will be awarded in 2025

Senior Student Award 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

Hannah Emerick

Hannah is a fourth-year student from Winnebago, Ill. She is interested in small animal and zoological companion animal medicine and surgery. She is interested in private practice ownership and veterinary management and hopes to take on a leadership role in a clinic after graduation.

Magda Simopoulos Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

For any DVM student in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sponsored by the Magda Simopoulos Trust

Awardee Name Withheld

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 2025

Richard P. Sivicsek Scholarship

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

Sponsored by Mr. Richard P. Sivicsek

Chloe Dupleix

Brianna Huff

Chloe is a fourth-year student from Lafayette, La. She is interested in wildlife medicine and is completing a small animal rotating internship through the match program after she graduates. From 2021 to 2023 Chloe served as the student manager of the college's Wildlife Medical Clinic, and she hopes to work in a similar setting in academia one day.

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

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

Benjamin Polo

Benjamin, a second-year student from Gillespie, Ill., is very passionate about large animal medicine and emergency/critical care. He hopes to combine his experience working in a small animal emergency practice in Southern Illinois with his large animal medicine interests. Ben is the president of the Veterinary Business Management Association and is formulating a business idea for a practice that welcomes all creatures great and small.

Dr. Erwin Small Scholarships

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

Jenna Henderson
Abby Price

Jenna, a fourth-year student from Plainfield, Ill., will enter a small animal rotating internship after graduation and eventually hopes to specialize in medical oncology or emergency and critical care. Both fields create a strong connection and trust with clients, helping them understand their pets' underlying condition and navigate challenging situations.

Abigail, a second-year student from Sandusky, Ohio, is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine. She is active in student organizations, including the shelter medicine and feline clubs, and works as a student harvester. Abigail would like to own her own practice one day.

Monica, a second-year student from Maysville, Ky., is interested in ophthalmology and zoological medicine. She hopes to use her veterinary education and hands-on skills to provide excellent care to all animals.

Matthew, a third-year student from Plainfield, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery and equine general practice. He hopes to work in a mixed animal practice, either in northern Illinois or possibly in western Colorado, where he can work in both fields.

Monica Shotwell
Matthew Vonch

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. Stephanie Keating
Dr. Thomas Lowery

Dr. Gene Pavlovsky
Dr. William Witola

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

Mark Peterson

Mark, a third-year student from Bay City, Mich., is interested in laboratory animal medicine and hopes to contribute to animal welfare and scientific advancements. After graduation, he plans to work at a general practice for a couple years to gain more veterinary experience before attending a residency for lab animal medicine.

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

Jessica Brooks

Jessica is a second-year student from Springfield, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal general practice, exotics, and academics. She loves to further her knowledge and has found inspiration in many fields during her time in veterinary school.

Sophie's and Gypsy's Golden Heart Award

For a student who excels in small animal cardiology.

Sponsored by Ms. Cornelia W. Honchar

Sophia Welk

Sophia is a fourth-year student who will be moving to Albuquerque, N.M., after graduation to work in small animal general practice.

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

Carly Etter

Carly is a first-year veterinary student from the southern Illinois town of Breese. She hopes to combine her interests in production medicine and in wildlife conservation medicine with a deeper dive into public health goals. This summer Carly will work with Dr. Matt Allender in the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab to study threatened and endangered reptiles in northern Illinois.

Cristen, a third-year student, says her primary mission in becoming a veterinarian is to serve clients and communities by providing quality care for their animals. She is interested in practice ownership and surgery. Originally from Benton, Ill., Cristen now resides in Urbana with her husband, Derek, and their wonderful mixed-breed dog, Archie.

Cristen Oxford

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

Will be awarded in 2025

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

Emily Jorgensen

Emily is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in small animal or mixed animal general practice with a special interest in surgery. Emily plans to apply for a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

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

Tyson Jenkins

Tyson, a second-year student from South Elgin, Ill., has interests in wildlife/zoological medicine and pathology. He currently serves as the senior manager of the Wildlife Medical Clinic. Tyson plans to pursue internships and residency after graduation and eventually work with free-ranging wildlife.

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

Ryan Santangelo

Ryan is a second-year student from Glen Ellyn, Ill. He is interested in small animal general practice and small animal emergency medicine. During breaks from school, Ryan works as a veterinary technician at a general practice animal hospital near his hometown, where he gains real-life experience.

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

Kyana Miller

Kyana is a second-year student from Austin, Texas. She is interested in emergency medicine, neurosurgery, and mixed animal practice as possible avenues of specialty for her future career.

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

Will be awarded in 2025

Stan and Dawn Sutherland Scholarship Fund

To support scholarships for students in the unit.

Sponsored by Stan and Dawn Sutherland

Jennifer Cortes Galvan

Jennifer, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., would like to explore shelter medicine and behavior. She has developed a passion for working with underserved communities in the Chicago area. Experiences with anxious, reactive animals in a fear-free clinic have inspired her interest in addressing behavioral issues in shelter animals.

Thanks Mom and Dad Scholarship Fund

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

Carly Etter

Carly is a first-year veterinary student from the southern Illinois town of Breese. She hopes to combine her interests in production medicine and in wildlife conservation medicine with a deeper dive into public health goals. This summer Carly will work with Dr. Matt Allender in the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab to study threatened and endangered reptiles in northern Illinois.

Sally is a third-year student from Naperville, Ill. She plans to pursue her interests in shelter medicine and surgery upon graduation.

Sally Hakim

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

Hope Fenton

Hope, a fourth-year student from DuQuoin, Ill., is interested in both neurology and behavior. She hopes to combine the two in the future and has applied for a small animal rotating internship at an academic institution.

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

Rachael Lahar

Rachael, a fourth-year student from Houston, Texas, hopes to specialize in small animal internal medicine and eventually open a specialty hospital, using the business skills she has learned at Illinois. She plans to continue mentoring students from underserved areas to foster their love of science and bring more diversity to the veterinary field.

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

Brianna Huff

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

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

Lilia Medvedev

Lilia is a second-year student originally from Israel. She has been pursuing a career in veterinary medicine since she moved to the United States in 2017. Her interest focuses on clinical pathology diagnostics and neurology. She hopes to combine these two passions in academia.

Dr. Deoki and Vidya Tripathy Scholarship Fund

The recipient should be an outstanding graduate student who developed or improved a vaccine or diagnostic test for a pathogen using an innovative molecular approach. The awardee will be based upon publication(s) in a peer reviewed journal or publication(s) accepted for publication in a peer review journal.

Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Tripathy

Chi Chen

Chi is a third-year PhD student from China who is deeply interested in infectious diseases diagnostics and animal health. Looking forward, Chi aims to contribute to advancements in veterinary medicine and public health, particularly in developing rapid and accessible diagnostic tools.

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

Jade Williams

Jade is a fourth-year student from Chicago, Ill. After graduation she will begin her career at a small animal clinic where she can contribute meaningfully to the health and happiness of pets and their families in her community.

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

Maci Galan

Macy Glaze

Maci is a first-year student from Tampa, Fla. Currently she is interested in going into veterinary leadership, academia, or possibly neurology. However, she is open to learning about all areas of veterinary medicine.

Macy is a first-year student from Vidalia, Ga., who is interested in small animal general practice and neurology. She hopes to provide low-cost care to rural communities in her area. Macy plans to complete an internship at a neurology specialty practice to gain knowledge in that discipline.

Sally is a third-year student from Naperville, Ill. She plans to pursue her interests in shelter medicine and surgery upon graduation.

Annie is a second-year student from Westfield, Ind. She is interested in mixed animal practice with a focus in non-profit or agricultural medicine in hopes to use her career to aid the less fortunate in a practical way. She is also interested in furthering her education with a certification in acupuncture, nutrition, or chiropractic.

Cristen, a third-year student, says her primary mission in becoming a veterinarian is to serve clients and communities by providing quality care for their animals. She is interested in practice ownership and surgery. Originally from Benton, Ill., Cristen now resides in Urbana with her husband, Derek, and their wonderful mixed-breed dog, Archie.

Sally Sedlak Vaughan Shelter Medicine Scholarship

For deserving students who have demonstrated interest in animal shelter medicine and who have completed their first year in the DVM program.

Sponsored by the Sally Sedlak Vaughan Trust

Sally Hakim

Sally is a third-year student from Naperville, Ill. She plans to pursue her interests in shelter medicine and surgery upon graduation.

Veterinary Medicine Dean's Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine

Will be awarded in 2025

Kathleen Werner Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Kathleen Werner Endowment Fund

Jennifer Cortes Galvan

Jennifer, a first-year student from Chicago, Ill., would like to explore shelter medicine and behavior. She has developed a passion for working with underserved communities in the Chicago area. Experiences with anxious, reactive animals in a fear-free clinic have inspired her interest in addressing behavioral issues in shelter animals.

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

Victoria Shuster

Victoria is a third-year student from Shelton, Conn. She is interested in anatomic pathology and veterinary forensics and hopes to combine the two in her future career.

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

Simone “Oc” Kirkland

Simone, known as Oc by colleagues, is a third-year student hailing from Statesboro, Ga. She is pursuing a joint veterinary/public health degree. She has a special interest in vector-borne disease and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens. She hopes to pursue a career in preventive medicine and eventually become a member of a uniformed service, where she feels she can make an impact in the community she serves.

Stanley E. and Patricia H. Wojcicki Endowed Scholarship: Recruitment

For a DVM student, female gender preferred.

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

Maggie Bauerly

Alicia Boryszewski

Maggie is a first-year veterinary student from Quincy, Ill. She is currently interested in emergency medicine/critical care and mixed animal practice but is keeping her options open since there are many fields she has not yet experienced.

Alicia, a first-year student from Itasca, Ill., is interested in mixed animal practice and practice ownership. She hopes to learn more about these interests throughout her time at Illinois. This summer she plans to complete an internship at a small equine breeding operation in Wisconsin.

Kayleen, a first-year student from Millington, Mich., hopes to practice in a clinical setting with small animals and equine as her future career. As an undergraduate at Michigan State University, she participated in many clubs, most prominently an equine student-organized non-profit.

Maya, a first-year student from Morrison, Ill., is interested in large animal theriogenology and genetics as well as in anatomic pathology and research. She currently works as a histotechnician in the college’s Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Kayleen Ramirez

Maya Zinke

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

Ashley Newberry

Ashley is a third-year student from Irving, Ill., who is interested in pursuing mixed animal medicine with a focus on equine lameness and bovine reproduction. She hopes to practice in a rural area caring for all species in need.

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

Maggie French

Maggie is a first-year student from Mt. Pulaski, Ill. She is interested in rural mixed animal practice and beef cattle production medicine, including herd management and beef feedlot consultation.

Shelby is a first-year student from Middletown, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with a specialization in dentistry and oral surgery that she plans to apply to any and all species in need. Shelby plans to use summer breaks to develop her skills and gain new experiences.

Ben, a first-year student from Springfield, Ill., is interested in large animal production medicine as well as research. He hopes to work for a large-scale production system or in government and public health, where he can contribute to the health and welfare of animals.

Shelby Harrison

Benjamin Rogers

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

Kayla Jett

Kayla is a fourth-year student from Plainfield, Ill. She is passionate about animal welfare and will enter a post-doctoral training position in laboratory animal medicine at University of Illinois at Chicago after graduation.

Dean Scoggins Memorial Scholarship

Awarded outside of donor recognition awards and scholarships program.

Abigail Spike

Abigail is a fourth-year student from Streamwood, Ill. She is interested in equine medicine and surgery and hopes to pursue research and practice ownership. She will be completing a rotating equine internship at a private practice after graduation.

Special recognition to our Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutarian

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Valedictorian Award

The fourth-year student having the highest academic achievements.

Sponsored by the ISVMA

Tess Cummings

Tess, a fourth-year student from Danforth, Ill., will be completing a year-long equine internship at Northern Lakes Equine Practice in Illinois after graduation. She plans to practice in a rural area, primarily caring for equine patients with the occasional camelid or small ruminant mixed in.

Salutarian Award

The fourth-year student who ranks second highest in a gacademic achievements.

Sponsored by the donors of the College of Veterinary Medicine

Paige Meily

Paige is a fourth-year student from State College, Pa. After graduation she will join a small animal general practice in Massachusetts. She is interested in all aspects of small animal medicine and is looking forward to seeing a variety of cases.



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 1986 Scholarship

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

Sponsored by the Class of 1986 Endowment Fund

Vet Med Class of 2004 Scholarship Endowment Fund

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 2004 Endowment Fund

Dechra Excellence in Dermatology

A fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for dermatology, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of dermatological conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Dechra Excellence in Equine Sports Medicine

For a fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for equine sports medicine, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of rehabilitation and lameness conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Dechra Excellence in Internal Medicine

A fourth-year veterinary student who has been selected by the faculty and staff for exhibiting interest in and enthusiasm for internal medicine, and who has excelled in the diagnosis and management of endocrinological conditions.

Sponsored by Dechra Veterinary Products, LLC

Curtis A. Drake Memorial Scholarship

Second- or third-year student pursuing their DVM degree. Preference given to students who participated in a 4-H program for a minimum of seven years.

Sponsored by the Curtis A. Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund

Linda Hillis Foley Award

For a graduate from St. Ignatius College Prep of Chicago, Illinois. Financial need. Good academic standing with a small animal focus.

Sponsored by the Linda Hillis Foley Award Fund

Dr. Steven Helmink Memorial Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing in Clinton, Fayette, Marion, Madison, St. Clair, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Jasper, Cumberland, Effingham, Bond, Macoupin, Montgomery, Clay, Shelby, or Jersey county. Preference to students with a strong interest in agriculture particularly livestock production.

Sponsored by Lisa Helmink and Family

Jackson Family Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by Scott and Brenda Jackson

Dr. Edward "Fast Eddy" McGinniss Class of 1984 Scholarship Fund

Scholarships in the unit.

Sponsored by Dr. Edward McGinniss

Monica Dillon-Nelson and Steve Nelson Award

For a student in good academic standing. Preference will be given to underserved student population with a financial need.

Sponsored by Monica Dillon-Nelson and Steve Nelson

Stan and Dawn Sutherland Scholarship Fund

To support scholarships for students in the unit.

Sponsored by Stan and Dawn Sutherland

Sally Sedlak Vaughan Shelter Medicine Scholarship

For students with demonstrated interest in animal shelter medicine and who have completed their first year in the DVM program.

Sponsored by the Sally Sedlak Vaughan Trust

CORPORATE RECOGNITIONS

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)

Leena Roy

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)

Rachel DuBose

Morgan Garrow

Abigail Spike

Morgan is a fourth-year student from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in small animal emergency medicine and feline medicine. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation, with hopes of one day completing a residency in emergency and critical care.

Abigail is a fourth-year student from Streamwood, Ill. She is interested in equine medicine and surgery and hopes to pursue research and practice ownership. She will be completing a rotating equine internship at a private practice after graduation.

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

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

Sponsored by the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

Kathleen Temple

American Association of Feline Practitioners' Student Award

For interest and accomplishments in feline medicine and surgery.

Sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners

Caitlin Strozewski

Caitlin, a fourth-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., earned a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University before coming to veterinary school. She is interested in small animal general practice, with focus on surgery and feline medicine and plans to return to the Chicago area to practice.

American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology Award

Sponsored by the American Academy of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO)

Jordan Demanty

American College of Veterinary Pathologists

For a student proficient in pathology.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP)

Rachael Surowiec

Rachael is a fourth-year student from Buffalo, N.Y. She is interested in a career in academia, where she can combine her passions of diagnostics, research, and teaching. She will start an anatomic pathology residency at the University of Tennessee after graduation.

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)

Valentina Poggi

Valentina is a fourth-year student from Villa Park, Ill. She is engrossed in an intimate atmosphere of mixed animal veterinary care with a keen interest in equine. Valentina hopes to join a rural community practice with opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and collaboration with the community to improve animal welfare and protection.

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)

Jacob Baxter

Evan Schwarz

Jake is a fourth-year student who enjoys surgery, preventative medicine, and working with the general public. He plans to head back home to Denver, Colo., to practice at a small animal clinic.

Evan, a fourth-year student from Lake in the Hills, Ill., is interested in small animal surgery. He will be staying on after graduation to participate in a small animal rotating internship at the college.

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

Melissa Buettner

Kaitlyn Nance

Corrine Thomas

Tess Cummings

Kara Scolman

Kelly Ward

Mikayla Diedrick

Caitlin Strozewski

Paige Meily

Rachael Surowiec

Melissa, a fourth-year student from Saint Cloud, Minn., is interested in small animal general practice and surgery. She will be returning to central Minnesota after graduation to start her career.

Tess, a fourth-year student from Danforth, Ill., will be completing a year-long equine internship at Northern Lakes Equine Practice in Illinois after graduation. She plans to practice in a rural area, primarily caring for equine patients with the occasional camelid or small ruminant mixed in.

Mikayla is a fourth-year student from Daggett, Mich., with a special interest in ruminant theriogenology. She hopes to pursue a career in mixed animal practice where she can help bridge the gap between animal and human health by ensuring a safe and fruitful food supply while maintaining excellent animal welfare.

Paige is a fourth-year student from State College, Pa. After graduation she will join a small animal general practice in Massachusetts. She is interested in all aspects of small animal medicine and is looking forward to seeing a variety of cases.

Kaitlyn, a fourth-year student from Highland, Ill., is interested in equine and small animal medicine. She will be completing a one-year equine internship after graduation.

Kara, a fourth-year student from Denver, Colo., has a master's degree 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 and neurosurgery.

Caitlin, a fourth-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., earned a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University before coming to veterinary school. She is interested in small animal general practice, with focus on surgery and feline medicine and plans to return to the Chicago area to practice.

Rachael is a fourth-year student from Buffalo, N.Y. She is interested in a career in academia, where she can combine her passions of diagnostics, research, and teaching. She will start an anatomic pathology residency at the University of Tennessee after graduation.

Corrine, a fourth-year student from Lexington, Ky., plans to pursue a small animal rotating internship and subsequent board certification in neurology and neurosurgery. Throughout veterinary school she has been active in oncology research within the laboratory of Dr. Tim Fan. She also held leadership positions in the diagnostic imaging and behavior clubs, because she is passionate about those aspects of veterinary medicine.

Kelly, a fourth-year student from Glenview, Ill., is interested in general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, and equine medicine. She is hoping to narrow down her passion through clinical rotations during her fourth-year and pursue a job in the Chicagoland or Washington, D.C., area after graduation.

NAVAS Student Anesthesia Award

For a student who has demonstrated excellence in veterinary anesthesia.

Sponsored by the North American Veterinary Anesthesia Society

Maura Ryan

Maura is a fourth-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is headed to an internship at a small animal private practice after graduation. She would like to pursue specialization in anesthesia and analgesia, with a specific interest in advanced cardiac surgeries and zoological anesthesia.

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

Emma Mullins

Emma, a fourth-year student from Cincinnati, Ohio, has accepted a position at an equine general practice. She plans to gain a few years of experience in general practice before focusing on reproductive medicine and pursuing a theriogenology specialty.

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

Cheyenne Dowds

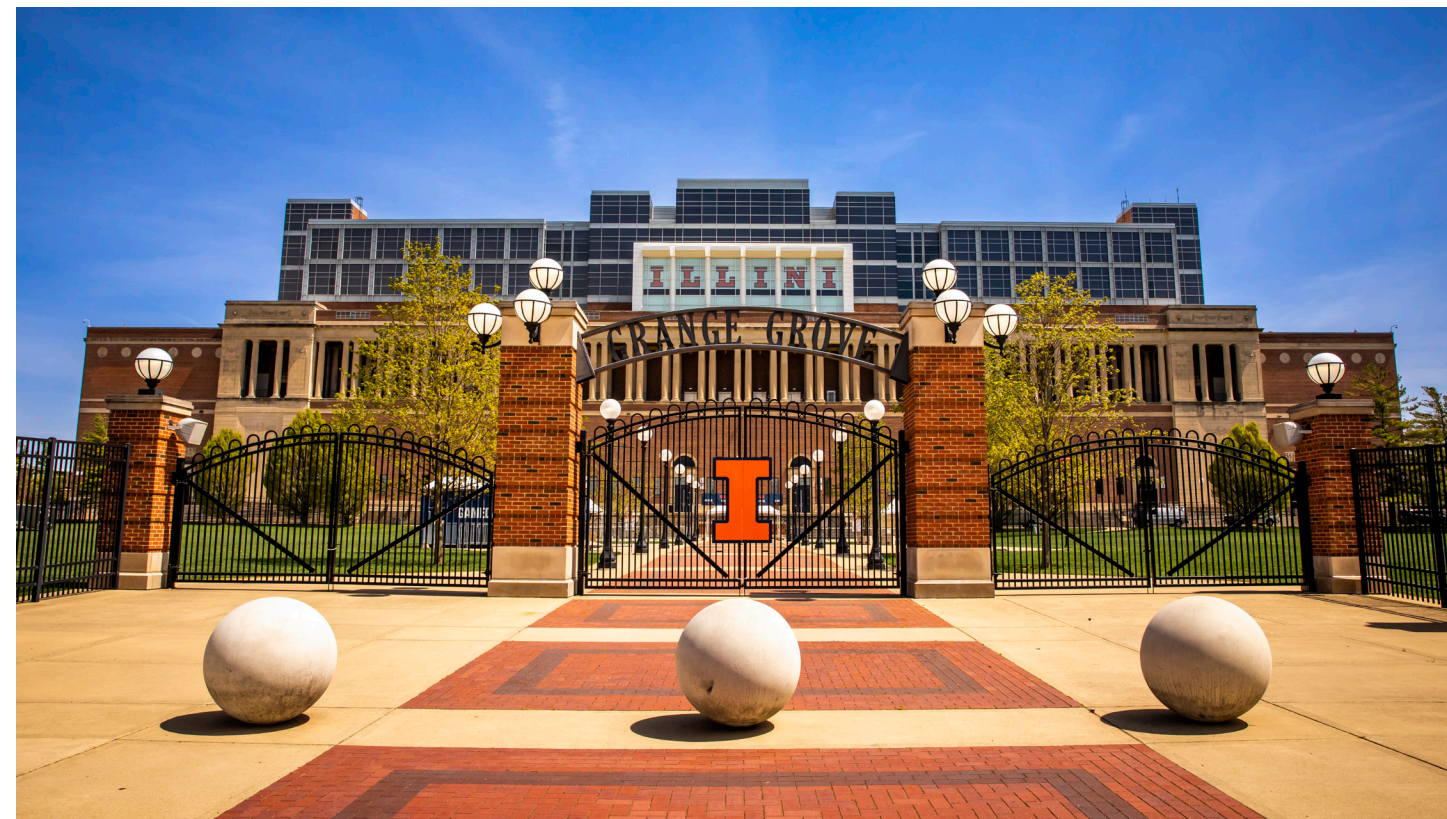
Cheyenne is a fourth-year student from Valparaiso, Ind., who hopes to combine her interests in emergency and critical care and surgery. She has planned off-campus rotations at emergency practices that do surgeries to gain experience in both areas. After graduating, she will practice near her hometown.

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. Samantha Sander



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