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First Hill's Pet Products Dean's Scholar Named

Robin Pallen, a senior student, was named the first Hill's Pet Products Dean's Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

The scholarship is funded by a $50,000 endowment generated through the Hill's Pet Products College Feeding Program initiated in 1988. Since its inception, this program has raised more than $75,000 from the proceeds of the sale of Hill's Pet Products to students, faculty and staff at Penn's veterinary school. It is expected that funds will be in hand soon for a second Hill's Pet Products Dean's Scholar.

The Dean's Scholar program at the Veterinary School was initiated in 1989 with the goal of establishing a minimum of 100 Dean's Scholars; currently there are 18 such scholars.

Hill's Pet Products, in addition to enabling Penn to endow a Dean's Scholar, supports a resident in nutrition, funds veterinary dental research, and provides part-time funding for a resident in veterinary dentistry. The company also awarded four annual scholarships to students, and it is a sponsor of the Penn Annual Conference.

Scholarships

A number of students were named Dean's Scholars: Michael Pensenstadler, V'94, and Eliza M. Braunstein, V'93, are Dr. M. Josephine Deubert's Scholars; Andrew R. Buijs, V'94, is The Anne Linn White Dean's Scholar; Jean M. Betkowski, V'91, is The Mrs. Jack Billhardt Dean's Scholar; Lance H. Bassage, V'93, is The Ethel H. Mitchell Dean's Scholar; Kirk Smith, V'91, is The Bruce J. Heim Dean's Scholar.

The Pennsylvania Veterinary Foundation awarded the Dr. Palace H. Seitz Memorial Scholarship to John J. McCauley, V'92. The Dr. Samuel B. Guss Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer A. Andres, V'91. The foundation awarded the Dr. Samuel F. Scheidy Memorial Scholarships to Mary M. Bower, V'91, and Kirk T. Smith, V'91. The FVMA Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded to Lori Lynn Ludwig, V'92.

Mary M. Bower received the Westminster Kennel Foundation Scholarship. Ms. Bower and the other three recipients of the scholarships were presented with certificates at the evening judging of the Westminster K.C. dog show at Madison Square Garden, New York. The Berks County Kennel Club awarded two scholarships, the recipients are Kimberly Ann Werner, V'91, and John M. Nelson, V'92. Greg Campbell, V'91, received a scholarship from the Lloyd's Underwriters, Lloyd's of London and the Kentucky Agents Joint Equine Research and Education Committee. Lisa Macom, V'91, received the Janet F. Coiter Scholarship from the Princeton Small Animal Rescue League. Tiffany Bogart, V'92, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Burlington County K.C. The Misspilon K.C. awarded the William E. Spence D.V.M. Scholarship to Corinne A. Dunagan, V'92.

The Plainfield K.C. provided scholarships for Camille DeClements, V'94, and Joyce Koch, V'91. Four senior students, Jennifer Andres, James Holt, Debra Lane, and William Rives, are the recipients of a Dr. J. E. Salsbury Scholarship. Herbert Burns, V'92, received a Harness Tracks of America-Harry M. Stevens-Peter Haughton Scholarship.

Donna Vitorelli, V'91, was awarded a scholarship by the Eastern Surfing Association's Marsh Scholarship Fund. She also received a scholarship from the National Scholastic Surfing Association. Mark Boccella, V'91, was awarded the New York Farmers, Inc. Scholarship. Janet G. Jones, V'91, and Joyce R. Koch, V'91, were the recipients of the Dorf Scholarships.

Scott D. Johnson, V'91, received a scholarship from the Town of Thomaston Dietz Scholarship Fund. The William Goldman Foundation awarded five scholarships here at the School. The recipients are: Gregory E. Erdman, V'91, Lori L. Ludvig, V'92, John J. McCauley, V'92, Holly B. Meheu, V'93, and Christine M. Ratti, V'93. Pamela Lynn Benedick, V'92, received a scholarship from the Union County K.C. Four Greenberg Memorial Scholarships were awarded to seniors, Mary M. Bower, Dana C. Lebo, Robert J. Lewis, Jr., and Michael I. Mihlfried. Leslie Ziemer, V'91, received a scholarship from the Gundaker Foundation.

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The cost is $150 for an adult dog; $125 for the first puppy of a litter and $65 for each additional puppy in the litter. An appointment is required and can be made by calling 215 898-4680.

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