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On the evening of Friday, September 27, 60 members of the School community attended a dinner in honor of veterinary alumni and friends who are members of the Benjamin Franklin Society. Held at the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, PA the evening started with a cocktail reception followed by dinner in the museum’s restaurant overlooking the Brandywine River. Dean Alan M. Kelly briefly spoke about current issues and activities at the School, noting that over 120 students are benefitting this year from Veterinary Alumni Annual Giving whose proceeds are used solely for student scholarship. Membership in the Benjamin Franklin Society reflects unrestricted gifts to the School of $1,000 and above.

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Dear Dr. Swandby,

I am writing to thank you and the entire Veterinary Medical Alumni Society for the generous scholarship from the Alumni Annual Giving Fund. This action, along with all of the positive work accomplished by the veterinary school’s faculty and staff in the past, once again displays the School’s efforts in reducing the financial burden placed on its students.

While I will continue to strive for excellence in my academic endeavors for my own self-gratification, opportunities for scholarships will certainly be motivational. In addition, I will offer my assistance in raising future alumni donations in order to help make more money available to my peers. I hope one day to be sufficiently stable financially in order to donate money to the Alumni Fund. I would be pleased to give a future veterinary student the same sense of accomplishment and gratification that you have given me.

Sincerely,

Chick Weisse, V’98

Dear Dr. Swandby,

I would like to personally thank the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society for their generosity to the student body. Often students feel far removed from alumni because of hectic schedules and too few inclusive activities, but this $1,000 scholarship to every member of our senior class will help to bridge the gap between graduating student to active alumni. The time and effort expended to decrease our financial burden will not be forgotten. I hope to someday contribute greatly, with whatever means or capacity I can, to enrich our evolving veterinary education endeavors at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Thanks again for recognizing our financial needs and helping to ease some of our loans.

Sincerely,

Ernest "Scott" Weber, V’97

Dear Dr. Swandby,

I would like to extend my warmest thanks for the generous $1,000 scholarship I recently received from the Alumni Annual Giving Fund. It was a great honor and surprise to learn of this wonderful award which will greatly help to decrease my tuition loan burden during the last year of my veterinary education.

Dr. Newton explained that the funds for this scholarship came from gifts contributed by 1,200 alumni representing every graduating class from 1995 back to 1928. It makes me feel very good to be part of such a prestigious veterinary school whose alumni display great pride and concern through the generation of such an amazing gift. Thank you, and all the alumni who made this magnificent scholarship possible.

Gratefully yours,

H. Frances Haberstroh, V’97