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114th Commencement
The graduating Class of 1999, 80 women and 25 men, marched triumphantly onto the stage of the Zellerbach Theater on May 17 for the 114th Commencement Exercises of the School. The auditorium was packed with families, friends and faculty, all ready to cheer on a favorite graduate.

Dr. Alan M. Kelly, The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, opened the proceedings and provided an overview of the history of veterinary medicine and Penn’s special place in that history. The Commencement Address, given by Claire M. Fagin, M.A., Ph.D., Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, and former acting president of Penn, is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

The presentation of diplomas and hooding was done by Dean Kelly, assisted by Dr. James B. Lok, 1999 Lindback Awardee for Distinguished Teaching; Dr. Cynthia Ward, 1999 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Awardee; and Associate Dean Dr. Charles D. Newton.

Dr. Robert W. Stewart, V’68, president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, presented the class flag to Dr. Emily Graves, V’99, class president. The Veterinarian’s Oath was administered by Dr. Amy L. Hinton, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association.

Once the graduates left the stage as newly minted VMDs, the focus shifted to a celebration in the Annenberg School’s courtyard. Here the graduates posed for pictures for their families and said “goodbye” to classmates and teachers.

Class of 1999

Sarah Smith Adams
Amy Lynn Anderson
Amy Lynn Bader
Vered Bar
Nancy Louise Bathurst
Joyce Ellen Bendokas
Jennifer Michelle Bevilacqua
Jennifer Leigh Bitman**
Kenneth Dean Bixel
Kathryn Rodgers Blanch
Dipa Pushkar Brahmbhatt
Rebecca Vaill Christie**
Jennifer Jeitles Clarke***
Diane Pamela Cordray
David Croman
Patricia Curran
Elizabeth Kathryne Daniel
Pandora Lynn Davis***
Alysa Deaven**
Erin Page DeTurck
Suzanne Donahue
John Eccher, Jr.*
Aimee Suzanne Eisenberg
Julie Fishman Ekedahl***
Marla Mozelle Ellman
Robyn Denise Engelman
Vicki Nicole Estes**
Brian Gregory Fenchak
Ellen Elizabeth Fitzgibbon
Dana Frederick
Avra Ingrid Frucht*
Heather Rose Galano
Emily Austin Graves*
Bradley Scott Gray
James Francis Hagan
Barbara Hasnain
Wayne J. Hassinger II***
Donatella Elizabeth Hecht
John Francisco Hecht
Melissa Margaret Hobday
Mason Francis Holland*
Catherine Bisque Jackson***
Matthew Stephen Johnston
Stacey Wanda Kent*
Danielle Karyn Kessler
Justin Ian Kirchhofer
Kathryn Leigh Kirstein
Julie Elizabeth Kyle
Bernadette Hutchinson LaMonte
Anna Marie Lange
Albert State-Yen Leung
Kristen Mary Lohr
Kelly Elizabeth Longenecker
Melissa Marie Luzi
Patrick Anthony Mahaney
Cassandra Ash Mahoney
Courtney Jones Manetti
Richard David Marchetti
Robin Michele Mazin
Mira Lea McGregor
Kathryn Mary McPherson
Stephen Charles Meister
Clare Alice Morissette
Jennifer Pollock Morris
Deborah Lynn Murtha
David John Nebzydoski
Marjorie Jean Elizabeth O’Brien
Andrew Obstler
Mark William Paradise
Erica Clarice Parthum
Krisiten Su Pelletier
Don James Peterson**
Christine Polanecky
Caryn Leah Porter

Mary Elizabeth Powers
Clive Laurel Rahamut-Ali
Jacqueline Alane Rapp
Danielle Marie Reinhardt
Mark Stephen Restey
Jennifer Ann Rubbold
Michele Ann Saletros
Akiko Sato
Laura Schmitt
Carlton Benner Seybolt
Suzanne Shalet
Shannon Devon Shank
Renee Elizabeth Simpler**
Jennifer Ann Smelstos
Corrina Sue Snook
Stacey Solovei
Benjamin J. Spitz*
Sandra Springer
Tracy Ann Springer
Robert William Stewart, Jr.
Wendy Jo Taft
Janet Madenford Triplett
Jacqueline Hazel Vockroth
Jenny Suzanne Vodenichar
Franciszek von Esse*
Diane Simpson Wagner
Karen Wallace
Mary Hayes Wallace*
Ellen Bart Wiedner
Jessica Zeman
Dara Marie Zerrenner

*Summa Cum Laude
**Magna Cum Laude
*Cum Laude
Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize
Catherine Bisque Jackson

J.B. Lippincott Prize
Pandora Lynn Davis

1930 Class Prize in Surgery
Pandora Lynn Davis

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize
Emily Austin Graves

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize — Small Animal Award
Erica Clarice Parthum

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize — Large Animal Award
Stacey Wanda Kent

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology
Jennifer Jeitles Clarke

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry
Vicki Nicole Estes

American Animal Hospital Association Award
Tracy Ann Springer

Merck Awards
Small Animal Award
Amy Lynn Bader
Large Animal Award
Julie Elizabeth Kyle

George M. Palmer Prize
Nancy Louise Bathurst

Everingham Prize for Cardiology
Donatella Elizabeth Hecht

Large Animal Surgery Prize
Clive Laurel Rahamat-Ali

Large Animal Medicine Prize
Corrina Sue Snook

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine
Wayne J. Hassinger II

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health
Kathryn Mary McPherson

Hill’s Award
Robyn Denise Engelmann

Pharmacia & Upjohn Awards
Small Animal Award
Robin Michele Mazin
Large Animal Award
Julie Fishman Ekedahl

Faculty/SCAVMA Prize
Mason Francis Holland

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes
Small Animal Surgery Prize
Renee Elizabeth Simpler
Large Animal Surgery Prize
Alyisia Deaven

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award
Diane Pamela Cordray

Field Service Prize
Alyisia Deaven

Phi Zeta Award
Mary Hayes Wallace

Anatomy Prize
Julie Fishman Ekedahl

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
Julie Fishman Ekedahl

Iams/VECCS Award for Excellence in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Medicine
Erica Clarice Parthum

Charles E. Reid Sports Medicine and Imaging Award
Diane Simpson Wagner

Large Animal Reproduction Award
Jacqueline Hazel Vockroth

Lynn Sammons Food Animal Award
Erin Page DeTurck