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Veterinary faculty, students and staff celebrated at the University Museum on April 21—it was the night of the annual Veterinary Medical Student Government Teaching Awards.

Dean Alan M. Kelly began the ceremonies as he presented the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Clinical Science Education. These two awards each year honor one faculty member each from the clinical departments and the basic science departments who have made outstanding contributions to teaching in their disciplines.

Dr. Debra Baird, assistant professor of radiology, received the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award established in 1963 “to recognize outstanding teachers who, through their ability, dedication, character and leadership, contribute significantly to the advancement of the profession.”

The four classes then honored the faculty members they considered to be outstanding teachers. The Class of 2001 presented its award to Dr. Cynthia Ward, associate professor of medicine, and Dr. Billy Smith, assistant professor of field service. Dr. David Holt, associate professor of surgery, and Dr. Debra Baird, assistant professor of radiology, were honored by the

Class of 2001 presented the Resident Teaching Award to Dr. Yvonne Elce and Dr. Shannon Parsons. The Intern Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Jamie Burkitt. Jennifer Wrigley and Alison McKenna received the Class of 2001 Technician Teaching Award.

The Veterinary Medical Student Government Commendation Awards were presented to Rob Sigafos, farrier at New Bolton, Virginia Topkis, surgery research technician at NBC, and Dr. James Wilson, associate professor of risk management.

The William B. Boucher Award for Outstanding Teaching at New Bolton Center by a House Officer was presented to Dr. Elce. The Jules and Lucy Silver Award was presented to Dr. Rachel Wheeler. The Gretchen Wolf Swartz Award for Outstanding Nursing at New Bolton Center was received by Colleen Klein.

Dr. Garrett Davis received the Interns’ Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Resident. Dr. Kenneth Drobatz received the Residents’ Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Faculty Member. Jennifer Wrigley and

Peter Francis Anatomy Award

In May, Dr. Richard M. Miselis, head of the laboratories of anatomy, announced the winners of the Peter Francis Anatomy Award for the Classes of 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004:

Class of 2001—Darren L. Richards
Class of 2002—Melisa D. Sanchez
Class of 2003—Lisa Perlman
Class of 2004—Mandy M. Becker

The Peter Francis Anatomy Award was established in 1993 and is given to the student in each class who has the highest cumulative grades in the four core courses organized by the Laboratories of Anatomy. These areas are Gross Anatomy, Histology, Development, and Neuroscience. The Award includes a cash prize of $250, and the student’s name is engraved on the Anatomy Award plaque which is mounted in the vestibule of the Marookian Auditorium. The student’s achievement is also announced in the graduation program.