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The Bernice Barbour Foundation has awarded a full tuition and living expenses scholarship to Amanda Parton, V’06. This scholarship, which also includes funding during an internship after graduation, is the largest ever received by a student at the School.

The Bernice Barbour Foundation was established in 1986 by the late Bernice Babour who, throughout her life, devoted much of her thought, energy and resources toward making the lives of animals happier and healthier. The Foundation has supported projects involving animals ranging from marine mammals to birds and burros. The scholarship at Penn is the third at a veterinary school.

Amanda Parton, since childhood, wanted to be a veterinarian. She graduated with honors from Lafayette College in 1998 and worked for three years for Merck and Co., Inc. in vaccine operations. While in college and at Merck, Amanda volunteered at veterinary hospitals.

Now, in addition to her heavy course load, she still finds time to work as a nursing assistant at the School’s Ryan Veterinary Hospital. She is also active in various student organizations. Amanda is very intrigued by the interaction between people and animals. Specifically, she is interested in search and rescue animals, and animal therapy for Alzheimer’s patients and the disabled. Ultimately, her goal is to pursue a residency and board certification in a specialty area of veterinary medicine.

“I am in awe of the generosity of the Bernice Barbour Foundation. The financial burden of veterinary school is quite stressful. This scholarship will allow me to focus even more on my education and will open new doors of opportunity as the financial burden has been lifted. So far, my experience at Penn has been amazing. I look forward to the future and the chance to take full advantage of this gift from the Bernice Barbour Foundation as I follow my dream.”