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Class of 2004 White Coat Ceremony

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The White Coat Ceremony, a tradition from medical schools and first introduced in 2001 at Penn Veterinary Medicine, was held for the Class of 2004 in Houston Hall on December 10, 2002. A Penn landmark, Houston Hall was the nation’s first student union, and it was recently renovated to continue to serve students.

Many relatives and guests of the students attended the ceremony and the reception that followed. The ceremony marks the end of the students’ training in the classroom, and the beginning of their clinical rotations where they will apply the knowledge they have learned during the first two-and-a-half-years of their four-year veterinary education.

Speakers included faculty members, Karen O’Connor, V’04, class president, John I. Enck, Jr., V’70, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and the state veterinarian for Pennsylvania, and Christine Bohn, V’02, who spoke on behalf of the School’s Veterinary Medical Alumni Society. Russell E. Angstadt, V’76, spoke on “The Family: Sharing Commitment.” His daughter, Ellen, is a member of the Class of 2004.

Sponsors of the ceremony included the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and the Suburban Veterinary Medical Association. The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society gave the students Penn brass pins to wear on their white coats.

2002 Rush Shippen Huidekoper Society Photo Correction

Because of an editing error, the complete caption was not published for this photo from the 2002 Rush Shippen Huidekoper Society Dinner, published in the winter 2002 issue of Bellwether. The photo with the complete caption is below.

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