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The Veterinary School’s teaching awards were presented during the annual Student Government Dinner Dance on April 26. This year, Philadelphia’s 30th Street Station provided the backdrop for an evening attended by 250 students, faculty, and staff.

Associate Dean
Jeffrey A. Wortman, V’69, standing in for the dean, presented the Dean’s Award for Leadership in the Basic Sciences to Dr. Olena Jacenko, associate professor of physiology; the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Clinical Science was presented to Dr. Billy Smith, assistant professor of medicine in New Bolton Center Field Service. Dr. Smith also received the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.

The two Dean’s Awards honor one faculty member from the clinical departments and one from the basic science departments who have made outstanding contributions to teaching their disciplines. The Norden Award was 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 honored the faculty members they considered to be outstanding teachers. The Class of 2003 presented awards to Dr. Corinne Sweeney, professor of medicine, and Dr. Kenneth Drobatz, associate professor of critical care medicine. The Class of 2004 honored Raymond Sweeney, V’82, associate professor of medicine. Dr. James Lok, associate professor of parasitology, received the Class of 2005 Award. The Class of 2006 presented its award to Dr. Paul Orsini, director of gross anatomy.

Cynthia R. Ward, V’87, assistant professor of medicine, was presented the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Excellence in Teaching Award, which is presented annually, based on the recommendations of recent graduates; it is funded by the VMAS.

The Senior Class Resident Awards were presented to Dr. Ariel Mosenco, at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, and Dr. Jennifer Smith, at the George D. Widener Hospital. The Senior Class Intern Awards were presented to Dr. Vanessa Butler (Widener) and Dr. Stephen Mehler (Ryan). The class honored technicians Paula Emma (Ryan) and Emily Zug (Widener).

Other awards presented were: The Jules and Lucy Silver Award to Dr. Dan Fletcher (Ryan); the Interns’ Award to Dr. Steven Cole (Ryan); the Resident’s Award to Dr. Kenneth Drobatz; the Boucher Award to Dr. Sophy Jesty; the Harcum College Eileen Rule Award to Dr. Vanessa Butler (Widener) and Donna Sisak (Ryan); the Gretchen Swartz Award to Jennifer Wrigley; and the Senior Student Patient Care Awards to Charles Arensberg and Holly Connolly (Widener) and Jill Abraham and Meredith Daly (Ryan).

The Veterinary Medical Student Government honored Barbara Cavanaugh, librarian, and Dr. Corinne Sweeney.