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Commencement 2003
The Class of 2003 brought the number of veterinarians who have graduated from Penn to 5,944. This year’s class of 110 is composed of 79 women and 31 men.

The 118th Commencement took place on May 19 at the Zellerbach Theatre on campus. Friends and families cheered as the graduating class walked on stage. Associate Dean Jeffrey A. Wortman, V’69, presided over the ceremonies for the Dean. The graduating class had requested two faculty speakers—Dr. Corrine R. Sweeney, professor of medicine, and Ray Sweeney, V’82, associate professor of medicine, who took this last opportunity to encourage their students to use the skills acquired at Penn and to leave their mark on the profession.

The presentation of diplomas and hooding is an emotional moment. This year Dr. Olena Jacenko, Dean’s Awardee for Leadership in Basic Science Education; Dr. Billy Smith, Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Awardee and the Dean’s Awardee for Leadership in Clinical Science Education; and Deputy Associate Dean Charles D. Newton, did the honors.

Class President Jason Jon Cordeiro presented comments and received the Class Flag from James V. Stewart, V’68, president, Veterinary Medical Alumni Society. Associate Dean Wortman, assisted by Dr. Kenneth J. Drobotz, Lindback Distinguished Teacher Awardee, presented the prizes and senior awards. John L. Enck, Jr., V’70, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, administered the oath of office.

After all the formalities were over, graduates and their families celebrated on the plaza behind the Annenberg Center.
Class of 2003

Leonard Pearson Prize
Erik Steven Herrema
J.B. Lippincott Prize
Kimberly Anne Johnston
1930 Class Prize in Surgery
Kimberly Anne Johnston
Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize
John Anthony Vinciguerra
Faculty/Student Chapter, AVMA Prize
Jeffrey Andrew Sachar
American Animal Hospital Association Award
Srinivas Lingareddy
American Association of Feline Practitioners Award
Jessica Ann Chavkin

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
Erik Steven Herrema
American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes
Small Animal Surgery Prize
Herbert William Maisenbacher III
Large Animal Surgery Prize
Kimberly Anne Johnston
Everingham Prize for Cardiology
Shannon Kerry Moriarty
Field Service Prize
Ross Landon Springer
The Peter Francis Anatomy Award
Lisa Perlman Harwood
Hill’s Award
Leigh Ann Perry

Iams/VECCS Award for Proficiency in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Meredith Leigh Daly
James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry
Lisa Perlman Harwood
Large Animal Medicine Prize
Christine Ashley Starer
Large Animal Surgery Prize
Charles Conrad Miller Arensberg

Merck Awards
Small Animal Award
Jill Lauren Abraham
Large Animal Award
Sarah Colleen Holler

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology
Jessica Ann Chavkin

George M. Palmer Prize
Sunny Geiser

Pharmacia Animal Health Proficiency Awards
Companion Animal Award
Lisa Perlman Harwood
Equine Award
Charles Conrad Miller Arensberg
Food Animal Award
Nathan Daniel Harvey

Charles F. Reid Sports Medicine and Imaging Award
Kimberly Anne Johnston

Lynn Sammons Food Animal Award
Tony Luke Ebling

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine
Amber Joelle Itle

Christopher Thomas Ryan**
Jeffrey Andrew Sachar
Krista Erika Schnabel
Anne Melissa Skope
Sarah Jeann Smith
Danielle Ann Springer
Ross Landon Springer
Christine Ashley Starer
Heather-Michelle Brooke Stewart
Lara Faith Sylvester
Stephanie Diane Szabo*
Kristen Ann Szylowksi
Jamie Beth Trauner
Christopher Shenwei Tsai
Charles Joseph Tucker
Katie Eileen Tuffey
Carrie Ellen Tupper
Krista Michele Vernaleken
John Anthony Vinciguerra*
Lauren Marie Wagan
Jeremy John Wentz
Sara Ann Woodberry
Keith Alan Zimmerman

Award Recipients

Sunny Geiser
Talia Glimer
Carrie Elizabeth Goldkamp**
Scott Joseph Goldman
Stephanie Elizabeth Graham
Daniel Jesse Hall
Alexander David Hamberg
Bradlyd Ann Hanley
Nathan Daniel Harvey
Lisa Perlman Harwood***
Jannette Lee Heere
Erik Steven Herrema
Kimberley Melissa Hershhorn
Amy Louise Hinze
Lexington Allen Hoffman
Sarah Colleen Holler
Sarah Jane Hoskins
Adonia Hsu
Amber Joelle Itle
Leah Carolyn Jackson
Keith Justin Javic
Kate Elizabeth Johnson
Kimberly Anne Johnston***
Jennifer Marie Jones
Karena Pey-Fen Joung
Karen Elizabeth Kemp
James J. Kim
Megan Kathleen King
Bradford Yaeger Kube
Emily Kate Kupprion
Katharine Patricia Kurpel
Mary Theresa Kwacz**
Julia Susan Lane**
Amy Elizabeth Learm
Srinivas Lingareddy
Marybeth Rebecca Longo
P. Mark López
Herbert William Maisenbacher III***
Corinne Elise Majeska
Jill Kristine Maney
Betty Ann Marcucci
Jennifer Savage Matysczak
Joanne E. McCrea
Julie Louise McDade
Lisa Gwenn Meddock
Jessica Lauren Melman
Carrie Anne Miller
Elizabeth Kathryn Mills
Shannon Kerry Moriarty*
Courtney Elisabeth North
Sean Christopher Ott
Leigh Ann Perry
Christina Nicole Phillips
Natalie Pinchuk-Levitt
Darah Louise Resh
Rebecca Elizabeth Risbon
Linda Murray Ruiz
Anna Louise Russau

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* Cum Laude