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2010 Phi Zeta Student Research Day

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Phi Zeta Student Research Day is held annually to acknowledge scholarly achievement of VMD and VMD/PhD students at Penn Vet. The event showcases excellence in our student research and academic achievements at Penn Vet and provides an opportunity and a meeting place for students, residents and faculty to connect and enhance collaborations and communication between the basic and clinical researchers. It also allows colleagues and classmates to hear about the exciting research taking place in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

The 2010 program, held on March 25, featured six oral presentations by students (basic and clinical research), selectively chosen by a faculty panel of judges. Outstanding presenters of abstracts received awards of excellence following their oral presentations.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Michael Blackwell, former dean of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and former chief veterinarian of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). As chief veterinarian, Dr. Blackwell was an advisor to the Surgeon General of the United States from 1994-1998. There was standing room only for his talk.

The dual degree oral presenters, and awards, respectively, were Gregory Rak (1st place), M. Noelle Knight (2nd place) and Catrina King (3rd place).

The VMD oral presenters were Sarah Ward (1st place), Kristina Simone (2nd place) and Breanna Caltagarone (3rd place).

Best Posters Prizes were awarded to Abigail Shearin (1st place), LaTasha Crawford (2nd place) and Sarah Cannizzo (3rd place).

The 2011 Phi Zeta Student Research Day event will take place on Thursday, March 31, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Hill Pavilion. For more information on the 2011 event, email resnews@vet.upenn.edu.