Teaching Awards
he Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Teaching Awards Ceremony was held April 23, 2007, at the Hill Pavilion. Before the presentation, Vernon Hill II, founder, chairman and CEO of Commerce Bank, announced the launch of three Penn Vet World Awards, the first veterinary medicine awards of their kind, designed to recognize innovation, creativity and leadership in the profession.

Starting next year, the Penn Vet World Leadership in Animal Health Award will be presented to a veterinarian who has dramatically changed the practice and image of the profession and substantially influenced the lives and careers of others. The award will provide the recipient with $100,000 in unrestricted funding.

In addition, the Penn Vet Student Inspiration Awards will be presented to two Penn Vet students who demonstrate the potential to significantly advance the frontiers of veterinary medicine. An award of $100,000 in unrestricted funding will be given to each recipient.

The 2007 Teaching Awards:

The Carl Norden–Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award: Dr. David Holt, chief of Ryan’s Section of Surgery and professor of surgery.

Dr. Holt also was the recipient of a 2007 Lindback Distinguished Teacher Award.

The Dean’s Award for Leadership in Basic Science Education: Dr. Jean-Pierre Saint-Jeannet, associate professor of developmental biology.

The Dean’s Award for Leadership in Clinical Science Education: Dr. Tom Parsons, associate professor of swine production medicine.

The Class of 2007 presented awards to Dr. David Diefenderfer, V’81, senior research associate and orthopaedic surgeon (Ryan); Dr. Kathryn Wotman, lecturer in medicine (NBC); Dr. Siobhan O’Neill, intern (Ryan); Dr. William Culp, V’04, surgery resident (Ryan); Dr. Diana Short, resident (Ryan); Tiffany Harris, technician (Ryan) (not pictured); and Emily Zugg, technician (NBC).

The Class of 2008 presented awards to Dr. Kenneth Drobatz, director of Ryan's Emergency Service, and Dr. Eric Birks, assistant professor of exercise physiology (NBC).

The Class of 2009 presented an award to Dr. Robert Gilley, assistant professor of surgery (Ryan).

The Class of 2010 presented an award to Dr. Olena Jacenko, associate professor of physiology (Ryan).

The William R. Boucher Award for Outstanding Teaching at NBC by a House Officer: Dr. Diana Short, medicine resident (NBC).

The Jules and Lucy Silver Animal Bedside Manner Award: Dr. Carrie Palm, medicine resident (Ryan) (not pictured).

The Residents’ Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Faculty Member: Dr. Kenneth Drobatz.

The Interns’ Mentor Award: Dr. William Culp, V’04, surgery resident (Ryan).

Veterinary Technician Teaching Awards: Ellen Gratch (Ryan) (not pictured) and Kasey McCafferty (NBC).

Senior Student Patient Care Award (presented by nurses): Jonathan Foster, V’07 (Ryan), Catalina Montalegre, V’07 (Ryan), and Kimberly Harmon, V’07 (NBC).

Gretchen Wolf Swartz Award for Outstanding Nursing at NBC: Ashley Lester.

SCAVMA Commendation Awards: James Morris, large animal attendant; Sarah Whealan, curriculum coordinator; and Richard Aucamp, administrative director, gross anatomy laboratory (not pictured).