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Courses for Veterinary Technicians

Dean's Scholars

Over the past decade, all of the health professions experienced an alarming decline in applications from young, talented, and enthusiastic students. Although complex reasons contributed to this decline, unquestionably, economics have discouraged applications to the nation's schools and colleges of veterinary medicine.

Coupled with the continued escalation of educational costs is a relatively stagnant entry level salary for recent veterinary graduates. It's not surprising that talented young people choose such careers as business or law, that offer a shorter educational commitment and greater entry level salaries.

For the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania this is a particularly difficult problem. As one of the two private schools in the nation, we must compete with all other veterinary schools based at land grant state universities, where, on average, tuition is \$5,000.

Although the School provides a student with financial aid, it is primarily in the form of loans. With low entry level salaries, loans are unattractive and, in many cases, unrealistic for students, who may accrue an indebtedness of \$40,000 to \$60,000 through their four years of professional education.

To meet the dual challenges of attracting the best students to Penn and providing sufficient financial assistance to make their educations practical, the School of Veterinary Medicine has embarked on a series of new scholarship programs. These programs are designed to assist both the professional degree candidate, as well as graduate and joint degree students.

We would like to highlight the Dean's Scholars Program and some of the people who have made commitments to future generations. Organized about a year and a half ago, the program objective is to give the best students with the greatest financial requirements the scholarship assistance they need to choose Penn.

Created by gifts of \$50,000 or more, each scholarship will partially finance a student's education over four years by utilizing interest income derived from an endowment. Each gift is placed into the University's permanent endowment fund, to be invested and managed to yield the maximum return.

Unlike many traditional scholarships based on scholastic merit, the Dean's Scholars will be designated from the most talented, incoming first-year students with the greatest financial need. We expect that by reducing the financial burden on students and their families, to attract highly talented, yet needy, students to one of the finest veterinary schools in the world.

Donors to this program have the opportunity to name the fund after themselves or in honor of a loved one. In addition, the School encourages, wherever possible, contact between scholarship recipients, contributors, and their families.

The goal of the program is to establish a minimum of 100 Dean's Scholars. To date, we have commitments for ten, nine of which are fully funded; seven have been awarded to date. The contributors include: The Bruce J. Heim Foundation; The Estate of J. Maxwell Moran; The Estate of Palace H. Seitz, V.M.D.; The Estate of Anne Linn White; and, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wolf. In addition, contributions, honoring M. Josephine Deubler, V.M.D., created two scholarships in her name.

Mr. Bruce Heim was a successful banker and financier from New York City. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Mr. Heim became a client at the Small Animal Hospital when his golden retriever "Pete" contracted cancer. After many months of therapy, during which he often showed improvement, "Pete" passed away.

Motivated by his deep affection for "Pete" and love of animals, his appreciation for the care provided by hospital clinicians, and respect for the School, Mr. Heim decided to establish scholarships to educate future generations of students.

Mr. Heim's foundation, established prior to his death in 1990, created two Dean's Scholars through a gift of \$100,000.

Charles S. and Phyllis F. Wolf have been closely associated with the School for many years. Mr. Wolf is chairman and chief executive officer of the York Container Company in York, PA. A graduate of the Wharton School, Mr. Wolf served for many years as a University Trustee and, in that capacity, was appointed chairman of the School's Board of Overseers. Mr. Wolf's leadership during the 1980's was instrumental in the successful growth of and noteworthy accomplishments attained by the School. His hard work and dedication contributed to the School's exceeding by \$2.1 million its goal of \$41.5 million for the Second Century Campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, as part of their further commitment to the University's current \$1.0 billion campaign, pledged \$100,000 to the School for scholarship aid from which two Dean's Scholars were named.

The School is uniquely blessed to have three of the first Dean's Scholars named after two of its most distinguished alumni/ae. Dr. Palace H. Seitz, who passed away in 1988, graduated in 1930 and became one of the most influential and recognized veterinarians in both Pennsylvania and the nation.

Dr. Seitz worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Animal Industry for nearly 40 years. His career started at the state's Sommerle Laboratory and he eventually became chief of the laboratory division. He was instrumental in establishing diagnostic laboratories throughout the state to meet the demands of Pennsylvania's agricultural community.

For nearly 30 years, he served as secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Seitz's leadership of the PVMA contributed to the organization's growth and stature. The PVMA honored Dr. Seitz for his accomplishments by naming him the 1973 Distinguished Veterinarian.

Dr. Seitz was also devoted to the School of Veterinary Medicine and received its Centennial Award of Merit in 1984. He gave generously to the School and encouraged his colleagues to become involved as well. His estate provided for one Dean's Scholar, a wonderful testimony to his career and commitment to the profession's future.

Dr. M. Josephine Deubler graduated from the School in 1938 and received her Ph.D. from the University in 1944. As one of the first women veterinarians in the United States, Dr. Deubler served on the School's faculty for 49 years and later became special assistant to the Dean, her current position. In 1988, the Association for Women Veterinarians awarded its Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Deubler for her significant contributions to advance the status of women in the veterinary profession.

For many years, Dr. Deubler has been a devoted and influential member of many dog clubs throughout the United States. She has been an officer and show chairman for the Bucks and Montgomery County Kennel Clubs, and the American Fox Terrier Club. An accomplished judge of both terriers and hounds, she was the Terrier Group judge at the 1990 Westminster Kennel Club Show in New York.

Upon her retirement from the School's faculty, many of her veterinary colleagues and close friends from the dog fancy sent donations to create the M. Josephine Deubler Scholarship Fund. Recently the

fund surpassed the \$100,000 level and the School decided to name two Dean's Scholars in recognition of Dr. Deubler's lifetime contributions to Penn and the profession.

The School is honored to have the commitment of such a diverse and distinguished group of people associated with the Dean's Scholars Program. Each person represents part of a broad spectrum of interest in and connecting to the School — as graduates, animal lovers, clients, and volunteers. Their collective vision to advance the profession through support of young students enables us to continue our leadership in teaching, research, and service.

We extend our deep appreciation and thanks to these individuals, their families, and associates for their generosity.

If you would like to learn more about our Dean's Scholars Program, please contact:
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The Veterinary Technology department (formerly Animal Health Technician) of Harcum Junior College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania announces its 1990 Continuing Education "Wet Lab" schedule:

September 15, 1990: "The Blood Film," presented by Heather E. S. Toland, CVT, Assistant Director of Harcum's Veterinary Technology Program. A long, hard look at cells on the blood film—bring your slides.

October 20, 1990: "Intermediate Hematology," presented by Dr. Michael Roserwels. More in-depth discussion and study of the cellular components of blood.

November 3, 1990: "Bandaging," Lecture and lab materials will be provided by Kendall Veterinary Products, a division of Veritech Corporation.

November 17, 1990: "Ultrasonics," Dr. Curtis Schilling will be utilizing equipment supplied by Cosmetics Medical Systems, Inc. for hands-on experience.

Harcum Junior College is pleased to announce that its Veterinary Technology Program will again be offered in the evening this fall. The current nationwide shortage of Veterinary Technicians has resulted in higher wages, improved benefits and greater opportunities for individuals wishing to work with animals. Graduates of the program earn an Associates Degree and eligibility to sit for State Certification and A.A.I.A.S. Certification exams. Financial aid is available. For more information contact: Dr. Nadine Heckman
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