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114th Commencement


The graduating Class of 1999, 80 women and 25 men, marched triumphantly onto the stage of the Zellerbach Theater on May 17 for the 114th Commencement Exercises of the School. The auditorium was packed with families, friends and faculty, all ready to cheer on a favorite graduate.

Dr. Alan M. Kelly, The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, opened the proceedings and provided an overview of the history of veterinary medicine and Penn's special place in that

history. The Commencement Address, given by Claire M. Fagin, M.A., Ph.D., Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, and former acting president of Penn, is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

The presentation of diplomas and hooding was done by Dean Kelly, assisted by Dr. James B. Lok, 1999 Lindback Awardee for Distinguished Teaching; Dr. Cynthia Ward, 1999 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Awardee; and Associate Dean Dr. Charles D. Newton.

Dr. Robert W. Stewart, V'68, president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, presented the class flag to Dr. Emily Graves, V'99, class president. The Veterinarian's Oath was administered by Dr. Amy L. Hinton, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association.

Once the graduates left the stage as newly minted VMDs, the focus shifted to a celebration in the Annenberg School's court yard. Here the graduates posed for pictures for their families and said "good bye" to classmates and teachers. 

Class of 1999

Sarah Smith Adams
 Amy Lynn Anderson
 Amy Lynn Bader
 Vered Bar
 Nancy Louise Bathurst
 Joyce Ellen Bendokas
 Jennifer Michelle Bevilacqua
 Jennifer Leigh Bitman**
 Kenneth Dean Bixel
 Kathryn Rodgers Blanch
 Dipa Pushkar Brahmabhatt
 Rebecca Vaill Christie**
 Jennifer Jeitles Clarke***
 Diane Pamela Cordray
 David Croman
 Patricia Curran
 Elizabeth Kathryn Daniel
 Pandora Lynn Davis***
 Alysia Deaven***
 Erin Page DeTurck
 Suzanne Donahue
 John Eccher, Jr.*
 Aimee Suzanne Eisenberg
 Julie Fishman Ekedahl***
 Marla Mozelle Ellman
 Robyn Denise Engelman
 Vicki Nicole Estes**
 Brian Gregory Fenchak
 Ellen Elizabeth Fitzgibbon
 Dana Frederick
 Avra Ingrid Frucht*
 Heather Rose Galano
 Emily Austin Graves*
 Bradley Scott Gray
 James Francis Hagan
 Barbara Hasnain
 Wayne J. Hassinger II***

Donatella Elizabeth Hecht
 John Francisco Heller
 Melissa Margaret Hobday
 Mason Francis Holland*
 Catherine Bisque Jackson***
 Matthew Stephen Johnston
 Stacey Wanda Kent*
 Danielle Karyn Kessler
 Justin Ian Kirchofer
 Kathryn Leigh Kirstein
 Julie Elizabeth Kyle
 Bernadette Hutchinson LaMonte
 Anna Marie Lange
 Albert Sze-Yen Leung
 Kristen Mary Lohr
 Kelly Elizabeth Longenecker
 Melissa Marie Lutz
 Patrick Anthony Mahaney
 Cassandra Ash Mahoney
 Courtney Jones Manetti
 Richard David Marchetti
 Robin Michele Mazin
 Mira Lea McGregor
 Kathryn Mary McPherson
 Stephen Charles Meister
 Claire Alice Morissette
 Jennifer Pollock Morris
 Deborah Lynn Murtha
 David John Nebzydoski
 Marjorie Jean Elizabeth O'Brien
 Andrew Obstler
 Mark William Paradise
 Erica Clarice Parthum
 Kristen Su Pelletier
 Don James Petersen**
 Christine Polaneczky
 Caryn Leah Porter

Mary Elizabeth Powers
 Clive Laurel Rahamut-Ali
 Jacqueline Alane Rapp
 Danielle Marie Reinhardt
 Mark Stephen Restey
 Jennifer Ann Rumbold
 Michele Ann Saletros
 Akiko Sato
 Laura Schmitt
 Carlton Benner Seybolt
 Suzanne Shalet
 Shannon Devon Shank
 Renee Elizabeth Simpler**
 Jennifer Ann Smelstoys
 Corrina Sue Snook
 Stacey Solovei
 Benjamin J. Spitz*
 Sandra Springer
 Tracy Ann Springer
 Robert William Stewart, Jr.
 Wendy Jo Taft
 Janet Madenford Triplett
 Jacqueline Hazel Vockroth
 Jenny Suzanne Vodenichar
 Franciszek von Esse*
 Diane Simpson Wagner
 Karen Wallace
 Mary Hayes Wallace*
 Ellen Bart Wiedner
 Jessica Zeman
 Dara Marie Zerrenner

****Summa Cum Laude*

***Magna Cum Laude*

**Cum Laude*



Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize

Catherine Bisque Jackson

J.B. Lippincott Prize

Pandora Lynn Davis

1930 Class Prize in Surgery

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Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize

Emily Austin Graves

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize — Small Animal Award

Erica Clarice Parthum

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize — Large Animal Award

Stacey Wanda Kent

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology

Jennifer Jeitles Clarke

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry

Vicki Nicole Estes

American Animal Hospital Association Award

Tracy Ann Springer

Merck Awards

Small Animal Award

Amy Lynn Bader

Large Animal Award

Julie Elizabeth Kyle

George M. Palmer Prize

Nancy Louise Bathurst

Everingham Prize for Cardiology

Donatella Elizabeth Hecht

Large Animal Surgery Prize

Clive Laurel Rahamut-Ali

Large Animal Medicine Prize

Corrina Sue Snook

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine

Wayne J. Hassinger II

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health

Kathryn Mary McPherson

Hill's Award

Robyn Denise Engelman

Pharmacia & Upjohn Awards

Small Animal Award

Robin Michele Mazin

Large Animal Award

Julie Fishman Ekedahl

Faculty/SCAVMA Prize

Mason Francis Holland

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes

Small Animal Surgery Prize

Renee Elizabeth Simpler

Large Animal Surgery Prize

Alysia Deaven

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award

Diane Pamela Cordray

Field Service Prize

Alysia Deaven

Phi Zeta Award

Mary Hayes Wallace

Anatomy Prize

Julie Fishman Ekedahl

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award

Julie Fishman Ekedahl

Iams/VECCS Award for Excellence in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Medicine

Erica Clarice Parthum

Charles F. Reid Sports Medicine and Imaging Award

Diane Simpson Wagner

Large Animal Reproduction Award

Jacqueline Hazel Vockroth

Lynn Sammons Food Animal Award

Erin Page DeTurck