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May 17th. We have thought about this day for weeks — even years in some cases. Over the past few weeks, we have been celebrating, but we have also been interviewing, working, planning our moves to various places, renting new places, buying new homes, buying cars, selling cars... the list goes on. At the same time, many of us have become weary of entering the REAL world of veterinary medicine. Doubts and anxieties abound. DO WE ACTUALLY KNOW ENOUGH? The national and state veterinary boards think so. Our fellow colleagues at both hospitals think so. So should we.

To my classmates, consider the astounding volume of information we

have studied. I will list only a few for all of you. We have learned the difference between granulation and granulomatous. We know the difference between first and second intention healing. We know how to properly place a bone screw in lag fashion. When palpating a mare, we can now tell the difference between a fecal ball and an ovary. We have observed the seemingly endless number of techniques to repair a torn cranial cruciate ligament. We

understand the difference between lavage and gavage. We know the meaning of countless acronyms, including OCD, LSA, PIE, EIPH, HIE, OSA, and of course the NBE AND CCT. Finally, we have realized the phrase, "it is NOT

uncommon," actually does have a use.

Remember this — and know that each one of us has accomplished a great deal. And remember our education continues from here.

As an incoming student, I marveled at the variety of people's backgrounds. If you ask enough of us, you will realize that we have done it all. We followed many paths to this point; we will undoubtedly take many different roads through our professional careers. During our time together, I learned that we also have some very important qualities in common. First, we all have a considerable support network of family, friends, significant others, and of course, our pets. We sincerely thank you all for

being there. Second, we share a strong desire to be successful. Success means something different to each one of us because our priorities and motivators are unique; but that common desire helped all of us make it here today.

In closing, I wish success to all of my classmates — however you choose to define it. Thanks for an incredible four years. Thank you also to our faculty and staff members who have helped us

achieve our goal of becoming veterinarians. Continued success to all of you. Lastly, I want to share a poem about success. I dedicate this to my mom. Thank you, Mom, for sharing these words with me. ■

Success

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

How do you measure success?

To laugh often and much.

To win the respect of intelligent people.

And the affection of children.

To earn the appreciation of honest critics,

And endure the betrayal of false friends.

To appreciate beauty.

To find the best in others.

To leave the world a bit better,

Whether by a healthy child,

A redeemed social condition,

Or a job well done.

To know even one other life

That has breathed because you lived.

That is to have succeeded.

Scholarships

Dr. M. Josephine Deubler Dean's Scholarships were awarded to **Katherine Wentworth, V'01, Laney Baris, Elena Sawickij, Sabrina Nye, and Michael Engler** from the class V'00. The Schering-Plough Animal Health Sales Corporation has awarded a scholarship to **Sonja Chou, V'00**. The recipient of the Ethel H. Mitchell Dean's Scholarship was **Danalyn Dess, V'02**. The Dr. J.E. Salsbury Scholarships were awarded to four members of the class V'00: **Jason Brooks, Cheryl Gross, Krista Kasperinski, and Gabor Capodanno**. The Lois F. Fairchild Scholarship in Veterinary Public Service was received by **Justin Stull, V'01. Meredith Borakove, V'00** received the Charles S. and Phyllis H. Wolf Dean's Scholarship. The Ethel G. and Allen H. Carruth Dean's Scholarship was awarded to **Tara Trotman, V'00**. The new Anne Linn White Dean's Scholarship was awarded to **Caroline Soter, V'00. Ian Spiegel, V'02**, was the recipient of the Dr. W. Edward McGough Dean's Scholarship. The Dr. John Baxter Taylor Dean's Scholarship was awarded to **Elsa Campos, V'01. Jennifer Sorowitz, V'02** received the Harry B. Roshon Dean's Scholarship. The Hill's Dean's Scholarships were awarded to **Brennan McKenzie, V'01, and Jennifer Buccholz, Elvira Tate, and Kimberly Hammer**, from the class V'00. The recipients of the Samuel T. and Emily Rawnsley Dean's Scholarship were **Dorian Haldeman, V'01, and Jennifer Hamlet, V'00. Dawn Fitzhugh, V'00**, received the Westminster Kennel Foundation Scholarship. The J. Maxwell Moran, Sr. Dean's Scholarships were awarded to **Raymond Reiners, V'01, and Juliene Throop, V'01**. The Erna, Herbert and Eberhardt LeSchin Founders Scholarship was awarded to **Teri Drean, V'02. Traci Holder, V'01**, received the Henry S. McNeil, Jr. Dean's Scholarship.

Mark Your Calendar!

Alumni Weekend in 2000

May 20

Golf Tournament

May 21

Alumni Day

May 22

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