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Former students and residents have funded a new Opportunity Scholarship to honor **Constantine “George” Pournaras**, who worked at the School for more than 40 years. Pournaras learned about the creation of the scholarship shortly before he passed away on May 4, 2002.

At first, Pournaras worked in a variety of positions at the School, but he is best known for his service as an anesthetist at New Bolton Center. According to **Dean Alan M. Kelly**, “The scholarship is a wonderful tribute to George and his many contributions during his four decades of service to Penn. We will be forever grateful for the



impact he had on caring for patients and on teaching students.”

The effort to create this living memorial to Pournaras was led by **James V. Stewart, V’68**. According to Dr. Stewart, “New Bolton Center was a defining influence in our lives and George Pournaras was an integral part of this process. The initiation of this Opportunity Scholarship prior to George’s death allowed us to reaffirm and restate our love for the program and the people who helped to make us who we are today.” The scholarship’s funders are:

- **Jill Beech, V’72**, The Georgia E. and

Philip B. Hofmann Professor in Equine Medicine and Reproduction, New Bolton Center;

- **Ronald J. Martens, D.V.M.**, Professor of Medicine and Coordinator of Equine Infectious Disease Program, Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University;
- **William Moyer, D.V.M.**, Professor of Sports Medicine & Department Head, Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University;
- **Dean W. Richardson, D.V.M.**, The Charles W. Raker Professor of Equine Surgery and Chief of Large Animal Surgery, New Bolton Center
- **James V. Stewart, V’68**, Partner, Yergey, Stewart, Vallance & Associates, Laurel, Md.

According to Dr. Moyer, who first met Pournaras when he was an intern and resident and who later served on the New Bolton Center faculty from 1980 to 1993, “New Bolton Center, Dr. Charles Raker, and the myriad of dedicated folks like George have made such a positive and lasting contribution. The value of that collective contribution cannot be calculated but only estimated as being enormous. For me personally, it was a life enhancing experience.”

Linda L. Pournaras Alonzo, George’s daughter, expressed her family’s appreciation for the scholarship’s creation: “Growing up my father devoted his life to two things ... New Bolton Center and his family. He taught us that hard work and family are the two most important things in life ... when I received the phone call from Dr. Stewart informing me of the scholarship, fortunately my father was still alive, and I could not contain my joy and pride ... I relayed to him what Dr. Stewart said to me that he touched their lives and made them better people, and that they wanted to do something in his honor to thank him.”

Established in 1998, the Opportunity Scholarship Program is designed to foster scholarship support and mentoring opportunities for students. The recipient of the Pournaras scholarship is **Timothy Mann, V’06**, a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y. He is a 1999 graduate of Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., where he majored in Geography. He is interested in studying equine medicine at Penn.

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**Joshua Eaton, Lauren Entes, Stephen Godin, Caitlin Heinze, Carrie Horton, Michael Koch, Ann Kroken, Christa Regan, Jennifer Seybold; David Kersten V’03 and Anna Skope, V’03** also received Billhardt Scholarships.

Dr. M. Josephine Deubler Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to the following members of the Class of ’04: **Kara Ballek, Raul Casas-Dolz, Laura Javicas, Rachel Pearson, Kelli Russell, Arlene Schneiderman**. Bruce J. Heim Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to the following members of the Class of 04: **Jill Crompton, Daniel Eisenberg, Kathy Heym, Karen Mondziel, Linda Nelson, Jocelyn Patterson; Meredith Daly, V’03** also received a Heim Scholarship. The Jack Mara/Hill’s Pet Products Dean’s Scholarship was awarded to **Lauren May, V’05**.

The following members of the Class of ’05 received Henry S. McNeil, Jr. Dean’s Scholarships: **Derek Cissell, Brian Palmeiro, Koranda Wallace; Holly Connolly, V’03** also received a McNeil Scholarship. J. Maxwell Moran, Sr. Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to the following members of the Class of 03: **David Bessler, Julia Lane; Karen Mondziel, V’04**; and the following members of the Class of 05: **Christopher Blum, Rachel Cianciolo, Nora Grenager, Justin Kontir, Audra Olsen, Sarah Reuss, Joshua Snyder**.

Ethel G. and Allen H. Carruth Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to **Erik Herrema, V’03, Christa Regan, V’04** and these members of the Class of 05: **Amanda Bowden, Stephanie DiFrischia, Amy Durham, Sabrina Goscilo**.

Samuel T. and Emily Rawnsley Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to **Simon Alexander, V’04, Meghan Brumsted, V’05, Scott Gellman, V’04, Kimberly Johnston, V’03, Ellen Rickey, V’05**. The Dr. John Baxter Taylor Scholarships were awarded to **Raul Casas-Diaz, V’04 and Nadira Williams, V’06**.

**Holly Edwards, V’04 and Siobhan Haney, V’04** received New York Farmers Scholarships. Edwin J. Andrews Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to **Gina Cairone, V’03 and Keira Geithman, V’05. Nathan Harvey, V’03 and Rosemary Santos, V’05** received Class of ’67 Scholarships. The Harry B. Roshon Memorial Dean’s Scholarships were awarded to **Jill Compton, V’04 and Erik Herrema, V’03. Christina Phillips, V’03** received the Eberhard LeSchin Founders Scholarship. The Palace H. Seitz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Lisa Meddock, V’03**.

The following members of the Class of ’06 received Opportunity Scholarships (OS): **Christie Schroth** – The Sandy and Charles Koenig OS; **Christin L. Veeder** – The Charles F. Reid OS; **Nadine A. Salomon** – The M. Phyllis Lose OS; **Amanda L. Lang** – The Solstice OS; **Patrick J. Ford** – The Norbert and Mary McManus OS; **Lauren M. Greene** – The Charles W. Raker OS; **Alexander M. Chan** – The Conrad Roblejo OS; **Kari Lyon** – The William J. Solomon OS; **Michelle H. Patrick** – The Marilyn B. Weber OS; **Leslie C. McLaughlin** – The Yergey, Stewart and Vallance OS; **Timothy Mann** – The George Constantin Pournaras OS; **Kristin Willoughby** – The Hopewell Veterinary Group OS.