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Commencement exercises for the Class of 2001 were held on May 21 at the Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center.

The V.M.D. degree was awarded to 101 graduates, 74 women and 27 men. After the Academic Procession and entry of Candidates, **Dean Alan Kelly** welcomed the audience. Chairperson of the School's Board of Overseers, **Christine Connelly**, congratulated the graduates. The Commencement Address was delivered by **Peter Charles Doherty, B.V.Sc., M.V.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.**, chairman of the department of immunology, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Doherty, the first veterinarian to receive a Nobel Prize, earlier in the day had been awarded an University of Pennsylvania hon-

orary Doctor of Science Degree.

Dean Kelly presented the diplomas to the newly hooded veterinarians. He was assisted by **Dr. Michael Atchison**, Dean's Awardee for Leadership in Basic Science Education, and by **Dr. Michaela Kristula**, Dean's Awardee for Leadership in Clinical Science Education, and **Associate Dean Charles D. Newton**.

Elizabeth A. Arbittier, class president, gave a talk and then received the class flag from **Dr. Eric Bregman, V'95**, president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society. **Dr. Patricia Sertich, V'83**, recipient of the Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching, assisted Dean Kelly with the awarding of prizes and **Dr. Jeffrey Wortman, V'69**, associate dean for curricular affairs, recognized the honor graduates.



Dr. Mark Guise, V'82, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, administered the veterinarian's oath.

The newly minted V.M.D.s marched out of the theatre to traditional music to celebrate their accomplishment with families and friends during a reception.

Class of 2001

Beth Rachel Adler
Christine Marie Adreani ***
Elizabeth Bingham Agnew
Veronica Maria Ann Aksmanović
Patricia Diana Alexander *
Megan Elizabeth Andeer
Elizabeth Audrey Arbittier
Lydia Aris
Deborah Anne Aronson **
Natalie Sabrina Austin
Christina Marie Barndt
Christina Sue Barr
Katherine Michelle Bates
Stephanie Renée Bupp Becker
Blayne Paula Bergenstock
Meredith Ann Borakove *
Todd Andrew Calsyn
Elsa Ileana Campos
Jonathan Mark Castro
Teresa Leigh Davenport
Timothy John Davenport
Ellen Tomi Davison
Christy Lyn Decker
Randall Derbin
Alexis Regina Dowidchuk
Debra Sue Eisenstein
Ruth Lillian Magoon Eriksson
Rachael Feigenbaum
Emilie Appleton Fleming
Jennifer Forsyth-Hannon
Amy Lynn Franklin ***
Christina Lynn Fuoco
Diane Marie Gabriel
Cailin Hollahan Galvin

Susan Estelle Gardner ***
Christine Marie Gebert
Daniel Mark Goldner
Meryl Laura Gupta
Dorian Lynn Haldeman *
Dana Jeanne Frances Harkin
Stephanie Joseph Haugen
Kristen Sands Haviland
Kenneth Loren Heilpern
Traci Renae Holder *
Edward Mini Hsu
Dawn Christine Hunsberger
Carrie Ann Hutchinson
Monica Villar Iardi
Elizabeth Jo Johnson
Scott Jeffrey Kandell
Heather Maguire Kerr
Danielle Marie Kitz **
Kimberly Ann Klesse
Eric Desombre Lombardini
Kristina Gui-Qing Lu
Jennifer Ann Makem
Michael Phillip Mansfield
Jennifer Mary Marsden
Kathleen Ann Marsh
Margaret Anne McElwain-Siems
Megan Therese McGlenn
Brennen Arthur McKenzie **
Cheyney Meadows **
Lori Ann Miles **
Adam Dale Miller
Jamie Ellen Murphy
Samantha Coles Murray
Lisa Christine Noble
Marie Suzanne Paar
Heidi Phillips ***

Matthew Downs Quinn
Raymond Charles Reiners
Darren Lee Richards **
Robert Willard Richardson, Jr.
Barry Harrison Rickman
Hope Renee Rinehimer
Diana Patricia Risel
Shelly Renee Rodewald
Scott Rosenbloom
Marjorie Lynne Rosmarin
Robert John Ludwig Runde
Tiffany Lauren Scanlon *
Carrie Ann Schlachter
Mathew Eliot Schmitt
Douglas Steven Scipioni
Aliza Joy Simeone ***
Julie Elizabeth Stephenson
Jason Ward Stull **
Jennifer Yeager Tavares
Juliene Lynn Throop ***
Lisa Michelle Trachtenberg
Brian Robert Turgeon *
René Alfredo Varela
Eugenia Vassiliev
Mellissa Lynn Voll
Katherine Ann Wentworth
Jonathan Penn Wilkerson
Regan Michelle Williams *
Alberta Maryethel Wister
Stefanie Worwag
Halleck Ross Wrigley

****Summa Cum Laude*

***Magna Cum Laude*

**Cum Laude*



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Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize

Eric Desombre Lombardini

J.B. Lippincott Prize

Susan Estelle Gardner

1930 Class Prize in Surgery

Heidi Phillips

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize

Patricia Diana Alexander

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize

Small Animal Award

Samantha Coles Murray

Large Animal Award

Elizabeth Audrey Arbittier

Faculty/Student Chapter, AVMA Prize

Robert Willard Richardson, Jr.

Phi Zeta Award

Amy Lynn Franklin

American Animal Hospital Association Award

Adam Dale Miller

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award

Megan Elizabeth Andeer

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award

Brennen Arthur McKenzie

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes

Small Animal Surgery Prize

Julienne Lynn Throop

Large Animal Surgery Prize

Jamie Ellen Murphy

Banfield Family-Pet Bond Award

Shelly Renee Rodewald

Everingham Prize for Cardiology

Julienne Lynn Throop

Field Service Prize

Stefanie Worwag

The Peter Francis Anatomy Award

Darren Lee Richards

Hill's Award

Marjorie Lynne Rosmarin

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

Katherine Michelle Bates

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry

Susan Estelle Gardner

Large Animal Medicine Prize

Tiffany Lauren Scanlon

Large Animal Surgery Prize

Christine Marie Adreani

Merck Awards

Small Animal Award

Raymond Charles Reiners

Large Animal Award

Aliza Joy Simeone

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology

Christine Marie Adreani

Aliza Joy Simeone

George M. Palmer Prize

Carrie Ann Schlachter

Pharmacia & Upjohn Awards

Small Animal Award

Brennen Arthur McKenzie

Large Animal Award

Tiffany Lauren Scanlon

Charles F. Reid Sports Medicine and Imaging Award

Carrie Ann Schlachter

Lynn Sammons Food Animal Award

Christine Marie Gebert

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine

Cheyne Meadows

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health

Brennen Arthur McKenzie