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The Veterinary Medical Student Government Excellence in Teaching Award Ceremony was held April 26, 2006, at Irvine Auditorium. An audience of more than 275 students, faculty and staff applauded the award recipients selected by the student body.

Dr. Patricia Sertich, V'83, associate professor of reproduction, New Bolton Center, was awarded the Carl Norden–Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award. **Dr. James “Sparky” Lok**, professor of parasitology, received the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Basic Sciences. **Dr. David Holt**, professor of surgery, chief of Surgery Section, Clinical Studies–Philadelphia, received the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Clinical Science.

The Class of 2006 Teaching Awards were presented to **Dr. Brian Palmeiro, V'05** (intern); **Drs. Adrienne Bentley** and **Sarah Dukti** (surgery residents); **Jennifer Parker** and **Emily Zug** (technicians); and **Drs. Imogen Johns**, lecturer, and **Mark Rondeau**, staff veterinarian, internal medicine (faculty).

Dr. Karen Rosenthal, associate professor of special species medicine and surgery, and director of the Special Species Service at the Ryan Veterinary Hospital, and Dr. Sertich were given the Class of 2007 Faculty Teaching Awards.

Dr. Robert Gilley, assistant professor of surgery, Clinical Studies–Philadelphia, received the Class of 2008 Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. Peter Dodson, professor of anatomy, and **Dr. Billy Smith**, assistant professor of medicine at NBC, were presented with the Class of 2009 Faculty Teaching Awards.

The VMSG Commendation Award, which recognizes individuals who have provided support, encouragement and a caring, helping hand to the student body, was given jointly to **James Morris** (NBC),



large-animal attendant, and **Sarah Whealen** (Phila.), curriculum coordinator.

Other awards given to staff in Clinical Studies–Philadelphia include: the Interns Award to a Resident for Outstanding Teaching: **Dr. Margaret Fordham**, surgery; the Residents Award to a Faculty Member for Outstanding Teaching: **Dr. David Diefenderfer, V'81**, senior research associate and orthopaedic surgeon; the Jules and Lucy Silver Animal Bedside Manner Award: **Dr. Michael Koch, V'04**, medicine resident; the Harcum College Veterinary Technician Awards: **Eileen Rule** and **Donna Sisak**; the Gretchen Wolf Swartz Veterinary Technician Award: **Emily Zug**; and the Senior Student Patient Care Awards: **Dana Clarke**, **Meagan Connolly** and **Kari Lyon**.

Other awards given to staff in Clinical Studies–NBC include the Dr. Boucher Award, given to Dr. Dukti; and a Special Award in Recognition of **Professor Nancy Gartland**. ♥

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