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Class of 1955 Seminar Room

The Class of 1955 marked its 50th reunion by raising \$100,000 to name a new seminar room in the Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion. The seminar room will be a space where research and clinical scientists, working side by side, will train future veterinarians while developing new treatments and technologies to ensure the health and welfare of humans and animals through education, research and healing. The Class of 1955 Seminar Room will be located on the second floor of the Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion, poised to open in the fall of 2006. The Hill Pavilion represents the first new Penn Veterinary Medicine building in Philadelphia in 25 years.

Class of 1980 Endowed Scholarship

The Class of 1980 marked its 25th reunion by establishing the Class of 1980 Endowed Scholarship. Class member **Larry DeGeorge** spurred his classmates into action by

offering a \$50,000 scholarship challenge if the class could raise an additional \$50,000. The class exceeded its goal by raising more than \$100,000 toward an endowed scholarship named in honor of the class. As class member **Hilton J. Klein** explained, "In addition to our roles as veterinarians, our role as alumni is equally critical. We have the responsibility of ensuring the future success of Penn Veterinary Medicine, and our soon-to-be colleagues who will graduate from there."

Campaign Progress

Following the successful completion of the Kresge Foundation Challenge that earned the School a \$1.5-million grant for the Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion, the School has raised an additional \$5.5 million toward campaign initiatives such as student scholarship, clinical research, ongoing enhancements to radiology and MRI at New Bolton Center, and construction of a new Aquaculture Research Laboratory, also at NBC. 🐾

Remember Penn Veterinary Medicine

Many Penn Vet alumni and friends have provided for the future of the School and the animals it serves by naming the School as a beneficiary of their estates. Estate designations have endowed professorships and fellowships, allowing us to attract the best faculty and students. They have created funds for the care of animals when their owners cannot provide for them. Estate gifts create an enduring legacy, ensuring future generations of Penn students will be the most capable, best-trained veterinarians in the world.

Including Penn Vet in your estate plans is as simple as naming the School as a beneficiary of your 401(k), IRA or other retirement plan. For those in the highest tax brackets, this not only supports Penn Vet, it can save over 70% in estate and income taxes at death. Penn Vet also welcomes your bequest of cash, property or a percentage of your estate through your will or living trust.



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