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## Student News

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## STUDENT NEWS

**Sarah Colmer, V'17**, received the American Association of Equine Practitioners 2014 Avenues Convention Registration Scholarship. She represented the Penn Vet AAEP chapter at the 2014 Annual Convention last December in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Gabriel Innes, V'16**, is the first veterinary student to be accepted into the competitive Emerging Leaders in Science and Society (ELISS) program, presented by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in collaboration with four partner campuses: University of Pennsylvania, Purdue University, Stanford University, and University of Washington. ELISS is a leadership development program for graduate students from all fields, who work together to tackle complex societal problems. During the 15-month, extracurricular program, Innes will participate in a multi-disciplinary, multi-campus team to develop information resources and events that help local and national stakeholders address complex issues in society. Innes also traveled to Rome, Italy, last summer to work with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

**Ashley Klein, V'16**, presented a poster with her research from last summer at the ACVP Annual Meeting in Atlanta. She had collaborated on a project at Johnson & Johnson in order to study PI3K Gamma and PI3K Delta's roles in the inflammatory process through a DSS-induced colitis model in mice. She was awarded first prize for the STP Award for her poster presentation. *Her collaborators included A. Guy, J. Vegas, F. Schoetens, J. E. McDuffie, W. Fung-Leung, T. Rao, B. Zimmerman, and C. Loudon.*

**Kelly Knickelbein, V'15, Ana Malone Oliver, V'15, and Amanda Prisk, V'15**, were each awarded a scholarship by the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF).

**Melanie Lang, V'16**, was selected as the Penn winner of the Walther Leadership Award, which included an all-expenses-paid trip to the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas in February 2015 as well as a \$1,000 award.

**Annelise Myers, V'17**, completed a Department of State Critical Language Scholarship in Indonesia for 10 weeks. The Critical Language Scholarship is a language and cultural immersion program that seeks to increase the number of Americans that speak critical languages, one of which is Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia). Myers is pursuing food animal medicine and is particularly interested in public health and dairy cattle. She plans on working as a dairy veterinarian in Indonesia after graduating from Penn Vet.

**Katie Wiechelt, V'17**, was chosen for the Army Health Profession Scholarship program as a three-year scholarship recipient. Last May, she was commissioned into the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps as a Second Lieutenant in the reserves. This summer, she will head to the Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, to begin the process of learning how to be an Army officer. After graduation, she will be commissioned as an active duty Captain.



# CLASS OF 2018

## BY THE NUMBERS

123 students

39 students from Pennsylvania

12 students who participated in the Summer VETS program

6 Penn Vet legacy students

3.57 average GPA of accepted students

73 undergraduate schools represented

