Sarah Colmer, V’17, was selected as one of five inaugural recipients of a $5,000 scholarship through the Merck Animal Health/American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation scholarship program. The scholarships were presented on December 7 during the Frank J. Milne State-of-the-Art Lecture at the AAEP’s 61st Annual Convention in Las Vegas. The scholarships reward second- and third-year veterinary students dedicated to equine medicine for their academic excellence, leadership in their school and AAEP student chapter, and their long-term goals. Colmer has worked in the Laminitis Lab and also did an NIH-Merial summer research fellowship with Hannah Galantino-Homer, VMD, PhD. Additionally, Colmer is the recipient of a 2015-2016 New Jersey Veterinary Foundation Education Grant ($1,000).

Ashley Klein, V’16, won the Society of Toxicologic Pathology Student Poster Award for The Effect of PI3K Gamma KD and PI3K Delta KD on Intestinal Lesions in Mice with DSS-Induced Colitis, along with A. Guy, J. Vegas, F. Schoetens, J. E. McDuffie, W. Fung-Leung, T. Rao, B. Zimmerman, and C. Lou.

Matthew Lanza, V’17, and Ayla Musciano, V’16, along with Amy Durham, VMD, and Richard Dubielzig, DVM, won the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) Veterinary Student Poster Award (Clinical Case Report/Series) for Clinical and Pathological Classification of Canine Intraocular Lymphoma at the 2015 ACVP/ASVCP/STP Combined Annual Meeting last October in Minneapolis.

Meghana Pendurthi, V’17, was elected to the position of SAVMA Secretary-elect at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Convention 2015 in Boston. She has represented Penn Vet for the past two years at national Student AVMA (SAVMA) meetings, and she will spend the next two years on the Executive Board, representing the student body as a whole. She will be following in the footsteps of Ilana Yablonovich, V’16, who is the current SAVMA Secretary.