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Penn Vet and the Dean's Alumni Council hosted the annual Awards and Founders' Dinner during the 2015 Penn Annual Conference.

Dean Joan Hendricks noted, "We are thrilled to each year have the opportunity to applaud and recognize outstanding members of our Penn Vet community, and this year was no exception as our awards program was filled with talented, dedicated, and caring veterinary professionals and students."

The evening began by honoring two outstanding Penn Vet students: **Lisa Brody, V'16**, and **Stephen Cole, V'15**.

The **Alumni Relations Student of the Year Award** recognizes students who have consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment to Penn Vet and whose contributions to the Alumni Relations program exemplify their support for alumni and the School.

Hailing from Maple Glen, Pennsylvania, Brody holds a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in Lab Animal Science from the Drexel College of Medicine. She has served as president of the Lab Animal Club and a leader for the Orientation Program. She also is a member of Alpha Psi, and is in the VBMA Certificate program.

As noted in her nomination, "Lisa was instrumental in continuing to make the Alumni Office an integral part of new student orientation. Her efforts brought alumni to the forefront of the new student experience. She serves on the Alumni Relations Student Advisory Panel as a very active member and responds to every request for help in a positive and professional manner."

Cole hails from Ontario, Canada, and holds a bachelor's and master's from the College of William and Mary. He has served as President of the Lab Animal Medicine Group; Vice President of the Pathology Club; Co-President of the Penn Vet LGBTQ&A Club (a Student Chapter of the LGVMA); Philanthropy Chair for Alpha Psi;

Co-Chair of the One Health Symposium; and Co-Chair for New Student Orientation. He also serves as a student representative for the Admissions Committee.

As noted in his nomination, "Stephen has been such an asset to the alumni and development offices, and we know he will become a very involved alumnus upon graduation. Stephen was integral in getting alumni to be part of the SCAVMA Auction and creating an event prior to the auction for alumni. He serves as a tour guide for alumni and donors whenever needed and always gets rave reviews. He was also integral in the involvement of the Alumni Office in the new student orientation. Stephen has been a major asset to the School as well as the Development and Alumni Offices."

Dr. Dana Clarke, V'06, was honored with the **Excellence in Teaching Award**, given annually to help encourage and maintain the high standard of teaching at Penn Vet. Clarke serves as Assistant Professor of Interventional Radiology, and she is a Diplomate with the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

After graduating from Penn Vet, Clarke completed a one-year rotating internship at Michigan State University, followed by a residency in emergency/critical care and a one-year fellowship in interventional radiology at Penn Vet. Since completing the fellowship, she has divided her time between patient care in the ICU and Emergency Service, and interventional radiology within the section of surgery. Her interests include the progression and physiology of tracheal collapse, interventional oncology, and management of benign and malignant ureteral obstructions.

Recent alumni vote on the Excellence in Teaching Award at the Penn Annual Conference. Comments from her nominations include, "During my surgery rotation, Dr. Clarke was a wonderful teacher. She would come out of the surgery room to help us understand what was going on. She is a true educator and wonderful mentor."

The **Alumni Award of Merit** was presented to **Dr. Brenda Stewart, V'70**, and **Dr. Lori Spencer Mann, V'95**. The award is presented annually to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to Penn Vet, excellence in the veterinary profession, and community involvement.

Stewart has shown an impressive, sustained devotion to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, its students, and alumni. She served on the V.M.A.S. Board for more than 20 years. Stewart also served as a founding member of the Opportunity Scholarship program. Since 1998, she and her husband, Jim, have funded seven term Opportunity Scholarships; they also created the first fully endowed Opportunity Scholarship in the program—which is now committed to developing a fully funded endowment program.

Stewart was a charter member of the Dean's Alumni Council and has been an active participant with the Council since its inception. She has supported the SCAVMA Auction for several years with annual auction item donations. She also worked on the planning and production of two very large and successful Alumni Days at New Bolton Center. Over the years, Stewart has provided housing, hospitality, and experienced mentoring to many veterinary students.

In her community work, Stewart was the founder and three-time President of The Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County, a group devoted to preserving, protecting, and conserving the rural nature of Western Howard County in Maryland. She served as President of the Maryland Simmental Cattle Association and was the only woman to serve in that capacity among Maryland Cattlemen's Associations.

She also was a Director of the American Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club and served twice as the Chair of their National Show Specialty. She serves as a mentor in the Judge, Breeder, and Education program.

Dean Hendricks noted, "Dr. Stewart has demonstrated outstanding dedication to her University, commitment to supporting rural communities, and support of local agriculture. She is a credit to our profession and a terrific ambassador for the University of Pennsylvania."

Mann was nominated by the Penn Vet Admissions Department. The staff noted, "Dr. Mann is by far the most engaged alumna with Admissions. She came on board as a



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committee member in 2003 for a two-year term and then allowed us to retain her for another two years. She has been with us so much that she is accepted by faculty as a vital member of the Admissions Committee."

Mann's interest in animals goes back to her youth in Florida, where she grew up competing in horse shows in the southeastern United States. She put a dream of becoming an equine veterinarian on hold while she explored other career options. Ultimately, realizing she wanted to pursue her veterinary degree, she set her sights on Penn. And thus began her long association with Associate Dean for Admissions Mac Keiter and the Admissions Committee—first as a student member, and later as an alumna.

After a literal run-in with the late Dr. Charlie Reid near New Bolton Center—she was jogging, he was driving—the idea of becoming a full-time relief veterinarian was born. She incorporated her business in 1996 and has remained in this same line of work since, balancing her career with raising her boys and volunteer activities.

Following graduation, Mann won the Faculty/SCAVMA award and went on to work as an adjunct faculty member at Manor College in their vet tech program. She was a member of the Laminitis Committee headed by Dr. James Orsini and presented at one of their annual meetings held in Florida. She was also an Executive Board Member of the United Way, Southern Chester County; a member of the Board of Tick Tock Early Learning Center in Avondale, Pennsylvania; the contributing writer for the *Avon Grove Sun* Pet Vet series; and the on-call vet for WILM AM radio in Wilmington, Delaware.

In its second year, the **Penn Vet Alumni Achievement Award** recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the veterinary profession through their veterinary work, research, or in a volunteer capacity in their community. The Alumni Achievement Award recipients for 2015 are **Dr. Tony DeCarlo, V'82**, and **Dr. Patricia Hogan, V'92**.

DeCarlo is the co-founder and co-owner of Red Bank Veterinary Hospital, one of the country's premier, privately owned veterinary hospitals. Along with Dr. Thomas Trotter, DeCarlo founded the hospital in 1986 on three principles that remain the guiding philosophy today: provide the best veterinary medicine and customer service; do what is in the best interest of the patient and client; and



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give employees the tools they need to excel in their work. The two-doctor practice has become a unique and highly successful veterinary healthcare network of hospitals with approximately 450 employees.

After earning his degree and completing a residency at Penn Vet in neurology, DeCarlo became a pioneer in performing MRIs on small animals. He believed in making 24-hour emergency care available to pet owners and later became instrumental in expanding the availability of specialty services. Today, he has assembled one of the most comprehensive groups of veterinary specialists available to pet owners in a single location. His vision, philosophy, and commitment to providing pet owners with medical options led to a further expansion of referral services to include 24-hour emergency and specialty care hospitals in Cherry Hill, Hillsborough, and Linwood, New Jersey, as well as a physical rehabilitation and medical boarding facility in Red Bank, New Jersey.

The hospital is a proud supporter of many local charities that aim to improve the lives of both animals and children. DeCarlo is active in the veterinary community and serves as President of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association and as a Trustee for The Seeing Eye. He is a member of the Ronald McDonald Cancer Camp's Executive Board and is also a volunteer and supporter of the Ronald McDonald Cancer Camp for Children and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County.

Hogan performed her internship at the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital and completed a residency in large animal surgery at Texas A&M University. Following her residency program, she joined the professional staff of the New

Jersey Equine Clinic. She is certified as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and has received international recognition for her work in the treatment of equine sports injuries, arthroscopy, and internal fixation of fractures.

Hogan was the recipient of the American Veterinary Medical Association's 2005 President's Award for her treatment of Smarty Jones—winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes—as an example of extraordinary commitment to animal health and welfare. She has published numerous scientific papers, contributed to book chapters in veterinary textbooks, and presented scientific and educational topics at major veterinary conventions throughout North America.

As a recognized authority on equine orthopedics, Hogan was named to the faculty of the Association for the Study of Internal Fixation of Fractures' Equine Principles of Fracture Management Course, held annually at The Ohio State University. This course offers veterinarians the most current information on the art and science of equine fracture repair.

Hogan also plays a key role in the On Call program of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. This program provides veterinary expertise for live media coverage of major equine sporting events. Hogan is most often “on call” for harness racing at the Meadowlands Racetrack. She has served as a member of the broadcast team for CBS Sports, ESPN, and the Fox Network.

We proudly honor the accomplishments of our 2015 award recipients. Alumni are invited to submit nominations for the 2016 awards online. Visit www.vet.upenn.edu/people/alumni and click on Reunions, News & Awards.



HELPING THE COURTYARD BLOSSOM

The Penn Vet Class of 1961 was instrumental in raising over \$10,000 that was donated to make improvements and enhancements to the Courtyard in the Old Vet Quad. This historic part of campus has gone through many different looks and uses over the years: serving as the hub of animal care for large and small animals when the school was founded, later becoming a parking lot, and currently providing a green area that is enjoyed by faculty, students, and dogs year-round. Thank you, Class of 1961!

Alumni Weekend Celebrated in Style

Penn Vet Alumni Weekend 2015 kicked off on Friday, May 15, with tours of New Bolton Center followed by the Dean's Reception at Allam House. Roars of laughter could be heard and there were hugs all around as classes ending in a "0" or a "5" reunited to share stories and get updates about life since vet school.



REUNION CLASS PHOTOS

On the Saturday of Alumni Weekend, over 120 alumni, family, and friends gathered on the New Bolton Center grounds on a summer-like day to enjoy the Penn Vet Spring Alumni Picnic.



Guests were treated to a delicious barbecue, as well as music, games, a caricaturist, and even a mini-horse race. On Sunday, attendees enjoyed breakfast and tours of the Ryan Hospital facilities and the Philadelphia campus.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for Alumni Weekend 2016 on May 13-15, when classes ending in a "1" or a "6" will celebrate reunions!





ALUMNI WEEKEND SPRING PICNIC

New Bolton Center welcomed alumni and guests of all ages for a wonderful spring celebration, featuring campus and facility tours, delicious food, music, educational displays, discussions, and more.



1950s

T.W. Shoemaker, V'50, has published a collection of images and short stories from Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. The book contains 173 pages of adventures, primarily a compilation of his "Satterfield Flyer" columns featured weekly in *The Sullivan Review* from 1966 to 2014. The book will be sold at *The Sullivan Review* and the Jolly Trolley in Dushore, Pennsylvania. Shoemaker says the book is about experiences as a weekly newspaper editor/veterinarian over the last 60 years in rural Sullivan County, among the endless mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. Three generations of Doc Shoemaker's family, friends, relatives, and staff of the newspaper worked on the book to offer a look at rural life from the 1950s to present.

1960s

Ralph Werner, V'68, was awarded Professor Emeritus from Stockton University at the 2015 Spring Commencement. After selling his veterinary practice in 1995, he took an adjunct position at Stockton. Eventually he became a tenured associate professor of biology and also the health professions advisor. Although retired, he will remain at Stockton as the IACUC veterinarian.

1970s

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joseph Bartenfelder has promoted Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Field Veterinarian **Michael Radebaugh, V'73**, to State Veterinarian. Dr. Radebaugh is the fourth out of the last five generations in his family to be working in agriculture. Since 2011 he has been a field veterinarian with MDA on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland, where he was responsible for all regulatory, emergency, and other service operations in the region. He has also served as an advisor on poultry health and poultry regulatory programs, particularly avian influenza. Radebaugh has more than 41 years of experience in the veterinary field, including 34 years as a large animal veterinarian. MDA's Animal Health Program works to prevent and control infectious and contagious diseases in Maryland livestock and poultry, with particular emphasis on those diseases that threaten public health, endanger food supplies, or threaten the economic security of the animal industries.

Stuart Porter, V'74, retired from Blue Ridge Community College in June 2014 after 37 years as director of the Veterinary Technology program. In March, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Wildlife

Rehabilitators Association at their Annual Meeting in Princeton, New Jersey, in recognition of his many contributions to wildlife medicine. His work includes research on causes of morbidity in native wildlife while working at The Wildlife Center of Virginia, which he co-founded; numerous journal articles on wildlife-related problems; and many lectures and workshops presented at local, state, and international meetings.

1980s

Michael Kotlikoff, V'81, the Austin O. Hooley Dean of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University since 2007, will be Cornell's next Provost. Dr. Kotlikoff earned a BA in Literature from the University of Pennsylvania, a VMD degree from Penn Vet, and a PhD in Physiology from the University of California at Davis. He joined the Cornell faculty in 2000 as Professor of Molecular Physiology and served as Chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences from 2000 to 2007. Prior to Cornell, he was a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania for 15 years, chairing the Department of Animal Biology from 1995 to 2000. He currently sits on the scientific administrative board of the Cornell Institute for Biotechnology and Life Science Technologies and the administrative board of the Cornell University Council, and he is a member of the Technology Transfer Committee. Dr. Kotlikoff has pioneered efforts to understand complex physiological processes at the molecular level through the use of genetics, molecular design, and advanced optics.

Paul Nicolaysen, V'81, retired in 2014 after 16 years as director of the laboratory animal program and facilities at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in Morgantown, West Virginia. He continues to sing in The Pittsburgh Camerata, a professional chamber choir.

1990s

Penn Vet announced the appointment of **Mary A. Bryant, V'95**, to the newly created position of Executive Director of the Office of Students. *For more information, please see page 39.*

2000s

Caleb Frankel, V'o8, has joined the Brief Media team as Director of New Product Development. Dr. Frankel worked with Brief Media and Dr. Donald Plumb to help develop *Plumb's Veterinary Drugs*, which launched in January 2015 as the official digital version of *Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook*. In addition, Frankel remains committed to

continuing his work as an emergency practitioner at the 50-doctor Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center in Greater Philadelphia. He will also continue as “head techie” of VMD Technology, a website and blogging community he founded for veterinary technophiles in 2013.

2010s

Simeon Taft, V'10, and his wife, Heidi (GrNu, '09), welcomed their second child, Andrew, on April 20, 2015. The family resides in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Kathryn Bach Robbins, V'13, was married on September 13, 2014, to J. Clinton Robbins IV at her family farm in Tolland, Connecticut. It was a wonderful day with quite a few VMDs in attendance, including her father, **Louis “Bud” Bach, V'72**, **Darcie Stolz, V'82**, and from the class of Lucky '13: **Alicia Andras, Jess Kim, Chelsea McIntyre, Kevin Oran, Christine Caro, Rachel Smith, Maura Commito**, and bridesmaids **Brittany Gross** and **Anna Smith**. “I’m pretty sure we could have handled any veterinary emergency in the book!” she said.

In Remembrance

Dr. Frank Gotay Lanuza, V'48, passed away on January 22, 2015.

Henry (Hank) Schmidt, V'57, affectionately known as the “Dr. Dolittle” of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 27, 2015. He was 84. In 1957, he moved to Chalfont to establish his home and practice. One of the highlights of his life was being able to visit and spend two days on the set of *All Creatures Great and Small*, a British TV series about country veterinarian James Herriot. Dr. Schmidt was a true country vet, beloved by many for his expertise and gentleness with the animals and owners. He continued actively working at his practice in Chalfont for 57 years until retiring in 2014.

Eugene Toothaker, V'60, died peacefully in his sleep on March 10, 2015, after a short illness. After graduating in 1960, he returned to western Maine to practice veterinary medicine and, in 1962, he and his family moved to Ellsworth, Maine, where they opened the Small Animal Clinic. He was active in both business and government. He served the community of Ellsworth as a city council member for many years, including a term as the city’s mayor. He also served as a Board of Directors member for the First National Bank of Bar Harbor. Gene was an avid fisherman and bird hunter and absolutely loved the state of Maine; whether “Down East,” in “the County,” or on the dirt roads of the North Maine Woods, he knew the best spots and had friends throughout the state. He never came home empty-handed.

Fredric Baff, V'63, age 75, of Newtown, Connecticut, passed away on August 8, 2014. Dr. Baff was the owner of Plumtrees Animal Hospital in Danbury, Connecticut, for over 30 years. He enjoyed boating and golf, but above all, helping people and their pets. He will be remembered as a wonderful teacher, a loyal companion, and a trusted caregiver.

Luis Colon, V'70, passed away in June. He and his wife, Holly, lived in Puerto Rico where Luis had a thriving equine practice. This past May, they visited New Bolton Center for Luis’ 45th Penn Vet reunion. He was a generous man and a great colleague, always willing to lend a hand or dispense advice. He was immensely proud of his kids and his wife.

Stephen Wurst, V'77, of Manahawkin, New Jersey, died on November 16, 2014, with his family by his side. In 1984, he established the Barnegat Animal Clinic, presently celebrating its 30th anniversary. He was a highly respected advocate for the health and well-being of all animals, wild or domestic. He loved being on the water and was truly passionate about saltwater fishing and sailing in New Jersey, Penobscot Bay in Maine, and the Florida Keys. In his spare time, he was an avid craftsman of wood folk art.

Robin Valentine, V'02, formerly of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2015, at the Boca Raton Regional Hospital after a short illness. She was 40. An accomplished equestrian, she rode competitively in major events, including the Nation’s Cup in Paris, as part of the Mount Holyoke College team. Dr. Valentine was a gifted and dedicated practitioner who began her career practicing as an emergency and critical care clinician throughout Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia. Her interests and scope in medicine were extensive, encompassing both modern medical science and integrative, holistic approaches including acupuncture. Eventually settling in South Florida, she established Valentine Veterinary Medical Services specializing in house calls, emergencies, and surgery. Robin was a passionate advocate for abandoned and injured animals, always willing to take on a tough case. She volunteered her skills to animal shelter and rescue organizations, wildlife rescue, and spay and neuter clinics. Robin touched the lives of all who knew her with her smile, kindness, compassion, dedication, strong will, determination, mighty spirit, and sense of humor.

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Calling all VMDs and former Penn Vet interns and residents! Have you received a promotion, been married, had a baby, received an award, had a research finding, or opened a new business? Please share your news with us.

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