

113th Commencement

The 98 graduates of the Class of 1998 bring the total of Penn's veterinary graduates to 5,422. Of these, 3,897 are men and 1,525 are women. The Class of 1998 is composed of 70 women and 26 men.

The Commencement exercises were held on May 18 at the Zellerbach Theater in the Annenberg Center. Parents, spouses, children, and other family members filled the auditorium to capacity and cheered for their special graduate.



The Commencement address was given by Mary Beth Leiminger, D.V.M., a companion animal veterinarian and immediate past president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Dean Alan M. Kelly presented the diplomas, assisted by Drs. Mattie J. Hendrich, Colin Johnstone, and Charles D. Newton. Dr. Raymond Sweeney assisted with the awarding of prizes. The Class Flag was presented to Dr. Jeffrey Berman V'98, class president, by Dr. Suzanne Smith

V'82, president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society and Dr. Harvey Bendix, V'75, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, administered the Veterinarians oath. Once the newly minted V.M.D.s and faculty marched out of the auditorium, the informal festivities began on the plaza with much hugging and picture taking. It was a proud and happy day for everyone. ☀

Class of 1998

David Adam Castrillo
Deborah Christine Anderman
Sally Anne Crellin Aschenbrand
Lisa Beth Barnett
Steven Jeremy Bensinger***
Felicia Lynn Berkowitz*
Jeffrey Ian Berman
Sara Elizabeth Bernat
Heather Elizabeth Bixler
Derek Sean Boen
Amy Diane Bowman
Edwin Dale Bracken, Jr.
Janet Keith Burke
William Whiteley Bush IV**
Natalie Domenica Campbell
Morgan T. Cavanaugh*
Kimberly Ann Christy
Susan Reed Cooke
Jennifer Tuttle Cromwell
Kristin Foster Dance**
Kerri Lee Davis**
Edythe Ann DeMaria**
Ingrid den Outer-Bergin
Jennifer Laurie Derstine*
Christina Joy Dolan
Mark Conrad Doran
Michael Howard Dunn
Elizabeth A.H. Ewaskiewicz**
Michael Scott Fanelli
Robert Flahive
Martha Anne Franklin
Jennifer Lynn Fry
Thomas Narinder Garg

Melissa A. George
Joan Phyllis Capuzzi Giresi
Margaret Wistar Gober
Chris Gretzinger
Jeevraj Singh Grewal
Bethany Jane Grohs
Barbra Michelle Hart
Gregory Saylor Heins*
Laura Margaret Aggson Holland
Julia Winters Irwin
Victoria Johnson
Courtney Alexandra Jones*
Erin Mary Jordan
Mark Albert Kapolka
Kathy Jude Kazmierski
Amy Lynn Kidd
Dorothy Abigail Kielkopf
Elizabeth Ann Krug
Hamilton Lincoln III
R. Thomas Livezey
Amy Elizabeth Lloyd
Carolyn M. Lyon
Katherine Cole MacGillivray
Robert Fraser MacGregor
Sean Abraham Maguire
Joann Cecile Martineau
David Dominic Matunis
Zachary Paul Matzkin
David Vinton McCrork
Claire Selawski McNesby*
Christy Joy Meola
Susan Elizabeth Monteforte
George Austin Motley

Karen Amy Moulin
Cynthia Christine Nass
Molly Ayres Northrop***
Sandra Lee Orben
Heather Peikes***
Sarah Anna Pesillo**
Karen Sloan Phillips
Erica Lee Pickman
Esteban Pokorny
Donna L. Riddle
Kimberly Ann Scalise
Beth Ann Shane
Lisa Ann Sherman
Roberta Ann Smith
Laura Jean Snyder
Heidi Anne Sproul
Kimberly Joy Sprouse
Jessica Ellen Stehr*
Lauren Merrill Stein
Jane Carolyn Teichner
Deanna Karen Tobin
Anson Joji Tsugawa
Elaine Kay Tucker
Lisa Ann Twardus
Shelly Susan Wagner
Debbie Leigh Wardius
Chick Winston Christopher Weisse***
Amy Marie Woodford
Lisa Suzanne Ziemer
Kathryn Elizabeth Zingle
****Summa Cum Laude*
***Magna Cum Laude*
**Cum Laude*



Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize
Steven Jeremy Bensing

J.B. Lippincott Prize
Steven Jeremy Bensing

1930 Class Prize in Surgery
Zachary Paul Matzkin

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize
Jeffrey Ian Berman

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize-Small Animal Award
Chick Winston Christopher Weisse

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize-Large Animal Award
Katherine Cole MacGillivray

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology
Sarah Anna Pesillo

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry
Heather Peikes

American Animal Hospital Association Award
Sarah Anna Pesillo

Merck Awards
Small Animal Award
Mark Albert Kapolka
Large Animal Award
EdytheAnn DeMaria

George M. Palmer Prize
Barbra Michelle Hart

Everingham Prize for Cardiology
Zachary Paul Matzkin

Large Animal Surgery Prize
Jeevraj Singh Grewal

Large Animal Medicine Prize
Elizabeth A.H. Ewaskiewicz

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine
Lisa Ann Sherman

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health
Molly Ayres Northrop

Hill's Award
R. Thomas Livezey

Pharmacia & Upjohn Awards
Small Animal Award
Heather Peikes
Large Animal Award
Kristin Foster Dance

Faculty/SCAVMA Prize
William Whiteley Bush IV

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes
Small Animal Surgery Prize
Janet Keith Burke
Large Animal Surgery Prize
Elizabeth A.H. Ewaskiewicz

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award
Lisa Suzanne Ziemer

Field Service Prize
Barbra Michelle Hart

E.L. Stubbs Award in Avian Medicine
Kathryn Elizabeth Zingle

Anatomy Prize
Molly Ayres Northrop

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
Sarah Anna Pesillo

Iams/VECCS Award for Excellence in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Medicine
Jeffrey Ian Berman

Charles F. Reid Award
David Adam Castrillo