

2004 Alumni Award of Merit Nominations Sought

Nominations are being sought for three recipients of the 2004 Alumni Award of Merit, which will be presented at the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society (VMAS) Annual Meeting during Alumni Weekend 2004.

The VMAS honors alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and the School with the Alumni Award of Merit. The award is given annually to recognize distinguished graduates for their contributions that advance knowledge in biomedicine, promote the welfare of animals through public education of animal owners, and benefit society through civic activities which foster the advancement of the profession and the School's good name.

Eligible 2004 recipients are members of the classes that end in "4" or "9," and who will be celebrating a five-year reunion during Alumni Weekend 2004. Members of the VMAS Executive Board will select the recipients from the pool of nominees. Nominations are due **no later than December 31, 2003**.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Joshua E. Liss, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <lissj@vet.upenn.edu>. For a list of previous Alumni Award of Merit recipients, please visit <http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/alumniawardofmerit.html>.

To make a nomination, please send a letter explaining your reasons to:

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Take a Video Tour of New Bolton Center

"On Any Given Day," the video made last year to mark New Bolton Center's 50th anniversary, is now available to view online at <http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu/onanygiveday.html>.

Alumni Connections

To find a former classmate and to sign up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service:

Join the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community for free at <www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPN>. After you register, you can search the On-Line Directory, which is a great resource for personal and professional networking and an easy way to keep up-to-date on fellow alumni. You can also sign up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service, which will forward messages received at your permanent Penn address to the e-mail address of your choice.

To update your alumni record:

You can update your record via the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community On-Line Directory. You may also contact Elizabeth McNamara at (215) 746-7461 or via e-mail at <emcnamar@vet.upenn.edu>.

To make a gift or for information to support Penn Veterinary Medicine:

Make a gift with your credit card through a secure online transaction at <www.upenn.edu/gifts>. For information on supporting the School, visit the Alumni & Friends website at <http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu> or contact Joshua E. Liss at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <lissj@vet.upenn.edu>.

To request a transcript, certification of graduation, or replacement diploma:

For information on requesting a transcript, visit the Office of the University Registrar's website at <www.upenn.edu/registrar/transcripts/transcripts.html> or call (215) 898-7511. For information on requesting a certification of graduation, which does not require a transcript, contact the School's Office of Student & Curricular Affairs at (215) 898-3525 or via e-mail at <student-affairs@vet.upenn.edu>. For information on ordering a replacement diploma, visit the Office of the Secretary's website at <www.upenn.edu/secretary/diplomas/#diplomas>.

To post/search employment opportunities for veterinarians:

Visit the School's Veterinary Employment Database at <www.vet.upenn.edu/jobsearch>.

To purchase veterinary, medical, and allied health textbooks from leading publishers:

Visit the Penn Vet Bookstore at <www.vet.upenn.edu/studentaffairs/bookstore>. A percentage of purchases is returned to the School in the form of scholarship funding to deserving veterinary students.

To obtain a Penn Alumni Card:

The Penn Alumni Card offers a myriad of benefits, including access to the Penn Libraries (does not include borrowing privileges or access to online resources) and discounts on admission to the Morris Arboretum, Class of 1923 Ice Rink, and University of Pennsylvania Museum. The charge for the card, which is valid for 10 years, is only \$20. For more information, visit <www.upenn.edu/penncard/card/obtain_alumni.html>.

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Conference Announcement

Animal-Assisted Interventions in Adolescent Mental Health

March 28, 2004 - Jon M. Huntsman Hall

With the support of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, the **Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society** at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is hosting a one-day conference on animal-assisted interventions in adolescent mental health. The conference is scheduled to take place at Jon M. Huntsman Hall on Penn's campus on Sunday, March 28, 2004. Registration for the conference will be open to the public. The program will include presentations from practitioners and scholars utilizing animal-assisted interventions in the treatment of adolescents with a variety of mental health diagnoses.

For further details or to register for the conference please visit:
<http://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/cias/conferences.html>