

## STUDENT NEWS

**Caitlin Doran, V'17**, received the annual Schad Prize in Parasitology. The award is named for the late Dr. Gerry Schad, a beloved Penn Vet Professor of Parasitology. It is given to the student with the highest numerical average in the Parasitology core.

**Brittney Gurda, V'17**, was awarded a one-year, \$35,000 postdoctoral fellowship from January to December 2015 for her work with **Charles Vite, DVM, PhD**, in the feline Niemann-Pick type C (NPC1) model. They are studying the potential of vector-mediated gene therapy as a treatment for this disease using an adeno-associated virus (AAV) to deliver a functional copy of the NPC1 gene. The fellowship was funded by the Million Dollar Bike Ride through the Orphan Disease Research Center at Penn.

**Gabriel Innes, V'16**, won the prestigious Lois F. Fairchild Scholarship, designed to encourage veterinarians to enter the field of public practice or service as a career goal.

**Nikhil Joshi, V'15**, defended his capstone thesis, *Public-private partnership for dairy in India: a vision for food security*, to complete requirements for the certificate of veterinary public health.



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The essay submission by **Melanie Lang, V'16**, was chosen as Penn's winner of the Simmons Education Fund Business Aptitude Award. In addition to a \$3,000 scholarship, the award also allows her to compete for the national prize of \$15,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to NAVC in 2016.

**Marc Myers, V'15**, was appointed to a one-year rotating internship in companion animal medicine and surgery at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals beginning in June 2015.



Veterinary students lost two colleagues this past March and responded with an outpouring of support. Penn Vet united with veterinary schools around the world for a moment of reflection and healing. Students and staff signed notebooks with words of support to send to the families of the vet students at UC Davis and Michigan State, as well as the family of Penn Vet's Dr. Ben Martin, who also passed away in March.