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Meeting Minutes - OVCAA AGM
9:30 am Saturday, June 13, 2015
Room 1714, Ontario Veterinary College

1.0 Call to Order ................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst

2.0 Welcoming remarks ...................................................... Dr. Bob Van Delst

3.0 Remarks from the President of the University of Guelph ................................................ Dr. Franco Vaccarino

- Thank you for being here, nice to meet you
- 21 convocations this week
- Dr. Vaccarino spoke about the special features of joining the university (for the past year) — one draw to U of G was coexistence of traditional strengths of university and colleges with new and emerging
  - Brings a certain energy and buzz that provides us an edge
  - OVC is at the core of that differentiation, and a huge point of pride at U of G; the glow and warmth that emanates from OVC spreads through the university
- Recognized Dr Bruce Wilkie as the recipient of distinguished alumnus award
- Thanked the OVC AA for the important work they do in connecting and engaging alumni with each other and with U of G
- Thanked the alumni for their support for OVC and reconnecting with us this weekend; important as we strive to maintain our momentum in years to come

4.0 Moment of Silence & Reading of Passages ................................................... Dr. Bob Van Delst

5.0 Recognition of Volunteers & Call for Board Members .................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst

6.0 Approval of the Agenda .................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst

- This was motioned, seconded, and approved by vote

7.0 Approval of the Minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, 2014

- No concerns were noted; motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved by vote

8.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

9.0 Dean’s Address ....................................................................................... Dr. Elizabeth Stone

- Welcome, especially to class of 1965
- Recognized Dr. Wilkie as the recipient of the distinguished alumnus award
- Thank Dr. Wayne MacDonnel for getting all of us together
- OVC today – 460 DVM students, (incl 50-60 int’l students); >250 grad students (incl 25-50 int’l); 110 faculty, 240 staff, 16,000 patient visits
- OVC was ranked 4th in the world veterinary college ranking in opinion poll based on academic reputation, employer assessment of grads, # times OVC is cited in other researcher’s work; why not be popular?
  - Shows how well OVC is known throughout the world because of all the world we and those that came before and after us did
- 2014 economic impact study of OVC – released last fall at farm show in Woodstock,
  - 1/3rd of vets in Canada are graduates of OVC, in 1965 almost all grads in Canada were from OVC
- Economic impact of out grads going into practices throughout Ontario is 1.3 billion in the province
- Important to recognize our grads are also small business owners, volunteers, active community members
- Create 4000 jobs over past 4 years, support agriculature industry (20 billion industry in province)
- Conclusion: OVC is important to economics of province, and provides gov’t w/ an excellent return on investment

- Ag & Food Museum in Ottawa until August 4, 2015 — veterinarians looking at horses in WWI
  - Historian Lisa Cox has looked at this and veterinarians role of horses; during WWI, 3M animals incl horses, but carrier pigeons etc, that helped in war effort, and vets took care of them
  - Veterinary profession changed a lot from before to after WWI

- Dr. John Prescott retired and became a professor emeritus
- Industry partnership has been a focus in past years; one of which is IDEXX, they have given us 1.5 million dollars to establish 5 year chair in emerging technology and bond-centred healthcare
  - Want to look at how to use technology to relate to people and improve care delivery and effectiveness
- Tour — McNabb room in learning commons/library; Lisa Cox has worked with donor and there are historical artifacts in the cabinets, particularly around WWI and artifacts from then
- Research areas that we’re building on the strengths of the past
  - Poultry health network –
  - Dairy health research network
  - Swine health research network
  - Doing this work for 150 years; we’re claiming the space and collaborating w/in and outside industry e.g., OLPC
- New facility — dairy research and innovation centre (old Elora Dairy); new multimillion dollar facility, will move into the future, now a bit ahead of the dairy industry
  - New ways for researchers to measure intake, output
  - Excited to use with students and collaborate with OAC etc
- Hill’s Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre — celebrates 5 years
  - With communication program and PHC and other initiatives we have practitioners hire our practitioners that think they’re more practice read 7 or 8 years ago — those efforts are paying off (increased comfort speaking with clients)
- Small animal hospital renovations — nice reception area, nice exam rooms, clients are expecting more, want private practice comforts
- Since January, been working on campus master plan
  - Old master plan (~2011-12) with new hospital down by smith lane didn’t get funding, and the incremental improvements that have been done in the meantime (small animal hospital ESMRC), have decided to stay in current footprint and do improvements
  - A new sx and anx facility will be placed in the wooden seated classrooms — good because it has high ceilings and has room for the gear
  - Making an ask to the gov’t to build an extension on this building towards college, 2-3 story extension, with flexible classrooms, clinical skills training (now often done with models, which will continue)
- Researchers that are being very successful — received $ from Canadian Breast Cancer foundation — gave money for a study in cats with mammary gland tumours, it’s a good model for cancer in women, now looking at treatments
- Number of class projects — seen the Gryphon at corner of Stone and Gordon, 1956 class project, big picture taking spot
  - Corner of Stone and Gordon (dean of OAC is Dr. Gordon, dean of OVC is Dr. Stone)
  - Class of 1970 is supporting 4th year ecosystem rotation for health
  - Class of 1965 is supporting global vets, students have incredible opportunities to travel and not just being tourists, going and working on important projects
- We are on social media, Dean has a twitter account; have a facebook, snapchat, instagram; we have a web presence and communications people have been recognized for our visibility
  - Expensive worldwide advertising
- Dr. Stone will never really leave OVC, it’s in her blood and . . . it’s a special place and from the very first alumni weekend in 2005, and class of 1955 were the anniversary classes and shared their stories and what it did for their lives, OVC is a very special place, no other place like it with diversity of people and directions they’ve gone and what it’s meant to people here
- Thanked OVC for this special part of her life

10.0 President’s Report.................................................................................................................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst
- 1965 and 60 and 55 — welcome to those graduates; and more recent grads
- It’s been a year with great events for OVC
  - Networking event at OVMA in Toronto — very successful elements and will occur again at OVMA in 2016
  - We also support with the students — Teddy Bear Surgery at College Royal
  - This year new events
    - Sunday, March 15 — CE day at OVC, had a number of faculty from OVC lectured to participants
    - Education days were successful and will be repeated, thank presenters — Chantale Pinard, Stephanie Nykamp, Michelle Oblak, Ameet Singh, Paul Woods
    - Hockey Tournament — one of the largest weekend gatherings, and this year we added a dinner at Brass Taps at the UC, worked well and we plan to do again next year
      - Next year — it’s the 15th and 16th of April 2016
- Welcome people on our board and those that are active on our board in past year
  - The board consists of: Bob van Delst, incoming president — Chris Doherty, past president — Brad Hanna, secretary — Maureen Anderson, treasurer — Monica Marshman, additional directors — Colleen Best, Peter Conlon, Tamara Hofstede, Francesca Small, Sharon Zhang, Candice Grunyon, . . . ? Leaving board Janet Sunohara-Nielson
  - Highlight — we’ve had tremendous help from university for our events in the past few years (Stephanie Sharp) — helps us get things done
- Additional detail in booklet, and thank you very much

11.0 Treasurer’s Report.......................................................................................................................................................................................... Dr. Bob Van Delst
- Focus our energy and funds on events that will benefit a large number of people, not a few
- Continue to award public health award and spirit award — as they are in the spirit of what we do, but no longer achievement awards
- Over 7k was allocated; raised 9K in tournament, but was mostly used to run hockey tournament; raised 8K for symposium which covered costs, overall very successful and hope it turns into an annual event
- Funds raised above and beyond expenses help us run stable events like networking nights — received great feedback and have improvement plans going forward

11.1 Review Engagement Report
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  - Motion was made, seconded, and carried by vote
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12.3 Development Report ................................................................................................................... Stefanie Sharp

- Quick update on development, most successful fundraising college out of entire university
- Stephanie helps OVC reach its full potential through development side, limits to government funding look for other opportunities for support for college
- We’ve launched the Stone scholarship and are working to endow it, goal is to help students do a unique project
  - Award presented to student interdisciplinary project to broaden career horizons, advance role of veterinarians in society, etc
  - Today at 20k which is very significant, goal is 30K
- Congratulate 1965 class on launching their class project
  - Support travel grant for global vets
  - Piece of artwork or sculpture (or something) to decorate OVC
  - Class of 1980 launched project to fund mental health awareness
    - Wellness Wednesdays — brings mental health into the lights and provides tools, really great initiative
  - Class of 1984 — for a student space, they haven’t earmarked it yet, as they don’t have money yet
  - Class of 1970 and 73 helped finish off money owing on animal cancer centre — nothing owed on building anymore
  - 1956 class project finished last year
  - Class of 1986 endowed scholarship for 3rd year students
  - Consider starting a class project

- Overall OVC raised 1.526 million dollars 1.6 mill; total 6.3 million dollars last year
- In last ten years 63 million + dollars
- Thank you for all of you do and give to the college

13.0 Resolution Approving Acts of the Directors

**Motion:** “That all resolutions passed and all acts, contracts and business transacted by the Directors since June 16th 2013, be ratified and confirmed by the members of the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association”.

- Motion was made, seconded and carried by vote

14.0 Elections:
14.1 Election and Ratification of Officers ............................................................................................. Dr. Bob Van Delst

**Motion:** “That all officers and directors as listed on the slate be elected”.

- Motion was made, seconded, and carried by vote

15.0 Presentation of OVC AA Awards .................................................................................................. Dr. Chris Doherty

- Distinguished alumnus — Dr. Bruce Wilkie, OVC 1965
- Young alumnus award – Dr. Jason Coe, OVC 2001
- Alumni volunteer award – Dr. Dale Scott

16.0 Adjournment
  - Motion to adjourn made, seconded, carried by vote.
Dr. Robert Van Delst, President, Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association

This year we welcome members of the class of 1966 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary of graduation, and other classes gathering for special milestones: OVC’51, OVC’56, OVC’76, OVC’86.

Our “Words of Wisdom” project has been a great success and we are asking alumni to submit helpful words of advice or encouragement for the incoming class of 2020. Each comment to be placed in the pocket of one of the lab coats the students will receive at the Professional Welcoming Ceremony in September. You can submit your words today at the registration table across the hall.

The OVC Alumni Association hosted a successful networking event this year at the OVMA conference in Toronto this past January. This event brought practitioners who are looking to hire together with members of the graduating class in an informal setting as well as provided a spot for alumni to gather and reconnect.

The Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association hosted our second and third Continuing Education symposiums in the OVC Lifetime Learning Centre. We would like to express our sincere thanks to our OVC faculty presenters — Drs. Andrew Peregrine, Colleen Best, Maureen Anderson, Jackie Parr, Maureen Barry, Paula Menzies, Terri O’Sullivan, Hugues Beaufrère, Ameet Singh, Stephanie Nykamp, Tiffany Durzi, Janine Ross, and Sonja Fonfara. We were also grateful to have the support of Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Nestle Purina, Merial, Medtronic, Veterinary Purchasing, Royal Canin, Meridian, IDEXX, Merck, and Bayer. Both CE Symposia were a real success and plans are made to follow with another CE day this fall and again.

In April we held the 26th annual OVC Alumni Hockey Tournament, which was attended by over 150 graduates, spouses and children. A dinner which was held at Brass Taps after all of the tournament games had ended. This was a welcome addition to the OVC Alumni Hockey Tournament weekend and will be continued. Over the years our hockey tournament has attracted alumni from as far away as Hong Kong and has consistently been one of the largest OVC alumni events.

As the academic year comes to a close, it is my pleasure to welcome Chris Doherty, OVC 2013, as incoming President. I would also like to welcome Drs. Tiffany Durzi, OVC 2000 as Treasurer, Matt Spiegle, OVC 2008 as Vice-President. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the OVCAA Board of Directors for their hard work this year and make special mention of the tremendous help that the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association has received from Stefanie Sharp who is the OVC Alumni Advancement Manager from Alumni Affairs and Development at the University of Guelph.
MTCU invests $23 Million in New Clinical Learning Spaces at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph
It is a genuine honour to take part in the 2016 Alumni Weekend celebrations — my first Alumni Weekend since I joined the Ontario Veterinary College in October of last year. These opportunities to connect with you, our alumni, are vital as we share the exciting work we continue to do at OVC.

I've been impressed with the high-caliber research, teaching and commitment to service excellence I've observed over my first few months at OVC. We have every reason to be proud and optimistic for the future of our College.

We have a number of achievements with our faculty, staff, students from the past 12 months and alumni to share with you. Here are just a few examples of how OVC and veterinarians are helping make the world a better place.

**Accreditation**

In April, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education (COE) informed us that accreditation has been awarded to OVC for a period of up to 7 years, the maximum permitted, subject to interim reports.

The AVMA, in conjunction with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Council (CVMA), is mandated to develop standards and conduct reviews of professional veterinary programs in Canada, the US and, by invitation, many overseas jurisdictions. This process is very important in setting a worldwide standard for quality in veterinary medical education: seven of the top 10 veterinary programs in the world (QS rankings 2016) are AVMA/CVMA accredited, including our own.

As is often the case, the COE provided the college with some homework to do: it identified a minor deficiency in Standard 9 (Curriculum). A minor deficiency “has minimal or no effect on student learning or safety and is readily corrected in one year . . .”. In this case we have been given a year to make some improvements in our academic program related to oversight of externships, and exposure of DVM students to isolation procedures. We are very pleased with this result and the minor nature of the COE’s directives to us.

This success is due in no small part to the cooperation and hard work of everyone in the OVC community who participated in preparing the accreditation self-study documentation and assisted the Site Visit Team from the AVMA and the CVMA when they were here in October.

**OVC Receives $23-Million Provincial Investment**

We received very good news in March with the announcement of a $23 million investment from the provincial government to support critical infrastructure renewal at OVC.

The investment, which was announced by Reza Moridi, minister of training, colleges and universities, and Liz Sandals, minister of education and MPP for Guelph, will support renovation and expansion at OVC, including the new spaces for enhanced clinical teaching and learning and advanced surgery and anesthesia facilities.

The University had asked the government for $23 million toward a $33-million plan to address infrastructure deficiencies at the veterinary college. OVC plans to raise the additional $10 million, with $6.5 million already committed through an OVC Pet Trust campaign launched in October 2015.

Construction on the surgery and anesthesia facilities is beginning this summer in renovated spaces within OVC’s Health Sciences Centre.

The enhanced clinical teaching and learning spaces, which will be built adjacent to OVC’s Lifetime Learning Centre, will include new laboratory and classroom spaces equipped for computer-based case studies, patient simulators and demonstration models.
OVC Master Plan 2015
The first two phases of the 2015 Master Plan, advanced surgical and anesthesia facilities and space for enhanced clinical teaching and learning, were key pieces in clinching our next 7 years of accreditation. They will not only provide state-of-the-art facilities, they will ensure we maintain OVC as a leading veterinary college for innovative education, clinical and research activities. The current plan, updated in 2015, builds on the success of previous work in the late 1990s and again in 2009. It provides a realistic roadmap for future development through an incremental phased strategy. Implementation will occur over a period of time as funds become available while maintaining a fully functional facility.

OVC Strategic Planning
The College has seen tremendous growth and advancement during the 2012 – 2017 period and we now are engaging in discussions to envision a strategic plan that will be executed over the next five to 10 years from 2016 and beyond.

The purpose of this strategic renewal process is to guide OVC through a high-level planning exercise where we’ll identify our key institutional priorities and align them with the newly developing priorities of the University of Guelph. The timing of our strategic renewal process dovetails perfectly with UofG’s strategic renewal process which is currently underway.

The process will help our teams identify and prioritize issues of significance to the overall well-being and performance of OVC, clearly define objectives we must achieve in order to address these priority issues and look at ways to implement these strategies with widespread participation across the College.

I’m tremendously excited by the opportunities presented to us all during this process, and as always invite each of you to reach out with your thoughts as we embrace our past work while creating a new path beyond 2016 to further enhance OVC’s global reputation.

OVC applications increase
Current applicant numbers are up significantly this year for both domestic and international DVM application pools – numbers have increased more than 40 per cent for international applications. We recently completed the Multiple Mini Interviews for our 2020 cohort. As always, the tremendous cooperation from our alumni who volunteer their time to participate in this important process is greatly appreciated. Just one example is alumnus Dr. Parke, OVC 2000, who flies in from British Columbia each year to be part of the MMI process. Our graduation statistics also continue to impress with results from our most recent DVM graduate survey showing 100 per cent employment within the first year after graduation.

Successful Walk in the Park Gala
In October 2015 OVC Pet Trust held a successful “Walk in the Park Gala” at Daniels Spectrum in Toronto. Attended by pet lovers, researchers, clinicians and donors, the annual gala began in 2011 to help raise funds for OVC’s Pet Trust. The 2015 Gala raised more than $500,000 in support of the new surgery and anesthesia facilities at OVC.

UofG launches Centre for Cardiovascular Investigations
The University of Guelph has officially launched a Centre for Cardiovascular Investigations to develop innovative ways to fight cardiovascular disease.

The new centre involves eight lead cardiovascular scientists and clinicians, as well as dozens of collaborators, graduate and undergraduate students from across the University and beyond. It’s one of a few centres worldwide looking at cardiovascular disease all the way from single molecules to clinical applications.

Headed by heart researcher Prof. Tami Martino of OVC’s Department of Biomedical Sciences, the centre is dedicated to discovering novel ways to diagnose heart disease, advance treatment therapies and train the next generation of scientists.

New chair appointed Department of Biomedical Sciences
Dr. Tarek Saleh has been appointed chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences effective September 1, 2016. Saleh is currently a professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical Science at Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island. He earned a doctorate from the University of Western Ontario and was a post-doctoral researcher in neurophysiology at the University of Calgary. We also greatly appreciate the commitment and dedication of Dr. Neil MacLusky, who will be completing his term as chair on Aug. 31, 2016.

Shared Administrative Services
In May 2015, the college implemented a Shared Administrative Services (SAS) organizational structure after an extensive period
of review and consultation. The SAS consists of five teams that meet the objective of improved effectiveness and job satisfaction/training while allowing the college to reduce the administrative services budget. Equally important, the design meets OVC’s operational needs. As the SAS model continues to evolve, a consultative process is examining how the OVC Health Sciences Centre can be integrated into the overall design. Shared Administrative Services comprises: 1) Graduate Program Services; 2) Academic and Research Support; 3) Financial Services; 4) Departmental Services; and 5) Human Resource Services. All of the teams serve Chairs, faculty, staff, and students to deliver needed information and services.

New Dairy Welfare Program
A new animal welfare program, the Saputo Dairy Care program, was made possible by a $500,000 gift from Saputo Inc. and will be taught through the Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare. The focus will be on providing practical dairy welfare education, including workshops for veterinary students, veterinary practitioners, and dairy producers. It will also include a fourth year Dairy Welfare rotation for students within the DVM program.

The Companion Animal Tumour Sample Bank hits milestone
The Companion Animal Tumour Sample Bank hit a milestone in June 2015. With owner consent, tumours have now been banked from over 500 cases (dogs, cats, and rabbits), including mast-cell tumour, osteosarcoma, soft tissue sarcoma, mammary cancer, hemangiosarcoma, thyroid cancer and melanoma. As well, blood samples from Oncology patients are now also being banked, regardless of whether a patient is a surgical candidate.

Research Networks
Our work on interdisciplinary research and training programs in poultry, dairy and swine is continuing. The Poultry Health Research Network now has more than 60 members and held a successful Research Day in March. A successful inaugural UofG Swine Research Day, bringing together the Centralia Swine Research Update and the Mike Wilson Swine Research Day, took place in May. The dairy research group held a successful Dairy Research and Innovation Day in May, launching their branding of Dairy at Guelph.

Social media expands and grows
Social media has become more and more important in OVC’s approach to sharing information with students, staff, faculty, alumni, industry and the general public. OVC has expanded its social media efforts on Instagram and Snapchat, offering a peak into what goes into a veterinary education. With over 650 Instagram posts, almost 15,000 followers and over 102,000 post ‘Likes’, OVC is proud to have the largest following of any veterinary college worldwide.

The 2016 edition of Externship Blogging Project, which features some of our students sharing stories, pictures and video of their externship experiences online, got underway in June. Last year’s project received a lot of attention in the agricultural and veterinary media. The students will be blogging all summer long – so check it out at ovc.uoguelph.ca/externship.

OVC People
One of the factors that make OVC special is the sense of community created by our alumni, faculty, students, staff and supporters.

The College boasts 460 DVM students, approximately 300 graduate students, and 6,400 undergraduate students enrolled in OVC courses with 130 faculty and veterinarians and 200 staff.

New Appointments:
Dr. Sonja Fonfara, Clinical Cardiologist, Clinical Studies
Cheryl Haber, Practice Manager, OVC Smith Lane Animal Hospital in the Hill’s Pet Nutrition Centre
Catherine Harrington, Administrative Assistant in Human Resources Services at OVC
Bailey Kagan, OVC Pet Trust coordinator
Cynthia Kinnunen, OVC Donor Stewardship Engagement Manager
Dr. Ellen Krueger, Large Animal Hospital
Ashleigh Martyn, OVC Pet Trust writer
Dr. Jennifer McWhirter, Public Health Promotion and Communication, Population Medicine
Bryan Potter, Operations Manager, OVC Shared Administrative Services
Dr. Tarek Saleh, chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences effective September 1, 2016.
Dr. Jeff Wichtel was appointed dean of the Ontario Veterinary College, beginning a five-year term Oct. 1, 2015
Dr. Martha Winhall, OVC Medical Communications Program Manager

2015 Schofield Memorial Lecture - Dr. Martin Sheldon, DVM, PhD, Swansea University Medical School
2015 Chappel Memorial Lecture — Dr. Gary Nabel, Chief Scientific Officer, Sanofi Global Research and Development

Honorary Degrees — February 2016 Convocation - Suzi Beber, Smiling Blue Skies. Beber’s Smiling Blue Skies Fund has raised more than $1.6 million dollars for OVC Pet Trust through the Smiling Blue Skies Walks to End Canine Cancer, as well as numerous other initiatives.

Faculty, Staff and Alumni Honours

Congratulations to the following OVC alumni, faculty, students and staff members:

Alumni

Dr. Ian Dohoo, OVC 1976, and professor emeritus of epidemiology at the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) at UPEI, received the Roger Morris Award for achievement in veterinary epidemiology at the 2015 International Society of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics.

Dr. Susan Kilborn, OVC 1993, received the CVMA Small Animal Practitioner Award for her compassion and continuous dedication to the animals in her care.

Dr. Michelle Lem, OVC 2001, received the CVMA President’s Award for her ongoing commitment to the veterinary profession through her practice and work as founder and director of Community Veterinary Outreach, a registered charity that provides pro bono preventive veterinary care for animals of the homeless and marginally housed in Ottawa.

Dr. Doug MacDougald received the 2015 CVMA Merck Veterinary Award for his work in the swine industry.

During the 2015 CVMA Annual Meeting, Dr. Timothy Ogilvie, OVC 1975, received a Life Membership to CVMA for being a leader, pioneer and teacher for many generations of veterinarians.

Dr. Wayne Martin, University of Guelph professor emeritus, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree from University College Dublin (UDC) in June. Martin, OVC 1967, was the founding chair of OVC’s Population Medicine department when it was created in 1987.

Dr. John McDermott, OVC 1981, received the Peter Ellis Award for outstanding contribution to veterinary epidemiology in the developing world at the 2015 International Society of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE).

Dr. Annette Sysel, OVC DVM 1991, has been named the American Humane Association’s American Hero Veterinarian for 2015. Sysel is President of the Bauer Research Foundation.

Dr. Ted Valli, OVC alumni and former faculty member, was recently awarded the Theilen Tribute Award at the Veterinary Cancer Society (VCS) annual conference.

Staff

Gayle Ecker, director of Equine Guelph, was awarded the prestigious Equine Industry Vision Award for 2015. The award, presented at the American Horse Publication Tally-Ho at the Alamo Seminar in San Antonio, Texas on June 19, 2015, recognizes Ecker’s innovation, vision and commitment to the equine industry.

Heather Leong, senior analyst in OVC’s Information Technology Services, was nominated for a YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Information Technology category.

The veterinary technician team (Jen Nowell, Meghan Cigagna, Nick Coghlin, Shirley Tucker, Stephanie Roberts, Rob Cook, Ines Jimenez, Lucy Siydock, Andrea Kacer, Emily Forde and Cindy Stoate) who support the Anesthesia service in OVC’s Health Sciences Centre were recognized with a UofG President’s Awards for Exemplary Staff Service. The group received the Exemplary Team Recognition Award for providing an excellent teaching environment through clinical instruction and for promoting animal welfare among students.

Sally MacLachlan, formerly administrative assistant with the Department of Population Medicine at OVC, were also was recognized with a UofG President’s Award for Exemplary Staff Service. She received the Service Excellence Recognition Award for her exemplary work in Population Medicine and for the role she played in moving the college to a shared graduate studies model.

Elise Wickett, Registered Veterinary Technician and Supervisor, Patient Care, recently completed a one-year term as president of QAVT’s board. Wickett has been a board member for three years. Emeritus Professor
**Faculty**

Dr. Dorothee Bienzle received ACVP Presidential Recognition in recognition of leadership in redesigning the ACVP certifying exam, one of the main pillars for certification of veterinary pathologists in North America.

Dr. Carolyn Kerr has been re-appointed as Chair of the Department of Clinical Studies for a second five-year term effective August 6, 2016. Dr. Kerr was also nominated for a YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Science and Research category.

Dr. Deep Khosa, Population Medicine, has been appointed Assistant Director of the Hill’s Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre.

Dr. Paula Menzies, Population Medicine, received the Donald E. Baily Practitioner of the Year Award from the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP) in July 2015.

Drs. Adronie Verbrugghe and Hugues Beaufrère were recognized in the 2015 Guelph Mercury 40 Under 40 celebrations. Verbrugghe is Assistant Professor and Royal Canin Endowed Chair in Canine and Feline Clinical Nutrition and Beaufrère heads up the OVC Health Sciences Centre’s Avian and Exotic Service.

Dr. Peter Physick-Sheard, Population Medicine, and Dr. Laurent Viel, Clinical Studies, received Honourary Member Awards from the Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners (OAEP) at the 2016 OAEP annual meeting. The Honourary Member Award is presented to those who have made noteworthy and outstanding contributions to equine practice.

Dr. Julie Yager was nominated for and received Honorary Membership in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) at their 2015 Annual Meeting.

**Graduate and DVM Students**

Gavin Armstrong, a PhD student in OVC’s Biomedical Sciences, was recognized for his Lucky Iron Fish project in the Forbes magazine’s annual “30 under 30” issue.

Margaret Ainslie received the Dr. Casey Buizer Memorial Scholarship and Gallant Custom Laboratories Anniversary Scholarship

Neda Barjesteh received the D. G. Ingram Memorial Scholarship

Emma Borkowski received the Merial Canada Inc. Graduate Scholarship for Distinction in Parasitology.

Emily Brouwer received the Elizabeth Holdsworth Scholarship

Katie Clow received the Dr. Margaret A. B. Maxwell Memorial Scholarship.

Nariman Deravi received the Dr. McSherry and Dr. Valli Scholarship for General Proficiency in Clinical Pathology and Dr. John H. Lumsden Graduate Scholarship in Clinical Pathology.

Rebecca Egan received the Professor Jeanne L. Burton Animal Health Scholarship.

Medhi Emam received the OVC Graduate Student Recognition Award.

Dr. Tyler Flockhart, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Guelph’s Ontario Veterinary College, won the 2015 Urban Animal Research Poster Award from the Urban Animal Foundation. Three OVC researchers were selected as finalists in the 2015 Research, Emerging Leader and Digital Journalist (IRED) Scholarship programs – Dr. Janet Cutler, Tyler Flockhart, and Tasha Welch.

Mei-Hua Hwang received the Tippy Atkins Scholarship.

Ryan Horricks received the Dr. J. Sherman Memorial Travel Grant.

Joelle Ingrao received the Pathology Scholarship of Graduate Student Excellence and Zoetis Graduate Student Research Prize.

Delphine Laniesse received the Canadian Parrot Symposium Award in Avian Studies and Roland A. W. Scott Memorial Scholarship

Amanda MacDonald received the Dr. Wilson Henderson Memorial Scholarship.

Catalina Medrano-Galarza, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Population Medicine, OVC, took top spot in the “My Research in 180 Seconds” contest at the Dairy Farmers of Canada Research Symposium in February 2016.

Marja Astrid Oscos Snowball received the Dr. Judith A. Taylor Memorial Graduate Scholarship.

Drs. Chris Pinelli and Courtney Schott, both won ACVP Trainee Travel Awards, two of only 10 travel awards presented. In addition to the ACVP Trainee Travel Award, Schott also received an ACVP Young Investigator Award. She also has received a Small Animal Graduate Research Scholarship and Korean-Canadian Dr. F. Schofield Memorial Scholarships.
Ben Potvin, OVC 2017, received a $7,500 Amstutz Scholarship at the 2015 American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Annual Conference.

Jamie Rothenburger received the Colonel Benjamin F. Leach Scholarship.

Chanel Schwartzentruber, OVC 2017, won first place in the student oral presentation program at the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) in July 2015.

Ryan Snyder received the Elanco Graduate Scholarship in Parasitology and Dr. Wilson Henderson Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Stinson received the Korean-Canadian Dr. F. Schofield Memorial Scholarships.

Laurence Tessier received the Soren Rosendal Memorial Research Prize.

Jacob van Vloten received the D.G. Ingram Graduate Travel Grant and Sharon Dunsmore Scholarship in Feline Studies.

Melissa Wagner, OVC 2017, received a $5,000 Merck Animal Health Student Recognition Award. The award recognizes veterinary students who are interested in dairy and/or beef veterinary medicine.

Dr. Charlotte Winder, DVSc student in OVC's Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, tied for first in the 2015 American Association of Bovine Practitioners Graduate Student Awards.

Claudia Wong, OVC 2016, was first runner-up and Rachel Manjos, OVC 2017, second runner-up, in the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition (AAVN) Case Report Competition in June 2015.

Research

Our research and graduate studies programs continue to enjoy an international reputation for excellence. Here are a few funding highlights:

In June 2015, OVC researchers and students received more than $1.4 million from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to support their work. In total, the University of Guelph received nearly $11.5 million from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to support the work of 80 faculty, researchers and students.

OVC researchers include: Patrick Boerlin, Pathobiology; Allan King, Biomedical Sciences; Stephen LeBlanc, Population Medicine; John Lumsden, Pathobiology; Neil MacLusky, Biomedical Sciences; Gabriela Mastromonaco, Biomedical Sciences; Jim Petrik, Biomedical Sciences; and Nicole Nemeth, Pathobiology; and graduate scholarships to students include Neda Barjesteh, Pathobiology; José Denis-Robichaud, Population Medicine; Carly Moody, Population Medicine; Maria Carla Rosales Gerpe, Pathobiology; and Kevin Stinson, Pathobiology.

Pathobiology professors Nicole Nemeth and Leonardo Susta teamed up and received a $125,000 grant to advance their studies in infectious avian diseases. The Ontario Veterinary College professors will investigate novel, emerging and re-emerging viral pathogens in hopes of improving disease surveillance, control and prevention.

Byram Bridle, a viral immunologist in the Department of Pathobiology, received a $450,000 grant from the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI), the research arm of the Terry Fox Foundation. Bridle will test an innovative vaccine in the first-ever canine osteosarcoma clinical trial, to take place in the Ontario Veterinary College’s Mona Campbell Centre for Animal Cancer.

Dr. Bonnie Mallard, Pathobiology, will play a key role in a new $9.8-million national research project to enhance Canada’s pork industry. Mallard is part of a team that will develop genomics tools for selecting pigs able to resist multiple diseases, improving animal health and food quality and safety. The researchers recently received funding from Genome Canada’s “Genomics and Feeding the Future” large-scale project competition.

University of Guelph scientists working to improve cancer therapy for dogs — and potentially to enhance human cancer treatment — received a $100,000 grant from Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE). Principal investigator is Brenda Coomber, OVC Biomedical Sciences and co-director of U of G’s Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigation (ICCI), will work with Rna Diagnostics to study dogs with advanced lymphoma, one of the most prevalent canine cancers. This project builds on her research begun in 2013 with the Toronto-based company.

Bovine Education Trust

Established by the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners and OVC with start-up funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Bovine Education Trust builds upon a longstanding tradition of veterinary practitioners mentoring students.
Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association Student Awards

Margaret A. B. Maxwell Memorial Graduate Scholarship: Katie Clow
OVC Alumni Association Spirit Prize Phase 2: Christie Limbrick
OVC Alumni Association Spirit Prize Phase 3: Patrick Boelsterli
OVC Alumni Association Robert Clarke Public Health Prize: Irene Chhay

Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association Alumni Awards

Each year, the OVC Alumni Association highlights the accomplishments and contributions of a few of our outstanding alumni.

The OVC Distinguished Alumnus award recognizes OVC graduates who have brought honour to their alma mater and fellow alumni through their contributions to alumni affairs, education, community, their profession, country and the sciences. The OVC AA Young Alumnus award recognizes alumni who have made a significant contribution in their field within 15 years of graduation. The OVC AA Alumni Volunteer award celebrates OVC graduates who bring honour and recognition to the College by giving generously of their time within the college, in their community or veterinary organization.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

This year’s Distinguished Alumnus award is presented to Dr. Ted Clark OVC 1966. After he graduated he practiced veterinary medicine in a farm animal practice in Unity and then in Rosthern Saskatchewan from 1966 to 1975. Ted enrolled in Post Graduate Studies at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1975 and received his Master of Veterinary Science in 1977. He became a Diagnostic Pathologist with the Veterinary Services Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of agriculture from 1977-1980 and then in the same role with the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Prairie Diagnostic Service Inc. until 2005. During this time he became a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Ted has also been a professor at both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Calgary in their veterinary programs and been an author or co-author of over 60 scientific papers and a large number of presentations to students, industry and government organizations in many countries including Switzerland, Denmark, Portugal, England, Scotland, New Zealand, Austria and Argentina. He has also worked for the Care Centre Specialty Small Animal Hospital in Calgary and Antech Laboratories in Calgary over the last decade. Dr. Clark was part of a team that discovered Porcine Circovirus associated diseases, in 1996. This discovery has led to control measures for this once catastrophic disease. He is currently an adjunct professor with the University of Calgary faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

During his career Ted has developed a dermatopathology specialty, evolving into the skin biopsy service still currently offered by The Western College of Veterinary Medicine. And for the future he is co-authoring an ‘Atlas of Bovine Diseases,’ with 2 US Board certified pathologists, with an expected publication date in 2017.

Ted has been recognized for his excellent work by being awarded the Veterinarian of the Year Award by the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians (2002), Veterinarian of the Year, Saskatchewan Veterinary Association (1996) and Laboratorian of the year by the National Animal Health Laboratorians Network (2010).
Dr. Jackie Parr is the recipient of the Young Alumnus award. Dr. Parr graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2009 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) after completing her Bachelor of Science Honors (BScH) in Animal Biology at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph. In 2009, she started a rotating internship in Emergency, Medicine and Surgery at Angell Animal Medical Centre in Boston, MA. During her internship, Dr. Parr was awarded the prestigious Dr. Sharon Drellich Memorial Award for professionalism, collegiality, and compassion. Dr. Parr continued her clinical studies with her Residency in Veterinary Clinical Nutrition through the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN) also at Angell Animal Medical Centre in 2010. In 2013, she returned to the Ontario Veterinary College to complete a post-doctoral fellowship with the Nutrition Program in the Department of Clinical Studies and the OVC Health Science Centre’s Clinical Nutrition Service under the supervision of Dr. Adronie Verbrugghe.

In 2015 she completed her studies and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (DACVN). In 2015, Dr. Parr started a full-time position as a Veterinary Clinical Nutritionist at Royal Canin in Aberfoyle, Ontario, where she remains employed today. In addition to working full time at Royal Canin, she has used her personal holidays and lieu time to be a sessional lecturer at OVC during Dr. Verbrugghe’s maternity leave. She gave over 20 hours of lecture to Phase 1-3 students, ran the Phase 1 nutrition assignment and OSCEs, and offered the Phase 4 Clinical Nutrition Rotation twice. In addition to her work as a sessional lecturer, she was awarded adjunct faculty status in Fall 2015. She is an advisory committee member for Georgia Kritikos’ Masters’ program which involves assessing blood thiamine status in dogs and cats. Dr. Parr wrote both research grants for this thiamine research and was awarded grants from both OVC Pet Trust and AAVN-Waltham. Dr. Parr meets with Ms. Kritikos every two weeks and reviews all blood work for the study on weekends. Dr. Parr also continues to provide support to Amanda Santarossa’s Masters’ program and recently edited her research abstract for submission to upcoming nutrition conferences. Dr. Parr will also be co-advising a summer student with Dr. Jason Coe this summer. She currently lives in Hamilton with her two dogs, Chickpea and Hennessy. She also spends a lot of time in Stratford, Ontario where her sister and father live.

Dr. Chip Coombs is the recipient of the OVC Alumni Volunteer Award. His commitment is obvious when one reviews his contributions since his graduation from OVC in 1976. Upon graduation, Chip practiced in England, where he received his Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS) status. Subsequently, Chip practiced in western Canada and the US prior to ownership of a multi-veterinarian practice in Toronto where he worked for 33 years, retiring in 2010. Chip has always been and remains a respected and honourable member of the veterinary community.

Chip has served on many professional executive boards and committees within the veterinary industry including:

- The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) where he served on a number of committees, including the CVMA Pet Food Certification Committee for 14 years.
- College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) (Various committees)
- Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine (TAVM) (former director)
- Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) (former director)
- OVC Alumni Association (former director)
- University of Guelph: Advisory Council on Continuing Education
- OVC Pet Trust (current Chair and valued trustee since 2010)
- Veterinarians Without Boarders (Current board member)
- Community Veterinary Outreach (Current volunteer for homeless clinics)

In addition, Dr. Coombs has volunteered on a number of Boards outside the veterinary profession and has authored articles for veterinary journals, pet magazines, and newspapers, including his own syndicated column. Throughout his career, he’s provided management-consulting services to numerous private practices and pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Chip is a strong believer in pet insurance, and as such, has worked in an advisory capacity to industry professionals for almost 25 years. He is currently the owner of Coombs Veterinary Consulting, and serves as the Chief Veterinary Officer of Pets+Us, a pet health insurance company.
On behalf of the OVC development team, thank you to our alumni supporters. You are helping to provide the next generation of student veterinarians with a first-class education and improve the health and welfare of all species. We are so grateful for your support and we look forward to continually earning your confidence.

OVC 2015/2016 Priorities

Class Projects
The past year has been a big one for OVC and many classes have enjoyed great support and success in their efforts to launch and/or complete their projects.

Surgery and Anesthesia Facilities
This is a 9 million campaign to completely renovate the surgical and anesthesia facilities at OVC. The improved facilities and equipment will provide new learning opportunities for students and ensure their education is on the cutting edge. To date, we have raised $6.5 million towards this goal.

OVC Highest Priority Account
The Highest Priority Account is an unrestricted fundraising initiative that focuses on meeting the overall needs of the college. Funds generated in support of the Dean’s Fund are used, at the Dean’s discretion, for areas of greatest student need and innovative programs within the College, whether they are scholarships, bursaries, equipment renewals, collaboration amongst faculty and students, or student experience opportunities.

OVC Student Assistance
With rising tuition costs and related fees, the student experience is becoming increasingly more expensive. At the University of Guelph we recognize that financial capacity should not be a barrier to any student’s academic potential. Student assistance provides a means to offset these ever increasing costs as well as support student learning. Funds allocated to this area will be used to establish and enhance undergraduate (ie: DVM), upper-year scholarships and graduate scholarships within the College.

Preserving Veterinarian History
OVC houses the largest veterinary museum collection in Canada, with over 12,000 artifacts and rare books. The collection is managed by its Curator Dr. Lisa Cox, who is an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of History at the University of Guelph. For the last few years, Dr. Cox has been working on redeveloping the collection as well as improving the preservation, conservation, and access to the collection through scholarly historical research and new exhibitions.
OVC 2015/2016 Dollars Raised

Annual Fund $1,905,989
Major Gifts $5,698,460
Planned Giving $919,653
Total $8,524,102

Historical OVC Results

2015/2016 $8.5 million
2014/2015 $6.3 million
2013/2014 $6.3 million
2012/2013 $4.2 million
2011/2012 $4.6 million
2010/2011 $5.8 million
2009/2010 $8.1 million
2008/2009 $9.5 million
2007/2008 $11.1 million
2006/2007 $4.0 million
2005/2006 $3.8 million
Total: $63,674,204.00

Historical University Wide Results

2015/2016 $31.17 million
2014/2015 $25.18 million
2013/2014 $31.93 million
2012/2013 $28.5 million
2011/2012 $27.5 million
2010/2011 $22.9 million
2009/2010 $21.3 million
2008/2009 $15.9 million
2007/2008 $20.8 million
2006/2007 $15.3 million
2005/2006 $12.3 million
Total: $252,262,738.00
It has been another very successful year for OVC Pet Trust. $5,255,032 was raised in 2015/2016. This figure is an increase of 80 per cent from the previous fiscal year. Funds raised via OVC Pet Trust support health care, research and education at the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) at the University of Guelph. Specifically, we support innovative discoveries that improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of companion animals; we train veterinarians to provide exceptional healthcare for pets and provide leading-edge facilities and equipment for the OVC Health Sciences Centre.

We launched a new $9-million fundraising campaign in Fall 2015 to create new surgery and anesthesia facilities at the Ontario Veterinary College, and to date we are pleased to report we have more than $6.5 million committed. Every year, OVC helps more than 2,000 dogs, cats and other pets. Approximately 90 per cent of our patients suffer from serious illnesses, such as advanced cancer, heart disease, liver failure, orthopedic and urinary tract diseases. Fifty per cent of our patients require some type of surgery or minimally invasive procedure to treat their condition, and nearly 75 per cent undergo anesthesia for a specialized procedure such as advanced imaging or endoscopy. New facilities will allow OVC to create a new world-class facility, remain at the forefront of veterinary medicine, raise the standard of care and provide the most advanced surgical and anesthesia techniques, diagnoses and treatment in Canada. We are very pleased with the progress we’ve made on this project, and couldn’t have done it without the generous support of our donors, supporters and partners.

25 new research projects were funded this year. Studies are underway in various areas of companion animal medicine, including standardizing diagnosis of canine epilepsy; investigating methods to increase safety of blood transfusion in dogs and cats; identifying improved tools for diagnosis, prognosis and therapy of bone cancer in dogs; compassion fatigue and burnout in veterinarians in Ontario and engineering a superior vaccine to treat canine melanoma, as well as others. You can find more details about funded studies at https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/pettrust/investing-discoveries.

OVC Pet Trust is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2016, and we have many exciting initiatives planned for the coming year. Please connect with us on social media to stay updated and learn more.

We’re on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ovcpet) and Twitter (@OVCPetTrust).
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Communications Report:

Jane Dawkins and Karen Mantel, OVC Marketing Communications Officers

Report on Communications
During 2015 OVC’s communications team continued to launch and sustain innovative communication projects to grow reach, deepen conversations and expand engagement with our audiences including: future and existing students, staff, faculty, alumni, colleagues at fellow universities, private and government funding agencies and the broader community, as well as to raise the profile of the Ontario Veterinary College and increase awareness of the role of veterinarians in society.

The communications and marketing team continue to develop communications and promotional materials to support key initiatives from the OVC’s five-year Integrated Plan, including the Poultry Health Research Network, Dairy at Guelph, swine research initiatives, One Health and Ecosystems Approaches to Health, Hill’s Pet Nutrition Primary Healthcare Centre, Health Sciences Centre services, and ongoing research activities.

We are continuing our collaborative relationship with the UofG Office of Research with an OVC SPARK (Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge) writer exclusively devoted to reporting about OVC research stories. SPARK has numerous strategic alliances with the media which provides another avenue to share OVC research with a broad audience.

Awards
In Winter 2016 the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) won a gold award and an honourable mention in the 2016 Hermes Creative Awards competition. OVC earned a gold award in the marketing materials category for its “Friends Together for Longer” fundraising campaign for Pet Trust. It also won an honourable mention for its Instagram site.

The Hermes Creative Awards program is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of traditional and emerging media. The program is administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, an international organization consisting of several thousand marketing, communication, advertising, public relations, media production and freelance professionals.

More than 6,000 entries were submitted for the 2016 competition. This is the first time OVC has submitted material to the Hermes Creative Awards.

Live streaming lecture series and special events
The OVC Marketing Communications team has continued to live stream/tweet during Veterinary Team Appreciation Rounds from the OVC’s Health Sciences Centre. These continuing education sessions are held monthly for veterinarians and their support teams during the academic year. Offering live online and free access to these events has opened global conversations on relevant veterinary medical topics such as oncology, radiology, cardiology, anesthesiology, and nutrition. Viewership includes Canada, the United States, Brazil, India, Australia and more.

OVC has also started to record and live stream department guest speakers and lecture series.
The Externship Blog Project 2016:
We are continuing our successful Externship Blog Project in 2016 with eight student bloggers. This social media-based project, originated in 2014, highlights the experience of student veterinarians during their externship placement. Students submit weekly posts about their experiences with creative freedom to talk about their work through writing, photos or video creation. Blogs are posted to the OVC website and social channels. The college has received tremendous interest from veterinary, agricultural and main stream social media.

Follow our student veterinarians this summer as they post articles and videos about their experiences in mixed animal practices across Ontario at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/externship.

Ramping Up Social Media
Social media has become more and more important in OVC’s approach to sharing information with students, staff, faculty, alumni, industry and the general public.

Our goal has been to build and foster a stronger sense of community within our social networks and to drive traffic to those networks by connecting them with more traditional communication efforts. Examples include providing links to articles published on the OVC website or in the OVC Bulletin e-newsletter, cross-promoting OVC’s social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, including social media addresses in advertisements, live tweeting from events, and more.

OVC has expanded its social media efforts on Instagram and Snapchat, offering a peak into what goes into a veterinary education. With over 650 Instagram posts, almost 15,000 followers and over 102,000 post ‘Likes’, OVC is proud to have the largest following of any veterinary college worldwide. This summer we are celebrating our alumni mentors by asking you to help us show what happens in vet school. Share your photos of our students treating patients and hard at work with your veterinary teams.

Tag us in on Instagram with @OntVetCollege or email your pics to ovcrelations@uoguelph.ca to be featured.

If you’re not doing so already, please be sure to follow OVC on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ontariovetcollege
www.facebook.com/OVCAlum

Twitter: @ontvetcollege

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/OntarioVetCollege

Instagram: user: OntVetCollege

Snapchat: user: OntVetCollege

Traditional ‘Channels’
We are also continuing our traditional communications efforts using a mix of print and electronic communications products, including:

The Crest, OVC’s alumni newsletter, published three times per year
Best Friends of Pet Trust, a donor recognition and stewardship newsletter published twice per year
OVC Bulletin, a weekly electronic internal newsletter.

During 2015, Bulletin has been transformed to better categorize contents, including news, stories, research updates, announcements, College and student events. Links are included to UofG Centres at OVC and other networks, encouraging an integrated approach to communications across the College. Each newsletter includes links to all social media channels to encourage followers and a call to share story and research updates with marketing communications. Alumni who have a story idea, can contact ovcrelations@uoguelph.ca.

We continue to liaison with UofG communications and media relations to ensure OVC news and stories are included in broader UofG communications such as At Guelph, news releases, and the Portico.
Proposed Slate of Officers:

**OVC Alumni Association Board of Directors:**

**President:**
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