

# FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

## THE CARL NORDEN-PFIZER DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

This award, selected by members of the fourth-year class, goes to a full-time member of the veterinary medical faculty who has demonstrated continued excellence in teaching.

*Dr. Daniel J. Fletcher*

## OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESIDENT AWARD

This honor is awarded to a resident judged to demonstrate exemplary compassion for animal patients and clients, outstanding clinical proficiency in the management of Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital patients, and noteworthy dedication to the training of veterinary students. The recipient is selected by a vote of the fourth-year class.

*To be announced at Hooding*

## OUTSTANDING VETERINARY TECHNICIAN AWARD

This honor is awarded to a licensed veterinary technician working in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals who is judged to demonstrate noteworthy dedication to the training of veterinary students, exemplary compassion for animal patients and clients, and outstanding technical and nursing proficiency. The recipient is selected by a vote of the fourth-year class.

*Paula Wilcox*

# Honor Day Program

College of Veterinary Medicine  
Cornell University



# Prizes and Awards

## THE AMERICAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award is presented to the fourth-year student demonstrating outstanding proficiency in small animal medicine and surgery. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

*Christine Elizabeth Fahey*

## THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' AWARD

This award is given to a fourth-year student exemplifying clinical proficiency in anesthesia. The recipient is nominated by the anesthesia faculty, residents and staff.

*John Anthony Megaro*

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS' AWARD

This award is presented to a fourth-year student for special interest and accomplishment in feline medicine and surgery. Selection of the recipient is made by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

*Ryane Edith Englar*

## THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGISTS' AWARD

Awarded to a fourth-year student who, as judged by faculty and residents in the Section of Ophthalmology, has distinguished himself/herself by outstanding performance on the clinical ophthalmology rotation and shows exceptional interest and potential in the specialty.

*Andrew Nicholas Cartoceti*

## THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY RADIOLOGY PRIZE

This award is given in recognition of outstanding enthusiasm and understanding in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. The fourth-year student nominated for excelling in radiology is:

*Rebecca Marina Rosenberg*

## THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS' AWARD

This award is given to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated outstanding motivation and interest in the art and science of veterinary surgery. The two students selected for this award are:

*Small Animal - Michele Ann Keyerleber*

*Large Animal - Anne Adams Ward*

## THE DOROTHY SULLIVAN PRIZE

From an endowment established in 1996 through the bequest of Dorothy "Dottie" Sullivan, a long-time employee of Cornell and the College's Office of Student Services. This prize is awarded to the fourth-year student whose interests and exemplary efforts as ambassador have strengthened and enriched the activities, outreach, image and environment of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

*Julio López*

## THE ANNA OLAFSON SUSSEX PATHOLOGY AWARD

This award was endowed in 1974 by Peter and Harriette Olafson in memory of Dr. Olafson's sister. The award is given to a third-year student who has done outstanding work in pathology. Recommendations are made by faculty actively engaged in teaching pathology.

*Sean Thomas Spagnoli*

## THE JACOB TRAUM AWARD

Through an endowment established by friends of Jacob Traum, '05, Professor of Bacteriology Emeritus, University of California, and formerly Chief Scientist at the Federal Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory, this prize is awarded to the fourth-year student who is judged by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology as having exhibited superior interest and accomplishment in bacteriology, epizootiology, pathology, and virology, including an aptitude for and expressed interest in research on infectious diseases.

*Michele Ann Keyerleber*

## THE VECCS AWARD

The Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society sponsors this award given to a fourth-year student who is a member of the student chapter of VECCS and has demonstrated excellence, interest, and proficiency in the field of small animal emergency and critical care medicine. The recipient is chosen by the small animal clinical faculty.

*Anya Nicole Gambino*

## THE HORACE K. WHITE PRIZE

An endowment for this prize was originally given by Mr. Horace K. White (and later his sons of Syracuse, New York) for the student with the highest academic record during their veterinary training. This award, originally called the President's Prize, dates back to 1873 and is probably the longest-standing prize at Cornell. The original donor was a brother to Andrew Dickson White, the first president of the University.

*To be announced at Hooding*

### **THE COLONEL FLOYD C. SAGER EQUINE OBSTETRICS AND PEDIATRICS AWARD**

This award, created on the occasion of Dr. Sager's 90th birthday in 1984 by another Cornellian who trained under Dr. Sager, recognizes a Cornell veterinarian whose name is synonymous with excellence in equine obstetrics and pediatrics. Following Dr. Sager's graduation in 1917, he served in the army Remount Service until after World War II. He then became the veterinarian for the world famous Claiborne Farm in Kentucky where he remained until his death in February, 1986. The fourth-year student receiving this award, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, has displayed outstanding aptitude in equine obstetrics and pediatrics.

*Roseanna Marie Vinti*

### **SIMMONS AND ASSOCIATES CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

In 2003, Simmons and Associates Educational Trust was established as a not-for-profit educational trust to award and recognize the third-year veterinary student who has distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating a keen interest or measurable aptitude for the pursuit of excellence in the business of small animal medicine. The recipient of this award will be eligible for the Simmons and Associates national essay contest award.

*Heather Marie Lago*

### **THE PAMELA SLACK AWARD**

This prize, contributed by the Mid-Atlantic States Association of Avian Veterinarians, is to be awarded to the third-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding competence and motivation in various areas of avian medicine. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in avian diseases and clinical avian medicine, including the advisor of the Avian Clinic.

*Peter John Sepp*

### **THE ISIDOR I. SPRECKER WILDLIFE MEDICINE AWARD**

This award was established in 1996 by Esther Schiff Bondareff, '37 in honor of her friend, Isidor Sprecker, D.V.M. '39 as a testimony to her admiration of him and her keen interest in improving the quality of veterinary health in zoo animals. This award is presented annually to a third- or fourth-year veterinary student in good academic standing, with a strong interest in pursuing a career in zoo and wildlife medicine. This year the faculty selected a fourth- year student.

*Brian Gregory Stockinger*

### **THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LABORATORY ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS**

This award recognizes a third or fourth year veterinary student who has demonstrated extraordinary potential in the field of lab animal medicine. Nominations are made by the Cornell Center for Animal Resources and Education (CARE) veterinarians, who are ASLAP members, based on demonstration of interest and aptitude in the field of laboratory animal medicine. The fourth year nominated for the award this year is:

*Amy Elizabeth Cassano*

### **THE AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRIZE**

This prize is presented to one member of the fourth-year class who is deemed to have best advanced the standing of the College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus by special contributions of an extracurricular nature.

*Corinne Nicole Lemay*

### **THE JAMES GORDON BENNETT PRIZE**

In 1916, Mr. James Gordon Bennett of New York City endowed this prize for the fourth-year student who shows the greatest humaneness in handling animals, with special reference to the use of anesthesia. Mr. Bennett was the editor of the New York Herald (forerunner of the Herald Tribune) a century ago; a man of diverse abilities and interests; he is the person who dispatched Henry M. Stanley in 1870 to find Dr. David Livingstone in Africa. Nominations are made by the faculty of the Section of Anesthesiology in the Department of Clinical Sciences.

*Pasquale Meleleo*

### **THE ANNE BESSE PRIZE**

Miss A. B. Jennings of New York City endowed this prize in 1925 for the best work in food animal medicine. Nominations are made by the Medicine Section faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences.

*Katherine Hayes Anderson*

*Jessica Worobey Arrigan*

### **THE FRANK BLOOM PATHOLOGY AWARD**

This prize was established in 1978 from an endowment given by Dr. Frank Bloom. Dr. Bloom, a 1930 Cornell graduate, was a Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, as well as a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He practiced in Flushing, New York, taught at Downstate Medical and published extensively. The nomination of a fourth-year student excelling in pathology was made by Department of Biomedical Sciences faculty specializing in pathology.

*Sarah Delia Cramer*

### **THE GARY BOLTON MEMORIAL CARDIOLOGY AWARD**

Funds for the endowment of this award were donated by friends and colleagues of Dr. Gary R. Bolton in memory of his outstanding contributions to the field of small animal cardiology. Dr. Bolton was a member of the faculty and taught cardiology for a decade. He was also known and respected as a compassionate veterinarian who exhibited empathy for his patients and their owners. A fourth-year student, who has demonstrated understanding and expertise in cardiology and empathy for patients compatible with the philosophy of Dr. Bolton, has been nominated by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### THE CHARLES GROSS BONDY PRIZE

In 1929, Mr. Richard Bondy of New York City endowed this prize as a memorial to his son for the best work by a student in the fourth year in the courses in practical medicine and surgery of small animals. Nominations were made by the faculty of the Medicine and Surgery Sections of the Department of Clinical Sciences responsible for teaching in the Companion Animal Hospital.

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### THE JOHN F. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

John Cummings, BS '58, DVM '62, MS '63, PhD '66, James Law Professor of Anatomy, had a long, distinguished career at Cornell as teacher, researcher and mentor to both veterinary and graduate students. He was an exciting and inspiring teacher, known for his interest in, patience with and compassion for students. Dr. Cummings was also a researcher in comparative neuropathology, internationally renowned for his work with animal models of human neurologic diseases. His untimely death on November 3, 1996 filled everyone who knew him with great sadness. Dr. Cummings was the kind of person that many of us aspire to be. He was a modest person, of the highest integrity, who knew the importance of family, community and social responsibility and who had broad interests, knowledge and expertise outside, as well as within veterinary medicine. He approached every aspect of life with enthusiasm, honesty, integrity, and a legendary sense of humor and wit. He respected and cared for others, and earned their respect and admiration in return. The College of Veterinary Medicine Classes of 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 established a fund to provide an annual award to be given to a member of the 3rd year class who best exemplifies these qualities of Dr. Cummings. Students in any of the four veterinary classes can nominate a member of the 3rd year class for this award. The recipient of the award is then chosen by a faculty committee from among those students nominated.

*Daniel Joseph Shillito*

### THE A. GORDON DANKS LARGE ANIMAL SURGERY AWARD

This award was initiated in 1978 by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences to recognize the outstanding contributions of Professor Emeritus A. Gordon Danks, first Director of Student Administration and Admissions and Chairman of the former Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. It is presented to a fourth-year student demonstrating outstanding knowledge and talent in the diagnosis and treatment of surgical problems of large animals. Basic and applied knowledge, diagnostic abilities, general surgical skills, and patient care exhibited during the clinical rotations are considered in the presentation of this award. This year the faculty has selected two students for the award.

*Kara Lynette Spillman  
Anna Elizabeth Sweetman*

### THE DAPHNE AWARD

This award was established to recognize clinical proficiency and assist new graduates beginning a career in a practice setting. It is awarded to a small number of graduating students who exemplify excellence in the practice of veterinary medicine; whose knowledge, professional skills, compassion, and high standards of patient care promise to advance a legacy of excellence throughout their professional careers.

*Michele Ann Keyerleber      Sara Emilia Gomez-Ibanez  
Julio López                      Christine Louise Wimer*

### THE PHILOTHERIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZE

The Philotherian Photographic Prize, endowed in 1972 by the late Dr. and Mrs. Hadley C. Stephenson, is given to the veterinary student who has taken the best photograph of an animal in its environment. In a letter about the prize, Dr. Stephenson said "the members of the veterinary profession possess a feeling for the animals ... [and] ... we wish to encourage the expression of that feeling". The photographs are judged by a committee of College faculty and staff members on originality, individuality of the animal and its enjoyment of its surroundings, the effect it has on the judges, and suitability for framing.

*First Place: Leslie Lynn Diaz '10  
Second Place: Stacie Anne Somes '08  
Third Place: Joseph Russell Clauss '11*

### THE PHI ZETA AWARD

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta, the honor society of veterinary medicine, acknowledges the second-year student with the best academic record upon completion of the first three semesters of study.

*Sophie Lubiek Kartika*

### THE WILLIAM C. REBHUN AND SAMUEL GORDON CAMPBELL AWARD

Through an endowment established in 2000 by the Rebhun and Campbell families, the William C. Rebhun and Samuel Gordon Campbell Award recognizes a fourth-year student who, while on clinical rotations, has demonstrated a practical and reliable work ethic, a passion for discussing casework with colleagues, faculty, and staff, and a balanced and active life away from the veterinary college. These qualities were espoused by William C. Rebhun, (DVM, Cornell University, 1971, ACVIM, ACVO) and S. Gordon Campbell (BVSc, University of Glasgow, 1956, MVSc, Toronto University, 1959, PhD, Cornell University, 1964, Associate Dean 1980-1985) who were both well-known and respected teachers in the College of Veterinary Medicine, with a combined service to the College that spanned three decades. Both men shared a vision of veterinary medicine as an essentially human endeavor, tempered by practical thought, tolerant ideals, and passionate and regular discourse. They were adamant proponents that ideas must be discussed openly and that debate and disagreement were an integral part of the learning process. Both men also shared a keen belief that the intense academics of Cornell University must be balanced and informed by a full life away from the classroom and clinic. They shared a love of the practical aspects of farming, were avid athletes, and, more often than not, could be found either with their families and friends or outdoors when not at the College. They met all people with an open hand and treated everyone with a sincere equality that cultivated a broad spectrum of friendships from all sides of the communities in which they lived. They also were adamant that all people should be treated with fairness. The recipient of this award also will have demonstrated an egalitarian approach to clinical work, meeting clients, patients, staff, fellow students, and faculty with equal respect and care.

The Rebhun and Campbell families established this award to focus on the philosophies and traits that reflect the contributions of Dr. Rebhun and Dr. Campbell to veterinary medicine.

*Carolyn Beth Deshaies*

### **THE NEW YORK STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL SOCIETY PRIZE**

This prize, which consists of an engraved plaque and a cash award, is provided annually by the Society for the best Senior Seminar. Members of the fourth-year class are eligible to compete. Nominations are made by the Senior Seminar Committee which judges the quality of the seminars. This year the committee has selected:

*Andrea Lea Williamson*

The Senior Seminar Committee would also like to recognize the following students with Honorable Mention Awards:

*Bret Carlson Andrea      Christopher James Hilton      Julio López*

### **THE LEONARD PEARSON VETERINARY PRIZE**

This award, endowed in 1993, is for the fourth-year student who most successfully demonstrates the potential for professional and/or academic leadership in veterinary medicine.

*To be announced at Hooding*

### **THE NOVARTIS PARASITOLOGY AWARD**

Novartis Animal Health US, Inc established this award to honor a fourth year student who has demonstrated exemplary achievement in the area of parasitology based on course grades, aptitude and extra-curricular interests in clinically pertinent parasitology research. Nominations are made by the faculty engaged in teaching parasitology.

*Lauren Rachael Talarico*

### **THE NOVARTIS SURGICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

The Novartis Animal Health US, Inc awards this prize to fourth-year students who demonstrate outstanding surgical skills and academics. Nominations are made by faculty members in the Department of Clinical Sciences.

*Small Animal - Kristen Alexandra Phair*

*Large Animal - Marc Andrew Kinsley*

### **THE PFIZER VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Pfizer Animal Health established this award to foster veterinary medical education by recognizing the outstanding third-year student who, through his or her ability, dedication and character, attains a high level of academic achievement and productivity.

*Michele M. Barrett*

### **THE PFIZER CLINICAL AWARDS**

Pfizer Animal Health gives these prizes to students considered to be the most proficient in the practice of large animal and small animal medicine. Nominations for these awards are made by the faculty members of the respective departments.

*Bret Carlson Andrea - Small Animal Medicine*

*Lina Nafisah Mohamed - Specialty Team Award - Anesthesia*

*Kristen Alexandra Phair - Specialty Team Award - Dermatology*

*David James Raczek - Specialty Team Award - Internal Medicine*

*Michelle Renee Borek - Dairy Production Medicine*

*Elizabeth Alice Fish - Equine Medicine*

### **THE DONALD DELAHANTY MEMORIAL PRIZE**

This prize was established as a special memorial to Dr. Donald D. Delahanty, a member of the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery from 1952 to 1975. The prize is given to a fourth-year student showing an interest in equine practice and a high level of proficiency in the field. The candidate is nominated by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences concerned with the equine patient.

*Anna Judith Schliessmann*

### **THE DERMATOLOGY SERVICE AWARD**

DVM Pharmaceuticals, Inc. sponsored this award to recognize excellence and interest in clinical dermatology. The recipient was selected by the faculty involved in teaching clinical dermatology.

*Christopher James Hilton*

### **THE HUGH DUKES PRIZE IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY**

This prize was established by former students and friends of Dr. H. Hugh Dukes, who was a pioneer in the education of students in physiology and who served the University and College for 28 years as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physiology. With a view to encouraging veterinary graduates to undertake research and teaching in physiology the prize is awarded upon the judgment of the veterinary physiology teaching faculty to a veterinary student who has done excellent work in physiology laboratory courses and shows potential for teaching and contributing new knowledge to physiology. Nominations may be made by any faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### **THE ETTINGER INCENTIVE AWARD**

Dr. Stephen Ettinger, Class of 1964, established this award to provide encouragement to all veterinary medical students at Cornell. The award, Dr. Ettinger's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, is given to a second-year student who has made the greatest improvement in cumulative GPA between the first and second year.

*Andrea Yu - Ching Tu*

### **THE HOWARD E. EVANS AWARD IN COMPARATIVE ANATOMY**

In 1994, on the occasion of his 50th year class reunion, Dr. Howard Evans '44 and his wife Erica generously endowed this scholarship to be awarded by the faculty of the Department of Anatomy. The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage student participation in anatomical endeavors that pertain to the gross structure or function of any animal (particularly fish, reptile or bird). This year the faculty selected a second-year student.

*Susanne B. Patashnick*

### **THE MYRON G. FINCHER PRIZE**

This award was initiated in 1980 through an endowment from Dr. Neil W. Pieper, '32, given in honor of Professor Emeritus Myron G. Fincher, '20. It is in recognition of the many contributions to the College by Dr. Fincher. Always a gentleman, he firmly demanded the best from his students and played a leading role in the instruction of large animal medicine and obstetrics for 45 years. It is presented to a fourth-year student demonstrating the best work in courses dealing with large animal obstetrics and reproductive diseases. Academic as well as practical performance is considered. Nominations are made by the Section of Theriogenology in consultation with other clinical faculty.

*Allison Linnet Nagel*

### THE FINGER LAKES KENNEL CLUB AWARD

This award is presented to a veterinary student who has demonstrated an interest in purebred dogs. Students in any class year are eligible. This year the recipient is a first-year student:

*Mary Leona Bellosa*

### THE GENTLE DOCTOR AWARD

The Gentle Doctor Award was originally made possible by Dr. William Hornbuckle's contribution of prize money from the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award received by him in 1979. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kirk established a permanent endowment fund for the continuation of this award. The recipient of the award is a fourth-year student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, exemplifies enthusiasm, motivation and dedication to the delivery of excellent veterinary patient care.

*Alyssa Bach Hughes*

### THE ALAN HART CLINICAL PROFICIENCY AWARD

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. created this award in memory of Dr. Alan Hart, successful practitioner and internationally known consultant and expert in the field of veterinary clinical pathology. The award goes to a fourth-year student judged by the faculty to have displayed exceptional proficiency in diagnostic clinical pathology and its practical application to clinical cases.

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### THE HILL'S "BUDDY" AWARD

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., established this award to honor a fourth-year student who has demonstrated excellent problem solving ability, knowledge and application of principles of nutrition throughout the stages of life, as well as in clinical disease in small animal medicine and surgery. The recipient is selected by members of the clinical faculty and those involved in teaching and counseling on clinical nutrition.

*David Szabo*

### THE GRANT SHERMAN HOPKINS PRIZE

The endowment for this prize was given by Ms. Ann Ottaway Hopkins in 1955 in memory of her husband who had served the University and College for 45 years as Professor of Veterinary Anatomy. It is awarded upon the recommendation of the anatomy faculty in the Department of Biomedical Sciences on the basis of interest, ability, perseverance, and performance in work in that department.

*Anne Adams Ward*

### THE P. PHILIP LEVINE PRIZE IN AVIAN MEDICINE

This prize was established from donations made by friends and colleagues of Dr. P. Philip Levine in memory of his many contributions to the field of avian medicine, both nationally and internationally. Dr. Levine was a long-time member of the Cornell faculty and was the first chairman of the Department of Avian Diseases. Much of his life was dedicated to the training of young people and to encouraging them to aspire to excellence. In the spirit of encouraging excellence, this prize is awarded to a veterinary student excelling in avian medicine.

*Andrew Nicholas Cartoceti*

### THE MERCK MANUAL AWARDS

Merck and Company, Inc., gives engraved copies of the Merck Veterinary Manual to members of the fourth year who will graduate highest in their class. In alphabetical order, the recipients in the Class of 2008 are:

*Bret Carlson Andrea*

*Christine Elizabeth Fahey*

*Lina Nafisah Mohamed*

*Anne Adams Ward*

*Andrew Nicholas Cartoceti*

*Michele Ann Keyerleber*

*David James Raczek*

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### THE JANE MILLER PRIZE

Funds for the endowment of this prize were given by Dr. Frank H. Miller, a graduate of McGill University and a trustee of Cornell University for twenty consecutive years. As a memorial to his wife, the prize is awarded to a member of the second-year class who has done the best work in veterinary physiology. Candidates are nominated by the physiology faculty in Department of Biomedical Sciences.

*Sophie Lubiek Kartika*

### THE MALCOLM E. MILLER AWARD

In 1965, Ms. Mary Wells Miller Ewing established this award in memory of her husband, Dr. Malcolm E. Miller, '34, a former professor of anatomy and the head of that department from 1947 to 1960. The recipient is to be a fourth-year student who, in the judgment of the Dean, has demonstrated perseverance, scholastic diligence, and other personal characteristics that will bring credit and distinction to the veterinary profession.

*To be announced at Hooding*

### THE MARY LOUISE MOORE PRIZE

Dr. Veranus A. Moore established this endowed prize as a memorial to his wife for the best work in bacteriology. Dr. Moore served as Chairman of the Pathology and Bacteriology Department and as Dean of the Veterinary College from 1908 to 1930. Nominations are made by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

*Heather Michelle Wright*

### THE NEUROANATOMY AND CLINICAL NEUROLOGY PRIZE

In memory of Dr. William B. Forsythe, this prize is to be awarded to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding expertise and interest in neuroanatomy and clinical neurology. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in neuroanatomy and in clinical neurology. This year the faculty selected:

*Lauren Rachael Talarico*